



BOWLS SECTION

MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB



*Barrie Lester - Senior Club Coach
Champion of Champions 2016-17 - Current State Singles Champion*

ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 2016 / 2017



Mulgrave
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Your Club

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Report compiled by GRAEME FINDLAY

Committee Of Management 2016 / 2017

Chairman	Graeme Findlay
Immediate Past Chairman	Dennis Jeffery
Bowls Administration Manager	Terri Marley
Bowls Administration Support Manager	Jan Bourke
Financial Officer	Peter Coughlin
Midweek Social Bowls	Graeme Jeffree
Pennant Manager	Sue Miller
Social Bowls Manager	Dianne Quigley
Match & Tournament Manager	Pat Phelan
Support and Provisions Manager	June van de Ven

Sub Committees

Greens Director: Assistant Greens Director:

Frank Booth, Stephen Staff

Bowls Website Manager:

David West

Eastern Region Delegates:

Dennis Jeffrey, Dianne Quigley

Saturday Pennant Selectors:

Peter Coe (Chair), Barrie Lester (Head Coach), Maurice Le Page, Alison Meakin, Stephen Staff, John Swale, Ron Wilson

Tuesday Pennant Selectors:

Barrie Carson (Chair), Graeme Aubrey, Yvonne Carstensen, Anne Fitzmaurice, Kay Horley, Gwen Hughes, Laraine Pile.

Coaching & Development: Barrie Lester Head Coach

Coaching Coordinator: Laraine Pile

Graham Baker, Peter Delaney (ITO) Louise Gun John Harding, Alison Meakin, Peter Miller, Sue Miller, Lucas Propopapas, Peter Richardson, Steven Roy, David West

Umpires:

Ian Bolch, Julia Bolch, Jan Bourke, Peter Coe, Peter Delaney, Graeme Findlay, Barry Fleming, Gwen Hughes, Dennis Jeffery, Peter Miller, Sue Miller, Patrick Phelan, Alan Richards

Measurers:

Graeme Aubrey, Robert Grosser, Graeme Little, Laraine Pile, June Van De Ven,

Website Photograph Updates

Juan Tortosa

During the Past Season the Committee of Management has conscientiously managed the affairs of the Bowls Section. Changes have been recommended to alter the Bowls Section Rules and the uniform specifications have received minor adjustments.

The No 2 green looks to be progressing well and should be available for the start of next season. However, it has been inconvenient that Pennant Sides have been required to play home games at another Club. Thank you to those teams required to play at Burden Park.



Overview of Season 2016-2017

This Season has been another great year for Mulgrave Country Club – Bowls Section

The strength of the Club has been reflected in the Pennant Results of Midweek and Saturday Pennant. It demonstrates that playing as a cohesive team doing the little things is a potent force. Also the camaraderie demonstrated by players returning to the Club after games reinforces the Club spirit so that success can be shared.

We celebrate the high points as follows:

- Midweek Pennant 6 of the 7 Sides in 1st or 2nd after the home and away season;
- Midweek Open – Division made the Divisional Final, 3 other Section winners ;
- Saturday Pennant 6 Sides finished 1st or 2nd after home and away season;
- Saturday Pennant – 2 Sides were Section winners;
- Barrie Lester represented Australia including World Bowls in NZ;
- Barrie Lester represented Victoria;
- Kyle Klaus represented Victoria U18;
- Kyle Kraus will play in the U18 pairs final;
- ERBR Champion of Champions – Barrie Lester. Finals in Bendigo
- Barrie qualified for the Victorian Open Singles last 16 to be played in Bendigo
- Scholarship holders are Cooper Klaus, Kyle Kraus, Lucas Protopapas, Max Goldsmith, Amity Bickley, Isabella Hoskin.

- Eastern Ranges Eagles U18 squad contains, Kyle Kraus, Amity Bickley and Isabella Hoskin;
- Club hosted the Bowls Victoria Novice Championship qualifiers;
- Club hosted Bowls Victoria Premier Grand Final Brunch and game.

Corporate Bowls

Corporate Bowls was conducted under the supervision of Frank Barlow. A great job again Frank to you and your helpers.

Approximately 400 availed of the Club's offering and included a group of about 35 from the Cricket Section.

Vale

Sadly we mourn the loss of our valued members during the season:

Frank Barton, Life Member, former Secretary of Men's Section for 17 years
 Jack Cameron, former scorer and statistics person on ABC cricket commentary
 Noel Posselt
 Elva Fletcher
 Bill Angus

In addition some of our members have lost very close family members: e.g. parents, husbands, wives, sisters and a brother in law.

Our deepest sympathy has been sent to all of these members and their families on behalf of the Mulgrave Country Club Bowls Section.

Appreciation

The Committee is supported by willing volunteers. They include accredited umpires, coaches and the many members who give time to sub-committees and tea rosters. Thank you for giving your time to make Mulgrave Country Club the home of the best Bowls Club in Victoria.

To David West, our Web Site Manager we say a huge thank you. It is the best Bowls Web Site in Australia and is envied by other Clubs. David spends many hours updating the software and then servicing the Events Calendar, selection software, etc.

A special thanks to Sue Miller for your contribution to "Breaking News" and Dennis Jeffery for taking responsibility of "Team App"

Thanks to our coach Barrie Lester for his continued contribution during the past season that has been busy because of representative bowls, both at state and international level. We are proud of you Barrie, and thank you.

The Staff

The Bowls Section is grateful for the support received from the Staff at the Club. The Staff have been most helpful, courteous and supportive, particularly when we have hosted special events. They are an advertisement for our Club.

We also thank the support received from Club General Manager Kerry Scarlett and congratulate her on again winning the Community Clubs Victoria Manager of the Year 2016 Award.

Summary

Mulgrave Country Club – Bowls Section is a happy, friendly and progressive Club. It has great facilities, benefits to members and low fee structures.

Finally, thanks to the Bowls Club Members and the Bowls Committee for their confidence in me over the past four years as Chairman.



Mulgrave Country Club Scholarship Holders
Amity Bickley, Lucas Protopapas, Max Goldsmith, Barrie Lester (Coach),
Cooper Kraus, Isabella Hoskin, Kyle Kraus

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report compiled by PETER COUGHLIN

The overall result for the Bowls Section was a deficit of \$37,693. (2016. \$22,367)

The major factors contributing to the increased deficit were :-

- Green Fees paid to Burden Park while our No.2 Green was being renewed - \$8,000 (This cost will not be repeated in Season 2017)
- Wages paid to Club staff for time incurred in cleaning up the Members area after Tuesday Pennant - \$1,275
- Purchase of two Premiership flags - \$1,000
- McGrath Foundation - donation - \$1,498. (It should be noted that the Club matches the Bowls Section contribution resulting in a donation of \$3,000 to the Foundation)
- In the 2016 season Clothing Sales had a " one off " benefit from the introduction of the new Club vests , a benefit not repeated in 2017

Corporate Bowls, with twenty volunteers assisting the conveyer, earned the Club \$4,100 (prior to deducting GST). The Club gains additional revenue from the sale of meals and drinks to the corporate participants.

During the season , the Bowls Committee settled Policies relating to reimbursement of expenses where bowlers travel to and participate in prestigious tournaments. The policies set out clearly the circumstances and reimbursement amounts available to bowlers who meet the policy conditions.

In the same vein as last season and every season, on behalf of the Bowls Section and the Club, I offer grateful thanks to the many bowlers , who on a purely voluntary basis, carry out a multitude of tasks which make bowling a pleasure and save the Club huge costs.

Finally, the Club office staff, in particular Sally, Annette and Colin, deserve our gratitude for their patience and efficiency in dealing with the financial affairs of the Bowls Section.

MIDWEEK CLUB BOWLS MANAGER

Report compiled by GRAEME JEFFREE

OVERVIEW

A mid-term restructure of committee positions resulted in a change of responsibilities. Previously the Tuesday Pennant Saturday Pennant were the responsibility of different managers; this has now been consolidated under the one manager and all mid-week club events along with corporate and winter bowls are under the Midweek umbrella.

At the beginning of the season a venue had to be found that could accommodate two teams due to the closure of Green 2 for upgrade. Burden Park best suited our needs, they were one of three candidates, this proved to be a successful alliance, beneficial to both clubs.

WEDNESDAY TRIPLES/FRIDAY PAIRS

Both these events had successful years and provide the opportunity for a number of non-pennant bowlers to play. Numbers were affected by a combination of events.

- (a) The success of Tuesday pennant and a number of bowlers not wanting to play on consecutive days.
- (b) The closure of Green 2 that reduced our numbers to 28 teams. On occasions teams of 4 were played to ensure everyone played

Wednesday Triples are run by three teams of three on a rotational basis while Friday pairs have a dedicated group of three, each of these groups have done a great job. Monday nights have moved in with the above groups, this remained under the expert control of Di Quigley and her helpers.

CORPORATE BOWLS

Corporate Bowls has continued to flourish with Companies using bowls as a vehicle for their Christmas breakups and Company bonding sessions. Pre-Christmas there were 11 Companies with 313 participants, post-Christmas 6 companies with 107 participants. Once again Frank Barlow has done an outstanding job organising these events with the support of 20 volunteers.

CONCLUSION

The home and away seasons for both mid-week and Saturday competitions ended successfully with both groups having a number of finalists. Both sets of selectors have done an outstanding job. The first time in a number of years we were unable to field a side in the Night Pennant competition.

Further consolidation of the Bowls committee with amalgamation of the Pennant and Midweek Club Managers roles to be considered.

Once again there will be a number of positions to fill for the Committee and Selection.
Please consider applying.

SATURDAY PENNANT BOWLS REPORT

Report compiled by PETER COE

CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS Peter Coe
SELECTORS, Morris LePage, Alison Meakin, Stephen Staff, John Swale, Ron Wilson,
and Club Coach, Barrie Lester

OVERVIEW OF SEASON 2016 / 2017

The selection committee was appointed by the General Bowls Committee with the mandate to select the best sides possible. With the side promotions which have occurred over the previous two seasons, it was a challenge for the selectors to ensure that our sides were correctly selected and competitive. All selectors worked together to achieve the best possible result.

The selectors meet at the commencement of the season and agreed upon action to take and set some goals for all bowlers to work towards. These are detailed below.

We again entered 10 sides into the Saturday competition with sides in all division from 1 to 7. Sides and their respective divisions are detailed in the Results Table following.

We again had several new bowlers participating for the club, some having transferred in while others were new to Saturday pennant.

A total of 214 bowlers were selected during the season to ensure that all sides were filled on each pennant day. Generally the lower numbered sides see the most changes with the movement of players.

Prior to the start of the season we set some goals that we were looking to achieve. They are detailed below with the results.

- NO SIDE TO BE RELEGATED *Achieved*
- EACH SIDE TO WIN MINIMUM OF 75% OF GAMES PLAYED AT HOME. *Not Achieved. Only 3 sides meet the goal with side 1 winning all their games at home.*
- EACH SIDE TO HOLD OPPOSITION TO LESS THAN 70 SHOTS – 17.5 SHOTS PER TEAM
Not Achieved. From the average for games played, three sides restricted opposition to less than 70 shots per game. Other sides ranged up to 78 shots per game.
- SIDE 1 TO WIN PROMOTION TO PREMIER DIVISION *Not Achieved. They finished top on the ladder, won the section semi final but were beaten in the section final.*
- AT LEAST ONE OF THE DIVISION 2 TO SIDES TO GAIN PROMOTION TO DIVISION 1 *Achieved. Both division 2 sides contested section semi-finals with side 2 going on to win their section and subsequently promotion to division 1.*

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Even though not all of our goals were met this season, we finished the home and away season with the top 6 sides in the top two on the ladders, which entitled them to a home ground for the first final. Due to the limited greens available at Mulgrave, the top three sides played their games at Mulgrave while the other three played at Burden Park Bowls Club. It has still been a good year for the club and all bowlers should be proud of their contributions to the club.

Each week we analysed the score cards and a copy of this report was provided for bowler viewing.

This year has been another challenging season for the selectors. With 10 sides we were required to field 160 bowlers each week. This we have done with the help of emergencies and other bowlers who were called upon sometimes at short notice. THANK YOU.

RESULTS – SATURDAY PENNANT

SIDE	DIVISION	FINAL LADDER POSITION
1	1 – Section 3	1 (remain in Division 1)
2	2 – Section 6	1 (promoted to Division 1)
3	2 – Section 8	2 (remain in Division 2)
4	3 – Section 4	2 (remain in Division 3)
5	4 – Section 6	1 (promoted to Division 3)
6	4 – Section 7	2 (promoted to Division 3)
7	4 – Section 8	8 (remain in Division 4)
8	5 – Section 6	6 (remain in Division 5)
9	6 – Section 6	6 (remain in Division 6)
10	7 – Section 6	7 (remain in Division 7)

FINALS – SATURDAY PENNANT

From the home and away games, six sides contested section semi-finals which resulted in four winning the first day and playing in the section finals the following day. Sides 2 & 5 won their sections and gained division promotion while side 6 also gained division promotion by winning their section semi-final.

Both sides 2 & 5 won their division quarter finals but were not successful in winning their division semi-finals.

A great effort by all sides competing this year.

ACHIEVEMENTS

This has been another good season for the club. A number of notable events have taken place.

- On 3 occasions during the season, 8 sides won on the day.
- Six sides competed on the first day of the finals.
- Three sides gained division promotion.
- Two sides competed in the division quarter finals with both reaching the semi-finals.

APPRECIATION

There are many bowlers who contribute to the successful running of Saturday Pennant.

- Firstly I must thank my fellow selectors who contribute many hours of their time in performance of their duties.
- To the Side Managers who fill that vital role each week of completing the Sides' paperwork and are the Selectors' link to each side.
- To the members of the Bowls Committee for their continued support.
- The preparation of the greens and surrounds for all our games is under the care of our Green Keeper.
- To the many emergencies who filled position sometimes at short notice.
- To the many ladies in the preparation of afternoon tea and to all others bowlers who have assisted in the running of Saturday Pennant.
- Especially to Lyn Kelly who updated the team list and data input of votes and Jan Whitehead for the score card analysis each week.
- Finally, to the wives/partners of the selectors for their untiring support and understanding.

PREVIEW OF NEXT SEASON

The season just finished has had excellent results for the club.

We will have our sides spread over all divisions with six sides playing in division 3 or above.

Bowlers are required to make a commitment to the club for the full season which includes the final series, not just the home and away games.

The selectors will be addressing the practice and training situation to encourage all bowlers to attend, but all bowlers still need to be proactive and approach coaches to improve their skills. They should also identify and refer to coaches any bowlers requiring additional skills development. The selectors will be aiming to achieve at least the results obtained this season plus some improvement. There will be challenges for many bowlers to compete at the higher levels.

Continued communication by the Selectors with all bowlers is essential.

FINAL.

This is my final year on selection having been on the committee for the past four years. I wish the incoming Selectors much success and enjoyment in their roles.

SOCIAL BOWLS REPORT

Report compiled by DIANNE QUIGLEY

Social Bowls Manager Dianne Quigley

Assistant Manager Janet Morrison

Committee Members

Trevor Hird, Cynthia Hird, Brian Milnes, Jeanette Milnes, Doraine Sidbottom, Sandy Dunbar, Yvonne Carstensen, Dot Pearce

OVERVIEW OF SEASON 2016 -2017

The 2016 -17 bowling season for our social bowls events was once again very successful. Our events consisted of , monthly happy days, weekly Monday night triples, Vermont south challenge, the Cumberland view challenge, open 4's classic tournament and the Easter carnival involving the Easter Monday Open triples sponsored tournament.

CLUB EVENTS HOSTED BY SOCIAL BOWLS

Our monthly happy days continue to be very popular even though our team numbers were down this year. Once again, we did not have to cancel any happy day days because of inclement weather.

We raised \$1,286 on our Pink Happy Day in December for the Jane McGrath Foundation and the Club match our money and a cheque for \$3,000 was donated from the Mulgrave Country Club – Bowls Section. A big thank you to Janet Morrison supported by husband Phil, and sister Jill for all of their hard work in organising the raffle table and cent auction. Also thank you Janet for organising the raffle table and prizes for every happy day and special event.

Cup eve was a very successful night with a 15 end game of bowls followed by Dinner and mock Melbourne Cup race sweep, read ably by Norma Douglas.

With the addition of a sausage sizzle and the reorganization of the starting time Australia Day Tournament was held and every participant enjoyed the event. Thank you to Barrie Carson and Mick Crawley our barbecue chefs.

Monday Night Triples continued weekly throughout the bowling season. Thank you to Brian Milnes and Dot Pearce for all of their assistance. Once again, nine new bowlers have improved their knowledge of how to play the game and their bowling skills while playing regularly with experienced bowlers. Lorraine Pile has cleverly extended her coaching programme to include Monday nights with our new bowlers. Many of our new bowlers are playing in various other weekly Club events and also happy days. This year our Easter Carnival included a mixed pairs bowls medley on Easter Saturday. Sixteen Pairs participated and enjoyed the variety of games. There were some tired bowlers at the finish.

Our 1st sponsored Triples tournament was a great success, 28 teams (full house) played. Hopefully next year we will have 3 full greens available.

Vermont South/Mulgrave challenge was held at Vermont South this year. The scoring system was changed and unfortunately for Mulgrave Vermont South won. There were 28 teams from each Club participating and this a very popular event on our Calendar.

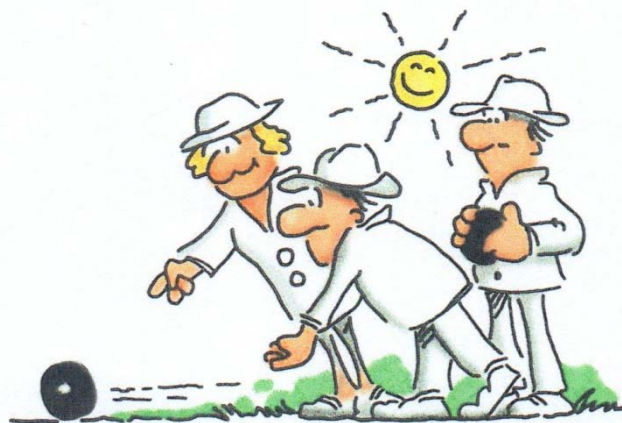
Our Mulgrave/Cumberland View challenge is a very close competition. Mulgrave won by 6 shots. The inclusion of excellent Mulgrave bowlers living at Cumberland View has increased Cumberland View's chances of winning. There were 28 bowlers participating for each venue.

Appreciation

Our 2016 -17 Social Bowls Committee has done a wonderful job throughout the entire bowling season. Three new members joined our Committee, Jeanette and Brian Milnes and Dot Pearce. Once again Trevor Hird supported by wife Cynthia have done a magnificent job in compiling event draws, producing prepared cards for events and recording on the interactive white board for every social event. David West is a tower of strength with his unlimited computer skills and field of knowledge with computer programmes. David is a great support for Trevor.

The contributions of all our Social Bowls Committee members has been invaluable.

Our Social Bowls Programme at Mulgrave Country Club would not be as successful without the dedication and loyal support of our Committee members.



SUPPORT & PROVISIONS REPORT

Report compiled by JUNE VAN DE VEN

CLUB UNIFORMS

A roller coaster of stock it has been!!

We received our caps and bucket hats which was a plus, but there it ends.

I finally found a shirt manufacturer who made the shirts in Melbourne and not O/S as is the case with most suppliers. A substantial order was duly placed and when the stock was delivered it was a shattering experience. All the stock had been made to incorrect sizings and had to be returned to the manufacturer.

A very stressful time as that meant going to find another supplier for our shirts. After months cajoling, begging, waiting, pleading (am sure you get the message here) it finally was Xmas and everyone was off on holidays with big promises to sort it out a.s.a.p. Xmas ran into Chinese New Year where everything stops in the garment industry!!!! So, sadly, NO shirts were available for this season.

I have finally placed an order (placed 6th Feb) with a 6 week promise of delivery. I hope (and pray) that as you read this saga that I have shirts in stock.

The next important decision regarding our Uniform was for the pants, shorts, $\frac{3}{4}$ pants. As the original fabric has run out, we now receive our orders and it is more a royal blue and as many members have alternative pants or shorts bought elsewhere it has been agreed that I will still sell the pants, shorts, $\frac{3}{4}$ pants I have in stock, but if anyone wants tailored pants, or different fabric shorts then Members are advised to go purchase them from a supplier as long as they are Royal Blue. A Skort has also been added to our Uniform. When my stock runs out in these items we won't be ordering more and it will be Members to fund and purchase their own Pants, Shorts, Skorts, $\frac{3}{4}$ Pants as long as they are Royal Blue.

BOWLS PRODUCTS

The sales of Bowls Products on a Saturday morning has proved to be very popular and I thank Susan McCraith for her help on Saturday mornings selling these products. It has freed up Molly and Pauline for Kitchen duties.

Finally, thank you Members for your patience regarding our Shirt saga and lets hope for smooth sailing in the future. Also, please feel free to call me for any Uniform requirements you may have, I live close by and am happy to pop up and help you out.

MATCH & TOURNAMENT REPORT

Report compiled by PATRICK PHELAN

MATCH & TOURNAMENT MANAGER	Patrick Phelan
ASSISTANT MANAGER	David West
EVENT COORDINATORS	Stephen Staff , Dennis Jeffrey

OVERVIEW OF SEASON 2016/2017

The end of another successful bowls season has come to a close at Mulgrave Country Club. The Club Championships were all played in good club spirit and to a high standard however, had there been more entries in some events, they could have been even better.

Thank you again for all those who participated to make all our Club Championships a success. Hopefully, now that a number of new members have settled into the Club, next year we can have greater participation in all our events.

TOURNAMENTS & SPECIAL EVENTS

The two main tournaments we ran, being the Peppertree Hill Retirement Village Triples (28 entries) and the Wheelers Hill Traders “two bowl” Triples (28 entries), were both well supported (only 2 greens available) with entries and very successful days on the greens.

SPONSORS

We would like to acknowledge the support provided by our sponsors including, Peppertree Hill Retirement Village, Chemist Warehouse, Wheelers Hill Shopping and Business Centre, Barry Plant Real Estate plus the ongoing support we receive from the Mulgrave Country Club Board.

Mik Tuz warrants a special mention for his ongoing great work in gaining and maintaining the sponsorship from the Wheelers Hill Traders.

APPRECIATION

Thanks to David West for his help in the running of these events and putting all the information on the website. David has formatted the Calendar of Events plus the various Draws and Results in a manner that makes it easy for all bowlers to review the state of play via the internet.

Thanks are also due to John Anderton, Stephen Staff and Dennis Jeffery for their help when needed.

PREVIEW OF NEXT SEASON

We are going to have a good look at the range of events currently being played and will see what we can maintain and perhaps what we could do without.

LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLUB SINGLES Entries x 16 (11)

WINNER **Joyce Lindores**

Runner-Up **Doraine Sidbottom**

NOVICE SINGLES

Entries x 4 (6)

WINNER **Lyn Kelly**

Runner-Up **Isabella Hosken**

NOMINATED PAIRS

Entries x 13 (9)

WINNERS **Evelyn Martin** **Jan Bourke**

Runners-Up **Gordana Baric** **Jan Delaney**

MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLUB SINGLES Entries x 36 (30)

WINNER **Barrie Lester**

Runner-Up **John Strybosch**

NOVICE SINGLES

Entries x 9 (10)

WINNER **Max Goldsmith**

Runner-Up **John Wright**

CLUB PAIRS Entries x 22 (19)

WINNERS **David Taylor** **Ray Travica**

Runners-Up **David Lambie** **Norm Whitehead**

MIXED / OPEN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

DIV 4 - 8 SINGLES Entries x 14 (13)

WINNER **Colin Goodrem**

Runner-Up Kenny Pattison

OVER 60 SINGLES

Entries x 21 (22)

WINNER

Runner-Up

PROPORTIONAL SINGLES

Entries x 22 (21)

WINNER

Peter Miller

Runner-Up

Lucas Protopapas

GEOFF WOODLEY

LEGACY PAIRS

Entries x 16 (12)

WINNERS

Jim Saunders

Stephen Staff

Runners-Up

David Taylor

Ian Hosken

CLUB OPEN TRIPLES

Entries x 16 (16)

WINNERS

Runners-up

MIXED PAIRS

Entries x 30 (24)

WINNERS

Runner-Up

OPEN FOURS

Entries x 5 (16)

WINNERS

Peter Miller

Mick Crawley

Phillip Morrison

Trevor Ellis

Runners-up

Fay Dunn

Olive Pollard

Keith Lampard

Bill Cook



MIDWEEK PENNANT REPORT

Report compiled by BARRIE CARSON

Wow, what a year getting six of our seven open teams in finals and all winning their Sectional final. Well done sides 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Our top open side played Bundoora RSL for the divisional flag but unfortunately went down by 8 shots, noting that the opposition were very strong, which means we have to get even stronger at this level.

On a personal note, the next game saw Mulgrave 5 verse Mulgrave 6 and I found this a very disappointing result and with correspondence by our Club Committee to Bowls Victoria hoping it is never to be repeated.

Having both 6 and 7 sides in the Division quarter finals, both were narrowly defeated.

Our Premier ladies side had a hard but good year. They will take away plenty from the season to play at this level in the future.

Our second ladies side just missed the finals by 3 points but know they enjoyed the year with their long friendships together.

Always hard in the 9th side as the selection moves above them and does affect their side.

To my team of selectors, I cannot speak more highly of:
Graeme Aubrey, Yvonne Carstensen, Anne Fitzmaurice, Kay Horley,
Gwen Hughes and Laraine Pile.

I do thank you for the exceptionally hard and dedicated work for the year.

Also the side managers who have a very responsible job on whether (no pun) it be the heat or the rain rule.

I have enjoyed the ups and downs of this year's journey and thanks for the opportunity.



GREENS DIRECTOR REPORT

Report compiled by FRANK BOOTH

GREENS DIRECTOR
DEPUTY GREENS DIRECTOR
GREEN KEEPER

Frank Booth
Stephen Staff
Michael D'Mattia

The bowling season just ended has presented many challenges to us in relation to the greens. The main one being having the availability of the No 1 & No 3 greens only for the bulk of the year. Overall we have been happy with the way in which the greens have performed giving the “extra” heavy use coupled with the time we have had available to us to carry out the necessary maintenance programme which they require.

The No 1 green ran as well as can be expected. This “Bent” green is basically a “tired” green and at some stage in the foreseeable future it will require a major renovation. In the meantime we shall continue to nurse it along. The summer we had this season helped us greatly in these endeavours.

The No 3 green overall ran pretty well all year. This coming season will see it have a “full” Tiff renovation.

The No 2 green had its switch from a “bent” to a “tiff dwarf” done in November 2016. It has visually been a resounding success. We are extremely happy with how it has “struck”. The grass coverage is excellent and the root structure could not be better. At this stage we shall open this green at the commencement of the coming bowling season.

I would like to close this report with a couple of special thanks. To Michael our Greenkeeper and his assistant Jason for their efforts throughout the year. For their patience with us and particularly with a job well done re the major renovation of the No. 2 green.

Finally and most importantly to you our bowling members. At times it has been frustrating to you having only 2 greens available. Throughout it all you have maintained good humour and have understood the reasons behind it. This has been most appreciated both by ourselves and the green keeping staff.