

# **MOUNT GAMBIER BOWLS CLUB**

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## **News Letter - Issue NO 2 SEPTEMBER 2006**

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:**

The new season is upon us and we have achieved a lot of changes during the closed season. For those who have not been to the club during the winter I think you will be quite pleased with the changes around 'B' green. The southern walkway has been reconstructed and the new garden beds are in place, thanks to Graham Parsons and Terry Seiler, who have assisted with the 'work for the dole' team. Pegler Personnel through 'Work for the dole' have provided tools and materials for some of the work and we have received a grant from the City of Mount Gambier to pay for the rest. By Open Day we shall have the centre walkway reconstructed and the green should look a million dollars for this season. When the project is complete there will be no grass to cut around 'B' and 'C' greens and we should have effected a reduction in the need to clean grass clippings from the carpet greens. The grass has been removed from 'C' green by Attamurra Golf Club and we anticipate the new construction will begin mid September and be complete for the beginning of pennants.

Tony and Brian are pleased with the condition of 'A' green coming into the new season. It has looked pretty grotty during the off season but the grass has held up very well and the algal growth we have experienced in previous seasons does not appear to be there.

To the people coordinating winter bowls, Ron James, Julius Turoczy and Gill Lexa I would like to offer my thanks for a job well done, We have only missed one day through the winter with bowls played every other Tuesday and Saturday. Cards and Indoor Bowls have also continued through the season thanks to Margaret Woithe, Ella Richards, Audrey & George Kuhl, John & Helen Kentish and Gaylene Leggett.

Cathy Textor and Paul Douthie have taken charge of the bar and are putting rosters together for the new season. It is beholden on every member to contribute where they can to the bar duties. We need the revenue and it cannot be left to one or two people to do all the work. The old adage of many hands make light work hold as true for our Bowls Club as it does for any other activity in life and we need your help to maintain the success of the club.

By the time you receive this I shall be in China for a short holiday and unfortunately will not be able to join you for Opening Day. Senior Vice President Terry Bruhn will be officiating for the day and I am confident he will enjoy your full support. With only one green available, unless 'A' green is playable, there will be a need for members to accept limited time on the green. I hope you will attend to show your support for the club. Organisers for the day will accommodate every one who would like to play and there are good trophies for the winners.

My personal best wishes to everyone for a very successful 2006-07 season.

Peter Clark President.

### **PENNANT SELECTORS**

No subject creates more passion in any club than selection. Players are chosen to represent the club and therefore individual likes and dislikes must be put aside, and all energies directed toward winning a pennant, regardless of division.

Selectors are elected because it is believed they have the following qualities: \*Integrity and Honesty \* a good knowledge of the game \*Know the players and their abilities \*Show good judgement and learn of incompatibilities between certain players \*Do not talk outside of selection meetings \*Able to cast friendships aside. It does help to have a thick skin, as you will come under heavy (often unfounded) criticism from time to time.

The big test for selectors is when the club has a dissident top player, usually one who is not a good team man or woman. What should they do, bow to his or her whims, or take drastic action? It is only incompatibility with one particular player, a move of personnel should be tried, but if it is a matter regular complaining about players in his or her rink then the selectors must bite the bullet. The player should be dropped, even if it means losing the member to another club.

We the members, have elected the Selectors and therefore we must respect and accept their decisions. Maybe a pennant can be found at the end of the rainbow.

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ADELAIDE BOWLS CENTRE  
**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER.      MILLICENT BOWLS CLUB      10 AM TO 4 PM**

**NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:**

ENGAGEMENT: Congratulations Gill and Bryan

**INDOOR BOWLS**

**STATE MEN'S PAIRS** – Congratulations to Bill and Aaron Bremner. The score was all square with one end to play. Aaron with the very last bowl of the end played the opposition's bowl off the mat to score one shot and take out the title.

**STATE MIXED PAIRS FOURS TITLE:** Runners-up John & Doreen Oakley, Colleen and Jim Pearson.

**STATE MIXED PAIRS CONSOLATION WINNERS:** John and Doreen Oakley

**CLUB OPENING DAY – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**SPONSORED BY MOUNT GAMBIER COMMUNITY RSL**

Play will commence at 1 PM Followed by afternoon tea, at which the official opening of the Club Season will be conducted by Senior Vice President, Mr Terry Bruhn.

Members are requested to wear 'Club Uniform' and to supply a plate of afternoon tea. Entry fee is normal green free of \$5.

**VOLUNTEERS      VOLUNTEERS      VOLUNTEERS      VOLUNTEERS**

Please remember to indicate your willingness to assist with the following activities - **BAR, OG ROBERTS DRIVING, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** and/or **CATERING**. Remember the club now operates on the member volunteer system. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING:** MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER at 6.30 PM

Maria Stabler is the chairperson and looks forward to your support and assistance.

**NON-MEMBERS PRACTICE.**

Members of the Mount Gambier Bowls Club contribute to the maintenance of our facilities with their membership and volunteering activities. The Committee decided to set a green fee for non-members to practice of \$5 to assist with the maintenance of our facilities.

**MEN'S PENNANT**

Kingston have requested a change of date from December 23<sup>rd</sup> to October because of the availability of players just prior to Christmas. They will approach to Board of LSEBA seeking the above change at the next Board Meeting. Any comments by members should be directed to Tony Norman, Secretary of the LSEBA as soon as possible.

**FOOTY TIPSTERS      FOOTY TIPSTERS      FOOTY TIPSTERS**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>** SEMI-FINAL DAY 1.30 PM NIBBLES AND A DRINK SUPPLIED  
Come and watch the football on the big screen. The final count will take place at half time, when the mystery tips will be revealed.

1<sup>ST</sup> \$160.      2<sup>ND</sup> \$100      3<sup>RD</sup> \$40

**CLEAN UP      CLEAN UP      CLEAN UP      CLEAN UP**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 9AM Cleaning and stocktake duties. – Many hands make light work

**MONTHLY SMILE**

We all get heavier as we get older because, there's a lot more information in our heads. So, I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent. My head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me! That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

