



Warrawee Bowling Club

NEWSLETTER

March 2020

WELCOME

Hello Everyone, welcome to the March edition of the Newsletter.

With our Chair, Brian Harris, enjoying a well-deserved holiday in New Zealand, I am editing this newsletter. Thank you all for your contributions.

With the holiday season behind us, we are now entering a stimulating time of the year. In the upcoming week, we will bear witness to the following exciting events:

- Our two bowling greens and the croquet lawn have been fully refurbished and all have, or will be returned to service soon.
- The Annual Trophy Presentation Evening will be conducted on Friday 28th February.
- Men's Bowls will play the first round of their Pennant season on Saturday 29th February.
- Women's Bowls will play the first round of their Pennant season on Tuesday 3rd March.
- Croquet will play the first of their inter-club events against Killara at Warrawee on Friday 6th March.

The recent, welcome rain has added colour to the foliage around the Cub and water to our storage tanks.

There is a lot to look forward to in the year 2020.

CROQUET SECTION REPORT

Croquet has been restricted over the holiday period due to the lawn being refurbished.

However, on 18th February we started the season with competitions in the morning and then lunch.

The lawn was splendid and a credit to the groundkeepers.

In croquet we have 26 point games and a shortened version comprising of 18 points.

The format of the shortened version has been modified and this version was introduced as the first of the season.

We expect the new model club shirts to arrive before the official competitions start so that our members will be identifiable.

We trust that Trophy night will again be an entertaining affair and we can meet up with other Club members.

Richard

Richard Bellingham
President - Croquet



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LADIES' SECTION REPORT

On 11th March, we celebrated Foundation Day. This is the day when 48 years ago, the Club was affiliated with the State Body.

There were 33 players and 14 joined us for lunch. The lunch consisted of various quiches and delicious, Cyril salads. This was followed by a very rich chocolate cake with ice-cream.

Wine, orange juice and water were also on the tables. A very successful day. **Bendigo Bank** and **Brokenwood Wines** were our sponsors for the day. Unfortunately, due to a mix up in dates, Sharon and Michele from Bendigo Bank were unable to attend.

The special event *Confetti and Chaos* held on 13th March was a most entertaining night with plenty of laughs

We had 3 teams represent the Club in the State District Senior Pairs played at Asquith on a very hot morning.

Our Pennant teams (Grades 2 & 4) have been selected and we are preparing for the Pennant season.

We also have entered 2 teams in the State District Fours next month.



Pam Mulvey and Jan Simpson cut the cake on Foundation Day



Club members Julie McIntyre and Heather Bradley enjoyed Confetti and Chaos

Committee - Women's Bowls

MEN'S SECTION REPORT

Rain

The recent rain was most welcome. The sacrifice was the cancelation of some scheduled bowling days.

In-house Pennant trials were interrupted by the weather as were the Zone 9 Triples and Fours championships.



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Sir Erik Langker painting trophy

Yes, its back! A most memorable day, hosting Killara for this February, bi-annual challenge.

Our greens were in excellent condition, a little slow due to light rain. Six teams from each club competed for this most sought-after painting and its 43 year history.

Unfortunately play was suspended after 12 ends due to heavy rain. In the true spirit of this competition, an extended afternoon tea, a laugh and chat was enjoyed until the scores were announced. Result, Warrawee 83 - Killara 62.

Congratulations to our teams but just keep in mind, the rematch is scheduled at Killara on October 28th.

Zone events

Seven of our bowlers represented our club in the Zone events.

Feedback from the Senior Fours - Skip Jon Lancaster stated that his team of Andrew Ellis, Malcolm Kirby and Greg Tuckwell came up against a Belrose team who were last year's winners, with a Grade 2 and three Grade 1 players.

We went pretty close with a lead of 8 shots mid-way through and going into the last end we were only 1 behind 23-22.

Well done Warrawee!

Pennants

Pennants start on the 29th February, with first selections completed.

Tapner Tournament St Ives.

Warrawee has entered a side in the Jacob's Creek Club Challenge on 27th February.

This all-day event has 3 games of 11 ends in three disciplines, pairs, triples and fours. This competition is part of the Tapner Tournament held each year at St Ives.

Several members have independently entered themselves in the open pairs and triples held earlier in the week.

Keith

Keith Handley
President - Men's Bowls

FUNCTION CENTRE REPORT

Hi everyone!

A big 'Hello' from the Function Centre side of the business! Busy, busy, busy with plenty to plan and coordinate.

Aside from the steady flow of private functions, including School Sports Associations, Strata Meetings, Catenians, Rotary etc, we are going well with the publicly advertised and ticketed events.

Confetti and Chaos, our second type of theatre restaurant show, was a complete sell-out and a wonderful success. The room was set up as we would, for a full and proper wedding for 120 and was a delight to behold!



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The entertainment had us all thoroughly enjoying the chaotic situations found at a (normal!) wedding reception.



The next public event may be a twist on our normal *Prawn and Oyster Night*, and it may turn into a *Seafood Dinner Dance* in April (Possibly 17th).....Stay tuned! Tickets will be available on *Try Booking Too!*

Already confirmed, with tickets on sale at www.trybooking.com/550947 , is our 3rd show of *Faulty Towers the Dining Experience!* If you haven seen it yet, do yourself a favour!! You need a laugh!



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And behind the scenes, exciting news from the Board is that we have recently decided on a new Touch-Screen till and Members' Card system that will arrive shortly! Very overdue!

And another extra fun thing, is I am starting up a Warrawee Club *Tatts*lotto Syndicate, with shares available on a new platform called *Humanitix*.

\$1 per share (with a small fee collected which is donated to disadvantaged kids literacy in Australia). You can purchase any amount of shares, and then I can give you a ticket to redeem your winnings personally! I am just waiting for the date of the next Saturday *Superdraw*.

Start practicing the feeling of being a winner! MMMm what will I spend the winnings on????!!

All the best to you for March and onward!! Warm regards

Kevin

Kevin Mund - Club Manager

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Board proceedings

Notable issues that were determined at the recent Board meeting include the following:

- With membership fees of \$100 per annum coming into effect from July 1, we will be more than competitive with nearby clubs. Introductions by existing members have been the most effective recruitment strategy in the past. This could be a new player or an existing player from another club. You are reminded that, if you introduce a new playing member who remains for at least a year, you yourself, are entitled to free membership in the following year. Spread the good news.



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- The existing EFTPOS terminal and answering machine will be replaced to embrace current technology. This will improve behind-the-scenes operations.
- Magnetic membership cards will be introduced. This will allow a two-tiered pricing system (members and visitors) at the till. It will also allow us to better keep track who is playing bowls and croquet.
- A Graphics Designer has been engaged to prepare a new logo and other items, with a view to generally enhancing the image of the Club,
- The Cottage has been refurbished and a new tenant is currently being sought.
- Quotes are being sought to replace the flooring in the men's toilets.

Know the laws

It is imperative that even novice players know a few basic laws of the game. You will have been introduced to some of these by your Coach when you took up the game. As you continue to play social bowls, you will pick up other laws along the way.

Let us see where you are at:

- Question 1: Lead A delivers the jack which ends up in the ditch. The jack is returned to Lead B who moves the mat to her preferred position before delivering the jack. Her jack also ends up in the ditch. What happens next?
- Question 2: In a game of Singles, Lead A delivers the jack which would have clearly ended up in the ditch had it not hit the foot of the Marker on the way through. Lead B claims possession to the jack and moves the mat to his preferred position. Is Lead B correct?
- Question 3: Lead A delivers the jack which passes the tee but is slowing quickly and would clearly not have reached the ditch. Skip A, an impatient person, picks up the jack before it has stopped rolling and places it on the tee. Skip B objects. What happens next?
- Question 4: Lead A delivers a bowl at around the same time as Lead B on the adjacent rink. The Bowl of Lead A crosses the rink boundary and collides with the other bowl. Neither head is disturbed. What happens next?
- Question 5: Lead A delivers a bowl at around the same time as Lead B on the adjacent rink. The Bowl of Lead A crosses the rink boundary and collides with the other bowl. The head on Rink B is disturbed. What happens next?
- Question 6: What actions can be taken to prevent a disturbance to the head by a bowl from an adjacent rink?
- Question 7: A bowl in motion, from an adjoining rink, is likely to run across the mat on your rink, what action should be taken.



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Have a go at answering these fairly basic questions. If you are unsure of your answers, get hold of a copy of *Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition, Version 3.1 April 2019)*. Copies are available at the Bar at a very reasonable cost of only \$9. Otherwise, you will have to wait for the April Newsletter for the answers.

The questions next month will be a little more challenging. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the laws of the game, please send them to me and I will try and get the answers, from people who are more clever than I am in these matters.

Conclusion of the month

The steady income from the Child Care Centre will ensure the financial viability of the club into the foreseeable future.

Already we have seen the benefits of this in the following ways:

- From July 1, our Annual Membership Subscription will reduce to \$100 per annum. This is down from \$475 just a few years ago and will be amongst the cheapest in the Zone/District.
- Our Green Fees remain at \$15 per game which includes afternoon tea. The only clubs charging less (\$10 or \$11) do **not** provide afternoon tea. Even some clubs charging \$20 per game do not provide afternoon tea.

Bearing in mind that the financial appeal of our Club has been enhanced, our next biggest challenge is to recruit new members.

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Secretary WBC

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