

Bayswater Bowls Club NEWSLETTER

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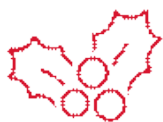
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Merry
Christmas



and



A Happy
New Year
To all Members

"Friendship through Bowls"

Board Changes

The board has agreed to the following structure changes, which have come about because **Tim Fruin** has reluctantly tendered his resignation from the Vice President's position, due to ongoing personnel issues, and feels he is unable to carry out the responsibilities the position requires.

The board would like to thank Tim for his efforts under trying circumstances.

In the interim, **Karen Barton** will now hold the position of Vice President, until the next annual general meeting. Thanks Karen for your ongoing commitment to the club.

Due to Karen taking on the role of the director's position, interim committee member will now be filled by **Doug Clarke** until the next annual general meeting.

Please support these members in their new roles.

Tim's Milestone

Heard on the Grapevine that one of our esteemed members has reached a milestone at Bayswater Bowls Club. **Tim Murphy** has just attained 30 years as a member, sponsor and "well liked" coach. In his 30 years, Tim has contested many tournaments and club championships, but has only one club title to his name. In 2015-16, Tim partnered with Terry Hudson and Roy Southward to win the club triples. I find it difficult to understand that a bowler of his calibre does not have more gold lettering.

But his claim to fame was taking out the Northern Territory State Fours Title partnering with Doug Clarke, the late Tom Warren and an unknown fill-in from Western Australia.

And let's not forget he paired with me to win the 2015 Master and Apprentice Tournament. Bayswater Bowls Club wishes Tim many more happy years representing the club he loves and a continued relationship with Brougham Press. **David Haack**

WHAT A TURNAROUND!

BAYSWATER V FERNTREE GULLY 18 NOVEMBER 2023 AT HOME

David Haack

With only 8 points to our name and no victories for the season, Bayswater 2 would have been considered rank outsiders when coming up against their Ferntree Gully opponents. Ferntree Gully had lost just one match and sat comfortably in second place on the division ladder.

All Bayswater rinks were on song early with the exception of Barbara Keenan's four who trailed their opponents by 6 shots before the break. But after the break an astonishing turnaround took place. Barbara and her team were able to win 11 out of 12 ends and their final score ended up 29-14, amassing a staggering 22 shots to 1. What was in that fruit cake? The other three sides skipped by Siggie Pastoors, Pam Pleydell and Chris Powell also performed exceptionally well.

But I witnessed the shot of the day on my rink. Maree Hollard had come in a little too heavy on the jack to place it within inches

of the ditch. The FTG second desperately tried to follow the jack into the ditch and went within a hare's breath of doing so. Now up steps Jane Corn and with her first bowl she was able to achieve what the FTG second couldn't. Jane picked up the jack as clean as a whistle and sat her bowl in the ditch abutting the jack. Game over.

I had never played in a team that had exceeded a score of 100 and everyone who played were overjoyed by their performances. Siggie Pastoors 28-10; Pam Pleydell 21-13; Chris Powell 25-11 and Barbara Keenan "Rink of the Day" 29-14. Final score 103-56.

And it was pleasing that the President acknowledged the victory in the clubhouse after the game and he too, in his two years at the club had never seen a score over 100 at Bayswater.

The score shows that with a little application and concentration Bayswater 2 should be able to progress up the divisional ladder.

BOARD MEMBERS 2023-2024

PRESIDENT:	Peter Commane
VICE PRESIDENT:	Karen Barton
SECRETARY:	John Garrity
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	Barbara Keenan
TREASURER:	Vacant
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Doug Clarke, Robert Meredith
GREENS DIRECTOR:	Ray O'Toole
BOWLS DIRECTOR:	John Rouse
Editor:	Albert Taylor

A Selectors Prayer:

*Blessed are they who can play sport
Blessed are they who can still be taught
Blessed are they who accept with grace
To play in any selected place.*





FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's hard to believe Christmas is upon us and that I have now been on the Board for over six months—time has flown.

When I took over the role I never in my wildest dream realised how much work goes on behind the scenes in running our magnificent Club.

There is a plethora of registration and compliance documentation to complete –

there is the day-to-day accounts to pay, there is the ongoing meetings with suppliers, sponsors and local authorities – there is the banking – there is the stock ordering for the bar, kitchen and the amenities areas – there is the maintenance of the building, the greens, the equipment and of course the gardens.

On top of this we have to run the bowls events both pennant and social. This involves the thankless task of being a selector.

All of the above does not just happen—it's the relentless tireless work of the Board and the many

volunteers that make this all happen.

A hearty thanks to all who do make the above happen.

One special task that has been at the forefront of our work is the proposal to replace the green. This in itself has been undertaken by a dedicated few with a result looming soon, once we have been in contact with the Council re-funding. We will keep you posted.

Other exciting projects are in the wind and once again we will keep you posted via our Board minutes which are available in the foyer.

This time of

the year functions are happening around the clock and those who have worked as a volunteer to make these a success know just how much work goes into them – buying the supplies, preparing the supplies, serving the finished goodies along with running the bar and bowls.

A recent Function fell fowl of the weather for a period and we improvised with 8 Ball, Table Tennis and Darts in lieu of the

Barefoot Bowls. This proved successful and the function went off without a hitch.

Without these extraneous sources of income we simply would not survive.

Now as I was writing this I thought, will I or won't I, mention the hard-working volunteers in person however rather than forgetting someone I decided not to. Those who give up their own time and at times their own funds to be a volunteer know who you are.

From myself and the Board we thank you immensely for your services over the past six months. Finally, it should be noted that running a Club of our size is becoming more financially difficult as all goods and services have risen in costs whilst our income remains the same.

A simple example of this is electricity, gas and more recently our insurance renewal that

increased by 25%. In fact, we had to go to Lloyd's of London for two of our three policies as QBE in Australia (the only bespoke Bowls Club Insurer) no longer offers these particular policies.

We as a Board will continue to be thrifty yet sensible in our spending ensuring we do survive into the future. This sometimes means making hard decisions that can be seen as mean so we ask for your understanding if not every expenditure idea comes to fruition.

Chocolates, raffles, soup and green fees are also an essential part of our life blood along with the bar.

Thank you one and

all for supporting these ancillary sources of income.

I personally now wish you all along with your family and friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to many more exciting days in 2024.

Peter Commene, President

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE



2023-24 Pennant season review

We are now at the half-way point of the pennant season and the results for our teams in general have been mixed. The weekend No. 1 side started with a 26 point away loss to Chirnside Park, followed by a 5 point home loss to Lilydale. They then won away against Yarra Glen, followed by a draw against Donvale at home. The next two were close, losing both by 3 shots with three rinks up, against Mooroolbark and Mitcham. The last game against Heathmont was not played due to rain. The No. 1 side is 7th on the ladder but with a couple close games not going our way they could have been in the 4.

The No. 2 side has had one big win against Ferntree Gully, with the rest of the season being a bit dissappointing.

If we are to do better and avoid relegation, it would be good to see many more members at practice on Thursdays. Our coaches are there each week but it does not look good when there only 4 or 5 bowlers present. We have the talent and with a little bit of extra coaching we could maybe get those extra shots to win games. If any bowler would like some extra coaching but cannot make the Thursday seasons, the coaches would be only to willing to help at a suitable time.

The Midweek teams have not had much more success with the No. 1

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brian Dodson, Jim Pumphrey, James Round, Kristan Smith, Paul Welch, Gwen White, Frank Zimmerman.

JOB VACANCIES (PART TIME)

Greens Maintenance

Gardening

Odd Jobs

HOURS: Mondays, 8.30 a.m. to 11.30 am

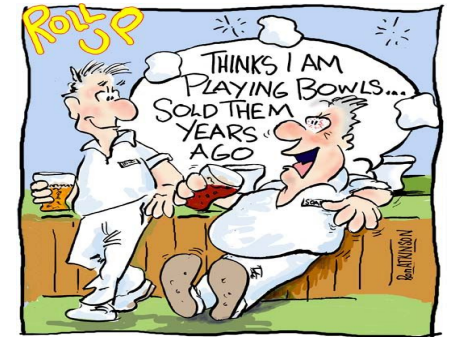
REMUNERATION: 10 a.m. Cup of Tea

APPLY: Greens Director

Pennant review

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side having only won 2 games and are 7th on the ladder, and No. 2 side yet to taste success. With half the season to go there is still time to get some wins and move up the ladder. Good liuck for the rest of the competition.



SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS

Wednesday November 22

Winners:

W Ott, W Gear, M Hollard, B Dodson.

Wednesday November 15

2 Game Winners:

A Acker, I DeCleene, S Pastoors.

1 Game Winners:

G Hunt, T Fruin, B Layton.

Wednesday November 1

2 Game Winners:

F Commame, T Fruin, J Pumphrey.

1 Game Winners:

G Hunt, B Dodson, B Layton.

Wednesday October 25

2 Game Winners:

J Pumpgrey, B Dodson, R Wheeler.

1 Game Winners:

C Boltwood, L Ham, J Garrity.

Wednesday October 11

2 Game Winners:

F Commame, G Hunt, A Taylor.

1 Game Winners:

R Jack, J Natividad, B Dodson, J Rouse/B Keenan.

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