

Hi *IFName!*, welcome to the 8th 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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Southern Indoor - another week another win

It was a wintery and blustery July evening that met the MBC contingent travelling back for the weekly pennant at Southern Indoor. **Ash, Jan** and **Simon** got there early and put in some good practice as did others arriving before game time. This week we were upstairs on the still exceptional but slightly slower carpet up there.

With some regulars out through illness (**Kev Oram** and **Seth Green**) **Jan de Taste** and **Andrew (Don Jones) Jackson** filled the breach for the night. So in rink one it was **Al Burness** leading with **Jan** at Two, **Mick** filling in at Three and **Hollywood** as Skip. On the other rink **Simon C** was leading with **Jacko** at Two, **Paul T** at Three and **Ash** as Skip.

Hollywood's crew continued their form from last week and played really solid bowls throughout building a margin that fluctuated but slowly increased throughout. It was great to hear all the positive talk from that rink and the cross rink chatter and encouragement is a testament to why there were plenty of smiles and good bowls played.

Over on **Ash's** a rink a lucky conversion by the opposition saw **Ash** and crew go five down on the first end!! The wisdom of **Titters** though was to the fore as he said there was nothing to worry about and there was plenty of time. And indeed there was as the rink pegged back that start and gained a lead only to see them manage another big number with a four giving them a lead 8 to 5. But good solid and positive bowling end after end saw **Ash and crew prevail**

with a 19 to 15 win over 16 ends. Over on **Hollywood's rink** it was an even better scenario with a 19 to 12 win also over 16 ends.

We are reaching the pointy end of the season with just four weeks of home and away play left. It seems a long time ago that some of us walked fresh faced and open eyed to the SIBC rinks for the first time. Now it feels like a great winter home where we can indulge our passion whilst keeping warm and dry.

The hunt for a finals berth is tight and we need to keep winning each week to place the pressure to get there. But the strength and great attitude of the team has come to the fore and the results are showing on the rinks. Great leading from **Al Burness** setting up his rink, seconds chiming in and threes and skips playing the shots with skill. We are cultivating a great belief that after a bad start to the season we can still scrap and scrape into the finals and then who knows. We just have to make it and anything can happen from there!!

S.C.

The Club



needs you

Working Bee

**Saturday & Sunday
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 is now up on the club notice board.
Put your name down on the day you can attend!**

**start: 9:00am through to 1pm both days
Sausage sizzle from 12:30pm**

On Saturday a major cleanup of the back area to get rid of the tip like atmosphere that is along the back fence will be targeted.

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

The old boys from CBC St Kilda **Byron, Ash** and **Grousy** drew the worst thursday night for the winter last week but respectable number of members still managed to get out in the cold of mid winter to enjoy a hearty meal. Thanks guys. This week it is social members **Laura** and **Gunter** in the kitchen to dish up a feast for only \$15 pp.

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

If we want dinners on Thursday nights in August we need volunteers for 2nd 9th 16th and 23rd of August.

Volunteer by putting your name(s) on the list behind the bar

Around the club

Fluffy continues on his carpet bowls winning way with his first Victorian State Men's Pairs title. Congratulations **Sean**.



Jak Wilson & Fluffy

Upcoming events

Put the following dates in your Diary

1. AFL grand final day at the club - Sat 29 Sept

Watch the grand final on the big screen at the club on 29 Sept

2. Calling of the sides & New Pennant members night Thurs 4 Oct

3. Garage Trail - Sun 21 Oct

This is an annual event held throughout the Australia in October, this event actually runs the same weekend as the Try Bowl Day. This is a bonus for us as we can run the 2 events together and get a bounce promotions wise.

The garage trail allows the club and our members to let go of anything they no longer need by selling it on the day and making a few \$\$ for the club. The event organisers actually map out where the sales are on the day so we can be found. While trail hunters are here we might as well take the opportunity to promote Bowls and the venue. More details closer to the event.

4. 70's Night - Mon 5 Nov

To be run on the eve of Melbourne cup. The night will be a stand up not a sit down event. Traditional 70s inspired canapés will be served. Either a DJ or a band will be appropriate playing 70s tunes. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the evening. More details closer to the date

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.

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 to anyone** who wants to come down and stay the night. all costs are at player's expense. Accomodation available on Friday and Saturday night. All details shortly.

(ii) - Practice match availability list will be posted on the club notice board shortly.

Vic Open 16 -23 November

Entries for the Victorian open are now open. It is being held in the Greater Shepparton Region. Over \$50,000 in prize money.

[Register Here](#)

For general website information click here www.vicopen.com.au

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.

Approaching birthdays

Date	Member	Date	Member
30 July	John Meehan	12 Aug	Paul Titcombe
5 Aug	Graham Zbijowski	13 Aug	Geoff Boucher
7 Aug	William Hamilton-Coates	13 Aug	Pualine Kelly
		15 Aug	Nicholas Szabo



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