

Hi *IFNameI*, welcome to the 28th 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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The excitement of FINALS DAY ONE is here!

Be there to soak it up!

Finals Venues

Premier Division- Playing Altona BC at Doncaster BC on Saturday. Winner straight through to the Grand Final.

Division 2- Playing St Kilda BC at Home on Saturday and at Cheltenham BC on Sunday should they win against St Kilda BC on Saturday.

The respective sides would like to see as many members out to support them as possible. 1pm start at the above mentioned venues. Every little bit of support helps!!

Round 18 Pennant

Top two sides in the finals.

Top side finished second overall holding Clayton out by 1 point and so go to the qualifying final against Altona next Saturday for direct entry into the Grand Final.

Second side finished top of Division 2 section 7 and have a home final against St Kilda 2 on Saturday for a chance to play in the section Grand Final the next day. (Sunday) A win on both days will see them back in Division 1 next season.

Both sides deserve support from members. Go along and cheer them on. The Premiers are playing at Doncaster BC and the second side is at home on Saturday.

Third side finished sixth after an up and down season.

The real success of the season goes to the fourth side who at the halfway mark were fighting relegation prospects but in the second half with the new players improving each week came home winning their last 4 games to come fifth just out of finals contention.

The top performing team of the round was **Arnold O'Brien's** crew of **Gordon Lowing, Geoff Boucher** and **Rick Lawler** winning by 27 shots. Glasses were presented to them at the end of season function

	SKIPS.	HOME / AWAY WIN / LOSS	
	S. MORTIMER	17	27
PREM.	S. FORDHAM	21	11
V	M. ELLUL	23	20
LILYDALE	B. YOUNG	32	12
	B. THOMASON	14	19
DIV. 2	S. INGRAM	31	13
V	J. COLES	17	21
ARMADALE	A. O'BRIEN	40	13
	R. JACKSON	28	17
DIV. 4	E. WILSON	10	23
V	G. PEARSON	22	21
MOORABBIN	A. STONE	21	25
	D. MAHER	23	13
DIV. 5	G. BROWN	16	21
V	J. STOKES	22	16
BRIGHTON	P. LOOMES	17	21

93/16
70/2

102/14
66/4

81/4
86/14

78/14
71/4

Ladders after round 18 03-03-2018

Premier Division				Division 2 Section 7			
Side		SD	Pts	Side		SD	Pts
1	Altona	282	228	1	Melbourne (2)	319	213
2	Melbourne	185	210	2	Middle Park (1)	336	208
3	Clayton	137	209	3	Bentleigh (1)	331	201
4	Deer Park	45	154	4	St Kilda (2)	145	191
5	Essendon	21	153	5	Caulfield Park Alma (2)	-103	153
6	Lilydale	-114	140	6	Armadale (2)	-123	135
7	Bundoora RSL	-137	127	7	Albert Park (1)	-148	130
8	Yarraville/Footscray	-119	111	8	Elsternwick Park (1)	-113	127
9	MCC	-169	101	9	Brighton (2)	-236	103
10	Mentone	-131	97	10	Hampton (1)	-408	69
Division 4 Section 7				Division 5 Section 8			
Side		SD	Pts	Side		SD	Pts
1	Bentleigh (3)	119	207	1	Parkdale (2)	420	247
2	Hampton (2)	251	205	2	Sandringham (2)	364	221
3	Moorabbin (2)	246	204	3	Cheltenham (4)	415	215
4	Murrumbeena (1)	130	199	4	Elsternwick Club(3)	34	160
5	Elsternwick Club (2)	103	174	5	Melbourne (4)	-93	146
6	Melbourne (3)	56	150	6	Mentone (4)	-71	139
7	Black Rock (1)	-105	128	7	Brighton (3)	-181	131
8	Albert Park (2)	-117	116	8	Dandenong Club (3)	-193	127
9	Hampton RSL (2)	-346	79	9	Glen Eira McKinnon (2)	-341	77
10	St Kilda (4)	-337	68	10	Hampton (4)	-354	67

Pennant next season -- PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE to FORMAT

The club has received notification from Bowls Victoria that there will be no change to the structure of pennant next season. BV will expand the review committee to include additional club and region participation. BV has also engaged sports marketing consultants Gemba to undertake research to underpin future decisions.

In closing the letter sent by Graeme Bridge Chief Executive of BV he stated that:

"an open conversation for enhancing opportunities to engage people in participation in bowls has commenced and we must continue this dialogue."

Around the club
On tap sparklingly water

The new tap fountain capable of supplying filtered cold water, room temperature water and sparklingly water has been installed behind the bar. In addition to the plain water the sparklingly water will be free to members.



Sandy Bay visit

The bi-annual visit from Sandy Bay Bowls club where former members Grant Hopwood and Cam Macmillan bowled for some time will occur on the weekend of 13th to 15th April. Put the 14 and 15th of April in your diaries for two days of bowls with our friends from Sandy Bay.

Speak to **Fluffy** if you are wanting more details.

A list is now up on the board for those intending to play on either/ and or Saturday and Sunday against Sandy Bay.

Easter tournaments

Good Friday 3 bowl pairs (30/3)

Easter Saturday 2 bowl triples (31/3)

Enter online via links below or pick up a form from the club notice board.

Good Friday 3 bowl pairs tournament

3 games of 15 ends

9:30 for 10:00am start

Friday 30 March 2018

[click here for online entry](#)

or notify Rick or Ewen

Easter Saturday 2BT tournament

3 games 15 ends

9:30 for 10am start

Saturday 31 March 2018

[click here for online entry](#)

or notify Rick or Ewen

End of season party

A very successful gathering of players, members and friends partied on until the wee small hours of Sunday morning after the final round of pennant on Saturday 3 March.

Quite a number of cars were left at the club overnight. A few highlights are shown below.





Expression of interest

Southern indoor bowls winter competition on Wednesday nights. If you are interested add your name to the list on the club notice board. Location is in 350 Hawthorn Road just down from Glenhuntly Road.

Numbers are required ASAP. Sides of 2 teams of 4 players. Currently starts at 5:30pm but wanting to gauge those who would be able to play if the competition starts at 6pm. List has both options.

Southern Districts electric light bowls association (SDELBA) competition - next summer

MBC has not played in this competition in recent years but has previously been very successful in the competition. We are wanting to gauge the interest from members to resume playing in this competition. It starts in November and goes through to the beginning of March. Although some distance off we are wanting to establish the appetite to re-enter. Please put your names on the board if you consider you would be a starter next season. Sides are three teams of 4 (12 players).

Approaching birthdays

	Date	Member
8	Mar	Brett Leighton
12	Mar	Andrew Jackson
13	Mar	Colin Gorman
24	Mar	Geoff Maher
25	Mar	Mark McMahon
31	Mar	Kini Meadows



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