



UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
Friday	10th/17th/24th May	12:15pm	“Doorway Travel” Friday Pairs –Manager Terry Doyle
Saturday	11th/18th/25th May	12:15pm	“DirectFresh” Saturday Triples -Manager Greg Pullen
Wed’	15th May	7:30pm	Club AGM
Sunday	26th May	2-5pm	“Rocket Lounge” “The Stretson Family” + Armarillo” \$20p/h
Sunday	23rd June	2-5pm	“Rocket Lounge” “ Gallie and his Band” \$40p/h

INTRODUCTION-Brian Siddles (The Editor)

Thank you for the positive comments and feedback regarding issue No 1 of the E-Newsletter. I did have a few e-mail issues, and I hope that will be resolved in the coming months. I did leave 6 printed copies at the club for those members who do not have an email address, and I kindly request that they should be left at the club. If you know a member who does not have an email address, please could you print a copy and give it to them. Also remember, that the success of this newsletters distribution, and club information (notices and invoices) is reliant on you notifying the club of your email address, and any changes to it.

BOARD NEWS -Terrie Verberne (Board Chair)

Upgrades to the bar, Wi-Fi and sound systems are continuing. As with any renovations/upgrades, new equipment is not always compatible with old wiring and systems. Additional work to ensure that the new “Square” cash register system is fully functional will occur over the next couple of weeks. Thanks to Greg Boyd and Brad Munro for their efforts in this regard.

Hoping to see many of you at the Board AGM next Wednesday week, 15th May.

BOARD SECRETARY-Peter Verberne

Election Result’s -Selectors - Russell Hall has been elected as a mid-week selector replacing Terry Doyle. For weekend selectors the elected selectors are Russell Hall, Ian Scholfield, Greg Pullen, and Greg Boyd. Rod MacGregor was already elected. Barry Ward (our Director of Coaching) is an automatic appointment.

Board Brad Munro joins the Board and has hit the ground running - Well Done Brad!! Steve Bird has vacated the co-opted position on the Board.

The Board has focussed on cutting back on expenses. But as everyone would realise it's difficult when the price of everything is going up!!

The Board is trying to increase the number of functions because with the facilities we have we are probably underutilizing them.

SPONSOR’S OF THE MONTH



BOWLS PRESIDENT REPORT-Janice MacGregor

State Championships:

State Championships were held from the 13th April to the 21st April at Bendigo East Bowling Club. Our representatives were: Norm Whitehead (Men's Singles) – semi-final, Karen Barton (Women's Singles) – quarter-final,

Mark Slade, Rod MacGregor, Nick Dawe (Men's Triples) – Last 16

State Para Championships: (see separate report)

Heathmont's representatives were Rob Ruffle, Annette Ruffle, Lucas Protopapas & Jason Barrett.

Annette reached semi final of B7/B8 singles; Lucas won the B5/B6 Singles title; and Jason & his partner won the Para ID Pairs.

Congratulations to all.

Novice State Championships:

This event will be held from the 10th May to the 13th May at various locations with Mulgrave CC Bowls Club as the hub, entries now closed & draws on BV website. Best wishes to our representatives: Ian Mosley, Jeff Stanton, Lee Fletcher, Craig Walker, Natasha Walker & Lee-Anne Atkinson.

O60 State Carnival:

This carnival is to be held from the 20th May to the 26th May in the Northern District Playing Area with Club Barham as the hub precinct. Heathmont have 20 representatives entered in various events.

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.

Bowls Section AGM:

Was held on Wednesday 1st May from 7.30 pm, with a fair attendance from members. Amaroo medals were presented to the winners and result sheets now available on the noticeboard.

Winter games have begun: Doorway Travel Friday Bowls – Terry Doyle

Direcfresh Saturday Bowls – Greg Pullen & Terri Verberne.

NEW MEMBERS-Janice MacGregor (B.C) and Terrie Verberne (B'd)

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

***Please note correct phone number for Bryan Doensen, it was incorrect in last newsletter.**

Paul Hogan	1 st year bowler		0433 037 289
Paul Chalkley	1 st year bowler		0416 169 439
Gavin Bransgrove	Transfer	Upwey-Tecoma	0427 338445
Bryan Doensen*	Transfer	Glen Waverley	0425 709 586
Pete Jeffery (PJ)	Transfer	Upwey-Tecoma	0412 427 087
Brad Chandler	Transfer	Healesville	0405 126 055
Sue Weinbergs	Transfer	Croydon	0412 549 449

BOWLS SECRETARY REPORT-Greg Pullen

Following the recent member elections **Weekend Pennant Selectors** for 2024/25 will be **Rod MacGregor** (second year of term), **Russell Hall**, **Greg Boyd** and **Greg Pullen** (all elected for 2 year years) and **Ian Scholfield** elected for a one year term to fill vacancy left by **Louise Whitehead's** resignation as WPS. **Barry Ward** (Director of Coaching) continues as a WPS (club by-laws state that any appointed DOC is automatically appointed a WPS). The Bowls Committee thanks **Brian Siddles**, **Rick Young** and **Louise Whitehead** for their service as WPS.

The **Midweek Pennant Selectors** for 2024/25 will be **Terri Verberne** and **Neil Morcomb** (second year of terms) and **Russell Hall** (elected for 2 years). The Bowls Committee thanks **Terry Doyle** for his service as MWPS.

Karen Tanti (Night Pennant Manager) advised members at the Bowls Section AGM that **Mark Slade** will be NP Manager for 2024/25. The Bowls Committee thanks Karen for her service as NPM.

At the Bowls Section AGM the winners of the 2023/2024 pennant season **Amaroo Medals** were announced, congratulations to all.



Weekend Pennant "Amaroo Medal" winner Ken Barnhill



Mid-Week Pennant "Amaroo Medal" winner Rob Ruffle



Night Pennant "Trevor Morse Medal" winner Ethan Cassidy

SKILLS AND DRILLS– Nick Dawe and Rod MacGregor

Skills and Drills is back, and is better than ever before. Between the loyal regulars and a massive influx of new bowlers, we have had in excess of 25 participants in each of the three weeks since our resumption and the enthusiasm and willingness to embrace sometimes challenging Drills has been really impressive. Also, a big shout out to our club Director of Coaching, Barry Ward, who has come down to give us a hand the past two weeks. Just a reminder that meet each Sunday between 10 - 11.15 am.



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS– Greg Boyd (Convenor)

The final two final championships for the 2023-24 season have now been completed.

The **Presidents Handicap** was won by Lucas Protopapas, who inched away in the end from runner up Stephen Coles, and in the **Mixed Pairs**, Karen Barton and Jason Barrett were winners over the pairing of Nick Dawe and Sandy Elliot.

Congratulations to all the winners.

WINNER'S AND GRINNER'S-Nick Dawe and "The Ed"

Well it has been another month of success's in tournaments for the "Might Monter's" past and present...

Despite losing their first game, and Earl playing with a broken foot, Earl Mathison, Lucas Protopapas and Nick Dawe came Runners Up in the recent Paky 5000 tournament.

Nick Dawe and former club coach, Neville Brown, also came Runners Up in the Warrnambool Autumn Classic Pairs.



The inaugural MCC Triples tournament was held recently with first prize a staggering \$9000. Not surprisingly, the field was incredibly strong, so we should all be extremely proud of our very own Lucas Protopapas who along with Olivia Slade and Cameron Keenan, went through the two days, and eight games undefeated deservedly winning first prize.

Lucas then came runner up with Mark Alyward and Fintan McLoughlin in the Melton triples. (I think the drinks are on you Lucas)

Lee-Anne Atkinson, Alan Kinniburgh joined two past Monter's in Craig Anderson and Tony Buckingham, to come in 4th overall in the 2 day Vermont South "Super 4's" well done to all.



DIRECFRESH PAIR WRAP –Terrie Verberne

We had a full complement of 42 teams from 29 clubs who went out to “do battle”. About an hour and a half into the day we realized that the caterer had not arrived, which was most unusual. It turned out that there was a misunderstanding about the date and we suddenly had to come up with Plan B to feed 90 people in 2 hours time!!

We sprang into action and started calling members to render assistance. Club members raced to Costco and other supermarkets for food. We called members to come and serve and then clean up afterward and were delighted with the response – not one person said NO!! Everybody we contacted put aside what they had planned and came to help. So I would like to thank all those people who were “conscripted” and performed what they were asked to do. They are in no order – Tony Smart, Cathy and Steve Bird, Gary Meyers, Terry and Marion Doyle, Rob and Jo Gasseling, Dennis Jay, Lee Anne Atkinson, Jan and Rod MacGregor, Linda Gahan, Rick Young and Terri & Peter Verberne.

After a delicious lunch and many compliments from players, the bowlers resumed play.

Nine teams were three game winners. After four rounds of sudden death playoffs we had our prize winners:

1st: David Bloom and Tom Perry (S) Dandenong Club

2nd: David Goodger and Zac Woning (S) Mitcham BC

3rd: Jamie Hoffman and Luke Hosking (S) Bendigo BC

Best 1st game: Kris Paine and Gary Senn (S) Dandenong Club/Ferntree Gully +23

Best 2nd Game: Matt Bailey and Lucas Protopapas (S) Upwey/Tecoma/Heathmont +12

Best 3rd Game: Craig Bryant and Ron Dalton (S) Heathmont/Mulgrave CC +20

Players came from far and wide. We had 42 teams from 29 different Bowls Clubs:



1st Place
David Bloom
& Tom Perry



2nd Place
David Goodger
& Zac Woning



3rd Place
Jamie Hoffman
& Luke Hosking

Para State Championships –Carol Protopapas

Played at Kangaroo Flat April 22nd – 25th

Competitors play timed games of Singles 21 shots up and Pairs 13 ends, in line with Para Nationals and Para Commonwealth Games.

Heathmont was represented by four competitors across 3/4 Classifications, who should ALL be congratulated on their efforts during the Championships.



Jason Barratt – Classification ID, was brilliant with partner Frank Krslovic (Rosebud) after winning 4/5 games in a Round Robin format they played, in form, Phil Mahoney and Kimberley Langton (Moorabbin), they won that game 17/3. Jason led extremely well and was excited to win the Gold Medal!

Jason won 2/3 games in his section of singles unfortunately missing out on finals.

Lucas Protopapas – Open Classification 5/6 won all three games in his section, progressing to the Semi Final playing previous National representative Andrew Brandolin (Deer Park) winning 21/15. Last years winner Greg Toy (Tatura) won through to the final creating a rematch from last year. Lucas played a solid game which his mentors and fellow team mates at Heathmont would be proud beating Greg 21/4. Gold Medal!!

Lucas partnered Steve Davies (Belmont) in pairs unfortunately losing all three games.

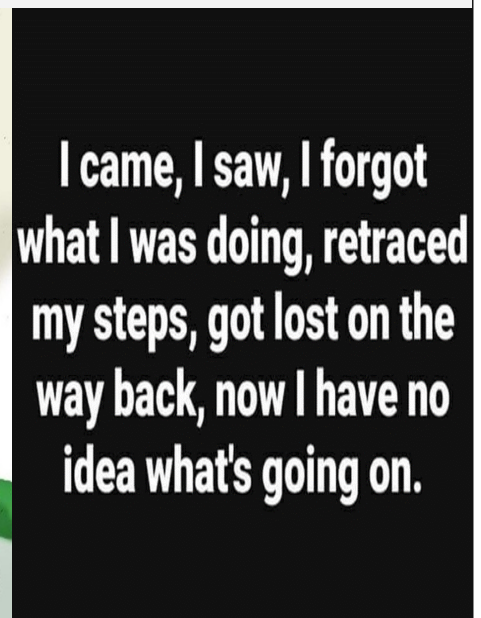
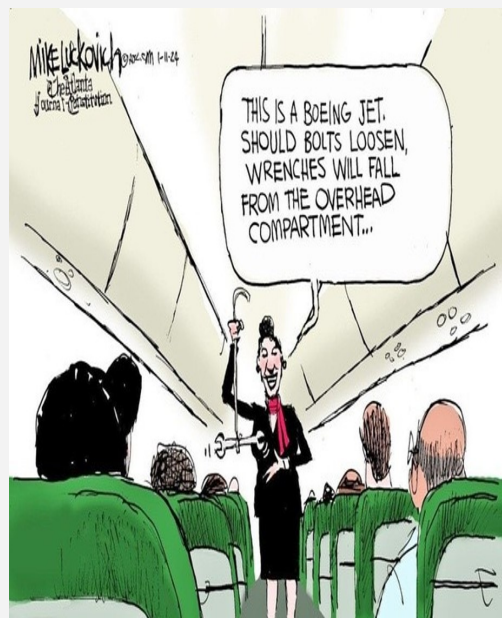


Annette Ruffle – Open Classification 7/8, a strong section narrowly losing to Jackaroo Josh Barry (Clayton Premier) 20/21, she won 2/3 games progressing into the Quarter Finals as next best qualifier, where she played Steve Davies (Belmont) winning 21/11. This is Annette's third year playing Para State Championships and now in the Semi Final about to play retired Jackaroo Barry Brennan (Moama), losing that game 12/21. Annette is a perfect example of hard work, perseverance paying off!

Annette partnered with Jackaroo Alison East (Grangeburn) in pairs winning 1/3 in their section, missing finals.

Rob Ruffle - Open Classification 7/8 another strong section winning 1/3 games. He played a very solid game against Commonwealth games gold medallist Josh Thornton (Murray Downs). Rob partnered Gerry Carton (Altona) in the pairs winning 2/3 games in their section, missing finals but winning the battle against Annette

A FEW FUNNIES TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY



ROCKET LOUNGE-Rod MacGregor



Sunday 5th May, Sammy Owen blues band played at the lounge to a fantastic crowd of 164 people (see photo above). All thoroughly enjoyed the day and the club had a very successful day as well, thanks to Neil Morcomb who has been a help to me when setting up the show as he did again yesterday, to Greg Boyd for a fabulous job with the bar and his staff as well, Jan and Greg P on the door as well.

With the first show out of the way we have some terrific bands coming to the club over the next 3 and a half months, our next one is one not to be missed which is a double bill of The Stetson family supported by Amarillo, May 26th both are great local Melbourne outfits that play what I would call alternative country music, with the Stetsons also a bit of bluegrass and promise it won't be as loud as Sammy.

Then 23rd June we have Gallie, an Irishman who will knock your socks off, with a band of course, can vouch he is very good as I saw him at Port Fairy folk festival a couple of years back.

Then on 7th July we have Opelousas and band that has its roots in the Deep South swamp blues from America and its southern states.

On 4th August we have one of Australia's music icons coming to the club, Mike Rudd formerly involved and started Spectrum, The indelible Murtcepts and the Heaters, and signed at Mushroom records by Mike Gudinski as one of the two first acts under his management.

So please keep these dates free and support the club in its endeavours to remain a successful club both on and off the greens.

And remember LETS KEEP MUSIC LIVE.

MID-WEEK PENNANT SELECTOR WRAP -Terrie Verberne

At the Bowls AGM last week, Rob Ruffle was presented with the 2023/24 MWP Amaroo Medal. Rob had a very fine season and played very consistently. Congratulations to a worthy winner. A full list of Amaroo scores is on display at the club on the noticeboard.

With the influx of new bowling members, the selectors are hoping to recruit enough additional bowlers to form a complete 5th side of 12 bowlers (currently two rinks of triples). Sign up sheets are on the noticeboard. Please confirm if you will be playing again this coming season or signing up for the first time. We also welcome those who can occasionally help as emergencies.

Terry Doyle has finished his two year term as selector and I thank him for all of his hard work. Russell Hall has been elected to the selection role for the next two years and will join Neil Morcomb and myself.

SPECIAL REQUEST-Mike Kacyynski

My brother Peter is struggling with Pulmonary Fibrosis, as is fellow member.

Pete's grandson Sam, is running this 60km marathon as a fundraiser for lung disease.

As with all these charities, any donation no matter the size is very welcome. Link details below,

Thank You.

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