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Welcome to the tenth edition of the
RBC newsletter



"General News"

With the first half of our year behind us we have commenced the busy time of the year. The clubrooms and the grounds are in great condition and we invite all members to use the facilities as much as possible. Why not arrange a birthday party or any celebration and combine it with a game of bowls for family members or friends?

The past three months have resulted in the Club attracting 7 new full members and 3 new social and 1 transitional members.

We welcome the following Frank Kristof, Robyn Wall, Tiyson Stone, Gael Traa, Philip Hedley, Jan Foster, Ken Austin, Kevin Connell, Amber Hynes, Matt Hynes, Robin Matthews and Justin Bardelmeyer. Members and the Committee look forward seeing you on the greens and at Club functions. Remember we have 5 accredited coaches available to assist you, so just let us know if you would like to use this free offer and we can arrange a one on one coaching lesson. Please contact Bryan Lee on 0427 373 755.

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"Important Dates"

Just a reminder of the following events / functions. We hope you are available to participate, have some fun and support the club. Remember, this is YOUR Club, it is what YOU make of it.

- ✓ Keep your eyes on the notice board for Club Championship dates, Jackpot dates and Social bowls days.
- ✓ December 15th - Christmas dinner
- ✓ Sippers back on January 12th.
- ✓ Sippers main meal January 19th.
- ✓ Tribowls January 28th,
- ✓ Sippers main meal February 23th.
- ✓ Golf and Bowls day March 2nd.
- ✓ Bendigo Bank Day March 18th

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"On the Greens"

❖ LADIES.

Midweek Pennant this season is suffering from the lack of available female players. We are having trouble fielding 2 teams. We understand other Clubs are in a similar situation. Several male members have offered to play when required, many thanks to those members.

Both divisions have been playing to the best of their ability and we are hopeful all will continue to improve throughout the remainder of the season.

Oriel Woodrow.

❖ MEN.

As we approach the second half of the season, I would like to thank all members who have made themselves available for selection. The start of the season was extremely difficult with so many players on the unavailable list.

Results so far have been positive, Division 1 are sitting fourth and I am hopeful of playing and expecting to play finals.

Division 2 is just outside the four, and with more players becoming available should be a realistic chance to also play in the finals.

Division 3 has been struggling, but I am also expecting improvement in the second half of the season

Division 5 after a slow start they have picked up their game and have been playing very well recently.

Many thanks to the Ladies for making themselves available to play Saturday Pennant, without their support we would struggle to fill our Pennant sides.

On behalf of the Men's Selection Committee, I take this opportunity to wish all members a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. For those travelling over the break, be safe and take care on the roads. I am looking forward to the second half of the season.

Cheers, John Simmonds.

❖ From Bowls Director.

A Summary of the first half of the season. First of all welcome to all of our new members who have joined our Club, enjoy your time with us.

The Pennant season got off to a shaky start for the first 4 weeks with up to 20 players unavailable for different reasons. Just as well the Board of Management decided to withdraw division six before the start of pennant otherwise the club would have been fined every week for not fielding a team. It is unfortunate that some of our loyal members are not getting a game because of the number of players becoming now available. The selectors face a very difficult task and have implemented a rotation system.

As for the inter - club triples and jackpot fours, numbers are down on players participating. Our new green is in action again and it is improving each week thanks to our green keeper John Collery and his dedication.

Bob Woollard. Bowls Director

There have been several results worthy so far this season that warrant a special mention.

Round 3. On the 28th October proved to be an exciting match for Division 3 team of Trevor Maxwell, Patty Williams, Dave Watson and Peter Cuttriss, playing Balnarring. With one end to play they were 6 shots down. As the skippers went to play their last two bowls, Rye was holding 4 shots. Skipper Cuttriss made it 5 shots and it was still a deficit of 1 shot with their skip having the last bowl. He tried to bowl wide, however it went a little too wide and clipped one of our outside bowls to knock it in and made a draw. One team was shattered the other elated. **NEVER SAY NEVER.**

On the same day Ken Taylor and his harem of Joy Allen, Dawn Skiba and Thelma Beagley also had a day to remember. After a thrilling start they really got on top to win by 12 shots to earn rink of the day.

November 6 saw Geoff Robertson, Oriel and Graham Woodrow and Stan Perry also win rink of the day with a runaway win by 27 shots.

We all remember the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month for many reasons. Our division one side will now have another memory of that date. At the break, the team were struggling and Big John was far from happy. After a few words of "ENCOURAGEMENT", at least that's what John called it, all players responded splendidly which resulted in a great win. David Fraser, Ed Tomkins and new comer Tiyson Stone led by John Simmonds picked up an 8 on one end, a fantastic effort at any level let alone Division one. The Division One Boys also had a remarkable result on November 25th, winning by 87 shots, yes 87, this is not a misprint.

Other highlights include new members Gael Traa and Philip Hedley. On Friday December 1st at Sippers the first ham was won by Philip, and Gael, sitting next to him won the second one. This was the first time they have both been to Sippers. Gael very kindly donated it back for a re-draw which was won by our hard-working Bar Manager, Brian Barrett.

On Thursday November 30th, another new member on his first night at Barefoot Bowls, Justin Bardlemeyer, not only won a ham, he was a member of the winning rink of the night.

NOMINATED TRIPLES DAY NOVEMBER 29th.

This popular \$1000 event was again sponsored by YPA, Your Property Agent, with 78 participants from 7 different clubs playing 3 games of 12 ends. It was however a very hot day and as the temperature increased, the final game was reduced. Three Rye teams collected prizes including the overall winners, David Fraser, Rodger Morgan and the "old fox" Tony Scott. Events of this size requires many helpers, the ladies in the kitchen, the people assisting with all the progressive scores and the boys in the bar. All of this was coordinated and controlled by our events guru Ray Newton who was also responsible for attracting the players and their respective teams.

Many thanks to those who participated and of course to Ray and his team for such a smooth running and successful event



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"Social News"

Barefoot Bowls was scheduled to commence on November 16th, but had to be cancelled due to wet weather, the only wet day for 10 days. However, we did start on the 23rd with 42 participants who really have a competitive liking for the prizes. All thoroughly enjoyed the chicken schnitzel and salad, the spinning wheel, and raffles for the ham on the bone. The following week we had 48 players.

On October 31st, the club hosted 49 Post Graduate Physiotherapy students from Melbourne University who had just completed their 6-year degree. They really enjoyed the day, with a competitive game. Thanks to 6 of our members assisting with coaching



"Behind the Scenes"

The Greens and Grounds are looking splendid due to the work of our Greenkeeper, John Collery, Terry Allen, Peter Cuttriss, Bob Neal and Frank Yapper. Well-presented grounds are very important as our

Club enjoys an excellent position inviting locals and holiday makers to comment very favorably. This has been a factor in the new members joining.

We also have a very dedicated team of volunteers who work hard to keep our Club up the "top of ladder" on the southern part of the Peninsula.

Most members will be aware the Club has purchased a new cash register which offers many more control options including a scanning system which make it a little easier for Barney and his team of volunteers.

Members will also notice the Club will be installing new steel structures and shade cloth on the northern side of the Con Glew green which match those on the western side. This will provide a greater and more effective shade cover.

Many thanks to Sponsor Gary Gillies and member Peter Meuleman for their valuable contribution on this project. Ron Hillman, a.k.a. Tarps, kindly donated the shade cloth. The Club is very grateful mate. Whilst talking Tarps, he is on the move to Murrabit, near Swan Hill, to become a man of the land. Departure date is scheduled for late December. At this stage, a replacement 'LOLLIE' man has not been nominated. Best wishes, to a member who will always be welcome at Rye.



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"Member profile - David Fraser"



David was born in Carlton on June 30, 1942. For the first 22 years of his life he lived in Brunswick and during his teenage years he was a member of the local Church sporting club where he participated in basketball, badminton, cricket, and snooker he participated in basketball,

His working life commenced in 1958 with the State Savings Bank of Victoria where he enjoyed a varied career comprising numerous postings. The family moved to Rye in 1983 when he had a career change into Real Estate in 1992. David is a Father of 3 children and Grand Father of 8 grandchildren.

David has an outstanding record with our club and continues to be an integral member of our Division 1 team. He has served the club as a selector and is an Accredited Coach always ready to assist new and younger bowlers.

Bowling achievements include, Minor Singles Winner 1987, Singles Champion and Proportional in 1988, Presidents Handicap in 2001, Winner Mixed Pairs 2004/5, Men's Singles in 2015 and Mixed Pairs again in 2016. Also, David has been in FOUR winning Premiership teams during his successful Bowling career with us at Rye. Congratulations, David on a great record and may you be able to add another Premiership in 2017/8



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"Joke of the Month"

The Wailing Wall

*They beat their breasts and cried out loud,
As they faced the southern wall,
Where the selectors had placed the team selections
On the notice board was their call.*

*There were some that swore and some that cried,
And some who stood and muttered
Some were proud, some were coy,
And others merely stuttered.*

*There were voices raised in anger,
Shrill screams split the air,
There were those who didn't say a thing,
Because they really didn't care.*

*"I won't play with him", one said,
"He's a bloody hopeless skip."
And one who very quietly said,
"It's time I took my trip."*

*There were many self-selections,
There were lots of "bloody hells!"
There weren't very many
who said the Selectors had done well.*

*The players knew who should be there,
They knew who to pick,
Just ask them when you hear them say,
"That selector is a \$*@%!"*

*Each year the tears get deeper,
As on the floor they fall,
From those who stand in anguish
Before the wailing wall.*

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