



Bentleigh Bowling Club



NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2022

Welcome to season 2022/23 and we are off to a flying start, yes, I have crossed out flying as we are struggling a little with player numbers, although it looks like we are turning the corner with a small reserve list this week for both Saturday and Tuesday pennant. A reminder to please let the selectors know as far in advance as possible if you are not available, it makes planning easier, especially if we need to approach other clubs to obtain subs. With Christmas fast approaching our barefoot & functions manager has been busily booking in events across November and December. The revenue that we generate from this Christmas activity is important to sustain us financially through the leaner winter months. Please do your bit and be respectful of the groups that will be hiring our facilities for their celebrations, how you interact with our guests is a direct reflection on how people view our club.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

I would like to extend a very warm Bentleigh Bowling Club welcome to our new members Martin Becker, Nadya Krienke-Becker, Vicki Carlisle, Sally Coles, Paul Creasey, Ian Dowling, David Entwistle, Mary Entwistle, Ian Madanis, Lucas Rowan, Bryan Samuels, Cathy Stone, Ben Thomas and Lynda Wilson. We are all looking forward to meeting you down at the club for a bowl as we get into the season, and as always, some social interaction in the clubrooms on a Thursday evening.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Dave Drummond – Sunday 20th November – Don't forget Dave is back down at the club from 3-6.30PM. These are great afternoons and with the weather looking better each week what a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon, bring your family and friends to enjoy some free barefoot as well! I see there will be "Super Hotdogs" so dinner is all taken care off. See you there.



Christmas Party - Saturday 17th December – Mel and Mel from the Social Committee are planning something special for the Christmas Party this year. So, dust off the dancing shoes and bring your appetite as we plan to party into the wee hours!

Skinny Santa – Saturday 24th December – Will we get a visit from Skinny Santa this year??
Come down to the club on Christmas Eve to celebrate the silly season with see who pops in.



Electric Light – The Tuesday night Electric Light competition kicked off on the 8th November, with Benteigh 1 being in “Premier Division” it is a great opportunity to come on down and see some awesome bowlers. The bar will be open from 6:30PM.

Henselite Vic Open – Friday 18th November to Friday 25th November – there will be no pennant on Saturday 19th November, but we do have a team at the Open, Good Luck Garry Waldron, Dave Willey, Lindsay Kerr, Bernie Powell, Trevor Hanby and Juan Tortosa who have entered into the Open – great to see Benteigh represented!

Century 21 Tournament – Pencil in 18th March, 2023 for our annual C21 tournament, volunteers will be needed on the day.

SELECTION

This year the selectors have introduced an updated “Selection Policy”. This can be viewed at any time on our website at [BBC-Selection-Policy-2022-2023-v2.pdf \(bowls.com.au\)](#). There is also a hard copy pinned to the noticeboard near the bar. I would like to draw your attention to 3 sections of the policy:

Section 3 - Selection Principles

To treat all players with fairness and without bias or discrimination. To adhere to the competition ‘Conditions of Play’. To develop players for the future as well as looking for success in the current season. To select competitive and compatible teams to represent the club in each Pennant Division to achieve the following defined goals:

- Division 2 - win section final
- Division 3 - finish in top 4
- Division 4 - finish in top 4
- Division 6 - develop player skills and finish higher than last place

Section 5 – Player Obligations

Respect the decisions made and understand that selectors are doing their best. Accept and play your selected role to the best of your ability. Players have 48 hours to appeal the selection decision by contacting the Chairman of Selectors. Players are not to raise selection issues with individual selectors.

Section 7 - Unavailability

Player unavailability has flow-down effects. Players should post any known unavailability dates on the noticeboard. If a player is unable to play, they may not be automatically re-selected in that division. If warranted, the player who has taken their spot will retain that spot.

If we can all pull together and give selectors enough notice of availability it will allow them to select teams on a Wednesday with minimal disruption later in the week. If you withdraw because you are unhappy with where you are picked or have another club related issue, please talk to a selector or me. A last-minute withdrawal has a ripple effect through many of the divisions, and in some instances may create a situation where we must drop the Div 6 team, this means 10+ people who want to play miss out. The obvious exception here is if you are unwell, as per the advice we have been giving for the last 2+ years please don't attend the club if you are sick!

Also, it is **really important** that all players lodge their voting cards after each pennant game and I encourage you to do so - it is important not to deprive one of your team mates of winning one of our prestigious awards by not voting. This of course applies to Saturday and Tuesday pennant and Electric Light. The cards are to be deposited in the relevant labelled box in the selection room. If you cannot lodge on the day, you can most certainly do so in the days after or even the following week.

COACHING – A Note from Dave

Your coach is now an 'accredited coach' with Bowls Australia.

The start to the season has brought mixed results for the sides but my message to all players is always; "focus on what you can control, practice with purpose and execute your skills to the best of your abilities". Remember there are many ways to work on your skills.

- Attend the Sunday coaching session 10am-12noon.
- Request a one-on-one coaching lesson (contact me to arrange a suitable time).
- Participate in drills (weather permitting) on Thursday training sessions.
- Check out [Coach's Corner](#) on the Bentleigh web site for details of drills and skills you can practice.

I'm here to help - Dave Willey



SANDBELT REGIONAL UPDATES

Sandbelt Bowls Region have some updates for conditions of play, these can be viewed at: [Microsoft Word - BV State Champ Events Conditions of Play 2223 FINAL \(bowlsvic.org.au\)](#), the schedule and draws for the 2022/23 season can be viewed at: [Sandbelt Championships 2022-23 - Sandbelt Bowls Region](#), the “Fours” and “Over 60’s” can still be entered. You will need to enter competitions 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.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS AND OTHER CLUB UPDATES

Vale Richard McColl – Richard was a member of Bentleigh for 30 years, loved and dedicated husband to Nilma for over 70 years. He will be sadly missed by all those that knew him. A true gentleman and a dedicated club member – rest peacefully Richard

Vale Beverley Prindiville – A much loved and respected member at Bentleigh. Bev loved her bowling and was a fierce competitor. She was always the first to put her hand up to help no matter what the test. She will be missed by all. RIP Bev.

Opening of the Greens - We held the Opening early this year on Saturday 20th August. A big thank you to all that came along to watch Nick Staikos local member for Bentleigh and Steve Dimopolous local member for Oakleigh and Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events perform the opening ceremony. We also took the opportunity to get a new photo for our website, so if you haven’t already check it out on our cover page.

Refurbished Lights for Green 1 – A big thank you to Lindsay Kerr who has been working quietly behind the scenes to secure funding for the refurbishment of the lights above the top green. It was a pleasure to host Nick Staikos on Thursday 22nd October where he announced that we had been granted \$25K towards to cost of the refurbishment.

Grass Greens - Many of you may have noticed that the top green has had some flooding issues over the past month. The Greens Director and Greens Keeper are working with Ian Chudleigh Plumbers [lan Chudleigh Plumbers Moorabbin – Chudleigh Plumbing](#) to identify the exact issue and provide possible solutions. It appears that the water table has risen significantly due to La Niña, you can read more about this condition at: [What is La Niña and how does it impact Australia? \(bom.gov.au\)](#). This weather activity has also made the “Doug Osbourne Green” less accessible, keep an eye out for the “Greens Closed” signs before commencing practice, but from all accounts the Dougie has been running nicely.

Deck Update – How nice do the plants on the deck look! We managed to secure some of the plastic outdoor chairs from the Bentleigh Club, and with the addition of a new table and a few extra chairs that Crumpy negotiated a massive discount from Bunnings we now have a very inviting entertainment area for the summer. A roster to water the plants may need to be set up as I understand we have about 5 people watering them! It is great to see so many people wanting to help around the club, keep it up people.

BBQ Picnic Area - We will also be purchasing outdoor umbrellas for this area, can’t wait to see this area being used over the summer.

PHOTOS!

VALE RICHARD McCOLL AND BEVERLY PRINDIVILLE



DAVE DRUMMOND

Dave Drummond is Back!!!

SUNDAY ARVO
20 November 2022
3.00 PM – 6.30 PM



BENTLEIGH BOWLING CLUB
1 HIGGINS ROAD, BENTLEIGH



TOP GREEN LIGHTS



THE TOP GREEN



OPENING OF THE GREENS

