

Hi *IFName!*, welcome to the 9th 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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The Club



needs you

Working Bee

**Saturday & Sunday
11 & 12 August**

Add your name to the attendance list on the club notice board. If you can't make it down ring the club 9510 5321 and ask the staff to add your name to the list for one (or even both) day(s).

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

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. A **25 cub metre bin** will be onsite. We need as many people as possible to move the rubbish. We will need members to **assemble seven heavy duty picnic tables**. The cleaning of the **silver ware** has already been allocated, as has the **Demons**

den windows and air-conditioning filters.

Other tasks include **cleaning up the back area** between the club and houses, **painting** around the greens, **cleaning windows, stabilising the fence** between the carpark and Watson green before it falls over, cleaning up the **room under the stairs, fixing door** to the safe room to name a few of the tasks.

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.

Help get the club ready for the coming season. The members are the club.

Club nights - An alternative during social bowls peak

From Melbourne Cup day until Christmas the social bowls Christmas parties are in full swing. Especially on Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays both day and night. This is the time when we generate the majority of our revenue for the year. As the Watson green will not be available from December as a result of it being upgraded the need to have more club house functions this season to maintain our income flow is necessary. This is likely to further cramp/interrupt our Thursday members night sit down meals.

To overcome this intrusion to members the following suggestion has been made and the board is **seeking feedback** from members as to its viability. Alternatives are also welcome.

Suggestion:

For the period from Melbourne Cup Day through to Christmas that the sit down meal is moved to another night. The initial suggestion being Tuesday. This night may conflict with those bowling in the night Southern Districts competition that we have re-entered this coming season. Would this matter? On Thursday we would use the Demon's Den as the private members lounge and the club would provide free BBQ (sausages, hamburgers & salad) to members in the front courtyard. As there are no beer taps in the Demons Den Happy Hour prices will extend to stubbies. The BBQ would be on from 6pm through to 8pm. The bar in the Demons Den would be functioning from 6pm.

Thoughts and comments would be appreciated.

Ewen (President)

Yet another great win for our Southern Indoor Bowls side!!

This week we took on the task of moving up another spot in the ladder by taking on the team above us. Given our better shots count it was going to be

the case that 'if we win, we move up a spot'.

This week **Matty Green** joined **Hollywood's** rink as second with the holiday a refreshed **Al Burness** leading and **Mick P** as third.

Over on **Ash's** rink **Titters** was again third to skip **Ash** with new Melbourne member **Milan**, in his first ever game with the Dee's, playing second after the lead of **Simon**. What a **great inclusion Milan was to his rink** and the team and after this first outing there is no doubt he will be a great asset to the club. Quietly spoken but don't let that fool anyone as he built bowls in the head end after end adding and placing pressure on the opposition.

This steady front end work saw **Ash's** rink build a slowly increasing lead over their opposition. While over on **Hollywood's** rink they got off to their usual flyer with **Al Burness** peppering the jack from the start and with the experience of **Matty Green** available as a second it just grew from there. That saw them shoot out to a 8 – 0 lead in quick time. But from there it became a dour struggle. Mordi are doing well on the ladder for a reason and they started to peg the boys back, mainly with 1's, each end. The fact though the opposition couldn't convert a big number goes to the great work from the front end ensuring bowls in the head and then the skills of **Mick** and **Hollywood** to defend their positions despite a hard pressing opposition.

On **Ash's rink** the scoring was a little more free flowing but it followed a bit of a similar pattern as the Mordi boys would not lie down and kept pushing. With a few ends to go they picked up a decisive three to get within a few shots especially after a jack close to the ditch battle that their skip played a couple of corkers to be within inches. But a couple of ends later and with only three ends to go it was our turn. After good bowls all-round the head. Amongst this cluster the jack was pushed back again to just near the ditch. With Mordi narrowly holding three, which would bring them within one shot of MBC with two ends to go, **Ash stood tall!!**. His Dreamline cutting an awesome arc around all the bowls to the off-centre jack picking it up and into the ditch making it 1 to MBC and a five shot lead!!

In the end the final scores were 20 to 14 on 17 ends win for **Ash and Co.** with **Hollywood's rink** hard fought match rounding out at 14 to 10 on 16 ends win.

In the battle to finals it is a hard ask but if we keep winning you just never know...three weeks...6 points...hope and believe!!

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Thursday night

A great dinner was provided by **Gunter** and **Laura**. The home made dumplings were a feature. Thanks for providing yet another great variant on the Thursday night meals. This week **Alan** is doing his second voluntary stint for the winter. Currently we have no takers for the dinner gigs on the 9/8, 16/8 and the 23/8 before the summer catering kicks in. it would be great for other members to try their hand at catering for 25+ members and friends. Will the member hordes be fed during August? Maybe some of those who have already had a go will come back for an encore?

Carpet bowls will be on the agenda again along with Jacko's raffle.

Around the club

Computer for member use

A computer has been set up in the club room next to the trophy cabinet for use by members. It is linked to the printer for those that require it. Members are encouraged to use it but please refrain from using it to download films etc as this effects our download costs.

130 Union St

Our house at 130 Union St is currently having a major maintenance upgrade between tenants. This involves removing asbestos from the rear of the property repairing rusted back roof, refurbishing the bathroom and painting the back half of the house and sundry other jobs.

Contributions from members welcome/desired

If you are representing Melbourne or know a member who has performed in an event please forward the information even a bit of a story to web@melbournebowlingclub.com From there it will appear in the newsletter and maybe Facebook, our website and possibly a brief tweet. At present we have our roving reporter **Simon C** providing the weekly updates on the Southern Indoor Bowls results. More of this type of news would be great for members to hear about. The editor can't print what he doesn't know about. It might be surprising to know how little he knows about what is happening around the club. Don't wait to be asked get those emails coming in!

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](#)

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
		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
12 Aug	Paul Titcombe		

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