



Bentleigh Bowling Club



NEWSLETTER - JULY 2022

Welcome to Winter! But don't let the cold think things aren't happening down at the club. Our band of volunteers have been working up a storm with the club looking better than ever, check out the photos at the end of the newsletter to see the transformation.

Winter Bowls is in full swing with lots of yummy soup on offer to ward off the winter chill. Add your name to the weekly Entry Form in the Clubhouse or arrive at the Club before midday on Saturday to get a game

Our selectors are beavering away planning a host of pre-season activities, and lastly a big shout out to our Social Committee, Mel and Mel for the great events that have been organized, Curry Night, Hot Dog Night and Dave Drummond, awesome work ladies!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

I would like to extend a very warm Bentleigh Bowling Club welcome to our new members Juan Tortosa, Ken Coles, Norman Laver, Alan Young, Sue Young and Peter Kent. We are all looking forward to meeting you down at the club for a bowl as we start to warm up for the season, and as always, some social interaction in the clubrooms on a Thursday evening.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Wednesday 27th July – 9AM – Matthew Guy (Victorian State Opposition Leader) will visit to announce a potential grant for the club if the Liberals are successful in winning the next election – Please come along and support this event, Matthew is expected to be at the club for just under an hour.



Sunday 7th August, 9AM – **Working Bee!**

We need about 7-10 people to assist with removing the old sand and replacing with new sand in the ditches. Kicking off at about 9AM, please let John Hayes know if you can help.

Saturday 20st August is penciled in for our Opening of the Greens ceremony – don't miss out!

Friday 26th August Weekend – St Leonard's Weekend – The entry/accommodation forms are up on the Notice Board, any questions to Heathy. Our Mission - To bring Graham the Seagull home!

Saturday 3rd / 10th / 17th September – Pre-Season 9-A-Side competition

Saturday 17th September – Peter Burnett Cup against Hampton RSL

Saturday 1st October – Practice Match against Coatesville

Saturday 8th October – Practice Match against Hampton

Keep an eye on the noticeboards as forms will go up to gather interest in the various activities coming up, along with entry forms for some events.

RENOVATION UPDATE

External Upgrades:

What a great job our volunteers have done in completing the painting of the clubrooms. A big shout out to Greg Fidler, Pat Tempini, Alan Walker, Trevor Hanby and John Hayes for all their hard work. The external appearance of our club is now something we can be proud of.

The hedge at the front has now been removed and a new fence installed, upgrades to the gates and added security lighting down the side bordering Hodgson reserve has added to the safety and appeal of the area, along with new plant and screening around the water tanks.

To finish off the BBQ area we have also added new fencing, this gives us an area to securely store the bins, hopefully eliminating people using them to dispose of their own rubbish. Along with this the area has been levelled with new concreting and a barrier shielding the area. The disabled parking has also been upgraded with wider parks and clearer signage. Great work Crumpy and your band of merry helpers that included the usual suspects and of course Barb and Jude on garden duty.



COACH'S UPDATE

It's great to be reappointed as the club coach for Season 22-23 to help and support members improve skills and achieve their goals. After long delays due to COVID I'm finally on the way to getting my coaching accreditation with Vic Bowls. On the coaching front, the Sunday sessions (10am to 12noon) will formally start again from 8th September and for those looking for one on one coaching please get in touch with me to organise a suitable time. The start of the new season will come around quickly so start thinking about what skills you need to improve and focus on. Check out [Coach's Corner](#) on the Bentleigh web site for details of drills and skills you can practice.

SANDBELT REGIONAL UPDATES

Sandbelt Bowls Region have announced their schedule for the 2022/23 season. [Sandbelt Championships 2022-23 - Sandbelt Bowls Region](#), the first event kicks off on 2nd October with the Novice Singles. Visit the website and put your name down for an event. You will need to enter via Bowslink, so if you haven't already set up your Bowslink account now's the time to get it sorted. There are instructions at the link above on how to set up an account and how to enter an event. There is also a "Conditions of Play" document that can be viewed.

As many of you will be aware David Crook (Bentleigh Member) has retired from running the Sandbelt Championship events. A big thank you to David and Rosemary Michael (Glen Eira McKinnon) for their tireless effort in ensuring the success of this event over many years.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS AND OTHER CLUB UPDATES

The **AGM** was held at the club on 19th June 2022. Firstly, I would like to thank outgoing committee members Robert Fisher, Erica Horsfield and Keith Gillett for their services over the past year, giving your personal time to help run the club is much appreciated, I hope you have a well-deserved rest!

I would like to welcome back to Committee Kevin Bosward, Gary Crump and Steve Brady, all have had previous stints and I applaud them for giving it another go. We have 2 new members, joining as Ordinary Members, welcome Alan Marsh and Wendy Stoupas. For a list of who is on what committee and in what position please visit:

[Committees - Bentleigh Bowling Club \(bowls.com.au\)](http://bowls.com.au)

On the night we also gave awards to the following members:

Robert Fisher and Greg Fidler – Club Person of the Year
Steve Brady - Merit Award

Greg Fidler was also awarded a life membership for his tireless efforts around the club for over 20 years.

We held **Presentation Night** on 30th April, and welcomed 7 members of the Osbourne family. Congratulations to the following winners:

Alan Walker - The Doug Osborne Award
Alan Mash - Men's Singles Champion
Jenny Naylor – Women's Singles Champion
Lindsay Kerr & Garry Waldron – Open Pairs
Alan Walker, Chris Michell & John Hayes – Open Triples
Blair Weller – Novice Singles
Gary Crump – Ken Richardson Trophy (Electric Light)
Jenny Naylor – McGeachin/McColl Award (Tuesday Mid-Week)

As mentioned in the upcoming events section, we are being visited by **Matthew Guy**, the Victorian State Opposition Leader for the Liberal Party to announce a \$20K grant if the Liberal Party are successful in winning government at the next election. Matthew will be visiting at around 9AM on the morning of Thursday 27th July. We'd like as many members as possible to spare an hour on Thursday morning to support the club. The grant is for upgrading the lights on the top green. These are in disrepair and are not energy efficient. We would like to get energy efficient halogen lighting, which will allow us to run more community engagement events whilst being able to grow our Electric Light team participation. In honour of his visit we will be flying the aboriginal flag and doing a "Welcome to Country".

On a final note, there is still a vacancy for the **School Bowls Conveyor**. This will be Chris Michell's last year. If you would like to help the club and are able to volunteer a few hours on a Friday morning in the

first and last semester of the school term please come and see your friendly committee member to express your interest.

PHOTOS!

VALE LAURIE GALLINA (RENZO) AND MARJORIE SHEERS



DAVE DRUMMOND



PRESENTATION NIGHT – WE WILL GET MORE PHOTOS UP ON THE WEBISTE



PAINTING



BEFORE



AFTER



HOT DOG NIGHT



AWARDS – 1000 GAMES FOR THE MCGEACHINS

750 GAMES FOR THE MCCOLLS

