

# MOUNT GAMBIER BOWLS CLUB INC.

## FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Ladies championship Triples Play-offs 9.30 am
- Tuesday 3rd Mixed Social Bowls 1 pm Aggregate continues each Tuesday
- Thursday 5th Night Owls Continues .
- Friday 6th Ladies Pennants.
- MEMBERS DRAW EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT 6 PM
- Saturday 7th—2 bowls singles sponsored by D Babb—9.30 am
- Sunday 8th—Carlin and Gazzard Mixed Invitation Fours 10 am—Plate of Afternoon Teas from all members.
- Sunday 15th Men's Minor Singles 9.30 am Sponsored by G H Kuhl
- Wed 18th Men's Set Play Pairs 6 pm—Casual
- Friday 20th Probus Bowls Day.
- Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th—Men's Classic Invitation Pairs 9 am—Sponsored by O G Roberts, J & H Kentish, Allan & Garry Kuhl.
- Friday 27th—Ladies Pennant Semi Finals.
- Saturday 28th—Men's Pennant Semi-Finals.



### Special Meeting

#### 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009.

Sixty six members attended the Special Meeting to discuss the proposal to convert "A" green to carpet. Scott Wilson gave an opening address of ten minutes to put the grass green aside and invest in the clubs future. The funds accumulated over the past five years will allow the club to develop "A" green with a minimal loan, and provide opportunities for increased membership and night owl activities, Scott said. The cost of the loan repayments would, according to Scott, roughly equate to the expenditure currently being made to produce a grass green.

The proposal did not address any specifics on costing and timing, although a figure of \$194,000 including GST, for the green and surrounds was suggested. Costings however did not form part of the motion before the meeting. On behalf of the investigating committee Merv White had been delegated the task of investigating the protective fence between North Gambier Football ground and the green. Preliminary estimates have indicated possible costs of \$5,000.00 to \$50,000.00 for the fence but because of the need by both North Gambier and our-selves there may be some potential for gaining assistance from the City Council. This latter consideration was also not part of the motion but was given as background information to assist members in reaching a decision.

President Terry Bruhn encouraged negative and positive debate and a number of speakers gave their reasons for action or delay or not proceeding. After sixty minutes of debate the motion was put and the motion was carried with 51 of those present voting in favour of "A" green becoming a carpet green.

Clearly the membership is predominantly in favour of playing on carpet greens, a significant change from the initial reaction seven or eight years ago when Peter Clark,

with help from Bill Bremner, tried to persuade the club to adopt the change, and projections of the change in the next ten years income from losses to significant funds has been realised. The continuing development of the club from changing and refitting the Bar, installing carpet greens, paving the surrounds, and adding air conditioning to the club rooms are all part of a long term vision which it is hoped will see a car park, a car park on "D" green, and enhanced furnishing inside. The present decision will complete this part of the vision for development of the Club, and ensure the club is very well presented to Commercial Street.

The people who have diligently sought to present "A" green as an acceptable playing surface are both disappointed and relieved by the decision and special thanks to Terry Seiler for his considerable effort.

There remains work to be done before we can start on the project. Decisions on quotations and timing and then approval at the AGM for the expenditure and loan will be required.

Members should understand that the installation of a third carpet is not a license for complacency. There is still much to be done and it cannot be left to the present minority of members who clean the carpet and club rooms, run fund raising activities such as night owls and corporate evenings, cut the grass surrounds, and drive for the OGR roster. Our tournaments need to increase participation, and to do this we need to provide the kind of generous services of meals that many believe leads to the success of other clubs events. We need to increase membership, which is greatly influenced by how people who visit our club see us. The way we support our club, our greens, and offer visitors reassurance, despite minor hiccups, that we make every effort to make their visit a very enjoyable experience, is critical.

### DID YOU KNOW

Over half of the Victorian Clubs now have one or more synthetic surfaces.

## NOBODY'S DARLING

Up and Down, walking walking,  
Often measuring, sometimes chalking  
Shifting Mats—keeping score,  
Thirty ends—maybe more  
Aching Back—tired of limb,  
Cheers for others—none for them.  
Night draws on, darker, darker,  
No cares for he's the MARKER.

## LOCKERS

**Must be kept locked at all times.** The Club will not be responsible for the loss of any items left in them, if they are left unlocked.

## IT'S A FACT

**If you are at the head, it is polite to stand between the center of the rink and the boundary, and not directly behind the jack. YOU SHOULD STAND STILL WHILE A PLAYER IS DELIVERING THEIR BOWL.**



## WHY WHY WHY ?? ?? ??

Why does someone, believe you when you say there are Four Billion Stars, but check when you say the paint is wet ??

## LIFE IS SHORT ENJOY

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

The second mouse gets the cheese.

## THE SUPERIORITY COMPLEX

A former prominent New Zealand player wrote. :  
I regret to notice that a number of experienced bowlers selfishly prefer to play among themselves. " This action is not peculiar to New Zealand, but is a common and deplorable practice in many a club within the realm, of Bowls. It is bad for the junior player, and is harmful to the club. The practice is the very opposite of Etiquette.

## CLIQUISM

The friendliness of Bowls is not advanced by the tendency in some Clubs towards cliquism, This inclination is hostile to the best interests of the Club, opposed to the Etiquette of the game, and should be rigorously suppressed.

[Quoted from The Etiquette of Bowls by J.P. Munro, B.A.]

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

During January most of the Club Championship were played and we wish to congratulate all winners.

### MENS

<b>Singles</b>	Graham Dent
<b>Pairs</b>	John Hughes (sk) & Brian Walker
<b>Triples</b>	Steve Badenoch, Paul Douthie, Scott Wilson (sk)
<b>Fours</b>	Steve Badenoch, John Heaver, Trevor Boxall, David Babb (sk)
<b>Veterans Singles:</b>	Geoff Kenny

Venues etc are on the notice Board.  
Remember the Men are responsible for their own entry.

### LADIES:

<b>Singles:</b>	Cathy McCarthy
<b>Pairs</b>	Jo Sykes, Nelda Earl (sk)
<b>Triples:</b>	Del Parsons, Xenia Jones, Margaret Marshall (sk)
<b>Fours:</b>	Maryka Heaver, Cathy McCarthy, Gillian Vorwerk, Beryl Versluis (sk)