



BOWLS SECTION

MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 2023 / 2024



Mulgrave
Country
Club

Your Club

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report compiled by Sue Miller

Bowls Committee

Chair – Sue Miller

Deputy Chair – Jeff van de Steenoven

Administration Manager – Peter Coe

Administration Support Manager – Julie King

Financial Manager – Ravi Khazanchi

Support & Provisions Manager – Dennis Jeffery

Pennant Manager – Vacant

Social Bowls Manager – Dianne Quigley

Midweek Social Bowls Manager – Stephen Castle (mid term appointment)

Championships and Tournaments Manager – Christine Battersby

IT Manager – David West

Overview of Season 2023-2024

Well it's hard to believe that it's been a year since I was elected to take over as Chair of the Mulgrave Country Club Bowls Section. It has certainly been a big learning curve for me and I am grateful for all the support I have received from both my committee and the bowling members.

Firstly, we must pay our respects to the bowls friends that we have lost this year – Kevin Smith, Alan Wilson. Some of our bowlers lost their loved ones as well. Our deepest sympathies are extended to their families and friends. A number of our bowlers were unwell or had medical treatment during the year and we supported them through these times.

We welcomed new coach Graeme Spencer into our club this season. Graeme has settled into Mulgrave very well and has been very productive with the Monday and Thursday training sessions. He was always on hand during the finals series to give advice and support to those participating.

Bill McHoul joined Mulgrave Club in July as the Sports Coordinator and Community Liaison Officer and oversees all of the sporting sections. Bill is very proactive in promoting Mulgrave Country Club as a sporting club and has many good ideas for the advancement of sports at the club.

We continue to be well represented in the competitive bowls arena.

At the end of the home and away pennant season Weekend Pennant achieved two section flags from Sides 2 and 4 with Side 4 going on to win the Division quarter final but unfortunately were defeated in the Division semifinal.

Midweek Pennant saw Side 5 winning their Section Final and the Division quarter final whilst Thursday Pennant Side 1 also won their Section Final.

The atmosphere at all of the finals was amazing with so many of our members attending the games to cheer their friends on. It certainly shows that the Mulgrave bowlers are proud to be part of this club.

A great effort from all bowlers and you all should be proud of your achievements. A big thanks to all Selection Committees for your hard work and dedication.

On the social side of bowls, we continue to receive good numbers on our weekly Wednesday competition throughout the year and all winter bowls. Our social bowls continue to conduct Social Happy Days and other challenge games.

The club championships have been progressing with the majority completed at the time of my report. Congratulations to all winners, runners-up and participants. This year the committee elected to award trophies to the winners of the club's singles and pairs championship with a small celebration afterwards. Again, all finals have been played in front of a large number of spectators which again adds to the camaraderie of the club.

The Bowls Section hosted a number of external events such as Eastern Ranges Bowls Championships, Pennant Finals, RSL events and the Vermont South Challenge. This coming May we will be hosting the Novice State Carnival over a period of 4 days.

A number of our bowlers represented the club at Region, Victorian and Australian Open events as well as playing in the BPL qualifiers. Our congratulations to Graeme Spencer on winning our Region's Men's Over 60 singles.

Corporate Bowls had another successful year with around 1,000 participants and we must thank Brian Milnes and his helpers for their continued support.

Barefoot Bowls ran through February and March on Friday evenings. This year the weather was very kind to us and we averaged over 60 bowlers each night. The kitchen was converted into a pop-up bar and sandwiches were provided. A BBQ was provided on the last evening headed by Barry Fleming and his chefs. Shane McCluskey was the key driver of these evenings and encouraged everyone to have fun.

All of these activities cannot succeed without volunteers and I thank each and every one of you for giving up your time to ensure that things run like clockwork. The volunteers will be recognised by the Mulgrave Country Club during May.

The Committee held a Special General Meeting in March to present and vote on the Bowls Committee restructure – a consideration that had been on the Committee's agenda for some time. After a lot of suggestions, deliberations, drafts and meetings, we finally put forward the motion to reduce the number of Committee members from 10 to 8 but with more active Sub Committees. It was great to see 54 of our members turn out to support the motion.

Our membership has had a slight increase in numbers which is encouraging to see. We have finished the year with 170 registered bowlers which saw 10 inward transfers and 5 outward plus 12 new bowlers commenced during the year. Our signs are good that we will continue to increase our numbers.

We are grateful to our two sponsors – Barry Plant Monash Real Estate and Keyton Retirement Villages in Rowville. Both have updated their signage around the greens while Keyton were our sponsors of a bowls tournament during March.

The greens staff headed up by Greens Director Stephen Staff and Green Keeper Michael DiMattia ensured that all greens were running at their best all season. The weather was kind right through to February and very little watering was required. The artificial green has been a blessing to the club allowing bowling all year.

Appreciation

I would like to sincerely thank my committee for their support and dedication over the past twelve months and in particular Peter Coe for his continual guidance and for steering me in the right direction. He will be greatly missed when he retires from the committee this coming year. Also retiring are Jeff van de Steenoven who stepped up for me during my absence last year and Dianne Quigley who has done a fantastic job running the Social Bowls Committee. To those who are remaining on the committee - Julie King, Christine Battersby, Dennis Jeffery and Ravi and to those who are joining us I look forward to bigger and better things in the future.

Sue Miller, Chair Bowls Section

PENNANT REPORT

Season 2023/24

The position of Pennant Manager has been vacant for the full year. Full details of the pennant season are contained in the individual Competition Selector's reports.

With the employing of a Head Club Coach who commenced in August 2023, organised practice and drills again commenced prior to the commencement of the pennant season. This has been beneficial to all the bowlers who participated.

Weekend Pennant

Mulgrave had 7 sides competing in the Weekend Competition this season with mixed results.

Midweek Pennant

Mulgrave had 7 sides competing this season with all sides playing 14 rounds.

Thursday 7 a side

Mulgrave had 4 sides in the competition.

The selector panels held an information session prior to the commencement of the season covering all aspects of the competitions. The Club Coach outlined benefits of drills/practice and the actions he was taking for the season.

Appreciation

To all the selectors for their time and effort in ensuring that all sides were selected correctly and filled if any withdrawals during the season.

It was very encouraging to see the large contingent of spectators who supported all our sides in finals.

Wayne Frazer again held the position of Pennant Bowslink Officer ensuring that both the sides and results were entered into the system for all competitions and resolving any issues that arose. A special mention of thanks also to the members who assist with kitchen duties on both Midweek and Weekend, serving tea and coffee to the visiting teams and keeping the kitchen spotlessly clean, especially to Pauline Williams and Molly Simpson.



WEEKEND PENNANT SELECTORS REPORT

Report compiled by Barry Fleming

2023-2024 Selectors

Selectors- Barry Fleming (Chair), Barrie Carson, Leon Ross, Adrian Goldsmith, Rob Jago, Jan Whitehead.

Overview

This season it was pleasing to be able to enter 7 full sides of 16 bowlers, an increase from the 5 full sides and 1 side of 12 that we entered in 2022-23.

This was done to ensure that all bowlers who registered to play weekend pennant got a regular game. This was achieved with the grateful help of our "emergency" bowlers who filled in when we were short. The selectors thank all who helped fill sides enabling Mulgrave CC to field full sides every week of the pennant competition.

Our main aims were to get side 2 promoted to Division 2 and maintain side 1 in Division 1, and for all weekend bowlers to enjoy their bowls, all of which were achieved.

Side 1 were unlucky and missed playing finals by 1 point which was a great effort in a strong section.

Side 2 finished second and defeated Hampton Park in the Section semi-final by 9 shots. They played Hampton Park again to win the **Section grand final** by 5 shots. They played a very strong Rosamond side in the Division quarter final and were unsuccessful but had a great season.

PROMOTED TO DIVISION 2.

Side 3 had a hard job against many clubs' number 1 sides and unfortunately were relegated to Division 4.

Side 4 Finished on top of the Section but lost the Section semi-final to Burden Park by 3 shots. They then played Narre Warren at home and won by 12 shots. The side then played Burden Park in the **Section grand final** and reversed the decision from the last game and won by 5 shots. The next assignment was to play Richmond Union in the Division quarter-final and after 84 ends scores were tied so an extra end was played by all four rinks with Mulgrave CC winning the **Division quarter final by 4 shots**. They then played Altona in the Division semi final but were unsuccessful. Overall, it was a great effort ending up being in the top 4 sides in a 64-side competition. **PROMOTED TO DIVISION 4.**

Side 5 also had a good year finishing 5th only 4 points out of the 4.

Side 6 Came from the clouds and finished 4th. They lost the section preliminary final with scores being tied after 84 ends by one shot in extra ends. A great effort, Congratulations.

Side 7 had a difficult year with many changes to personnel during the year.

In summary we have had Sides 2 and 4 promoted and Side 3 relegated.

Next year the club will be eligible to have sides in Divisions 1,2,4,4,6, with 2 Sides in 7.

I am sure that with the synthetic green again allowing many bowlers to play and practice all winter, our skills will improve again and hopefully next season Mulgrave will be even better.

Appreciation

The selectors would like to thank Lyn Kelly who once again assisted with entering the stats. David West again did a sterling job amending the software to accommodate the revised BV scheduling. Thanks also to our special ladies who helped in the kitchen on Saturdays.

Next season

Like all clubs we need bowlers so it is up to us to look out for bowlers to join Mulgrave CC and if we all help in this regard Mulgrave will only go even further next season.

Barry Fleming

Chair, Weekend Pennant Selectors

WEEKEND 2023/24 SEASON RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SIDE	DIVISION	LADDER FINISH	FINALS	OUTCOME
1	1	5		Remain in Div 1
2	3	2	Section winner, Division Qtr final	Promotion to Div 2
3	3	7		Relegate to Div 4
4	5	1	Section winner, Div Semi final	Promote to Div 4
5	6	5		Remain in Div 6
6	7	4	Section Prelim Final	Remain in Div 7
7	7	8		Remain in Div 7

MIDWEEK PENNANT SELECTORS REPORT

Report compiled by Alan Richards

OVERVIEW OF SEASON 2022/2023

Midweek Pennant has come to an end with many highs and a few not so.

The 14-week season commenced on 24th October 2023 and after much debate and angst we sought to enter 8 sides of 12 players; however on further consideration this was amended to seven Sides ranging from Division 1 through to Division 6. We never had to forfeit due to lack of players so many thanks must go out to all the emergencies who helped us out when we were looking a little dicey with player numbers or when someone was forced to withdraw at the last minute. Without your help we would have had to forfeit games. Our heartfelt thanks to all of those bowlers who acted as Team Managers, Umpires, duty teams and the Controlling Body; without your contribution Pennant could not go ahead.

This Season's Midweek Selectors were comprised of returning selectors Pauline Coe, Graeme Cobbett, Don Matthews and Morris LePage; to this group were added new comers Les Amy and myself as Chair. At one of our early meetings Don indicated that he would not be able to continue in the role for personal health reasons.

We continued as a Committee of 5 for the remainder of the Season.

OVERALL RESULTS

At the end of the home and away season:

Side 1 (Division 1) after a very slow start to the Season rallied towards the end and climbed out of relegation territory to finish 5th in a very effective concluding few rounds.

Side 2 (Division 2) after being relegated last Season finished 4th and played Narre Warren 2 on their quite difficult carpet and could not get across the line on the day.

Side 3 (Division 2) finished 6th after a very tough Season and were able to avoid relegation by one solitary point and will remain in Division 2.

Side 4 (Division 3) finished 8th after a difficult Season where wins were hard to find although we were competitive in many matches. They will be relegated to Division 4.

Side 5 (Division 4) finished a very close 2nd after losing the last two Rounds. 2nd place meant an away game v Hampton Park 1 which they duly won to go directly to the Sectional Grand Final and promotion to Division 3. The next Tuesday they were again pitted against Hampton Park 1 at Noble

Park and came out Sectional Premiers with a 21 shot win, a great success. The side went on to defeat Ferntree Gully 2 at Division ¼ Finals only to lose the Semi to Deer Park 2. A super effort by all who contributed throughout the Season.

Side 6 (Division 5) finished 6th after struggling with many positional changes throughout the season and avoided possible Relegation with great wins in Rounds 11 & 12.

Side 7 (Division 6) finished 3rd after great wins in Rounds 12 & 13 with a bye in Round 14 and became the only Side with a Home Final. In the Section Semi-final they muscled up to Hampton Bayside 4 and won by a very impressive 16 shots to move into Thursday's Preliminary-final against Edithvale 3 and succumbed after a gallant fight. They however did achieve far above expectation given all the personnel changes they experienced through the Season.

We were also able to give many new bowlers a chance to play their first pennant games and thankfully avoided having to forfeit any games due to lack of players. Some really tight results and many Games that were within reach just eluded us, however with the perseverance and commitment demonstrated greater results could be on the cards in Season 2024-25. Congratulations to each and every bowler for your contribution this Season.

Next Season we should have Sides in Divisions 1, 2 (2 Sides) 3, 4, 5 and 6 provided we can field seven Sides again.

APPRECIATION

I take this opportunity to thank my team for supporting me during the season and for their hard work and commitment. Along with the Selection process itself Pauline and Graeme who organised the printing of the cards, labels and writing up the boards on Monday mornings. To Morris for collating the score and performance cards after pennant and Les for taking on the very onerous task of looking after our data entry both for our meetings and posting our Teams (often a number of times due to last minute changes). A lot of work goes on behind the scenes that many are not aware of, however we at Committee enjoy the task and the results of our hard work can be quite satisfying.

We must also give thanks to David West for his IT expertise. He was always available to guide us when we struggled with the computer work.

SUMMARY

In summary – this season included many highs and some disappointments, which as a cohesive Club we overcame, to pursue our sport in the best possible attitude.

We can now look forward to the 2024/2025 with hopes of even more success.

Alan Richards, Chair – Midweek Pennant Selection Committee

MIDWEEK 2023/24 SEASON RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SIDE	DIVISION	LADDER	FINALS	OUTCOME
1	1	5		Remain in Div 1
2	2	4	Section Semi Final	Remain in Div 2
3	2	6		Remain in Div 2
4	3	8		Relegate to Div 4
5	4	2	Section Winner. Division Semi final	Promote to Div 3
6	5	6		Remain in Div 5
7	6	3	Section Prelim. Final	Remain in Div 6



THURSDAY 7-A-SIDE PENNANT SELECTORS REPORT

Report compiled by Jan Whitehead

OVERVIEW OF SEASON 2023/24

Our four 7-A-Side teams played 10 home and away rounds for Season 23/24. Side One and Two finished on top, winning nine and seven games respectively. Side Three had a tough section, whilst Side Four missed out on the final four by one point. Both Sides progressed to the Grand Final played at Burden Park. Side One played strongly on the day, as it had done all season and came away victors over Dandenong 1. Side 2 fought hard against a strong Dandenong 2 but didn't get there on the day. We were always encouraged and spurred on by our many club spectators and appreciate their support at these games.

Again, we've had a successful season with everyone enjoying the 7-A-Side concept. The selectors would like express thanks to those who helped out as emergencies (and those who stayed on and became permanent players) Side Managers, Michael and Jason-Greenkeepers, those who acted as Umpires and Controlling Body, duty people who set up rinks, flags, tea, coffee etc. for home matches. Thanks also to the Bowslink crew of Jeannette and Wayne (and Stephen C for backup) David for his assistance with the Selection Program and to the Committee for their encouragement by providing Highest Scoring Rink vouchers. Finally, my appreciation to Graeme Cobbett who has once again diligently carried out his role as co-selector.

Jan Whitehead
Chair of Selectors

THURSDAY 7-A-Side 2023/24 SEASON RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SIDE	LADDER	FINALS
1	1	Section winner
2	1	Section runner up
3	6	
4	5	

MIDWEEK CLUB BOWLS MANAGER

Report compiled by Stephen Castle

Midweek Triples

The synthetic green continues to allow us to play all year round and has been a great addition to our club.

Midweek Triples has continued to prosper with 50 - 60 players most weeks.

We are again fortunate to have a number of volunteers to run this event each week for the benefit of all. The jackpot game every 4-6 weeks remains popular with jackpots of around \$600 or more.

We continue to attract new bowlers that have joined the Club as well as some players from other clubs, who are always welcome.

The introduction of online bookings has been well received by some bowlers but many more need to make use of it.

Saturday Winter Bowls

Our Saturday Winter bowls programme commenced during April 2023 and we were able to play until August when practice for pennant began. The format is Fours, single entry only, with a Paddle Stick draw that keeps the teams even most of the time.

Even though we play outside, we lost very few days due to the weather.

Whenever the grass greens were unavailable, we were able to continue on the synthetic green but limited our numbers to a maximum of 64. We were filling at least one green each week.

Corporate Bowls

Our corporate bowls season has been in full swing with generous support by many volunteers, who willingly put in to ensure that our corporate guests enjoyed themselves.

We can categorically say that we have had a very successful season.

So far 1100 guests have enjoyed themselves at the Mulgrave Country club, blending bowling fun with their corporate event. Volunteers also enjoyed these occasions as they contributed to the success of these days.

Corporate bowls is always a challenge with many budding bowlers showing their skills which brought great hilarity and many comments.

During this season we had 17 volunteers who contributed more than 180 hours of their time to ensure the success of these corporate events. The importance of these days cannot be underestimated as they are a great fundraiser as can be evidenced in our financial accounts.

I wish to take this opportunity to personally thank all the generous volunteers for their time and support throughout the corporate season.

Brian Milnes Corporate Bowls

Appreciation

A big thanks to Brian Milnes for running the Corporate Bowls, and all who assisted in the running of all events during the year.

Stephen Castle

Midweek Club Bowls Manager

CHAMPIONSHIPS & TOURNAMENT MANAGERS REPORT

Report compiled by Christine Battersby

OVERVIEW OF THE SEASON

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The format used for the past few years was continued this year – e.g. no entry fees and no prizemoney. However, in the two major events – namely the Men's & Ladies' Singles, and Men's & Ladies' Pairs – trophies were presented on the Green at the end of play.

Entries overall this year were encouraging, with the Men's events and Mixed Pairs receiving the most entries. 26 men and 15 women participated in the club singles event.

It was encouraging to see the large number of bowlers at all the finals.

The Proportional Singles and OBE Singles are still to be played.

All results are in the following table.

RESULTS OF EVENTS

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER UP
MENS SINGLES	Carl Millen	Peter Holman
LADIES SINGLES	Alison Meakin	Anne Fitzmaurice
MENS PAIRS	Michael Timmer Rob Jago (s)	Stephen Castle Adrian Goldsmith (s)
LADIES PAIRS	Christine Battersby Laraine Pile (s)	Judy Kingman Julie King (s)
MIXED PAIRS	Anne Fitzmaurice Kelvin (Casey) Cooper (s)	Seetha Hettiarachchi Graeme Spencer (s)
TRIPLES	Graeme Spencer Trevor Ellis Ken Paulson (s)	Michael Timmer Kevin Jago Rob Jago (s)
FOURS	Grantley Woods Chris Papettas Jack Meli David West	Don McDowell Peter Parsons Jan Delaney Graeme Spencer
OBE	Not completed Currently in progress	
PROPORTIONAL	Not completed Currently in progress	



TOURNAMENTS

Keyton Triples – This tournament was sponsored by “Keyton- Retirement Living in Rowville” (\$2,000 prizemoney) on 16th March. 28 teams took part (84 bowlers) with 14 teams attending from outside Clubs. It was a very successful day.

Easter Monday Triples – This tournament was sponsored by Mulgrave Country Club (\$2,000 prizemoney) on 1st April. 30 teams took part (90 bowlers) and was very well received by all who played. We had 19 teams from outside of our club participating which was a great way to showcase our venue.

King’s Birthday Gala Day – This Open Pairs tournament was held on Monday 12th June 2023 where 24 teams participated. This was the second time we had run this event and the increase in teams playing looks good for the future. The weather was kind especially for the time of the year the event is conducted. An increase in prize money will be supplied for this event to be held on Monday 10th June 2024 with John Pilgrim continuing as part sponsor.

Christine Battersby, Championship and Tournament Manager.

SOCIAL BOWLS MANAGER REPORT

Report compiled by DIANNE QUIGLEY

A special thanks to this year’s committee. I was joined by Doraine Sidbottom, Jeanette Milnes, Lynette Snart, Jan Delaney, Eileen O’Donnell, Barrie Carson, Graeme Cobbett, Gail Orchard.

Happy Days

We have successfully held our monthly Happy Days during the 2023/2024 Bowling Season continuing our Paddle Stick draw format and playing triples. Our numbers of participants each month were good but they could have been better. Both October and December were 42 bowlers, November 36 ,February 24 and April our best month with 56. March was cancelled as insufficient interest with bowls finals etc.

Our Annual Jane McGrath Pink Happy Day Fundraiser was once again very successful even though our numbers were down. Many thanks to Doraine Sidbottom and Janet Morrison for their contribution on this day. Many bowlers donated fantastic items for the Silent Auction and the Raffle Table. A total of \$949 was raised and the Country Club also provided funds which were provided to the organisation.

Challenges

Our Cobram Week away in May 2023 was very successful where we had 56 bowlers playing and many non bowlers supporting us. After two days bowling with plenty of friendship, Cobram won the Challenge. We will be returning in May this year with the view to win it back where a total of 71 people will be attending.

Our one day Challenge at Tocumwal was won by Mulgrave. The Tocumwal/ Mulgrave Challenge has been happening for 22 years.

Our Vermont South Challenge was hosted by Mulgrave this year in early January due to Vermont South’s Club Rooms still in a construction stage. Sixty bowlers from each club participated and we all enjoyed a delicious 2 course meal in the Mulgrave Room. John Pilgrim was actively involved in running this event. Mulgrave won by many shots up.

The Cumberland View/Mulgrave Challenge was held on 19/2/2024 at Cumberland View. There were 56 bowlers participating and a delicious B.B.Q. meal was enjoyed by all. Sadly for Mulgrave, Cumberland View won the evening for the first time ever.

Appreciation

A very big thank you to Jeanette Milnes for the organisation of the raffle and ticket sales at our events. To David West in the set up of the large screen and looking after the raffle draws. Thanks to the committee for your contribution.

Dianne Quigley, Social Bowls Manager

SUPPORT & PROVISIONS MANAGERS REPORT

Report compiled by Dennis Jeffery

Review of season.

Products

Bowling Arms

The Hacksaw bowling arm was the overwhelming choice for members from other available brands of which 11 were purchased during the season.

Revenue from the sale of bowls product for this season was \$2493.50 Thanks to you all for your continuing support.

Some bowls products from Henselite were unavailable during the year but are now available and we currently have a full range of products for sale.

Several visiting bowlers commented on the way we had our trading table set up for our members and the prices of products were very reasonable.

If you require a product that you would like, and we do not have it in stock, please see me or one of the assistants and we will endeavour to get that product for you.

Clothing

Uniform

There was no restocking of bowls uniform required this season but sales of existing stock was \$2575.00.

Cancer council hats were extremely popular with 23 being sold to members.

Re-cycled Clothing

This was an overwhelming success for the club. Members who were no longer bowling or had joined other clubs were donating their clothing back to the club to be recycled.

All items were thoroughly inspected, cleaned etc prior to be placed on sale at much reduced prices.

The sales of recycled clothing topped \$772, of which \$392 went back to the members in the form of plates of chips after the last pennant days and prizes for the end of season function.

Communication

The Teamapp communication platform comes free for our use. At present we have 178 players and invited guests. If you are having difficulties in accessing or signing in, please contact one of the Administrators.

Sections Kitchen

For the majority of the pennant season some past bowlers provided the volunteer assistance required to serve the tea and coffee plus clean up.

The staffing of the kitchen on pennant days for next season is currently under review.

Thanks to Ida Mina and her staff for their ongoing support in ordering products for the kitchen and assisting in setting up the self-serve tables for Midweek Pennant late in the season.

Appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joan Jeffery and Marueen Fitzgerald for setting up the trade table on Weekend pennant days, assisting in selling products and on many occasions assisted in the sections kitchen.

Joan Jeffery for sorting, washing, and ironing recycled clothing to be placed for sale.

Molly Simpson and Pauline Williams for their help and service in the members kitchen on pennant days

I would like to wish Pauline all the best as she has moved away from the area and will no longer be available to attend. She has provided help and assistance over many years.

Dennis Jeffery, Support and Provisions

CLUB HEAD COACH REPORT

Report compiled by Graeme Spencer

I would like to thank the Club, Bowls Section and the bowlers for providing me with the opportunity to be your Head Lawn Bowls Coach. It has been a privilege to be able to work with you all. You only get out of your practice what you put in.

DRILLS & TRAINING

Drills and special practice sessions were held every Monday and Thursday afternoons during the run up and throughout the pennant season and averaged 40 players per session. Those who trained the drills were rewarded with good results. This can be evidenced by the solid season we had in four pennant sectional flags - 2 in weekend, 1 in midweek and 1 on Thursday – plus the results in recent Region and State championships. I worked with the selection panels providing information for the best possible side compositions.

APPRECIATION

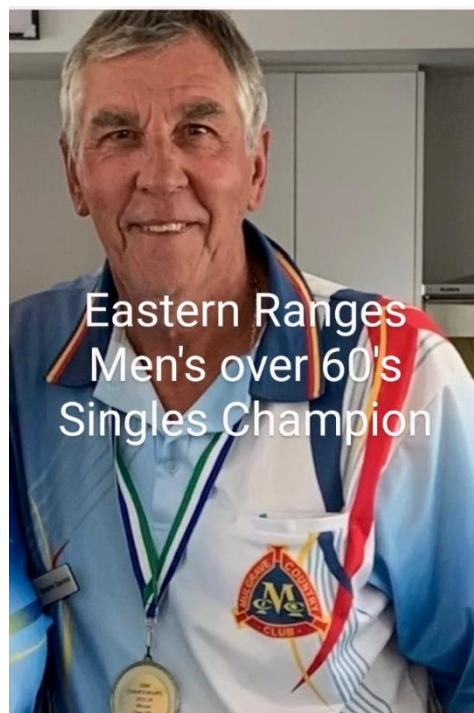
Our coaches spent many hours working with brand new and novice bowlers with special sessions each week enhancing their skills. This is a valuable area to ensure that all bowlers are able to improve on their bowling skills, provide valuable support in any games they play and enjoy the results.

GOING FORWARD

Every bowler is able to make contact with the coaches to improve their general or specific areas requiring development and should not hesitate to approach me or other coaches for assistance.

I look forward to continuing my association with the club going forward.

Graeme Spencer, Head Coach



FINANCIAL REPORT

Report compiled by Ravi Khazanchi



MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB – BOWLS SECTION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2023-2024

Income & Expense Statement – Accounts Controlled by Bowls Section

2022-23		Year 2023-24		Notes
INCOME		Actual	Budget	
1,045	Members Subscriptions	2,789	2,695	
8,517	Corporate Bowls Income	15,534	9,090	1
2,816	Green Fees	2,127	1,782	2
6,263	Merchandise Sales	8,494	2,273	3
3,429	Pink Day Raffles Collection	863	1,500	4
-	Sponsorship & Advertising	2,000	164	5
2,187	Tournament Fees	2,864	1,636	6
2,261	Sundry Income	119	-	
26,519	Total Income	34,790	19,140	
EXPENSES				
3,634	Advertising and Marketing	-	-	
9,169	Catering & Promotional Costs	8,751	12,055	7
3,400	Entry Fees	6,021	3,182	8
1,738	Equipment & Consumables	2,188	1,819	
13,906	Merchandise Purchases	7,337	1,364	
1,500	Players Subsidy	1,536	2,000	9
4,469	Trophy & Awards	6,784	4,000	10
7,182	Other Expense	11,119	14,818	11
44,997	Total Expenses	43,737	39,237	
(18,478)	Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(8,947)	(20,097)	

For the financial Year ending March 31, 2024, the accounts controlled by Bowls Section posted a deficit of \$8,947 compared with the budgeted deficit of \$20,097. The result was over \$11,150 better than the budget and \$9,531 better than prior year's deficit of \$18,478. This result is a pleasing effort by Bowls members, helped greatly by a record Corporate Bowls income.

Bowls section continues to support its members, the community and activities in promoting the club through the following major activities:

- Sponsorship of Bowls Victoria Novice State Carnival
- Donation to the Jane McGrath Foundation
- Sponsoring prizes for the Easter Monday Tournament (open to all registered bowlers)
- Weekly 'Best Rink' prizes incentive to the members for Pennant games
- Promoting Sporting activity through Free Barefoot Bowls Events

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

INCOME

1. *Corporate Bowls*: An extremely successful year with over 1100 Corporate guests enjoying Bowls. Almost half the annual Bowls income is generated from this activity. Increased charge per head compared to budget.
2. *Green Fees*: For Hosting Pennant Finals as well as ERBR championship events on our Greens
3. *Merchandise Sales*: Supporting members with Bowls clothing and products. Increased sales with corresponding increase in purchases.
4. *Raffles*: All Raffle collections for Pink Day Tournament are donated to the Jane McGrath Foundation.
5. *Sponsorship*: Keyton Sponsorship (\$2000) was renewed this year but not budgeted.
6. *Tournament Fees*: Entry Fees Collected for Keyton (March 2024) and Easter Monday (April 2023) tournaments.

EXPENSES

7. *Catering Costs*: Tournaments Catering, Kitchen Supplies and BBQs etc
8. *Entry Fees*: Pennant Entry Fees to Bowls Vic (\$2396); ERBR Region Fees (\$1190); Green Fees for Pennant Finals played at other Clubs; and entry Fees for members playing in region, state and National championship events.
9. *Players Subsidy*: Allowance paid to bowlers or officials involved in prestigious events
10. *Trophy and Awards*: Sponsoring prizes for the Easter Monday Tournament (2023); Keyton Tournament 2024 (not budgeted for), Best Rink Vouchers for Pennant games and Club Championship Trophies.
11. *Other Expenses*: Novice sponsorship \$2000; Barefoot Advertising \$2,600 (flyers); Repairs and Maintenance; Bowls Vic Transfer Fees; Coaches and Umpires reaccreditation Fees and Other Sundry expenses

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