

MOUNT GAMBIER BOWLS CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Official Opening of C Green by Patrick Secker will be held on Thursday 8th March 2007 at 6 pm.
All members are requested to attend in Club uniform Please. There will be more news later in the month.

In the previous newsletter I suggested that we need a members meeting to discuss the future developments of the Club. Since then I have received a number of suggestions ranging from this winter through to twenty or thirty years from now. For your information a suggestion has been made that heating is urgently needed for this winter and with the condition of the oil heaters this matter needs some serious thought. Previously it has been suggested that the club should consider reverse cycle air conditioning. Extensions to the club rooms and the future of grass greens has also been raised.

I am very mindful that members have been asked in the past to put forward their ideas of the future direction for the club and not all suggestions can or will be carried out. What is important is that the executive have approval to proceed with the projects supported by the majority of members and that we have a plan for the future, even though that plan may change with time.

It would be preferable to hold a meeting in March to discuss these issues and I would be obliged if members could please give their thoughts on what they feel should be discussed. This is too big a subject to leave for the Annual General Meeting.

Pennants are again upon us and we seem likely to have all four divisions in the top four. The LSEBA have proposed having six teams in top division next year instead of eight and we could also discuss this at the Special Meeting in March. I have heard various comments on this proposal and delegates will need a direction from the club. Personally I would like to hear your views on a super division between Western Districts, Say Hamilton (2), Portland (2) Mount Gambier (2) and perhaps Millicent and Naracoorte.

President Peter Clark

DID YOU KNOW !!!!! !!!!!!!!! !!!!! !!!!! !!!!!

Bowls Australia's current national membership is 267,000 bowlers which included 86,000 women.

INCREASING MEMBERSHIP ?????? SO WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT . ????????????????????

As an individual bowler at a club, you could start by putting your hand up, volunteering at your club to be involved.

Don't wait to be asked to do something, but take responsibility and show initiative in starting something.

Every bowler should become an ambassador for the game and take every opportunity to talk up the sport both privately and publicly. Be a supportive member both actively and passively.

IT MAKES NO SENSE

The actual commencement of a game of bowls has no rhyme or reason.

Every sport has a definite starting point. Be it a kick off or centre bounce from the centre of the field in football, a serve from the baseline in tennis, or a start from the blocks in swimming or athletics.

Why then do we not start our game of bowls from the 2 metre mark?

Image starting a swimming race 6 or so metres up the pool, or a game of tennis somewhere between the base line and the net. It just makes no sense.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS.

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES:

WINNERS: Margaret Marshall (sk), Xenia Jones and Miep Toman.

RUNNERS-UP: Cathy McCarthy (sk), Kath Kilsby and Pat Jones.

SAVINGS AND LOANS INVITATION MENS FOURS

WINNERS OF THE DAY: - G Kuhl (sk), B Vorwerk, J Kentish and Kim Jones.

FIRST GAME WINNERS: - Ken Smith, Terry Bruhn, Mick Spong and Jim McCarthy.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES:

WINNERS: Renefrey Davis (sk), Ian VonStanke, Gino Vadori

RUNNERS-UP: John Hughes, Bryan Vorwerk, Paul Kovaleff

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS:

WINNERS: Katirna Dycer, Sue Jolley

RUNNERS-UP: Cathy McCarthy, Gill Lexa

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES:

WINNER: Gill Lexa

RUNNER-UP Katrina Dycer

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS:

WINNERS: Geoff Godena (sk), Eddie Toman, Ron James, Glen Radley

RUNNERS-UP: Tony Norman (sk), Renfrey Davis, Ian VonStanke, Gino Vadori

HIRTH SHIELD

Mount Gambier RSL 468 shots defeated Mount Gambier 465 shots.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS:

WINNERS: Ken Smith (sk), Bill Bremner

RUNNERS-UP: Paul Kovaleff, Gino Vadori

MEN'S SINGLES

WINNER; Geoff Godena

RUNNER-UP: Shane Pudney

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Please extend your handoff friendship to Jack kPudney (junior Member) Ann Maier and Jozcef Maier.

COMING EVENTS:

Feb. 2nd Ladies Champion of champion Fours – Kalangadoo
3rd SEAFOOD NIGHT – social Club event
4th Drawn Mixed Bowls – SPONSORED BY RED ROOSTER
5th Ladies Past President's Bowls Day
7th Completion of Mitchell Fours – at RSL
9th Ladies sChampion of champion Triples at Mount Gambier.
11th CARLIN & GAZZARD INVITATION MIXED FOURS – PLATE OF AFTERNOON TEA PLEASE
14TH & 15TH CLASSIC INVITATION MEN'S PAIRS – major sponsor OG ROBERTS
16TH Probus Bowls Day
Ladies Champion of Champion Pairs at Mt Gambier RSL
18th Social Bowls – SPONSORED BY COATES HIRE & OATMILL TEAROOMS
19th Ladies Birthday Luncheon at Park Hotel 12.30 pm
20th Men's & Ladies Country Round Robin in Adelaide.
26th Ladies Champion of Champion Singles at Lucindale
28th Ladies Minor Singles 9.45 am. Minimum of 3 Rounds.
Men's Handicap Pairs – 6 pm.- Sponsored by GEBHARDT'S REAL ESTATE.

SMILE

SUBJECT

FORGIVENESS

Toward the end of Sunday Service, the minister asked, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?" 80% held up their hands. The Minister then repeated his question. All responded this time, except one small elderly lady. "Mrs Jones?" Are you not willing to forgive your enemies? *I don't have any.*" She replied, smiling sweetly. "Mrs Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?" *"Ninety-eight."* she replied. Oh Mrs Jones, would you please come down in front and tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years and not have an enemy in the world? The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said: *I outlived the bitches.*"