



## UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
Friday	April 12th	6-9pm	Barefoot Bowls/Music by Sean Carroll/ Members Draw
Saturday	April 20th	9am Reg'	"DirectFresh" Pairs
Wed'	1st May	7:30pm	Bowls Committee AGM
Friday	3rd May	12:15pm	"Doorway Travel" Winter Friday Pairs Begins. (weekly)
Saturday	4th May	12:15pm	"DirectFresh" Saturday Triples Begins (weekly)
Sunday	5th May	2-5pm	"Rocket Lounge" "The Sammy Owen Blues Band"
Wed'	15th May	7:30pm	Club AGM
Sunday	28th May	2-5pm	"Rocket Lounge" "The Stretson Family" and Armarillo"

## INTRODUCTION-Brian Siddles (The Editor)

Welcome to the first edition of the club "E-Newsletter". It is proposed that this emailed newsletter will be published on a more regular basis, and replace our "Amaroo" printed newsletter. We hope to provide you with more "up to date" and regular news of what is happening at or around the club.

As we have a few members who do not have an email address, we intend to print a few copies, and these will be left at the club. We hope you enjoy this initiative, and if you have any feedback (good or bad), please contact me. To be kept up to date and receive this e-newsletter and other important notices from the club, please ensure that if your email or contact details change, please advise our Membership Officer Cath Bird, Greg Pullen or myself.

## E.R.B.R CHAMPIONSHIPS-The Ed'

WOW... what a year it has been for "The Monter's" in the regional championships.

It wrapped up last week with Janice MacGregor winning the Over 60's Ladies Singles, and Stephen Coles being runner up in the Over 60's Men's singles, congratulations and well played to you both. Those results mean "the Monter's" have won 3 out of the four regional singles, and the men's triples. The winners are, Men's Singles-Normie Whitehead, Ladies Singles-Karen Barton, Ladies Over 60's Singles-Janice MacGregor, and lets not forget the Men's Triples winners-Nick Dawe, Rod MacGregor, and Mark Slade.



## BOARD NEWS -Terrie Verberne (Board Chair)

The Board has co-opted Brad Munro as a Director until the end of the current season. Brad will bring a lot of business experience to the Board for the benefit of the Club.

Leon has been looking to retire as Bar Manager for over a year and it is finally happening!! As from Monday 15/4/24 Greg Boyd will take on the role of Bar Manager. Several changes will be implemented including: **-The purchase of a new point of sale system including scanning technology,**

**-Upgrades to the internet capabilities at the Club ,    -Increased security monitoring**

**-An upgraded PA and audio system will be in the bar.    -A review of key holders and those with access to the bar**

Leon's significant contribution as Bar Manager for 12 years will be acknowledged at the Board AGM. I hope that you can join us there to thank Leon for all of his work for the Club.



## BOWLS and CLUB AGM/ELECTION NEWS-Peter Verberne (Board Secretary)

**The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024.** There will be more details closer to the date.

There are elections for both Midweek and Weekend Selectors. These elections close at **5.00 PM on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**, the ballot voting slips have been sent out, and can be put into the Ballot box in the bar.

Invoices for Club membership were sent out electronically on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – Please pay as soon as you are able.

**SKILLS AND DRILLS– Nick Dawe and Rod MacGregor** Rod and Nick are very pleased to announce that “Skills and Drills” will be returning in readiness for the new season at 10am, Sunday April 21st. The regular format of relevant "skills" and "drills" and finishing game for the “Trevor Morse” trophy will once again be evident, but this winter's offering will also include a new twist that will be particularly appealing to Skills and Drills regulars and the bevy of new bowlers who joined the club last year. Looking forward to seeing you on April 21st.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS AND RESULTS– Greg Boyd (Convenor)

Update on the Club Championships.

**Minors**-Ron King (finally!) defeated Mel Williams

**Ladies Pairs**-Karen Barton & Carol Protopapas defeated Marlene Storer & Shirley Christiansen

**100 Up**-Leonie Young defeated Russell Hall

Presidents Handicap & Mixed Pairs Finals to be played in coming weeks

Thanks to everyone for entering in Club Games this year. Then numbers were great



## BAREFOOT BOWLS-MUSIC-MEMBERS DRAW– FRIDAY APRIL 12th

Friday April 12th is another big night at the club, with “Sean Carroll” entertaining us from 6pm until 9pm, Barefoot Bowls (\$10 inc’ sausage sizzle), and the “Members Draw” returns at 6:30pm. Remember you have to be there to claim the prize, or it jackpots another \$50 to the following week.

## JACK ATTACK and BAREFOOT BOWLS NEWS-Ken Barnhill

The Club recently concluded the March Jack Attack event with 12 teams participating. The winners were the team "A Good Head" with Kane Ibbott, Gavin Simondson, David Tocci, Andrew Glenn and Chad Smith. Their first prize of \$300 was donated to the “Kids with Cancer Foundation”.

Second place getters were Donna, Andy Stewart and Tina and Peter Phillips donating their second place \$200 to “Cystic Fibrosis”. This event is growing in popularity and is aimed at people who are relatively new to the game and will be held again in October 2024.. Single entries can be accommodated so if you know anybody interested in the sport this is a great introduction.



## GOOD FRIDAY WINNERS

**Left:** Winner’s of the Yarra Junction event, Fintan, Mark, Barry, and Earl.

**Right:** Winners at the Ivanhoe. Rusty joined up with a few of his “Mitcham” friends for success.





### [BOWLS NEWS– Janice MacGregor \(Bowls President\)](#)

#### **Eastern Ranges Bowls Region Update 2023-2024:**

**Champion of Champions** – Nick Dawe was defeated in Round 1 and Sandy Elliott made it to the semi-final, losing 19-25, a great effort.

**Over 60 Men's Singles** – Stephen Coles played in the final, unfortunately losing to Graeme Spencer (Mulgrave CC) 13-21.

**Over 60 Women's Singles** – Sandy Elliott (again!) made it to the semi-final stage, losing to Janice MacGregor who went on to win the final 21-15, playing against Jennifer Bainbridge from Pakenham.

#### **State Championships:**

State Championships will be held from the 13<sup>th</sup> April to the 21<sup>st</sup> April at Bendigo East Bowling Club. Our representatives will be:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Norm Whitehead (Men's Singles)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Karen Barton (Women's Singles)

“ TBA Mark Slade, Rod MacGregor, Nick Dawe (Men's Triples)

Congratulations to all and best wishes – go 'Monter's!

#### **Vic Open:**

24 Players from Heathmont attended the Vic Open held in the Gippsland area from the 19<sup>th</sup> March to the 28<sup>th</sup> March.

***Bowls Victoria also awarded a cash prize to the club (City and Country), who had the most participants.... Heathmont came 2nd to the Dandenong Club for the city award, near but not just across the line!!!***

Our best results were these Section winners who advanced to Round 2 of Finals/Knockouts:

Men's Singles – Lucas Protopapas

Women's Singles – Carol Protopapas

Men's Pairs – Nick Dawe, Craig Bryant, Paul, Dodd, Dan Carroll

Women's Pairs – Nicole Carroll

Men's Triples – Russell Hall, Lucas Protopapas, Paul Dodd, Nick Dawe

Mixed Pairs – Russell Hall, Karen Barton

#### **Novice State Championships:**

This event will be held from the 10<sup>th</sup> May to the 13<sup>th</sup> May at Mulgrave CC Bowls Club, with entries now open. Events are Men's Singles, Women's Singles and Open Pairs. To qualify you need to have become an affiliated bowler after May 21<sup>st</sup> 2021, thereby giving a 3-year time frame. I would encourage all our newer bowlers to enter if possible, it will be a great experience!

#### **O60 State Carnival:**

A reminder to put your entries in for this carnival which is to be held from the 20<sup>th</sup> May to the 26<sup>th</sup> May in the Northern District Playing Area with Club Barham as the hub precinct. Events are Mixed Pairs, Men's & Women's Singles, Men's & Women's Pairs.

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## [BOWLS NEWS– Janice MacGregor \(Bowls President\)](#)

### **New Pennant Shirts:**

Pennant shirts are now available for collection - if you have previously ordered an extra shirt, need a new shirt, or you are a new or transferring member, please contact Terri Verberne or myself so we can organise collection.

### **Barefoot Bowls:**

Barefoot bowls is still running on Friday nights between 6.00 and 8.00 pm for as long as people show up. Cost is \$10 to play (includes a sausage!). This Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April will also see the return of Sean Carroll who will sing and play a few tunes. Volunteers are always welcomed to help run these nights, please contact me if you can help.

### **Bowls Section AGM:**

Will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 7.30 pm, see you there.

Bowling will still be available over the winter period, so keep an eye out for further details.

## [NEW MEMBERS-Janice MacGregor \(B.C\) and Terrie Verberne \(B'd\)](#)

Please make our new members welcome when you see them around the Club:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Bowling Category</b>	<b>Previous Club</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Barbara Tapper	1 <sup>st</sup> year bowler		0400 494 505
Gary Hunt	Transfer	Bayswater	0419 710 150
Glenn Bainbridge	Transfer	Pakenham	0488 994 591
Bryan Doensen	Transfer	Glen Waverley	0417 393 813
Greg Meldrum	Transfer	Maffra	0427 609 365
Diane Goodman	Transfer	Ferntree Gully	0428 999 285
Lisa Edwards	Transfer	Pine Rivers	0438 525 722
Andrew Duncan	Transfer	Mulgrave CC	0409 214 936

## [2024 WINTER “DIRECTFRESH SATURDAY BOWLS”-Greg Pullen](#)

An entry list and details will be posted on the notice board later this week. The format will be similar to last year.

Details are -2Bowl Triples, commences 4/5 @12:15pm, 2 games of 15 ends, Green Fee is \$10pp (includes soup and raffle ticket). This is a handicap event and the side playing on the day is to have a maximum of 10 points. (players from H1=5pts, H2=4pts, H3=3pts, H4 and H5=3pts, and H6/Social=1pt).

Single entries are welcome as substitutes are often required.

If you wish to submit a team, please put your players on the list at the club or contact Greg Pullen. asap.

## [2024 WINTER “DOORWAY TRAVEL FRIDAY BOWLS”-Terry Doyle](#)

Starting on Friday 3rd of May @12:15pm. The format will be similar to last year, being a pairs Medley competition of consisting of 3 games 2x2x2x2, 2-4-2, and 3B pairs. An Entry list will be posted at the club this week. Game fee is \$10pp.

**GREG WILL BE EMAILING DETAILS MORE DETAILS ON BOTH “WINTER GAMES” LATER THIS WEEK.**





## ROCKET LOUNGE-Rod MacGregor

Although nothing at this point has changed, please keep these date free for some great music coming our way,

**-5th May, Sammy Owen Blues band,**

**-26th May, a double bill of The Stetson Family and support from Amarillo,**

**-23 June Gallie and his band, a rollicking Irishman and his band, and finally on**

**-July the 7th some Louisiana swamp blues from Opelousas,**

Like I said keep the dates free and enjoy some great local muso's doing their live at the Rocket lounge. Tickets (\$20) at the door, or book online at "Trybooking.com".

## FOR SALE

If you have any bowls/equipment available for sale that may be of assistance to a new bowler, please send the details and photo to the editor at the email address below.

## VALE-THOMAS ARNOLD PARKS-The Ed'

"Arnie" Parks, was a long standing member of our club, who in recent years had the middle green named in his honour, sadly passed away on March 18th, at the ripe old age of 102.

Even into his 90's, Arnie was still playing in our first team,. Here is a photo of his rink in 2013. A rink of "legends" including Jim Clarke, Steve Tatnall, Arnie Parks, and Nick Dawe.

**R.I.P Arnie.**



## BOWLS SECRETARY NEWS– Greg Pullen

The **Bowls Section AGM** will be held on **WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY (7:30 pm)**. We will announce the winners of the Weekend and Midweek Amaroo Medals and the winner of the Trevor Morse Night Pennant MVP Medal for seasons 2023-24. Bowling members can raise any issues of concern for consideration by the incoming Bowls Committee (2024-25). Following the meeting a light supper! Members should receive the BS AGM agenda in the mail in the next fortnight together with the agenda of the **Club AGM (15<sup>th</sup> May)**

## HBC COACHING PROGRAM-Greg Pullen

For longstanding and new(er) bowling members alike a reminder of our **HBC Coaching Program** (introduced a few months ago). Whether you are a new bowler, an established bowler who may have noticed the passage of time has impacted on their delivery or a club champion in their prime **ALL** bowlers may benefit from a coaching session with an accredited club coach. The program is co-ordinated by our Director of Coaching, **Barry Ward**. All members need to do is contact Barry (**0415 946 058**) who will assess your situation and arrange a coaching session with a club coach at a mutually convenient time. Coaching can range from a one off 'health' check to multiple sessions.



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