

Hi *IFName1*, welcome to the 7th edition of 'One Up/One Down' the newsletter of the Melbourne Bowling Club for the 2018-19 season, keeping you up to date with what is happening around the club.

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An outstanding night of food, drink, entertainment and conviviality for all those in attendance. A great turn out resulting in a full house of 128 in attendance. The six course meal was top shelf and attracted accolades from all round the room.

Whitey and his trivia certainly stumped most of us. Never-the-less it was hard fought with table 4 consisting of **Janine, Byron, Agnes, Lucas, Jacko, Paul** and **Allie** taking out overall Trivia night prizes.

The club rooms have never looked so un-club like. It truly showed what can be done for the general public to consider us both from a decor point of view not to mention top of the range menu possibilities when looking for a decent sized function space. Thanks to all those who helped out especially for **Alan** doing the deals to bring such a meal to us for only \$30 pp. and managing the kitchen and **Kini** for front of house

and managing to have a sell out, not a recent occurrence at club functions. **Whitey** with his tech side-kick **Seth** did a grand job on the trivia side and its presentation. Our sponsors for the night were:

Chefs Hat - cutlery & set of saucepans raffle prizes
Spenser Golf Hiramasa king fish - king fish dish Value of \$500
Maha Restaurant - \$200 -raffle prize
South Press Wine Bar- raffle prize valued at \$100
Bldfood- scallop and pork value at \$500
Tax affair- \$200 voucher
Mickey xx1 - original artwork value at \$250
Mjolner- \$150 voucher
Clearlight Shows- \$1500 worth of lights/drapes/labour for \$500
Ginger boy- signed cook book x 8 trivia prize valued at \$400
The Astor - Double passes x 8 -trivia prize
Seuteka Pharmacy- \$150 worth - lucky door prize
School of 7 Bells - \$50 voucher
(more sponsors listed next week)
Voluntary labour -- many many people for many hours

MBC at Southern Indoor Bowling Club – winter 2018

For the winter of 2018 an intrepid gang of MBC members have been enjoying the fast carpet and playing bowls whilst sheltering from the winter cold inside the warmth of Southern Indoor Bowling Club (SIBC) in Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South.

There is a troop of regulars that is topped up by a varied cast of (great) fill in's each week. Life and events mean various people aren't always available. The team skills range also from first year bowlers to premier level and everything in between.

For those who haven't bowled at SIBC they have two greens with one being about two seconds faster than the other. Both are great surfaces and certainly the faster downstairs green is a test of skill and great for developing touch amongst the newer bowlers in the group.

The competition is very solid and the opposition teams in the main are stacked with experienced bowlers who have years of expertise and are pretty damn wily!! This has meant that it has taken some time for the team to gel and start to find their feet. That along with players being required to play in positions they don't normally inhabit due to the team mix available has meant the season certainly didn't start as well as would have been hoped.

It is a 'big board' only competition so the individual rinks scores are irrelevant in the

last few weeks that has hurt with a couple of loses by one and three shots and a draw hurting our chances as we seek to mount a late season charge for the finals. But that charge is underway and the team have a commitment to it as each has pride and a sense we can go better.

Last week we took on the ladder leader and that resolve was shown in spades. On rink one the team got off to a flyer and consolidated all the way. Regular calls of great shot to his team of **Alan Burness, Seth Green** and **Matt Green** by Skip **Hollywood** rang across the other rink offering them a gee up as they were doing it a bit tougher. After winning the first end it seemed the opposition's two and three could do no wrong from there on in taking them to a 14 to 5 lead. But a bit of genius from skip **Ash Harvey** in producing the lollies and a glucose injection saw the team of **Simon Cannington, Kevin Oram** and **Paul Titcombe** rally and not lose an end from that point to get the score back to square at 14 all with the final end to play. The final end saw another point scored so it was not only a great big board win but also a dig deep effort by **Ash's boys** which was an emotional buoy for the whole team. With **Hollywood's** rink having a smashing win it was a decisive victory on the big board and a necessary two points gained in the race for finals. Regulars that were on the side lines this week were **Byron C, Kini M** and **Alan S**.

Onwards to next week and putting in another great effort with a team rejuvenated and firing with passion.

Go Dees!!

S.C.

Practice Match schedule

The Match Committee have agreed to the following pennant practice games in September:

Sept 1st - Opening Day Games will involve teams comprising players from various sides.

Sept - 3rd - 6th Helensvale 5 a side (Ellul, Fordham, Young, Hanley-McKinnon)

Sept 8th - St Kilda at Melbourne (all sides)

Sept 15th - Queenecliff at Queenscliff . Scratch match at Melbourne for those not wishing to travel

Sept 22nd - Moonee Valley at Melbourne (premier only?) Possible game at Elsternwick Park against Elsternwick Park

Sept 29th - AFL Final **Sept 30th - Sunday** social game at Melbourne

Note (i)- Queenscliff is open for anyone who wants to come down and stay the night. all costs are at player's expense.

(ii) - Availability list will be posted on the club notice board shortly.



Annual Working Bee

Sat & Sun 11 & 12 August



There are many tasks to undertake this year. We are looking for members to contribute their time and help keep the club in spic and span order. Put it in the diary.

An attendance list will be going up shortly.

start: 9:00am through to 1pm both days

Sausage sizzle from 12:30pm

Some of the tasks to be completed include:

- strengthening the fence between the carpark and the Watson Green
- loading the rubbish along the back fence into a LARGE skip
- polishing all the silverware in the display cabinet
- clean up the back yard
- wash all the boundary pegs
- re-colour the faded numbers on the score boards
- painting
- sorting out the room below the stairs

If you have any maintenance items that should be added there is now a maintenance log on a clip board behind the bar to fill in. Ask the bar staff for it, for you to fill in.

Club night - Thursday night dinner

William Rief and friends set a new height of the bar for the number of meals served last week, it being a total of 35. The meal generated many accolades across all the tables. Yet another great meal for the gathered throng. This week it is **Byron, Ash** and **Grousy** Old Boys from CBC St Kilda combining together singing school songs in the kitchen while they work.

Dinner served at 6:30 pm with the carpets for carpet bowls being rolled out about 6pm.

The two course meal is only \$15.

Jacko's raffle will be run yet again with three magical prizes. Although the last two weeks a fourth prize has appeared from anonymous donors. Rumour is that it was different person each week. So the number of prizes this week will be at least 3 and might be even 4, 5 or 6 who knows?

Roster for July is sorted but we are **still looking for chefs for 2nd 9th 16th and 23rd of August**. Join the fun and put your name down on the list at the bar.

Results of last weeks indoor bowls

Fluffy was the overall winner. He was still on a high after winning the Ivanhoe indoor bowls single title for the seventh time in nine starts. **Jan** nearly cut his run short, only

going down by one on the last end after leading 3 to 2 and holding 1. **Jan** then moved the jack with her last bowl to the favour of **Fluffy** who then drew another shot. In the final it was 3 all with one end to play then the pressure got too much for **Irwin** who lost a four.

Fluffy 4

Whitey 3 Fluffy 10

Janine 8 Janine 1

Eric 3 Fluffy 4

Jan 6 Jan 3

Bill 3 Jan 6

Seth 4 Simon 1

Simon 6 Fluffy 7

Bye Keith 5 Ewen 3

Bye Kini 6 Kini 3

Bye Geoff 3 Ewen 10

Bye Ewen 10

Membership fees are now overdue!

Click here to renew your membership online

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

Membership privileges such as the earning of loyalty points and members prices ceased for those who have yet to renew their membership.

New members need to lodge their form directly with the office.

Membership fees are

Full member	\$100
Full time student member	\$50
Junior member	\$20
Provisional member	\$80
Social member	\$50
Special member	\$10

Full members intending to bowl can, at time of paying their subscription (or prior to the beginning of the season) pay a lump sum of \$100 to cover green fees for the season. This also includes entry fees to any club championship events entered. The alternative is to pay weekly green fee of \$7.00 during the season and pay for entering club championship events.

Around the club

Club Secretary

Fluffy has stood down as secretary after doing a sterling job over the last 12 months, dotting all the i's and crossing the t's. Thanks for your work **Fluffy**. **Byron Coonerty** has now stepped up and taken over the baton of MBC club secretary. Having previously held the job at another club we are in safe and experienced hands.

Why no memorabilia?

A few members were wondering why for a club event all the club's memorabilia was covered. The rationale was as a one off to see if we could deliver a quality multi course meal and make the club attractive to the general public who have no link to the bowls community. The photos taken and experience gained from the night will enable us to confidently market into the reception and wedding market.

We have now proved that we can cover the **supply** part of the equation by providing a serious function centre environment. The next step is to establish if we can create the **demand** part of the equation. This is the harder part. We are especially keen to market the facilities in the winter months from May through to August. Please don't be afraid to promote the venue for weddings etc.

Club events would normally have all the memorabilia showing.



Roof repairs

The repairs to be undertaken on the front verandah and also the two story section of the club house are expected to start mid August, subject to weather conditions. This involves significant work with scaffolding needing to be put in place.

Umpires and measurers required

The club is still looking for members to take on the umpires role for the club.

Currently in addition to our meagre stocks of umpires and measures we have two members **Seth** and **Ewen** putting up their hands to do the umpiring course prior to the start of the season. Spread the load become an umpire or measurer. Contact club secretary Byron or Ewen for the registration form. The club pays the expenses for doing the course.

Approaching birthdays

Date	Member	Date	Member
24 July	Luca Wilde	12 Aug	Paul Titcombe
30 July	John Meehan	13 Aug	Geoff Boucher
5 Aug	Graham Zbijowski	13 Aug	Pualine Kelly
7 Aug	William Hamilton-Coates	15 Aug	Nicholas Szabo
10 Aug	Jerome Coles	16 Aug	Matt Green



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