

One Up ...



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## **Christmas in July Saturday 29 July 2017**

The evening kicks off at 6:30pm with complimentary Champaign



### **The night will comprise:**

**2 rounds of trivia from 7pm**

**Traditional Xmas roast of**

*roast turkey, roast beef, ham, roasted vegetables, gravy and condiments*

**2 rounds of trivia**

**Dessert of** *traditional plum pudding, brandied custard*

*or*

*pavlova, cream chantilly, fruit*

**2 rounds of trivia**

**Only \$25 pp.**

### **PLUS**

- fashion in the snow judging for the best dressed christmas theme
- guests welcome and all drinks at member prices
- book a table of 8 or join an existing table
- table lists/allocation is kept behind the bar
- trivia prizes
- book at the bar or online via website.
- **Payment when booking or the latest by Sat 22 July**

[Click here for Xmas in July and Trivia night bookings](#)

Within 3 days of the tickets going on sale 4 tables had been booked and we are well into filling the fifth table. Line up your friends and get in early.

Who will have bragging rights as the trivia kings and queens of 2017. Can Col's premier players do more than just bowl or will it be the experience of the fourth side. My tip is that the social members will take out the top spot. Come along and prove the Pres wrong or right!

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## ***Registrations are now overdue!!***

[Click here to renew your membership online](#)

Online payment is the club's preferred method. The traditional paper based method through the office is still available for those who would prefer not to pay via online.

**New members still need to fill out the membership application form and lodge it with the office. New full bowling members have their membership fee waived for their first year.**

Membership fees are

Full bowling member plus green fees	\$200
Full bowling member	\$100
Full time student member	\$50
Junior member	\$20
Provisional member	\$80
Social member	\$20
	\$10

Full membership includes a maintenance fee of \$30, which will be credited to the members account after confirmed signed in attendance at 1 organised club working bee.

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### **Footy tipping mid season report**

After 13 rounds, with 10 to go, the leader is **Nick Kouloubos** on 70 with **Joe Koba** second on 69 and **Keith Stevens** and **Sue Cole** third on 68. Nick was recruited from "Remezz" in North Road last year to extend the prize pool. As it turned out Nick won the 2016 competition. He is a class tipster being one point

behind The Age leader and one ahead of the Herald Sun leaders.

**Kevin Lehane** is going for the prize for last and was 2 points behind those next to last after 11 rounds. After scoring 6 out of 7 in round 12 he is now 1 point ahead of **Julie Connolly** after round 13.

The organiser urges tipsters to spend a little more time on selections to try to stop Nick from winning again. Remember that this Greek didn't come bearing gifts. He just took one away.

### **New members welcome**

The board would like to welcome **Paul Titcombe** and **Jan De Teste** to the club. **Paul** comes from Clayton and should help strengthen our top half, while **Jan** is a new bowler transferring from Kyneton via Toorak where she had a short stay. **Jan** has been bowling on Saturdays as well as coming down during the week and has already proved to be keenly competitive. Welcome to both of you.

Speaking of new members we are always on the look out for new members, both experienced and complete novices.

Bowls Vic has recently stated that overall membership across the state has dropped by 9% over the last 3 years. This seems incongruous given the number of barefoot bowlers who come through and say they enjoy the game. The MBC does NOT want to become part of that statistic! Encourage friends, co-workers, family to come along and play. New bowlers can come along and try it out as a recreational activity rather than compete. We are looking at four teams each of 16 bowlers for the coming season. Try and rekindle the Melbourne spirit in the hearts of ex-members.

### **What's been done around the club**

All the beer lines and taps have had their full winter overhaul and maintenance check. A few worn parts needed to be replaced.

In the next week or so an air conditioner/heater will be installed in the Jack High room. This will enable the room to be used year round and also on occasions we will be able to run the members bar from here. This will be feasible when we have 6-8 members with RSA qualifications.

The grease trap will be completely overhauled in the next week or so. Once that is done the carpet in the hall way will be replaced.

A new trolley to move chairs in and out of storage is being purchased replacing one that went for a walk and never came back. The two office chairs are being replaced as they are well beyond their use by date. **Ric Lawler** has couple of additional projects in addition to the ones above that he is investigating but that's stuff for another newsletter.

### **Australian Titles**

MBC had a number of members venture up to the Gold Coast to try their skill and

luck at the Australian Open. This year 908 entered overall. **Curtis Hanley** and **Chris O'Meagher** proceeded through the sectional play and **Chris** went on to win the first of the knock out rounds. The results are below:

### In the sectional play

#### **Joe Weisshardt**

lost to Jade Groenewege (Broadbeach Qld) 5 – 22

lost to Alan Joss (Gosford NSW) 12 – 21

lost to Alex Hyde (Burleigh Heads Qld) 12 – 21

#### **Robert Briglia** with 2 wins overall

defeated Garrie Hall (Raymond Terrace NSW) 21 – 14

lost to Peter Hall (Moama NSW) 14 – 21

defeated Andrew Beazley (Wauchope NSW) 21 – 11

#### **Lachlan Tighe** 2 wins overall

defeated Peter Tonna (Wynnum Qld) 21 – 19

lost to Wayne Long (Sunbury Vic) 10 – 21

defeated Martyn Page (England UK) 21 - 20

#### **Curtis Hanley** with a clean sweep

defeated Geoff McGillivray (Warilla NSW) 21 – 14

defeated Alan Hurst (Adelaide SA) 21 – 9

defeated Gary Melleuish (Culburra Beach NSW) 21 - 11

#### **Todd Trewarne** 2 wins overall

defeated Karl Nordlund (Sala SWE) 21 – 14

lost to Phil Scott-Young (Forster, NSW) 19 – 21

defeated Jim Cornish (Mudgeeraba Qld) 21 -13

#### **Chris O'Meagher** with a clean sweep

defeated Malcolm Ferguson (Mt Gravatt Qld) 21 - 19

defeated Darren Morris (Lalor Vic) 21 – 5

defeated Steve Bells (Swifts Qld) 21 -12

**John McCarron** who started his bowling career at Melbourne when 14 made it through the sectional play

defeated Robert Clough (Bendigo East) 21 – 9

defeated Mitchell Mears (Algerster Qld) 21 – 13

defeated Neil Peach (Enoggera Qld) 21 – 7)

### In the round of 256

**Chris O'Meagher** defeated Billy Johnson (Cabramatta NSW) 21 -20

**Curtis Hanley** lost to Scott Thorning (Gunnedah Services NSW) 16 -21

**Mark McMahon** defeated John McCarron (Glenroy Vic) 21- 14

### Round of 128

**Chris O'Meagher** lost to Michael Nagy (Taren Point NSW) 11 – 21

### Club coach

Our coach, **Shane Fordham** has moved north to Queensland for at least a year as a result of taking on a new job. We wish him well in his new job and appreciated his commitment to the club and being a key in getting our Premier Division side over the line after the disappointment of the previous year. We are now looking for another

coach. Shane will be playing as a marquee player in Queensland. This leaves the door ajar for possible appearances south of the border.

## Membership structure changing

The board is reviewing membership structure as a result of the discussions at the AGM. The board believes their needs to be a pathway for individuals who have experienced bowls through the barefoot bowls phenomenon and would like to become recreational bowlers. We believe a percentage of such a group would over time migrate to become competition bowlers for the club. A sub committee of **Chris O'meagher, Paul Gamble** and **Sean Ingram** are looking at how to best refine the constitution to allow for this pathway and maintain compliance with the licensing act and Bowls Victoria requirements. It is important that the end result remains true to our mission of being the leading competitive bowling club in Victoria. Any changes would require a change to the constitution which requires a special general meeting to be called. It is planned that this would occur this financial year.

## Member involvement spread the load

There are a number of training sessions being provided by the club for interested members who wish to get involved in a less formal way than being on committees

### RSA training

The board has agreed to sponsor up to 6 members to do the responsible serving of alcohol (RSA) training course. The aim is to re-establish a members bar roster to enable the club to be open at times when it is not economic to have paid staff employed. Also help out on tournament days or when there is a mad rush to the bar straight after pennant. Currently **Kevin Lehane, Sue Cole** and **Ewen Wilson** are signed up to do the training. Once trained Kate will take the member through the till process etc

### Defibrillator (heart starter) training

**Peter Curwen-Walker** is intending to organise one of his colleague's to come along to train staff and interested members in how to use the defibrillator. There is a list up on the notice board and/or have a word to **Peter**. The training which will be a short session at the club is intended to be run most likely late August prior to the bowls season starting. Knowing how to use it might just save a mate's life.

I've had 2 brothers go down in their 50's with heart attacks. One was saved because people around knew what to do, my other brother wasn't.

### Umpire and measure training

We can never have too many umpires or measurers. These courses are good to do even if it's just to know the rules of bowls so you know when someone is pushing the boundaries that little bit too far. **Peter Curwen-Walker** is the contact person for this. Have a word to him if you are interested,

## Three dates for the diary

### Working Bee

The pre-season working bee has been set for **Sunday 13 August**. The list of things to do is growing by the week. An assessment of the list closer to the date will decide whether a second working bee will be required. A large turn out on the 13/8 should do the job though. **Ric Lawler** is in charge of marshalling the troops for the maintenance day. He will be assisted by **Andrew Jackson** and **Kevin Lehane**. A list will go up of jobs to be done closer to the date for members to put their names against.

### New members night

New members night has been marked in the diary for **Thursday 31 August**. New members are guests of the board for dinner that evening.

### Calling of the Sides

The Thursday prior to the start of pennant that is **Thursday 5 October** there will be a dinner and the announcement of the sides for the first round. Always an interesting night generating much discussion prior and post announcement. A must attend!

## A couple of photos from working bee's past



Whitey and Kevin O at work?



Geoff Boucher swinging a sledge hammer about his size

## Corporate bowls competition -

*competing for the BUSTARD NUT trophy*

The Wednesday night corporate bowls competition will be up and



## Office news

**Irena** will be away travelling around China from 28/6 until 10/7. **Kate** is off for four weeks travelling to Budapest for a wedding and then off to Russia and Iceland for a four day wilderness hike. While **Kate** is away **Jade Nicholson** will be in part time to handle all the bookings and other office matters.

running again this season. Actually it is intended to have two seasons. A spring season starting mid September (tentatively looking at Wed 20/9) and an Autumn season starting late February.

The season is over 6 weeks of round robin competition of two games a night followed by a 7th week where everyone plays off for the final position on the ladder and the ultimate reward -- the BUSTARD NUT.

The office is taking all enquires for this competition. Each week a team of 4 plays two games and a sausage sizzle is provided. At the moment we have **Byron Coonerty** and **Chris Hutchison** on the support team. The more the better. It would be great if at least four from the Wednesday night corporate bowls took that step to the dark side and joined.

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