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Welcome to the sixth edition of the
RBC newsletter



"General News"

Some important events and dates for the diary

- Sippers Christmas dinner - Friday December 16th 6pm - \$28.00 per head.

A lucky table will win a \$200 voucher for the Rye RSL

Main course: - A choice of 3 meats, cooked potatoes in their jackets with sour cream, mixed roast vegetables, eight choices of salads and French bread sticks.

Desserts: - Pavlova, cheesecake or fruit salad, chocolate cake or Anna's apple strudel served with fresh cream.

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- Sippers nights - Fridays 4.30pm to 6.30pm - Two great meat trays and Christmas hams to be won, members draw, you must be present to collect the dollars. The President also gives you an up-date on Club News



"Bowls news - Women and Men"

➤ Bowls News - Women.

The midweek pennant teams have been experiencing pretty tough times due to a shortage of players. The selection Committee is doing a great job trying to keep up with the players that are available.

Arrangements are being finalized for the visit from Pt. Lonsdale, but it now looks like being after pennant season in March 2017.

The pairs are well on the way to being finalized before Christmas, with the Proportional on the agenda for the New Year.

The Gala Day sadly had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. Obviously the ladies are looking for additional players so if you are able to assist please put your hand up.

The Club would really would like to hear from any ladies or men interested in joining the umpiring team.



➤ Bowls News - Men.

After a slow start the Saturday pennant teams have re-bounded quite well after all losing in round 1.

Division 1 is in 4th place after round 7, they have performed extremely well with wins against Karingal (last year's premiers) and also defeating top of the ladder Hastings last week.

Division 2 is sitting in 3rd place after round 7 with a couple of tough games coming up, however I am sure with experienced players available they will perform very well

All other Divisions have had wins recently and as more players become available they will only get stronger.



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It has been difficult to select sides with continuity as each week we have up to 12 players unavailable for selection, this has caused the selectors some stress, not only to themselves but to all players. As such we have not been able to select the best possible teams. Hopefully the "unavailable list" will decrease in coming weeks.

With regard to the new voting system, my opinion is that 80% of members seemed to understand the correct way to vote and the votes reflect the scores of that rink. However, there are still players who either don't understand the system or are unwilling to fill the card out or just put any number down. It is frustrating when a rink loses by over 20 shots and some players receive 8's and 9's, but other players in the rink seem to vote according to the scores.

This voting system has greatly assisted the selectors, so I just ask, PLEASE VOTE ON HOW YOU BELIEVE THE PLAYERS PERFORMED. If you don't want to vote give the card to another player in the rink who is willing to fill it out. Remember the survey submitted by players at the start of the season had 97% in agreement to the voting system.

To all players, good luck for the remaining games leading up to the Christmas break, and remember if you play a bad shot, forget it, and concentrate on the next one

John Simmonds

Chairman of Selectors.



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"Social News"

The Club held the Annual Bendigo Bank \$1000 Triples day on October 26. This event again attracted over 80 players from many clubs. The day ran very smoothly as a result of the management skills of Ray Newton & Terry Allen and their capable assistants.

Whilst Rye did not have the winning team, Bill Williamson, Graeme Torbitt and Daniel Byrne very nearly did. On the last end in third game the scores were level, as it progressed the Rye boys were 1 shot down and Bill asked Graeme to play his forehand with a little weight. As expected Graeme obeyed his skipper, picked up the kitty which ended up at the back of the head. Loud applause and cheering followed immediately as the Rye boys were holding 5. That was the final margin which put the team into the position of runner-up for the day.

The Golf and Bowls Noble Niners challenge was played on November 4. The 9 holes at the Dunes Cups course was followed by a hearty lunch at our club rooms and 9 ends of bowls.

Prize Winners

Nearest the Pin- Steve Moore (a regular Barefoot Bowler now to become a Club member)

Golf- Tony Skene (about to join our Barefoot Bowlers), Shane Thomas, Leo Cronin and Geoff Du Cros on a count back from Kevin McGuirk, Con Racovitis, John Craig & Steve Moore (all Barefoot Bowlers).

Bowls- Doug Fitcher and Steve Moore, with plus 10, runners up Con Racovitis & Colin Campbell.



The encouragement award (AKA the NAGA) was an easy decision. On the first tee our esteemed Treasurer teed up his ball, after an extensive warm up (2 swings) and not playing for 2 years, managed to hit the golf tee 5 meters whilst the golf ball remained unmoved. A great trick shot!!!

The 2016/7 Barefoot Bowls season commenced on November 10th. Once again it started very well with 40 people attending and enjoying a great night of bowling, fun and food. Barefoot Bowls is on every Thursday night, 6 to 9.30 pm. \$15.00 covers use of bowls, coaching and supper. The proceeds of the raffles are for the Rye Fire Brigade.

The Christmas breakup dinner is on December 8th. This night has always been very well attended with prizes for the best dress female and male. Hope to see you all there. Wishing everybody a happy Christmas and a healthy successful New Year.

A great team of 10 assist in this very important social event which keeps the Rye Bowls Club Barefoot Bowls ahead of the opposition in this most competitive market. We hope to continue to enroll new club members.

On Sunday November 20th the Club hosted 30 bowlers from several Clubs in NSW. The Club provided lunch for our guests followed by 20 ends of bowls with teams comprising Rye bowlers and visitors. Along with excellent weather this set the scene and atmosphere for a really great day.

Tour leader of the group, Bob, thanked the Club for its hospitality. They have been touring for over 20 years to different Bowls clubs and this day at our Club is now ranked number four.

A big thank you to all those who helped on the day, Maurie who arranged and planned the event, the "chefs" who prepared presented very tasty 2 course meal, Bob, Denise, Dawn, Carol and Carmel. Also a special mention to Ray who again undertook the task of team selection and management of the day under very trying conditions which resulted in him getting the 3 votes.

The recent Jackpot Fours, sponsored by Financial Planning Matters produced a couple of highlights worthy of comment. The team of Geoff Speed, Tony Scott, Alan Hamilton and Col Griffiths had a big win in the first game, scoring an **8** on one end. Well done boys.

In the second game the team of Stan Price, Frank Capper, Geoff Robertson and Bob Neal won the Day. Being 5 shots down and one bowl to come, the "PURPLE HAZE" trailed the kitty to win by 3 shots. As a result, the boys won the top prize for the day.

"Behind the Scenes"

Behind the scenes a large group of our loyal and dedicated members continue to give their time to ensure our Club remains a well-respected, well managed friendly Club.

As it is with most successful clubs, success starts at the top, the Board of Management. This followed by hard working Bowls Committees, coaches and the frustrating job of the pennant selectors. There is also a competent sub-committee which continues to keep the re-furbishment and re-development programs on track. Members will be aware of improvements over the last 12 months.

Another vital aspect of the club is the social side of bowls. This includes Monday & Wednesday Triples, Bare foot Bowls, Corporate functions and special events such as birthdays. All Facets of the Club are vital to ensure that we stay ahead of the rest.

To list all the helpers around the Club would take several pages, and the Board of Management express a sincere thank you to all. Incidentally, if you do have a little time to spare your help would be most welcome. "many hands make light work"



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➤ REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Concept planning is about 100% complete, with plans and drawings prepared by Matt Hecker.

In order to follow Mornington Peninsula Shire's "Project Planning and Delivery Framework" we are required to prepare a Business Case and Financial Brief in addition to the Concept Documents and Cost Estimates. This will take a few months to prepare. The Shire has indicated it is willing to consider joint funding of smaller up-grade works.

The Shire has funded the replacement of 9 ceiling fans & controls which were installed on November 16. The Shire has also offered to partially fund the installation of water storage tanks. These tanks would collect roof water which could be used for flushing the toilets and for external watering. The Club would need to fund additional items such as pumps, pipes & installation costs

Member profile - Nigel Edwards - Life Member"

Along with Allan Hevey Nigel joined the Club in 1988 and served on Committee for some 20 years in various positions including that of President followed by six years as Club Director.

Runner Skip Div 4. 07/08 and won Div 5 Grand Final 13/14 as Skip along with John Stenning against Mt Martha. After playing out two Draws (27 Ends) to get the win.



Awarded Life Membership in year 2000, now in his nineties still enjoys his social bowls.

Born in the Victorian country town of Numurkah, he spent his early life in the East Malvern/Caulfield area, During WW2 served in the South Pacific area in the RAAF, on return to civilian life worked with the grocery chain of Moran and Cato, appointed Store Manager later leaving to Run his own Grocery Business at Ashwood with his wife Margaret who he married in 1948.

After selling that business he spent some 34 years working for the Kraft Company as a Sales Rep travelling up to 40,000 miles per years in country Victoria and later in Senior Administrative roles in New Zealand, later in 1969 appointed General Manager of a new Company Established in South Africa charged with the responsibility of setting up a Factory to produce Vegemite, plus a Sales and Marketing team. Nigel and his family were stationed in Johannesburg.

It was a troubled and difficult time because of racial tensions in the Apartheid era producing many unforeseen problems, he tried to deal with the Bantu employees as Kraft workers were treated in Australia, far better pay and conditions than other local companies were offering. The operation was successful but those conditions caused many unpleasant and sometime dangerous things to occur that caused the possibility of his family lives being placed in danger, this brought a situation where he and family were recalled to Australia on 24 hours' notice with just four suit cases after his car was run off the road and set alight, He resumed duties in Melbourne after three Months sick leave.

An appointment as National Sales Training Manager saw attending training Courses in Canada and the US. Appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1981, he served as an honorary magistrate in the Prahran Court Complex, a Past President of Rosebud Men's Probus and current Chair Rye Cemetery Trust, a Civil Celebrant since 1987 having officiated at over 1098 Weddings and Funerals.

Sadly, his wife Margaret also a member of the Club passed away in 2002, he now lives at the Village Glen, a social member of their Bowls Club and serves on the Residents Committee enjoying time with his two sons and his three grandchildren and seven Great Grand Children.

"Joke of the Month"

An elderly man goes into a brothel and tells the madam he would like a young lady for the night.

Surprised, she looks at the ancient man and asks how old he is.

'I'm 90 years old' he says.

'90?' replies the woman.' Don't you realize you've had it '?

'Oh, sorry says the old man, 'How much do I owe you'?



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