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**9th Edition**

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## Bryan Lee Reporting.

In early May I was approached by Rye Primary School and asked if Rye Bowls Club would coach a number of students from grade 6 to play lawn bowls as part of the Peninsula Primary Schools Bowls Challenge.

Over 5 Mondays during May and June, 14 students came over to our club during their lunch break to learn as much as possible about lawn bowls as the rather limited time would allow.

We used carpet bowls for this instruction as ordinary would have been too large for their small hands and we did not have any very small lawn bowls. It was great to see the improvement in their their technique and feel over this fairly short period. One tiny young girl was totally blind, and it was really great to see her trying her heart out and to see truly wonderful care and assistance provided by one of her classmates, holding her hand on the way over to the club, assisting her up and down onto the green, leading her forward and placing her on the mat, guiding her by hand and voice the whole time, even standing out a little in front to provide her with some sound, clapping or voice for her to aim at.



The culmination of this training took part on June 21st at Sorrento Bowls Club where 88 students from 8 Peninsula Primary Schools all met to compete against each other. Bowls Victoria brought down 18 boxes of lawn bowls from Melbourne, nearly all size O or OO. These were still a little large and not helped by very wet greens on the day. The Rye students were split into 3 teams of 4, one team included the blind girl who made the team up to 5 with her only delivering 1 bowl and her lead only 1 bowl each end. This team

won their match by 11 shots with the other 2 Rye teams going down by 1 shot and 10 shots respectively.

My grateful thanks are extended to John Johnston and Bill Court for constantly returning the bowls at the mat end on one occasion, and to Alan Jones and Pam Christgorgl for their help in coaching during the training sessions and on the Final Day.

The kids really enjoyed their time with us and acquitted themselves well, and it is hoped that by introducing them to lawn bowls now, they may sometimes in the future take up the sport.



## GENERAL NEWS

With the 2017 / 2018 season due to start on Saturday October 7th, you may be aware we are now in the Mornington Peninsula Bowls Division. We have 2 Midweek teams in Restricted Divisions 1 and 3 and 5 Saturday teams in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6.

The selection committee is well aware with having entered 5 Saturday teams it needs 64 players each week to meet its obligation. Failure to do so will lead to the club receiving a fine. Please make yourself available as much as possible. If you are unavailable, put your name on the unavailable list in the Mens locker area.



Members will be aware the new green is up and “running” after being cared for like a baby by John Collery. Well done John and congratulations on keeping the greens and grounds in tip top condition.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Pennant Practice - The final 2 days are on September 23rd & 30th. As the September 30th is Grand Final day we will start at 11.00am.

Monday Triples commence on September 18th. Please put your names down as early as possible.

On Sunday September 24th there is a Trivia Afternoon at the Club rooms from 2.00 - 5.00pm. Entry is \$5.00 and BYO afternoon tea. These days are very popular and great fun, so to avoid disappointment, add your name to the list on the notice board.

## BEHIND THE SCENES

The club has continued to operate during the off season with the help of many, especially Maurie Nicholls. Plans for a successful season on and off the greens are in place. Also a big thank you to Ray and Robyn Wilson who organised for the Club to operate the “Sausage Sizzle” at Bunnings in August. It was a great success and raised almost \$1500 for the Club. Many thanks to all the helpers on the day.

## SOCIAL NEWS

Once again our Club was represented at the Annual Echuca Challenge. We had a group of 14 players participate in the event.

The quality of the opposition was of a very high standard, as usual. Whilst our boys did not have to prepare any acceptance speeches, there were several outstanding performances off the green in the eating, drinking and gambling events.

## MEMBERS DRAW

We are pleased to advise members of a new concept for the Members' Draw this year. A draw will be conducted on Friday and Wednesday nights.

How it Works:

1. Commencing on Friday September 15th, the starting prize amount is \$100.00
2. If your member number is drawn and you are at the club the \$100.00 is yours.
3. If we do not have a winner, another draw for the \$100.00 will take place on the following Wednesday.
4. Again if we do not have a winner the prize will increase by \$10.00 per week until we reach \$300.00. The draw for the jackpot amount will continue until we have a winner. When the jackpot is won, the prize will revert to a starting amount of \$100.00.

Hope to see you there - being a member, you are automatically in every draw.

## CLUB UNIFORMS

We have a supply of new shirts, jackets, trousers, caps, spray, chalk and Grippo available. Please contact Kevin Lawson.

## OPENING DAY

This year Opening Day was held on Saturday September 9th. Fine weather contributed to what was a very successful day. 75 people enjoyed a very pleasant start to the season and had the opportunity to try out the new green. Two games of 10 ends were played. Players and friends enjoyed a BBQ lunch with salad followed by a cup of tea with a banana cake.

At lunch a presentation was made by Allan Winnett (Bowls Victoria) to our new Super Veterans. "OBE" medallions were presented to Brian Barrett, Tony Scott, Vic Kambouris, Marilyn Court, Max Loves and Nerina Berni. Congratulations to all of you - playing bowls can really help to keep us healthy and active.

The club also welcomed new members Martin Klyne, Ken Lafranchi and Doug Payne.

The club would like to wish all members a happy and successful season.

## Our Opening Day Sponsor Stan and Nancy Price



## MEMBER PROFILES

Margaret and Ray Newton have been stalwarts of our Club from the time they moved to Rye from Frankston in 1988 and then joined Rye Bowls Club in 1990. Both have been extremely valuable Club members and have performed consistently on and off the green.

Margaret was on the committee as Ladies Secretary for 5 years and has always been available to assist in the kitchen with afternoon tea or full meals. Between all of these demands, Margaret found time to be an important member of the Ladies pennant teams.

Ray has also been a great contributor in all aspects. He has been a skipper in Division 1 for 10 years, an accredited coach, Club pairs champion in 1995 and a member of the Division 2 premierships pennant team in season 2015/2016. For the past 6 years, Ray has been chairman of the match committee and only those close to the situation will appreciate just how difficult and frustrating this task can be.

His working life as a boiler maker / welder commenced in England which led to several years on oil rigs in the North Sea followed by contract work for Humes Pipes in Victoria. Ray has always been a most competitive sportsman which started with his try out for the Arsenal soccer club, Captain of Mt. Martha Golf Club and of course his bowls.

Rye Bowls Club has had the benefit of many people who have been significant contributors, who willingly donate their time and expertise. Margaret and Ray are certainly in the Gold Class group.

## MIDWEEK PENNANT SURVEY

Voting in the Mornington Peninsula Bowls survey into Open or Restricted competition will close on September 23rd. Results will be handed to the MPB on September 24th. If you haven't voted yet, details of the survey and the voting form are on the noticeboard.

## BOWLS VICTORIA - STATE EVENTS

Details of Bowls Victoria Championship Events are on the noticeboard. Please carefully note the closing date for entries as late entries will not be accepted.

## EVENTS AT OTHER CLUBS

A red folder marked "Invitations From Other Clubs" is on the shelf under the noticeboard. Details of events being held at other clubs are included in the folder.



## Welcome our New Members



### Dawn Payne

Dawn joined Benalla Bowls Club, was active in pennant, moved to Tootgarook joined Rosebud RSL Bowls Club where she was Vice President, President, Selector and Providore.

### Martin Klyne

Martin joined the Armadale Bowls Club in 1992, won the club Championship and Singles in 1996, It is to be noted that he played "Right Handed" for 15 years, then changed to play "Left Handed" for the last 8 years. Martin has played all positions and for the last 2 years he has been Skip in Division 2



### Doug Payne

Doug joined Benalla Bowls Club, moved to Tootgarook and joined Rosebud RSL Bowls Club. When that club closed he joined the Rosebud Country Club, later moving to Rosebud, where he helped with the club garden, and also on the social side of things.  
**"Doug loves Monday Triples"**

### Ken Lafranchi

First took up bowls in 1997 with the Graythorne Bowls Club, later moved to Queensland and joined the Caloundra Bowls Club, playing Pennant and Social bowls. We moved back to Frankston and played 2nd Division with Frankston RSL. Now have moved house to Rye, but presently only a Social Member.



**Welcome back!**

**Tony Bradford.**

Tony started bowling at Tooronga Village when he was in his late thirties, later moving to the Peninsula in 1998 he won State Fours Championships 2000, followed by State Triples Championship 2009. Moving to Rye Bowls Club, winning Division 1 Pennant in 2015 then Division 2 Pennant in 2016.

At Carrington Park he was 3 times Club champion, and Champion of Champion Once.

Tony has been a regular member of the Edinburgh Shield Team, winning that event in 2004.



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**Change of Dates**

Please note the following change of dates from those nominated in the Club fixture book:

- Sunday 29th October - Cancer Support Day - Social Bowls Day to raise money for donation to Cancer Council
- Sunday 26th November - Sponsors Day - Social Bowls Day for the Club's sponsors and members

**Our 50 visitors from Yarra Glen Bowls Club** arrived by coach to join us in a special “**pennant practice**”, bringing with them glorious weather. The friendly atmosphere was widespread, and our bar was busy from the onset. We all joined in together with a fantastic sausage sizzle. It is hoped that this could be an “**annual event**” with each club taking turn in visiting.



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