

MOUNT GAMBIER BOWLS CLUB INC.

APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER



SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY MEMBERS
DRAWS 6 PM

TUESDAYS—MIXED
SOCIAL BOWLS

SATURDAYS—
SOCIAL BOWLS

SATURDAY 11TH

1 pm

Drawn Mixed Bowls
Sponsored by
COATES HIRE

SATURDAY 18TH

BATTLE OF THE
SEXES

10.30 AM BYO
LUNCH

MAXIMUM OF 2 A
GRADE PLAYERS
PER TEAM.

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PRESENTATION
NIGHT

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

We know a number of our members are on the move. Could you please advise the office when you move so that your address can be changed with the club and with Bowls SA. If this is not attended to you will not receive your correspondence and notices also your copy of the SA Bowler.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please be aware this is being held on **SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2009**. It is a very important meeting and all members are requested to make the effort and attend. Nomination forms will be on the 'in house notice board', and all members are entitled to be nominated for any position. Please think about what you would like to assist with next season as the more members who volunteer to help with the sub committees etc. make for a successful and smooth running club.

WINTER BOWLS

Will continue this year on both Tuesday and Saturday afternoons. Names in by 12.30 pm with play commencing at 1 pm. We will be looking for volunteers to run each week so please give your name to Juluis Turoczy so that a roster can be drawn up.

NEWSLETTERS.

This will be the last one for this season. Many thanks to those of you who have contributed or helped Bill, Peter and myself in any way.

If you would like to be the editor next season please let Margaret know.

Thank you to Geoffrey Kenny for all his work with the publicity. **We will be looking for a new Publicity Officer next season so please give it some thought and volunteer your services.** I am sure Geoffrey will give you some tips, if you ask.

OFF SEASON

During the off season there will be a lot of work to do getting the club and greens ready for next season. If you are able to help please contact T Bruhn.

SPONSORSHIP

If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor the club in any way please let J Hughes or T Bruhn know so that they can follow them up early.

PENNANTS

The club has had a very successful season with 2 Ladies and 3 Men's sides making the finals. Unfortunately we fell at the final hurdle but congratulations to all players on a tremendous effort, your Club is proud of you.

INDOOR BOWLS

The club has again entered 2 teams in the Mount Gambier District Indoor Bowls Association. If you would like a game or know of any players who are looking for a game I am sure either Ian VonStanke or Beryl Verlsuis would like to hear from you, and would be happy to include you or them in one of the teams.

Social Bowls will again be held on alternate Wednesday afternoons commencing **APRIL 29TH** and Saturday afternoons, commencing **MAY 2ND**. **Names in by 1 pm with play commencing at 1.30 pm.**

EASTER NOVELTY DAY

The Mount Gambier RSL have invited the women of our club to join them on Wednesday 8th April for their Easter Novelty Day, commencing at 1 pm. Please watch the notice board for a list of names for those who wish to attend.

BAR MANAGER

Thank you to Paul Douthie for all his work in the bar. Unfortunately Paul will not be continuing in this position next season, and we will be looking for somebody to fill this position. If you are interested please contact T Bruhn.

KEEP YOUR FORK

There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things "in order," she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. The woman also requested to be buried with her favorite Bible. Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the pastor's reply. "This is very important," the woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The pastor stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the woman asked.

"Well to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor. The woman explained. "In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, "Keep your fork." It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork...the best is yet to come".

The pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She KNEW that something better was coming. At the funeral people were walking by the woman's casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing and her favorite Bible and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled. During his message, the pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. The pastor told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you oh so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to you.

This being the last news letter for the current season the Committee we would like to thank all the members who have helped in any way throughout the season and wish all those travelling a safe and happy time, and look forward to seeing you all at the club again next season.

To those staying and volunteering at the Club over the winter we will still see you and hope to enjoy your company and friendship.