



Bentleigh Bowling Club



NEWSLETTER- JULY 2021

A WORD FROM THE PREZ

Season 2021/21 saw us face one of the biggest challenges the world has had to face in many decades. I am proud to say that when lockdown 2.0 ended after 112 days we came out fighting and as a club we made it through like the champions we are! To those who played; bought a drink; paid for a raffle ticket; thank you! To the volunteers who worked tirelessly to run barefoot events; open days; Century 21; functions; and the people who quietly attend the club and work behind the scenes every day; thank you! As a result of all your efforts, we were able to meet all our financial commitments. You should all be proud and hold your head high.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mark McLean, Helen Nordrum and Anne Stuart who have joined as Social Members, Melinda White has joined as a Social Playing Member, Spencer Wilson, Lynette Zeeng and Brian Uphill have joined as Playing Members. Lynette and Brian join us from Moorabbin and Spencer attended one of our open days earlier this year. We know Mel she has already proved herself a handy member, taking the photos at Century 21. We look forward to getting to know each of you better over the coming months.

RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Many of you will have noticed that there has been considerable repair activity happening to the roof of the clubhouse. The roof has been an issue for us for many years, leaking whenever it rained. There have been at least 3 attempts to repair these leaks over the last 20 years, but to no avail. Although the roof drains correctly, it has not been possible to permanently seal around the roof fixtures which penetrated the roof into the clubhouse. As a result, considerable damage is now evident in the main hall area.



The Committee has made the decision to put a new membrane down to seal the roof (now that all the old air conditioning unit requiring roof penetration has been removed) and prevent further damage to the hall.

To date, the existing penetrations into the roof have been sealed as a temporary measure only, and not as a long-term fix.

We have 1 quote for a new membrane and are waiting for 1 or 2 others, but many companies are declining to quote due to the size of the job. The membrane will come with a 20-year guarantee (but expected to last for many more years beyond the 20). We expect to have these works completed in the next 3 months; just waiting for some good weather.

I know that there is a lot of interest in putting a Colorbond or pitch roof up at some stage. This is **NOT** off the table, but the process to get there is longer and includes engineering consultation; architectural input; and council approval. This will all take time. With the current repairs not guaranteed to last the distance, we have made the decision to protect the hall from further damage and give ourselves time to consider all options as to the best way forward. It will also give us time to consider what club members would prefer as we will be seeking input and possibly even putting several suggestions to the vote.

In regards to the Hall, you will notice in the coming weeks and months there will be a new ceiling installed. As a part of those works, the honour boards will be temporarily removed to allow the walls to be repaired and painted. As part of the works, we will be undertaking some emergency electrical work and pre-wiring for potential upgrades to the sound and security systems.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Thursday, August 19, 2021	Curry Night – Put it in your calendar now!
Saturday, August 21, 2021	Kennel Cup – still in the planning stages
Saturday, August 28, 2021	St Leonards Trip Away
Saturday, September 4, 2021	Round 1 Saturday 9-a-Side (3 rounds in total)
Tuesday, September 14, 2021	Round 1 Tuesday 9-a-Side (3 rounds in total)
Friday, September 24, 2021	Peter Burnett Memorial (Friday AFL) – planning stages
Saturday, October 2, 2021	Practice Game - and Opening of Greens @ midday
Saturday, October 9, 2021	Practice Game
Saturday, October 16, 2021	Round 1 Saturday
Tuesday, October 19, 2021	Round 1 Tuesday
Friday, October 21, 2022	Round1 Thursday



New to the calendar this year is the 9-a-side event introduced by Bowls Vic. We have entered 4 teams for Saturday and 2 teams for Tuesday. For Saturday can you please contact Alan Butler and let him know what dates you will be available, the 3 dates are 4th, 11th and 18th September, email Alan on alanfb28341@hotmail.com or text 0490793091, for Tuesday please contact Ros at rosaiz19@hotmail.com or text on 0409 790 498 the dates are 14th, 21st and 28th September. When the club opens there will also be a whiteboard at the front entrance.

This year the intention is to play the Peter Burnett Memorial at Bentleigh. Garry Waldron is spearheading our competition this year. There will be a form put up on the noticeboard next week for you to register your interest.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS AND OTHER CLUB UPDATES

A big shout out to **JORDAN BLAIR-BREMNER** who has accepted the role of Barefoot Co-ordinator and Functions Convenor. This is a very important role within the club and one that carries a lot of responsibility. If you have a few hours to volunteer to help Jordan with either barefoot or a function, please get in touch.

COACHES CORNER – a big thank you to Lindsay Kerr for the great content in Coaches Corner. It is always nice to see people taking the initiative to advance the skills and knowledge of our bowlers. The feedback I have heard from members is very positive. Keep up the great work Lindsay!

POSITIONS VACANT – We are still looking for a people to apply for Social Committee and a Kitchen Manager. If you think you have what it takes and a few spare hours, please get in touch with a member of the committee. All applications will be greatly appreciated.

BAR PRICES – effective 4th August, 2021 there will be a price increase on most drinks. We have not had a price rise on our beer for many years and we have taken the decision to pass through the twice yearly increases that we receive from many of our suppliers. Moving forward: Schooners will be \$6 member, \$7 non-member; stubbies \$5 member, \$6 non-member; wine \$7 member \$8 non-member; soft drink \$3 etc.

BAR TABS – There has been a marked increase in the number of bar tabs that are not being settled before a member leaves the club,. Although we are not implementing a strict policy to have tabs closed, we do encourage our members to try and tap off before they leave. I ask this for good reason, when you leave without settling your tab there is potential for additional charges to be added to the tab accidentally, eg when we have a busy function there is an increased risk that someone will tap your ticket instead of the function ticket. The club will not be responsible for these erroneous charges if you have left a tab open. Your best protection is to tap off. Also, a gentle reminder that the tab limit is \$50. Please do not ask for more as refusal may cause embarrassment to yourself and the bar person.

PROJECTS IDEAS

Many of you have expressed an interest in submitting ideas on how you would like to see the club spend the funds received from the sale of Southern Indoor Bowling Club. Greg Fidler is currently compiling and leading a review of a list of ideas that have already been provided and we welcome others. To date 30 separate ideas have been received, of which three linked to roof sealing and main function room renovation are in train.

The committee will look at the best way to ensure all members can see what has been proposed and have input into what projects are adopted.



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The projects identified and the current position of the Committee with respect to moving forward on individual ideas (or not!) will be communicated to members as the various reviews complete.

CENTURY 21

Our event this year was slightly scaled back to accommodate COVID rules. Nonetheless, it was a great day had by all. Thank you to all the volunteers for making this a memorable event once again. Below are a few photos from the day. I will work on getting more up on our website over the coming weeks; so keep a look out on our page. We will be running Century 21 again in 2022 and with a bit of luck, we will be able to run a full tournament program.



A BIT OF FUN!

What is wrong with this photo? It looks like Dougie, but the glass of water is a dead give-away. We will continue to negotiate with the aliens for his safe return.

