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Welcome to the seventh edition of the
RBC newsletter



"General News"

With another pennant season behind us, congratulations are in order for all bowlers and selectors.

Considering the challenges, the Club faced at the start of the season. Both the ladies and the men had many players unavailable prior to Christmas. This problem improved in the second half of the season and more wins resulted in both ladies and men participating in finals.

The Club also experienced excellent participation in its Monday triples and jackpot fours. The social section had excellent numbers attending barefoot bowlers, birthday parties, trivia functions, try bowls and the golf / bowls day.

Every activity undertaken by the Club requires many Members to give their time and effort to ensure all run smoothly, successfully and are profitable.

Retaining existing Members is very important as is attracting new members to our Club. During 2016 /2017 we had 17 new full members join the club several from other local bowling clubs. In addition, 8 people joined the club as social or transitional members. Remember we are always keen to increase our

membership base, so if you know of any potential members, why not introduce them. The various type of memberships is attached.

Just a reminder, for those who have not paid yet, Membership fees are now due. Those who wish to pay via the internet, be sure to include your name.

The bank details are BSB 633 000, Account 1171 07 961. Alternatively, you can pay cash or cheque to Ken or any Board Member.

During the next few months, weather permitting, winter bowls will continue on Wednesday's and Saturday's. The 2017 Annual General Meeting was held on April 28. The Board of Management for 2017- 2018 comprises. President Bob Neal, Vice President Bryan Harper, Honorary Secretary David Jones, Honorary Treasurer Trevor Maxwell, Bowls Director Bob Woollard, Greens Director Bryan Harper, Social and Promotions Director Maurie Nicholls, House Management and Maintenance Director Ian Williams.

The Club has replaced the lawn mower with a new Honda. David Jones and Bryan Lee have commenced a learning / coaching program with students from Rye Primary School

PRESENTATION NIGHT. Was held on April 21 which included another enjoyable dinner.

WINNERS:

LADIES SINGLES Marita Lavender.

LADIES PAIRS Patti Williams and Pam Christgorgl

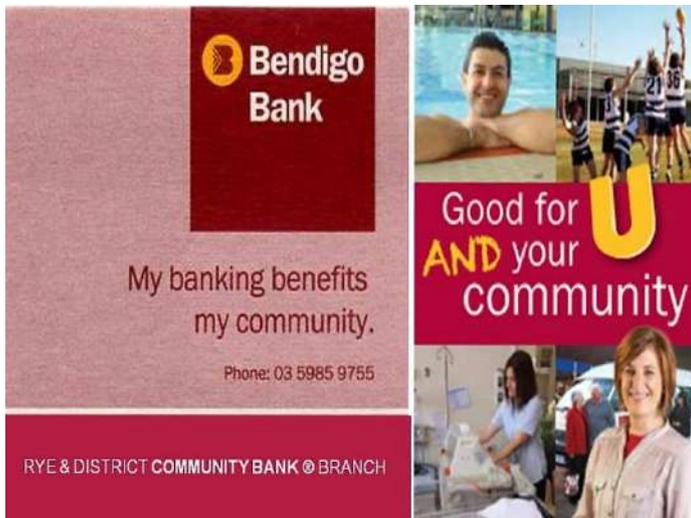


MENS SINGLES Andrew Glover.

MENS PAIRS Jo Turner and Matt Blackwell

MIXED PAIRS Nerina Berni and David Fraser

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL. Marita went on to be in the semi-final of the Champion of Champions at Rosebud Country Club - well done Marita



"Bowls news - Women and Men"

➤ Bowls News - Women.

The season was a little disappointing overall. Only 5 entered the singles champion event. The Proportional Event was cancelled due to lack of entries, as was the Gala \$1000 day listed for November. In March the Annual visit to Pt. Lonsdale was cancelled due to nasty weather. Division 3/2 reached the Grand Final, only going down to Dromana. Congratulations to all players who were in the team and those who assisted during the season.

Next season, 2017/2018 Rye Ladies will be entering in Divisions 1 and 3 only, so we are sure to have both divisions well covered for players. Also, the Selection Committee should have a better year ahead of them

➤ Bowls News - Men.

With the advent of a combined North and South Division 1, 4 teams from the old Flinders Bowls Division 1 were placed into Division 2 and that flowed down to all the other Divisions.

Bowls Director Bob Woollard considered this was not a level playing field and it showed up in the early results. The selectors certainly had their work cut out as there were times when up to 16 players were unavailable.

A big thank you to our hard-working bowls secretary, Ray Newton and Terry Allen for organizing the program of Monday Triples Jackpot, Triples and Fours, especially with one green out of action since early December.

John Collery reports that progress of our new green is progressing very well. His 'NEW BABY' should be delivered on time for the start of next season. Well done John

On Saturday February 17, our division one team set off to play Frankston, at Frankston in an elimination semi-final. At the end of the home / away season the score was one all. The scene was set for a great finish. We had all players available and therefore able to select our best team. At the tea break we had a 5-shot lead. Frankston wiped out that lead and with 7 ends to play held an 8 shot lead. In a great fight back, our boys remained calm and with the assistance from our supporters, we hit the lead by 2 with one end to play. With 3 rinks finished Justin Green and his team were really

under pressure to hold on. And they did, picking up another 2 shots to great elation by all, except Frankston of course who started favorites.

So, after 1599 bowls over almost 6 hours the result came down to the last bowl, number 1600.

This was a fantastic result by our Division one team after being promoted to a higher Division

This victory led to Preliminary final against Karingal at Mt Eliza. This was going to prove an even bigger challenge when 2 of our regular players had to with draw. At the break, we were 16 shots down, and after getting to within 8 shots, they went away to win by 15.

Overall the season proved successful considering all teams went up a division.

Congratulations to all players and selectors



"Social News"

The Barefoot Bowlers are large part of the Social section of our club. Each Thursday attracts between 40 to 50 regular players who enjoy the challenge, the special dress up nights, the meal, and the friendship. The winner this year was Russell Atkins, with the most improved award going to Marlene Jones. Well done to both of you.

Our final night on March 17, St. Patricks day, we presented Glen from the Country Fire Authority a cheque for \$2156.00 which was raised from our Thursday raffles and the wrong bias jar from the Monday Triples & Jackpot days.



On April 30, the Club held a Trivia Day which attracted 75 people who really enjoyed a day of challenge and fun. With many prizes, up for grabs the tables of 8 created an energetic atmosphere when combined with a social drink. Quiz Masters Jan & Steve Moore were delighted with the numbers and certainly put on a first-class performance. Many thanks Jan & Steve. We hope to have more of these days so be sure to put your name down early. We will keep you informed



The Club also hosted several private functions, such as birthday parties, 40 bowlers from the Northern Rivers Bowls Association who travel annually to various Bowls clubs. They rated our club number 4 for hospitality and the warm welcome from our members.

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"Redevelopment Project"

Concept Planning is 100% complete. Concept documents comprising plans and other drawings have been prepared. To follow the Shire's Project Planning Framework, we have prepared a Strategic Plan and Functional Brief in addition to the Concept Documents and Cost Estimates.

The documents have been on display in the club rooms and members have provided some positive feedback which have been incorporated into the future planning. The Shire now requires a very detailed Business Plan for the Club which needs additional research and considerable time. John Wilson and David Jones will prepare this plan over the coming months. The Shire has indicated it is willing to consider joint funding with the club for smaller upgrade works.

"Member profile - Les Oakley"



Les Oakley is our oldest member at 97 and still playing and enjoying competition bowls and those who see him bowl know how consistent he is in his position of lead. Les was born in East Brunswick, went to local schools worked at Myers before joining the Navy cadets at age 16 and subsequently the Naval Reserve 2 years later. He served for almost 10 years and whilst aboard HAMS Nestor on convoy to Malta the ship was bombed, 4 seamen were killed and the boat subsequently sank after Les and the rest of the crew were rescued. He later served on a survey ship for 3 years and was discharged in November 1945.

Prior to having children Les and his wife travelled the world for 18 months and after returning had a girl and a boy, now have 5 grand sons and a great granddaughter. They then owned and managed a Boarding House in Pascoe Vale and looked after people who needed special attention and care.

In 1972, they built their house in Blairgowrie, where Les still lives. He joined Rye Bowls Club in 1985 and assisted with general maintenance was Social President, minor champion in 1990/1, Pairs Champion in 1993/4 and later was a skipper until 2011.

This is only a summary of the interesting life of Les Oakley and if you have a chat with him he will happily expand on it in greater detail.

"Behind the Scenes"

We are all aware our success is due to a dedicated Board of Management and a large group of volunteers who look after all aspects/ problems both internally and externally. This number is over 45, however, as we all know "many hands make light work", so if you are able to assist please contact our secretary, David Jones.

We are still looking for both Ladies and Men to join the umpiring ranks. Please contact Secretary David for further details. Also 4 members of our lock-up and bar roster are not available next season and we are looking for replacements to join this group. Please contact Maurie or Barney for more information. Many thanks to each and every one of our dedicated volunteers.



"Joke of the Month"

- ❖ Murphy says to Paddy, "What ya talkin into the envelope for? ". "I'm sending you a voice mail ya fool".
- ❖ Just got back from a mate's funeral. He died after being hit on the head with a tennis ball. It was a lovely service.
- ❖ My neighbor knocked on my door at 2.30 this morning, can you believe that, 2.30 am. Lucky for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.
- ❖ 19 Paddies go to the cinema, the ticket lady asks, Why so many of you? Mick replies, " the film said 18 and over"
- ❖ Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

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