

# MOUNT GAMBIER BOWLS CLUB

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## **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALL MEMBERS**

**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 7 PM**

PRECEDED BY BARBEQUE CHICKEN AND CHIPS AT 6 PM

### **BUSINESS:**

1. FENCING.
2. HEATING
3. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CLUB – INCLUDING GRASS GREENS
4. MEN'S PENNANT – LSEBA PROPOSAL
  - A. DIVISIONS 1,2 & 3 – 6 TEAMS
  - B. DIVISIONS 4 & 5 - 8 TEAMS

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### **LOGOS - LOGOS - LOGOS**

Ladies who have registered to have BA Logo embroidered on tops should hand them to Margaret Marshall, no later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007. Please ensure you have your name on your top.

**FOOTWEAR:** SANDALS, THONGS,ET C. are not appropriate footwear for practicing on the carpet green. Remember it will need replacing at some time in the future, care and consideration will enable this to be prolonged. **FLAT SOLED BOWLS SHOES PLEASE.**

### **MEDLAY DAY**

Ladies please nominate your teams no later than 10<sup>th</sup> March.

- Required - Afternoon Tea Please  
- Gentlemen for kitchen duty.  
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### **WEDNESDAY BOWLS**

Names to be in between 8.45 AM and 9 AM  
Play to commence at 9.30 AM.

### **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

Please extend your hand of friendship to Givoanni Sorella and Andrew J Crouch.

### **SOCIAL CLUB.**

**TRIVIA NIGHT** – 7<sup>th</sup> March 7 PM. ST PATRICK'S DAY – wear something green.

BBQ – chicken & Chips March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6 PM to be followed by the Special General Meeting

## COMING EVENTS

Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> March – JINX DAY – Invitation Mens Fours’ Ladies CHAMPION of CHAMPION PAIRS at Mt Gambier RSL Good Luck S Jolley & K Dycer.
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MIXED FOURS.
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> LADIES MEDLEY DAY
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> Men’s 100 Up
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> Ladies over 70 Singles.
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> Ladies Regional Champion of Champions at Naracoorte.

**National Coach** - Cameron Curtis

**Question:** If you could give one tip to an average bowler, what would it be?

**Answer:** Most average club bowler’s who would like to be better, don’t or won’t improve because they play too much, and don’t spend enough quality practice time on their own working on their weaknesses. It’s not always practice that makes perfect. It’s perfect practice that makes perfect.

## TEAMWORK AND COMMUNICATION:

The term “Teamwork and Communication” is one which is often used. Much has been written about both subjects on the green, but little has been written regarding teamwork and communication inside the club.

Without some teamwork and solid communication lines inside a club, little can be achieved, progress will be thwarted, change is difficult and success is virtually impossible.

But how do you get good lines of communication? And which comes first, teamwork or communication.

Without a strong and effective web of communication strategies, teamwork becomes something that can only happen when everyone is talking face to face. Let’s face it, that rarely happens in a bowling club, where in some cases, people meet less than once a week.

Even more so in this situation, communicating the correct message is vitally important – just think about how much time is spent clearing up ‘miscommunication about issues in a club.

It is not surprising to hear things like “We didn’t know” or “I didn’t hear about that”, in spite of having more methods of communication.

There may also be the fact that there is more information that needs imparting than ever before.

The Mount Gambier Bowls Club has endeavoured to keep the lines of communication open with all members. Are you utilising one or all of the methods we are using.

The noticeboards are up dated regularly. However, there is a common misconception that by placing a note on the noticeboard, the information has been communicated. This assumes that everyone both reads and also understands the information.

The website has the great advantage that it allows most people to access the information from either home or work.

The newsletter, available on a monthly basis is an effective way to communicate with a diverse range of people. A newsletter should be a positive communication tool to keep members informed for the good of the game. The newsletter should be a positive communication tool to keep members informed for the good of the game. The newsletter should be upbeat, newsworthy and readable.

It is vital that clubs implement effective communication lines for the flow of information. With many changes happening in the bowls world, the more people that know what is going on, and for what reasons, the better each of us can work as a team to take this great game of ours forward.