

Hi *IFName!*, welcome to the 23rd edition of 'One Up/One Down' the newsletter of the Melbourne Bowling Club for the 2017-18 season, keeping you up to date with what is happening around the club.

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Round 13 Pennant

Div 2 had a huge win by 60 shots scoring the full 18 points and so consolidating their position at the top of the ladder. Premiers after a slow start had a convincing win by 19 shots picking up 16 points. Div 4 split the rinks and won overall. The Fourth side also split the rink results but went down by 10 shots, However they still have a healthy 20 point buffer over 9th place.

The glasses for the week

There was extreme competition for the top scoring team of the week. **Fluffy's** team of **Sara Rodgers, Geoff Boucher** and **Rick Lawler** tripped at the last hurdle with 2 shots down bringing their overall lead back to 19. They were not happy as they were gunning for a second set of glasses. This let **Arnold O'Brien's** team of **Ash Harvey, Gordon Lowing** and **Ben Thomason** in with 20 up and **Irwin's** team of **Alan Burness, Chris Hutchinson** and **Dean Thomas** who picked up 2 on the last end to share the trophies for the best results of the round. Great bowling to all three teams.

Results

	SKIPS.	HOME WIN	AWAY LOSS	
	S. MORTIMER	27	12	87/16 68/2
PREM.	S. FORDHAM	23	17	
V	M. ELLUL	24	16	
YARRAVILLE FOOTS.	B. YOUNG	13	23	
	B. McGREGOR	22	16	106/18 46/0
DIV. 2	S. INGRAM	29	10	
V	J. COLES	24	9	
HAMPTON	A. O'BRIEN	31	11	
	R. JACKSON	22	23	87/14 74/4
DIV. 4	E. WILSON	32	12	
V	G. PEARSON	19	15	
HAMPTON RSL	J. KEOGH	14	24	
	A. STONE	18	20	69/4 78/14
DIV. 5	G. BROWN	17	11	
V	J. STOKES	22	19	
SANDRINGHAM	B. FINEAUA	12	28	

Ladders after round 13

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Premier Division				Division 2 Section 7			
	Side	SD	Pts		Side	SD	Pts
1	Altona	197	165	1	Melbourne (2)	208	157
2	Melbourne	124	157	2	Middle Park (1)	213	152
3	Clayton	12	123	3	Bentleigh (1)	143	117
4	Deer Park	58	112	4	St Kilda (2)	58	112
5	Lilydale	-69	102	5	Caulfield Park Alma (2)	-56	105
6	Essendon	-19	98	6	Armada (2)	-80	105
7	Bundoora RSL	-113	92	7	Albert Park (1)	-80	96
8	MCC	-65	91	8	Brighton (2)	-89	95
9	Yarraville/Footscray	-39	89	9	Elsternwick Park (1)	-82	90
10	Mentone	-86	51	10	Hampton (1)	-235	51
Division 4 Section 7				Division 5 Section 8			
	Side	SD	Pts		Side	SD	Pts
1	Murrumbeena (1)	83	146	1	Parkdale (2)	255	181
2	Hampton (2)	114	144	2	Cheltenham (4)	258	145
3	Bentleigh (3)	65	143	3	Sandringham (2)	124	144
4	Moorabbin (2)	199	141	4	Elsternwick Club(3)	103	122
5	Melbourne (3)	58	122	6	Mentone (4)	-41	101
6	Elsternwick Club (2)	48	118	7	Brighton (3)	-140	97
7	Black Rock (1)	-40	82	5	Dandenong Club (3)	-133	89
8	Albert Park (2)	-158	64	8	Melbourne (4)	-94	83
9	St Kilda (4)	-178	60	9	Hampton (4)	-135	63
10	Hampton RSL (2)	-191	60	10	Glen Eira McKinnon (2)	-197	55

A fond farewell to Viola and Timothy

It was Timothy's last game with us last Saturday (resulting in a win) with him and Viola heading back to their home in Europe after a working lifetime for Viola working in Italian Consulates across the world. Below is yet another excellent poem penned by MBC's very own poet laureate **Justin White** capturing the essence of their two season with us. Those of us who got to know them well have been truly fortunate that they crossed our paths.

We're here, och aye the noo!
 To say farewell to you!
 A gathering of friends & bowlers,
 To say ciao to Tim & Viola.

You've both ingratiated yourselves,

You're not the type to rest on the shelves,
You're both so much more than mere bowlers,
Our good friends, young Tim & Viola.

You arrived, you survived, you liked our welcome mat,
Tim, the perfect partner, for Viola, the diplomat!
A couple, complimentary, made a magnificent choice,
To join The Melbourne Bowling Club, each with their own unique voice.

Viola, Italiano, is quiet as a mouse,
Tim, a proud Scotsman, can be heard all through the house!
The yin & the yang,
Though, they're not quite Chinese
They go together, with the greatest of ease.

Both Viola & Tim,
Fill their lives to the brim,
Be it bowls or a diplomatic dinner,
In our eyes, they're both classed as winners!

They'll both be missed incredibly,
Having left their mark indelibly,
While the club doesn't have a choice,
How on earth do you replace that voice?!

Aye laddie, I've come from the hoose,
Ok, just one, but I canny get loose,
Viola's expecting me for a function,
I've gotta meet her at St Kilda Junction!

Ok, just one more, like,
Then I'd better get on me bike,
I've had a great day here drinking with you bowlers,
But, now, it's time to spend time with Viola!

And, it's clear for all those who can see,
Tim loves Viola, Viola loves Timmy,
They're one hell of a couple, for sure,
Now, it's time for them to leave, somewhat premature!

While your adventures will take you beyond-a,
We realise you both have to wander,

We thank you, as a club & individuals,
For enhancing this place, you're both originals,

And, we hope you two have found it enjoyable,
As a couple, we'll find you irreplaceable,
So grazie, ciao, from every friend and bowler,
We wish you all the best, dear Tim & Viola.

Welcome to new members

Over the December January period we have had a number of new members join the club as either social, provisional or full members.

The board on behalf of the club are delighted to welcome the following:

Ben Thomason

Simon Comington

Gerry Callaghan

Hazel Veitch

Jessette Veitch

Adam Murphy

Mikey Newman

Damien Sweeny

Kylie Brett

Liam Pickering

Some names might seem familiar to some of you. Others **Sue Coles** will be able to introduce when they are next in the club. **Ben** and **Simon** have already put on the mighty Demon top and represented the club with distinction.

MBC championship finals

It has come to the pointy end of the club events with the members to compete in the President's Handicap and the Minor singles now finalised.

In the President's handicap

In the semi finals **Scott Senior** defeated **Ewen Wilson** and **Byron Coonerty** defeated **Karina Van Weel** to make it a **Scott vs Byron** final.

In the Minor singles

In the semi finals **Alan Stone** defeated **Scott Senior** and **Ewen Wilson** defeated **Justin White** to make it a **Alan vs Ewen** final.

The dates for the finals have not been finalised but are likely to be in the second week of February. Next week's newsletter will confirm dates and times.

Around the club

Upcoming Melbourne Tournaments

The following are links to online entries. Details are also on the MBC website at melbournebowlingclub.com

Later in newsletter there is details for the Birthday Fours Tournament

Lock away the dates NOW

Birthday Fours Tournament - 4th March [click here for online entry](#)

Good Friday Pairs - 4th March [click here for online entry](#)

Easter Saturday 2BT - 4th March [click here for online entry](#)

Everyone can contribute one way or other

The board at its last meeting discussed areas in the club that members could become involved in outside of board responsibilities to keep the club running smoothly.

Coaching

Arnold O'Brien is doing a great job in introducing our new bowlers to the mysteries of lawn bowls. The board however would like to encourage more members to **become level 1 coaches** and contribute to the quality of our bowlers. The board is prepared to pay for members to undertake coaching courses with the outcome for them to become involved in MBC coaching programs in the future.

Umpires and measurers

A common issue currently in bowling clubs around Melbourne is the lack of qualified umpires and markers and the MBC is no exception. On Saturday's we are now getting to the stage where we might not have a currently registered umpire on hand to handle a dispute. This is not a healthy situation for the club to be in. The editor is not sure of BV's stand if such a situation was to occur. Most instances on Saturday afternoons call for a measure, this can be handled by registered measurers or umpires but we are even lack sufficient registered measurers. The board is seeking members who are willing to become either registered measurers or umpires prior to next season. Also if you have allowed your registration to lapse please consider renewing. Like everything the more we have the less times individuals get called on to do their turn.

Greens director

We are looking for a greens director for next season. This job requires liasing with Our green keeper Brett on his requirements and being the final person responsible for closing a green as a result of inclement weather.

Bar access during winter months

To enable the club and bar to be open for extended hours during the winter months the bar committee requires additional members who have their Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) certification. A number of members put up their hand to become RSA compliant but additional members are required to enable us to have the club open at times not serviced by paid staff during the

winter months. Please see Ewen if you are interested. It is hoped that we might be able to open up the Demon's Den for a more interment environment on these days.

Sponsorship

Sourcing sponsors is always a difficult task. The most successful sponsorships more often than not come from personal contacts. We currently have a limited sponsorship pool. The board would welcome any **member to join the sponsorship team** and help link into businesses.

With regular newsletters, advertising spaces around the club viewed by the high volume of social bowlers coming through and an active website there are many combinations and variants for sponsorship opportunities. This along with our ongoing performance in the Premier division with 13 Grand finals appearances since 2000, mark us as a club that has the air of success about it. Naming rights are also a popular strategy in many sporting codes now.

Terminology

The editor has been reminded by a long standing well regarded umpire in the club that the correct use of side, team and rink is as follows:

Side - made up of 16 players

Team - a side is made up of 4 teams of 4 players

Rink - is what each team plays on

MBC Birthday Fours Tournament

The annual MBC Birthday Fours tournament to be held on Sunday **4th March** is an event to celebrate the Melbourne Bowling Club its history and its ongoing vitality.

It is an **opportunity for members past and present to come together** with their bowling friends in teams of four for an enjoyable day of mingling and catching up with old acquaintances made through the club.

The tournament committee encourages members to enter sides in this event to ensure the success and be part of the celebration of what it is to be a member of such an iconic bowls club. **Don't miss out BOOK EARLY!!!!**

Melbourne Bowling Club

Australia's oldest bowling club established in 1864

Birthday Fours tournament

Sunday 4 March 2018 at 10:00am

9:30 for 10am start

The day will consist of 3 games of 12 ends

The winner will be determined by the most games won and shots up.

Prize money

Winners	\$800
Runners up	\$320
Best of each game	\$100*

(* not being either the overall winner or runner up)

Entries close at 11:59pm Wednesday 28 February 2018
(unless fully subscribed prior to that date)

Entry fee is \$100 per team.

Tournament director: Ewen Wilson (0423 424 185)

email: tournaments@melbournebowlingclub.com

phone: (03) 95105321

How to enter:

To enter directly via online [click here](#)

(When entering online you will receive immediate confirmation of your entry.)

Alternatively fill out the following form below.

Team organiser:

Email:

mobile phone:

other phone:

composite team Yes/No if No club:

Are there any dietary requirements for the members of your team?

Payment by credit card, cheque or money order or cash on the day.
Please make cheques or money orders payable to Melbourne Bowling Club Inc and send to: Birthday Tournament, PO Box 1054 Windsor 3181.

Credit card Visa() M/card () Card No:

Expiry date: . . / . . Name on card:

signature:

Approaching birthdays

	Date	Member
2	Feb	Shane Fordham
6	Feb	Ryan Bevis
10	Feb	Ron Scott
10	Feb	Keith Stevens
11	Feb	Adam Fitzgerald
18	Feb	Janine Rischin
22	Feb	Curtis Hanley
24	Feb	Greg Hogan



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