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Welcome to the first edition of the
RBC newsletter



"Out of the ashes we shall rise"...

Yes the RBC monthly newsletter is being resurrected and being released in conjunction with the "imminent" release of the new website (Wednesday 16th December - cross fingers)

As you can see by the "???????????" in our banner we are yet to give this newsletter a worthy name. To this end we are putting it to you the members to suggest a name for our newsletter, e.g. BOWLED OVER, GREENS GOSSIP, WRONG BIAS, etc.....

(Keep your suggestions clean). A winner will be chosen and a very expensive (ha, ha, ha) bottle of champagne will be awarded to the winning entry. You may enter as many entries as your creative mind allows. Please send your suggestion to Trevor Maxwell's email address trevormax@optusnet.com.au or simply on a piece of paper.

Trevor has very kindly offered (after twisting his arm) to be the co-ordinator for the newsletter. Members are fervently encouraged to contribute "newsy" items for publication to Trevor's email address.



"General information"...

The Club would like to thank Kevin Lawson for his valuable contribution as assistant Secretary. David Jones has kindly taken on the new position as Chief Communications Officer and now receives and distributes all correspondence from Bowls Victoria and the Flinders Bowls Division.

Oscar Bocskay has been working tirelessly to develop our new website. Oscar is very optimistic that the new website will be published mid-December. Once complete, members will be notified of the new website address. Many thanks Oscar, a great job.

The Bar Roster is operating well with the volunteers stocking the fridge, removing empties and locking the Club rooms at night. As two of our rostered lock-up and bar staff have moved on so we need at least another 2 people to replace them to spread the work load. The Responsible Service of Alcohol (R.S.A.) course takes about 2 hours and is paid for by the club. Barney and Maurie will give you run down on the tasks and the time required, which is very minimal. Bar rostered staff do have homes to go to, be ready to leave when asked. Don't over refresh, we like to see you get home safely and come back again.

The Shire has approved an extension to our lease to 2027 subject to no objections being lodged within 30 days. The approval will allow the Board to consider future upgrades based on cash flow projections & feasibility.

The club has lodged a submission with the Shire for a grant within the 2016/17 Annual Budget. Our proposal is for the supply and installation of a second 40,000 litre bore water tank within the Club grounds to minimize the use of drinking water resources and reduce recurrent costs.

Bob Neal and Ian Williams are keen to recruit members to give an occasional hour to assist with general maintenance issues.

Members will notice new "non-smoking" signs are erected which only permits smoking in certain areas. We ask that all abide by this message and ask that you assist to make it clear to any guests.



The club is very conscious of keeping members informed "on what's happening" and maintain its name as "The Friendly Club" with good team spirit.

"Pennant News"...

Ladies have their say:-

A very big thank you to all Members who contributed to our Christmas Hamper Raffles to be Drawn on 18th December 2015 GOOD LUCK.

Club's voted against the washout day which was to be played 22nd Dec. All happy ladies at Rye - not to be playing bowls three days before Santa arrives HO HO HO.

Reciprocal bowls day with Point Lonsdale - always a great day. This trip overseas will take place late February 2016.

All ladies are looking forward to the Christmas Luncheon which will be held at Buckley's Chance Sorrento on Thursday, 17th December 2015.

Lael Taylor

Men have their say:-

The final game, round 7, took place Saturday 12th December. This will mark the halfway point of the season. There will be a break until Saturday 9th January, when the 2016 season commences with round 8.

In looking at this season thus far, it is on a par with previous seasons at this halfway mark.



Divisions 1, 2 and 3 are performing admirably. Divisions 4 and 5 have some work to be done but hopefully, we can provide more fire power in those divisions in the coming weeks.

Overall, the Rye Bowls Club is doing very well in fielding 6 divisions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the women who have filled in for most weeks when we have been short of players. They have willingly contributed in a positive manner, with good club spirit. We trust that in future this arrangement continues.

I wish to sincerely thank my panel, Terry Allen, Craig White, Alan Jones and Herb Christgorgl for their incredible input and support for this first part of the season.

On behalf of the panel, we wish to thank everyone for their participation and their support of the panel, and hence the club. We wish them and their families a very Merry Xmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Bill Williamson

"Around the Greens"...

The final of the ladies and mens club singles Championship was held on Sunday 13th December. Congratulations go to David Fraser in winning the mens singles event and congratulations go to Desiree Beattie in winning the ladies singles event. Commiserations go to Marty Hamling and to Pam Christgorgl who both put up a valiant display. Both games were very entertaining and played in great sportsmanship manner.

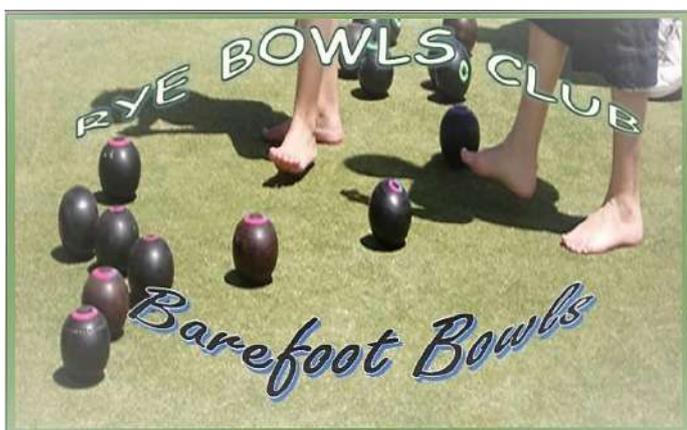


Congratulations are in order for Matt Hecker and Matt Blackwell for coming runners up in the FBD pairs final held at Rosebud CC. The two Matt's lost 15 to 19 over 18 ends. Better luck next year boys. Great effort.

The club is very active in providing members, friends and guests the opportunity to participate in various fun days & nights outside pennant bowls. Your club has developed several volunteers to assist at special events which also extend to family gatherings, birthday parties & office functions.

Barefoot bowls commenced on November 5th and we have maintained all previous participants and attracted several new players. Hopefully some of them will become

members. Why not join the fun, 6 to 9 pm every Thursday. The last night for Barefoot Bowls for 2015 was held on 10th December where the theme was "Christmas". Fifty four people turned up and most were dressed to the theme. Two attendees filled in their membership forms on the night as they are very keen to play pennant bowls.



On January 14th 2016 barefoot bowls starts up again with a "Hawaiian" theme. Ladies get your Muumuu out and blokes get your Lawa-Lawa happening. Should be another fun night.

Once again St. Patrick's Day on Thursday March 17 will be our last theme night with prizes for the best dressed male & female.

There have also been four other functions catering for 20 to 40 persons who enjoy a game of bowls, followed by a snack and a social drink.

These functions are very beneficial to the club and members are invited to contact Maurie for any bookings.

The "Try Bowls" day on 29th November proved very successful with 25 new bowlers joining 15 of our regular Barefoot Bowlers. This event was promoted on Facebook and had in excess of 2500 views. Excellent result.



The second of these days on January 17, 2016 is the next scheduled Try Bowls Day. Hope to see you there with family members. And friends. It's free!

Two outstanding performances during December, the pennant team of Dawn Skiba, Margaret Newton, Bev. Stenning & Barbara Cleasby-Jones had a club record win, 52 to 5. Very well done girls!

Also a Monday triples team of Graeme Moore, Don Wall & "Murph" Emond picked up a maximum of 9 on one end.

The Open Nominated Fours sponsored by the RSL & Prentice Real estate was a very successful day, very well run by Ray Newton and his Match Committee crew. A post on Facebook promoting the tournament attracted several new teams as well as Lachlan Tighe (sports consultant and well credentialed lawn bowls coach).

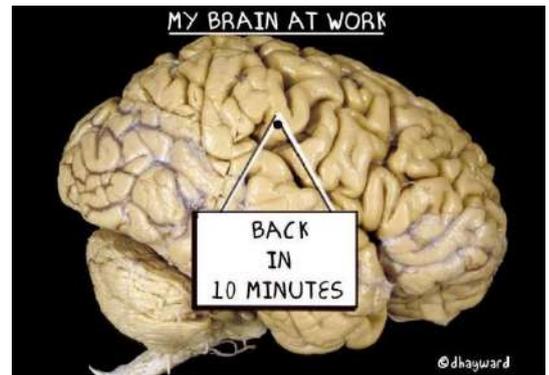
The Friday night snacks and raffle are a great social success, it is your chance to win the Members Draw but you must be present.

Six o'clock Saturday Reg's Raffle is drawn, your presence will make the distribution of prizes a lot easier, many thanks to Kevin Lawson for his work in selling the tickets and making the prize envelopes up.

"Joke of the Month"...

A native approached the cannibal's meat shop, where the special of the day was 'Bowlers Brains'. These were priced from \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$10. The price difference puzzled the customer and so it was pointed out that, brains at \$1 belonged to bowlers who had been leads, the \$2 ones to those who had been seconds and the \$3 ones to those who had been thirds.

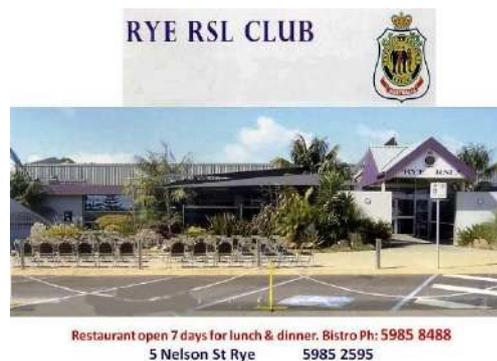
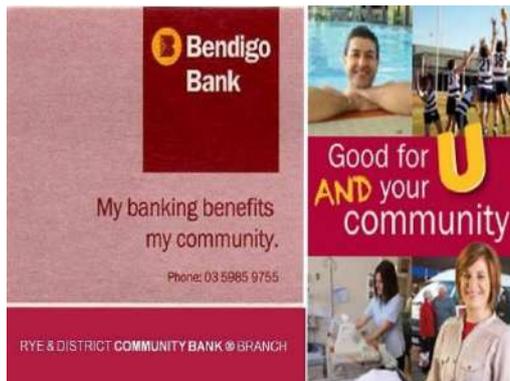
Of course the brains marked at \$10 belonged to the bowlers who had been skippers. When questioned about the unexpectedly high price put on skips brains. The Shopkeeper explained, 'Well, they're really very rare, you wouldn't believe how many skips we have to kill before we find one with a set'.



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A very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year 2016 for all