



Bentleigh Bowling Club



NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2022

Welcome to the first days of Autumn signaling the end of the bowling season! Our last match before finals is this Saturday and I would like to invite everyone to join in the celebration and share some pizza and laughs after the games. The impact of Covid in 2022 has posed a few challenges for our hard- working selectors. I congratulate them on the terrific job they have done trying to field as many teams as possible. It has not been an easy task. They have had to make some tough decisions, but always in the spirit of sportsmanship and inclusion. Bentleigh 1 is in the hunt for a grand final berth and a possible promotion to Division 1. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them every success this weekend. With the changes in the Conditions of Play published by Bowls Vic, we are likely to see some re-alignment of divisions for some of our other sides.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

I would like to extend a very warm Bentleigh Bowling Club welcome to our new members Don Fitzgerald, Glenn Morrissey, Geoff Paterson, Dave Sawyers and Steve Boyce, looking forward to seeing you down at the club soon.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Saturday 5th March – Last Weekend Pennant Game – Pizza after the game – I have asked Jim Arkell to pop in as well, so fingers crossed we get to help him celebrate his 100th birthday

Cancelled – Sunday 6th March – Special General Meeting

Tuesday 8th March – Electric Light – 3 Teams Playing Home with Bentleigh 1 v Higgins 1

Saturday 12th March – Pennant Finals

Saturday 19th March to 23rd April – Lightning Pairs

Saturday 2nd April – Century 21 (**no Lightning Pairs**)

Saturday 9th April – Edinburgh Shield

Saturday 30th April – Winter Bowls Commences

Saturday 30th April – Presentation Night

Sunday 29th May – AGM

RENOVATION UPDATE

After nearly a year of renovation activity at the club, we are pausing to give our valued volunteers a breather. At this stage, we have no firm plans to undertake any further major works. The list of suggested projects is still being reviewed on a regular basis and at some stage we will again look at what improvements we can undertake to enhance the club.

BBQ Area:

All the hard work has now been done on this area. The BBQ is installed and working. The grass is bedded in and the furniture is on the way. What a great space for us to enjoy into the future.



COACH UPDATE

Coaching is still available on a Thursday and Sunday. Please reach out to David and book in a lesson. Now is the time to look at how you can improve your technique and use the off season to practice up big!

The club now has about 5 bowling arms available for loan at the club house. Contact Peter Blee if you would like to try one out and maybe even get a lesson.

Looking to increase your knowledge of bowls? Then check our Coach's Corner <https://bentleighbowlingclub.bowls.com.au/coachs-corner/> websites to view Coach's Corner articles on green practice drills and videos.

SANDBELT REGIONAL UPDATES

The Sandbelt Champion of Champions will commence on 28 March, 2022. That is the last of the events for the season. Watch out for next season and get involved.

We hosted the Men's Singles and the Novice Women's Singles at the club. It was great to see the up-and-coming talent from the Novice sections.

If you haven't already set up your Bowlslink account, below are 2 videos that show you how to create your account and also how to enter an event.

Creating an Account:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPcoR_uFRog

Entering an Event:

[BowlsLink - How to Enter a Competition Tutorial - YouTube](#)

HONOURABLE MENTIONS AND OTHER CLUB UPDATES

It was Jim Arkell's 100th birthday on the 25 February 2022 and we wish Jim the very best. I delivered a card signed by many of our members on Sunday and Jim was very appreciative of the gesture. You can also go to the Caulfield RSL Page where they have a photo of Jim being serenaded by "Marilyn". At the end of the Newsletter is the article from the Herald Sun. Many of you may have been lucky enough to also see Jim celebrate with his mates from Tatts bowls.

Bruce McGeachin also celebrated a birthday on the 1st March 2022. Happy birthday Bruce from all of us at the club.

Congratulations to Jenny Naylor and Alan Marsh, club champions! A might effort! I had the pleasure of marking for the Women's final and then stayed to watch the men's. Some really great bowling was on display

We lost one of our members in recent weeks - Vale Tim Dodgson. Tim leaves behind his wife Danni and children.

Blue Bentleigh Hoodies are back in stock - \$55 each

PHOTOS!

VALE TIM DODGSON



JIM ARKELL TURNS 100!



Jim with his great granddaughter Polly Rose, 7 months, during his celebratory lunch at the bowling club. Picture: David Caird



GETTING TO 100 IS HARD WORK

WAR veteran and keen lawn bowler Jim Arkell says "making the best of everything" is the key to a long and happy life as he prepares to celebrate his 100th birthday on Saturday.

Mr Arkell, a much-loved character, delivers annual speeches to students at Gardenvale Primary School and marches in the Anzac Day parade

every year. He is a life member of the Tatts Bowlers club and a keen participant in the sport in Bentleigh.

The veteran, an RSL member for 75 years, served in Tobruk in north Africa and New Guinea during the World War II.

The soon-to-be centenarian still maintains his home, drives his car and does his own shopping.

"Having the best of everything doesn't bring happiness. It's making the best of everything," Mr Arkell said.

"You've got to work hard, I think, physically, as much as possible.

"Altogether, various things go wrong - there's cancer and different things - but I feel very lucky to be still here and enjoying life."

Stickv moment for 'solar' driver



CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS – JENNY NAYLOR AND ALAN MARSH



WHAT A LOVELY COUPLE!



THE NEW BBQ AREA



TREVOR IN ISO

