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Paul Gamble 1959-2017

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Paul Gamble.

Paul was a valued member of our club both on and off the greens.

Not only was Paul serving on the current board but he has also served as President on two occasions.

It goes without saying that our thoughts are with Paul's family and friends at this sad time.

Following is a short eulogy from one of our members, Justin White including a poem initially published on our Facebook site.

On Tuesday, 17th October, 2017, we farewelled Gambler, Paul Gamble, with a wake at the club after the funeral service at WD Rose at Cheltenham. I wrote a poem to farewell Gambler & read it at the wake in front of Gambler's Mum, Blanche, & sister, Melanie Gamble, along with members of Gambler's family, friends, colleagues & members of the club.

Just over 3 years ago, Gambler asked me to write a poem for The Melbourne Bowling Club's 150th Anniversary. I shared a proud moment on stage with President Paul Gamble, beaming with pride as I read it.

I couldn't let Paul's passing go without penning one last poem for Gambler.

As we're gathered here today,

To say goodbye to Paul,

The lawyers, the wine buffs, his

family,

And us, mere lawn bowlers, one and

all.

His range & his ability,

The way he'd just connect,

He was straight up, direct & honest,

And you'd know what to expect.

He was passionate about the bowls

club,

The temptation was certainly there, And loved to see it prosper,

To rewrite Kenny Rogers' famous song,
There'd been a couple of versions,
Delivered to Gambler,
On the bus, from Ballarat, by the throng.

It just fits to the guy that we knew...
[sing]
Near the train station at Windsor,
We met up with The Gambler,
Welcome to The Melbourne Bowling
Club,
He said with a smile.

Now, come on in and meet them, The members of the bowls club, And Gambler was the kind of guy, Who would give you great advice.

He held the bowls club high, And he held the highest honour, Rising up to President, Oh, what a choice.

He had the right demeanour,
For the club, a great convenor,
He had those Presidential ways,
And his velvet radio voice.
[talk]
Yes, Gambler was certainly friendly,
He had so many mates,
Spanning many interests,
It just goes to demonstrate.

I joined up with Gambler & others, On the Thursday night cooking roster!

He encouraged me to join the committee,
Gambler demonstrated just what it took,
To make the club successful,
And do things by the book!

Gambler's legal training came in useful,
But, to me, what shone the most,
Was Gambler's welcoming attitude,
How he'd encourage you to become engrossed.

He loved when you just participated, And, of course, he loved success, How fitting, that his last game of bowls, Was a victory, thanks to Paul, nonetheless!

The scores were close at the end,
And Gambler's final bowl,
Drew the shot, scores were tied, one
more end,
Back in the game, all thanks to Paul.

The last end, we picked up 4, So, the team won overall, One final act of victory, For our mate, Gambler, thanks Paul!

Pennant round 3 results

Round 3 Summary

Premier division tough it out for a win against Clayton after being headed half way through

the match. Second side let a win slip through their fingers. Third side was level at 37 a piece after 43 ends went on for a strong 18 shot win. Fourth side with 8 first year bowlers performed well picking up 2 rinks.

Top rinks for the week

Trevor Gluck, Ewen Wilson, Trent Wavish, Ron Jackson with **25 up – 3rd side**Gordon Lowing, Kevin Oram, Arjay Bywaters, Sean Ingram with **11 up – 2nd side**Angelo Cardamone, Mark Alyward, Alan Veitch, Bryce Young with **9 up – 1st side**

Ladder positions after round 3

Ladder

1 Melbourne2 Yarriville Footscray 34 +24

3 Mentone 34 -5 4 Essendon 31 +20

Division 2

Ladder

1 Middle Park 1 48 +92

2 Melbourne 2 35 45

3 Albert Park 33 -19

4 Cauf Park Alma 32 +1

Division 4

Ladder

1 Hampton 2 44 +24

2 Elsternwick Club 238 +65

3 Melbourne 3 36 +39

4 Moorabbin 2 33 +62

Division 5

Ladder

3 Brighton 3 31 -5

4 Hampton 4 25 +4

5 Cheltenham 4 24 +16

6 Sandringham 2 24 +1

7 Glen Eira Mckinnon 2 21 +13

8 Melbourne 4 20 -21

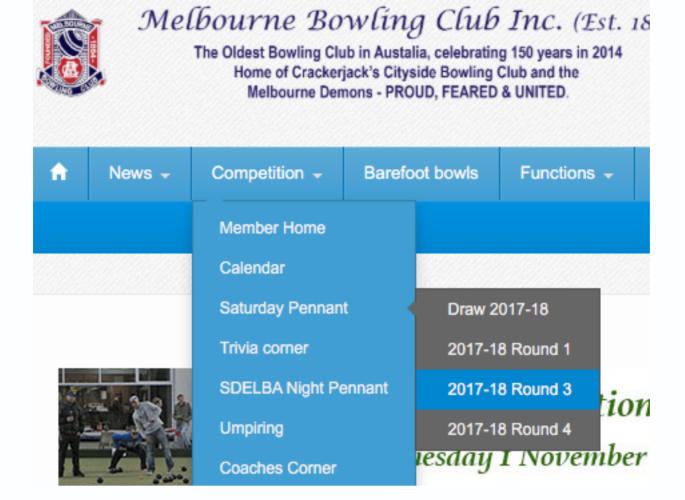
Pennant sides for round 4 (correct as of 8pm Thurs 26/10)

28-Oct-2017 4				
SIDE 1				
Premier	Lead	Second	Third	Skip
	P Titcombe	J Robertson	Curtis Hanley	S Fordham
arraville Footscray	A Skilton	C O'Meagher	L Sims	S Mortimer
Away	A Cardamone	M Aylward	B Young	M Ellul
	Cain Hanley	A Veitch	B Fearn	M Sims
C Gorman				
SIDE 2				
2	Lead	Second	Third	Skip
7	L Lamb	A Burness	R Lawler	H McCluskey
Hampton 1	B Coonerty	G Zbijowski	M Green	G Boucher
Home	G Lowing	K Oram	A Bywaters	S Ingram
	M Silverstein	A Harvey	B McGregor	A O'Brien
G Lowing				
SIDE 3				
4	Lead	Second	Third	Skip
7	T Gluck	E Wilson	T Wavish	R Jackson
Hampton RSL 2	D Maher	D Thomas	T Charles	A Stone
Away	A Jackson	Lei Clark	J White	G Pearson
	S Senior	C Hutchison	K Van Weel	J Keogh
E Wilson				
J White				
SIDE 4				
5	Lead	Second	Third	Skip
8	S Green	K Lehane	J Rischin	G Hogan
Sandringham 2	E Green	T Walker	D Bloom	G Brown
Home	M Walters	A Leptos	G Fraser	J Stokes
	L Wilde	J de Tastes	V Charles	B Furneaux
J Rischin				

Pennant details on website

The website now has the full season draw for all sides and detail information of the rounds as we progress through the season.

Location: Competition =>Saturday Pennant



President's comment

Arriving back from overseas having attended my daughter's wedding in Barcelona it was great to see how well the club is travelling. It was pleasing to see the top three sides placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd on their respective ladders. Additionally already one round with a clean sweep and the fourth side full of new bowlers and also providing opportunities for members such as **Gary Brown** and **Justine Stokes** to develop their skipping skills.

It was interesting in round 3 to observe how important the last five ends can be in influencing the final result. With the top team being headed in the middle of the match then coming back in the final ends to seal the win. The second side with a comfortable lead let it slip in the final ends, while the third side level after 43 ends went on to win by 18 shots.

As president I would dearly love to have the opportunity to open the bar for a second time to celebrate all sides up. Maybe it will be sooner than later.

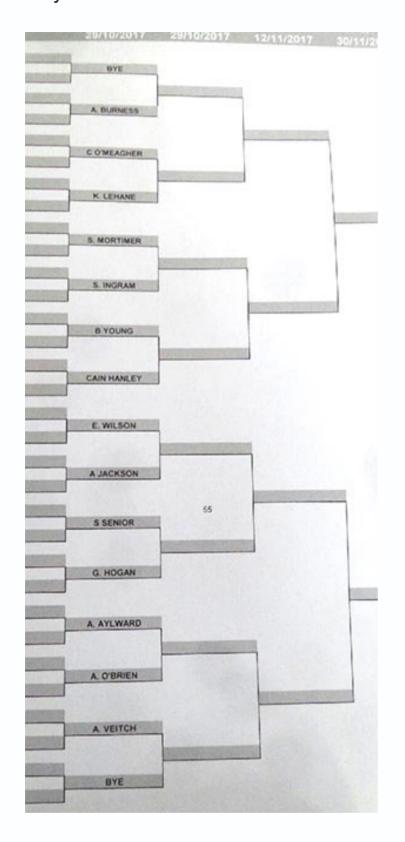
Just a reminder to sides playing at home. Could all players individually invite their direct opponents to come in for a short time to enjoy the afternoon tea provided and our hospitality. Developing friendships and links with members of other clubs can only improve our standing in the bowls community.

GO DEES

Club Singles Championships

The first two rounds are to be held this **Sunday 29/10** starting at 10am. Come along and watch some great bowling. Be there to witness the upsets. There is always one or two.

Those who have drawn a bye in the first round are requested to arrive prior to the first round and help with the marking. Also etiquette is that those who lose in the first round stay to make themselves available to be markers as required for the second round.





Raffle 1st prize a voucher for a set of Taylor's bowls

provided by the Premier Division sponsor

Tickets available from the MBC bar or office.



Prizes 2 to 10

6 pack of beer or a bottle of wine or equivalent in soft drink Price \$10

per ticket

Limited to 100 tickets - drawn when all sold One in ten chance to win a prize

PENNANT PRACTICE and Club night

The club is now open 7 days a week from midday..

Members can **practice at anytime** that the club is open but scheduled practice days are **TUESDAY and THURSDAY each week**.

Practice => develops consistency, builds team work, improves skills

Results => greater enjoyment, better performance

New bowlers - mentors

Byron Coonerty: Ph: 0452 262 227 **Chris O'Meagher:** Ph: 0409 933 527 **Chris Hutchison** Ph: 0402 856 548 **Ewen Wilson:** Ph: 0423 424 185

Club Coaches

Scott MortimerPh: 0433 599 498Bryce Young:Ph: 0432 350 715Arnold O'Brien:Ph: 0410 281 157Ben Fearn:Ph: 0466 112 787Chris O'Meagher:Ph: 0409 933 527

Our mission is to provide the club members all the assistance the club members need to grow as individuals and in turn grow the club skills for a successful season.

On Thursday's meals will being served between 6 and 8pm.

The raffle will be drawn at 7:00 pm

BV Championship events

If you are interested in entering any of the following BV events add your name to the lists on the club notice board.

Closing dates listed refer to the date the club has to have them lodged by. You will need to ensure that you have listed your name 2 days prior to the date listed.

Currently on the notice board are:

- Men's and Womens's singles (entries close 31/10)
- Men's pairs (entries close 31/10)
- Mixed pairs (entries close 2/1/18)
- Men's fours (entries close 16/1/18)

Approaching birthdays

Day	Month	Name
28	10	Cameron Gastin
28	10	John McLaughlin
7	11	Emil Schwarz
9	11	Rosalind Gowans
9	11	Kevin Oram
17	11	Peter Curwen-Walker
21	11	Mark Aylward
26	11	Rosemary Bentley
30	11	Alan Veitch











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