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Welcome to the twelfth edition of the
RBC newsletter



"Editors Notes"

Well, winter has well and truly set in, and with the greens closed for a month whilst John takes a well-deserved holiday, there is little happening at the home of Rye Bowls Club.

Of course, there are a few who gather in the afternoon each day, to tell tall tales and true, relive past glories and generally fix the problems of the Mornington Peninsula Bowls Division, Bowls Victoria and Australia respectively, and the world generally. Their numbers are boosted on Friday afternoon by a dozen or so and it's terrific to see the bonhomie and camaraderie that is a feature of our club. So, if you're tired of being stuck inside over these winter months, there's a great way to spend an hour or two.



SEASON 2019-2020 7TH SEPTEMBER

- *Official Opening of Greens
- *Bowls 11.00am
- *Lunch 12.30pm
- *Bowls 2 Games of 10 ends
- *Light Lunch: Sandwich
- *Only \$10.00 per Head
- *Place names on Boards in Cabinets



CLUB UNIFORM PLEASE

RYE RSL CLUB



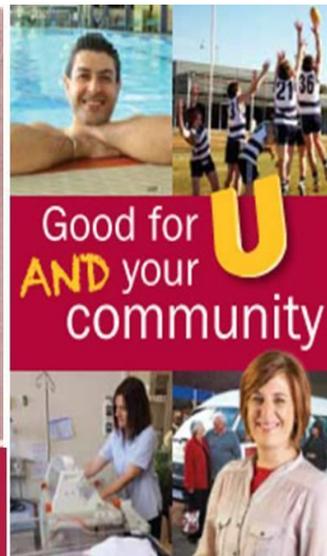
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"Community Spirit"

Note received from the McCann Family:

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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION
TO OUR TRIVIA NIGHT HELD ON THE 6TH APRIL 2019.

WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE \$7,433.50 ON THE NIGHT WHICH HAS
ENABLED US TO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE VARIETY
CLUB FOR \$15,000 AND ALSO DONATIONS FROM THE RYE LIONS
CLUB AND RYE BOWLS CLUB

HARRISON WILL NOW BE ABLE TO RECEIVE AN ASSISTANCE DOG

WE CAN'T THANK YOU AND EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED US
ENOUGH, AN ASSISTANCE DOG WILL IMPROVE HARRISONS LIFE AND
ASSIST HIM WITH THE CHALLENGES IN THE FUTURE

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"Meet Your Members"

BORN TO BOWL

Very few bowlers in this day and age can claim the distinction of one of our members, who only joined us on 10th November 2017 but nonetheless has gained the respect of our younger and older bowlers alike, mainly due to his quiet demeanour, his faultless delivery, approach to the game, and his etiquette on the green are of a standard that many members would do well to emulate.

I speak of no other than **Ken Austin**, who although now suffering from a handicap that has robbed him of some abilities still plays to win for the team and enjoys doing so without expecting praise.

Let's look at Kens background.

Kenneth Lindsay Austin was born on the 23rd January 1940 at Alphington Victoria to Lindsay James Hill Austin who was the greenkeeper at the Melbourne Bowling Club Windsor and Edith Cavell Austin nee McGraw Home Duties. Ken in his early working career was involved in Advertising both in Australia and London UK he was the co-owner of a successful agency Stratagem.

But it was during his working life in London that he met his wife Ingrid at the Methodist Youth Hostel in Muswell Hill London, Ingrid at the time was studying at the Royal Academy of Music, and Ken arrived at the hostel after hitch hiking through Africa from Durban to Cairo with his friend the Rev. Wally Johnson. Both Ken and Ingrid played at the local tennis club and sang in the church choir.

This led to their marriage at the Muswell Hill Methodist Church on the 16th April 1966. They have 2 daughters Rachel born in London in 1969 and Kathryn born in Melbourne in 1971, after Ken was head hunted back to Australia to work for Hayes Advertising in Melbourne after gaining their attention following a successful stint with Sachi's in London, perhaps one of the biggest agencies worldwide. For the past 20 years of his working career Ken was the Major Bequest Officer for Vision Australia.

However, it was while his family was growing up Ken achieved some fame as a lawn bowler. Ken started bowling with his father at the age of 7, as the family lived and worked at the Melbourne Bowling Club Windsor, so Ken was naturally involved in lawn bowls from an early age.

Before I list some of Kens achievements let me point out that Ken has played with and counts as

his friends some great names in Bowls in Australia, one, his great friend and mentor Glyn Bosisto, and his son Jon Bosisto, both Jon and Ken were a formidable pair on the greens and perhaps would still be only Jon has moved to the warmer climate of Queensland. Other names include Arnold O'Brien, Allan Bamford, John Snell, Ray Glasser, Denis Oakley. There are many more, but one name we should all know would be Craig White who played with Rye for a number of years as Division 1 skip, (wish he was still with us, maybe there is still hope.) Ken at present is very pleased with the friendship and care shown to him at Rye, we should count this as a compliment.

KENS MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1957 Winner of Vic C Grade championship at age 17, youngest person in the British Empire to win a major event.
- 1957-58 Runner up City of Prahran championship
- 1959 Selected to represent Victoria against South Africa
- 1975 on return from the UK joined MCC skipped Div1 team
- 1977-81 Won 4 Club Singles, 3 Pairs, 1 Triples Championships at MCC
- 1980s Quarter finalist in Australian Pairs, last 16 in Australian Fours
Winner Group 11 Fours and Triples, Skip Victorian no2 side.
- 1987-88 Top Victorian Pennant Skip, Skip Div. 1 Pennant final (Kew)
Semi Finalist masters Singles, Member Group 11 Side,
Winner Group Championship, Winner Group Pairs, Runner up Group Championship
- 1990s Semi Finalist Masters Singles,
Winner Sale Masters Pairs with Denis Oakley.
Played in Div1 and Premier League Pennant Finals for MCC and Kew.
- 1993 Coach at Black Rock, Runner up Club Singles

As you can see this is a formidable record, we hope that Ken continues to enjoy his bowls with us for some years, it is a pleasure to play with him, and be able to admire his ability.

I am indebted to Ingrid Austin for much of the information in this article but also to the following: Melbourne Cricket Club Bowls Section, "100 Up" 1894 to 1994 Centenary year book, in which Ken features often, and also his family scrapbook.

K.E.L.

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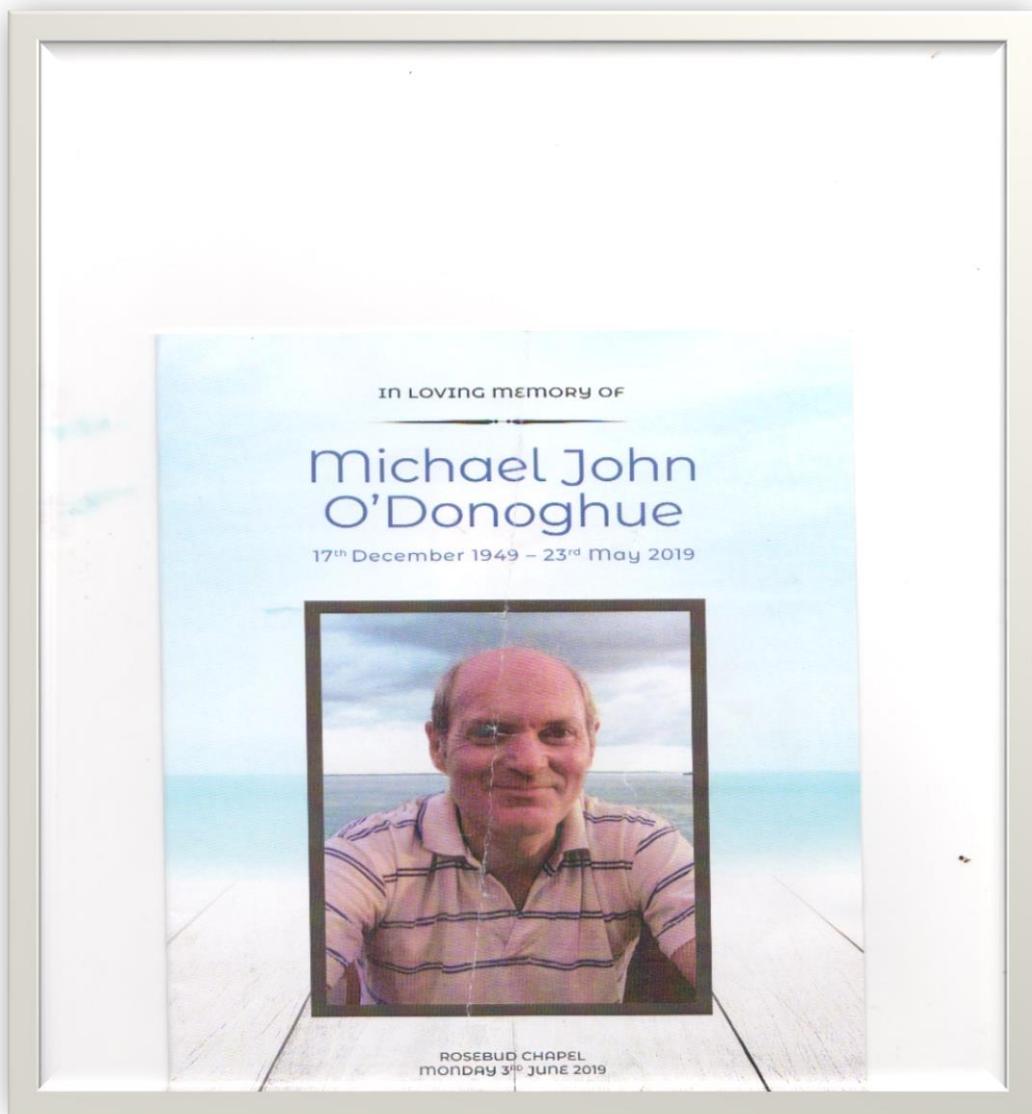
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MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE

23 May 2019

It is with deep regret that the Club acknowledges the passing of "Mike." A cheerful and happy man, he will be remembered for his willingness to assist the Club in any way, his grand collection of cars, and his love of a good (or even bad) red wine. A fantastic Club member, gone way too soon.



"Board of Management Notes"

GENERAL NEWS

The much-anticipated report from the Mornington Peninsula Bowls Division titled "The Time for Change has Come" was issued to all Clubs on 1st June 2019.

In summary:

Season Start Dates:

Saturday Pennant - Saturday 26th October 2019

Midweek Pennant _ Tuesday 29th October 2019

Saturday Divisions:

Divisions 1, 2 & 3 - across the whole of the MBP Division

Divisions 4, 5 & 6 - geographical North/South divide

Midweek Divisions:

Open Divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4 - across the whole of the MBP Division

Open Divisions 5 & 6 - geographical North/South divide

Restricted Divisions 1, 2 & 3 - across the whole of the MBP Division

Friday Night Games (Saturday Pennant):

Division 1 - first game after Christmas: Friday night 6.00 - 9.00pm

Division 2 - second game after Christmas: Friday night 6.00 - 9.00pm

Length of Games:

21 Ends

Start times - unchanged from last year

Formats:

Saturday: Division 1 & 2 - 4 teams of 4 players

Saturday: Division 3 to 6 - 3 teams of 4 players

Midweek: Open Divisions 1 to 4 - 3 teams of 4 players

Midweek: Open Divisions 5 to 6 - 2 teams of 4 players

Midweek: Restricted Divisions 1 to 3 - 3 teams of 4 players

Regional (Knock-Out) Cup:

Saturday 14th September to Saturday 19th October - 3 teams of 4 players

Women's Only Pre-Season Competition Triples:

Tuesday 17th September to Tuesday 22nd October - 3 teams of 3 players

Final entries for Pennant will close on 16th September. The Selection Committees have recommended to the Board that we enter:

Saturday: Division 1, 2, 4 (South) and 6 (South)

Midweek: Open (one team in either Division 1, 2, 3 or 4 and one team in either Division 5 South or 6 South)

Therefore, Saturday Pennant will require 56 players each week and Midweek Pennant will require 20 players each week to meet our 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 lists.

CODE OF CONDUCT

At the June Management Board meeting the Board adopted the Code of Conduct as follows:

This Code of Conduct applies to all members and guests of the Rye Bowls Club. The Code has been endorsed for implementation by the Board of Management of Rye Bowls Club.

General:

- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Members should recognise and respect the contribution made by Board and committee members, selectors, coaches, umpires and other volunteers that give their time and resources to provide Bowls for the Club.

Members of the Club:

Members are representatives of Rye Bowls Club in the following situations.

- As part of any playing team on behalf of the Club
- When wearing the Club uniform
- When attending any function on behalf of the Club
- When playing bowls at any level of the game and including practice and social game
- When using social media to promote the Club

Code Violations:

When representing the Club, members are expected to do so in the spirit of the game and abide by this Code before, during and after games:

The following are considered unacceptable actions and are violations of this Code:

- Use of offensive or degrading language
- Abuse, threats or intimidation of Club committee members, staff, game officials or selectors.
- Refusal or failure to comply with the laws relating to clubs in Victoria and particularly those relating to smoking and alcohol consumption.
- The consumption of alcohol and smoking on the greens and green surround area during Pennant games. (Smoking is permitted in designated areas)
- Any form of physical, verbal, mental, emotional and/or sexual abuse or discrimination on the basis of gender, creed, sexual orientation, disability or ethnic origin of a member or visitor.
- Wilful damage to the Club or Club property.
- Acting in a manner unbecoming of a member of the Club or prejudicial to the purpose and interests of the Club and/or the game of bowls
- Bringing the Club or any member of the Club or the sport of Bowls into disrepute.
- The use of performance enhancing or recreational drugs.

Visiting the Club:

Rye Bowls Club are licensed premises. Members and visitors must comply with the relevant Victorian laws which control the operations of such properties as well as the constitution, rules and by-laws of the Club.

Reporting and Resolving Violations:

Violations of this Code are to be reported at the time of the alleged violation to a member of the Board or relevant responsible committee and subsequently in writing by that member to the Board of Management. The Board will investigate the allegation in accordance with the constitution. Any member whose actions are considered to be a violation of this Code may, after being heard, be reprimanded suspended or expelled from the Club or otherwise dealt with in accordance with the constitution.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Opening Day - Saturday 7th September

Monday Interclub Triples - Commence on 16th September.

Trivia Quiz Afternoon - Sunday 29th September at the Club rooms from 2.00 - 5.00pm. BYO afternoon tea.

Oaks Day Luncheon - Thursday 7th November

Barefoot Bowls - Commences Thursday 14th November.

Frank Perry has once again done a marvelous job preparing the Club Syllabus / Fixture which will be available by Opening Day.

FUNDRAISING

The next "Sausage Sizzle" at Bunnings is on Sunday 25th August. This is always a great fund raiser for the Club. Doug Fitcher will be looking for helpers.

OTHER NEWS

As requested by Bowls Victoria, the Club has prepared a Privacy Policy which is available on our website and is posted on Club noticeboards.

The Selectors and Board have prepared and issued a Code of Conduct for the Club. The Code of Conduct has been sent by email to Club members and is also posted on Club noticeboards, at the Bar and at the Sign-In book. All members should read, understand and abide by the Code of Conduct.

Tony Skene has successfully completed his Food Safety Supervisor Certificate with the Mornington Peninsula Shire. Well done Tony!

New metal machinery ramps have been installed which will greatly improve John Collery's safety when moving heavy equipment on and off the greens.

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Club this season:

Full Members:

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|----------------|----------------------------------|
| John Adams | - transferring from Somerville |
| Michael Arthur | - transferring from Burden Park |
| Don Pedezanin | - transferring from West Rosebud |

Social Members:

Gary Loyer
Anton Poropat
Morena Poropat
Lynne Stewart

Transferred from or leaving the Club this season have been:

Kevin Bowler
Andrew Glover
Nathaniel Glover
Barb Harper
Bryan Harper
Greg Hilton
Frank Krslovic
Steve Tully

Sadly, Stan Price and Mick Donoghue both passed away recently. Stan was a Life Member and legend of the Club. Mick was a great guy, always a willing volunteer behind the bar or assisting in any other way for the good of the Club. Stan & Mick will be greatly missed.

REDEVELOPMENT

During the past 3 months the Club has had 2 visits by senior representatives of the Mornington Peninsula Shire. Firstly, Councillor Bryan Payne and secondly Davey Smith (Executive Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Climate Change) and Mark Stahel (Team Leader Sport and Recreation). On each occasion, we presented our Business Plan and Redevelopment Concept drawings. They were all very impressed with our documentation to date.

Whilst unable to guarantee any funding for the works, they advised if we could break down the overall scope of work into smaller prioritised projects the Shire would look closely at any proposal. A proposal from us would need to include estimates and a funding package. A funding package would probably be made up of Club and Shire funds together with, potentially, Grants and Bank finance.

The Board will continue working closely with the Shire whilst pursuing funding options.



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"Club Maintenance"

The shelters at the Nan Taylor green have now been successfully refurbished and repainted by Ian Williams and his crew in readiness for the next season of fabulous bowling. They look fantastic and are a credit to the Club. Many thanks to the dedicated members of the Club who assisted Ian, commiserations to those who missed out on great fellowship, camaraderie and many, many laughs during the process. Remember the 80/20 rule?

"Uniforms"

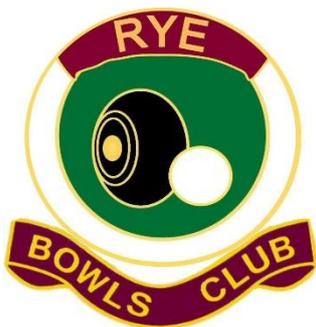
Please note that from the start of the new season uniforms (Shirts, Hats etc) and bowls accessories will now be available from the Match Committee office. See Alan Jones, Geoff Ducros or Ken Bowen for your uniform needs.

"Submission"

The following ditty was submitted by a member who shall forever remain nameless (unless there's a quid involved)

THE MOTLEY CREW by Billy Chuckadart.

Way down in South East Australia,
Is a club, and its paraphernalia
Where they play their bowls and get together
Depending of course upon the weather.



Yes, it's a friendly mob, this Rye Bowls Club Inc
And many a fine day, is had, upon the rink (s)
There's action aplenty, out there on the green
Where they play, argue and laugh, a delightful scene

But It doesn't stop there at this terrific Club
Because inside, there's a bar, which is really the hub
For after a game, and over a beer, they meet there to natter,

Tell tall tales and true, it doesn't really matter
The game is dissected, revised and replayed
And a plan for next week, hastily made.

But let me introduce to you
Some of our characters,
there are a few.

Let's start at the top, with our beloved Pres-i-dent
It would be hard to find a more hard-working Gent
"Cos he's into everything, at a frantic rate
One would think he had enough on his plate
But no, not our Bob, he's just the man to do the task,
More often than not, no need to ask
Be it cooking, maintenance or just clearing the table
Bob's always there, ready, willing and(only some say)... able



Now, Maurie's a fixture, time of day no matter
He can be found at the club, having a flutter
On the GG,s you see, trying so hard to win
Eyes glued to the screen, fingers flying on phone
He curses the loss and laughs when it comes home
A fountain of knowledge when it comes to club matters
But he's often gone home with his wallet in tatters

There's another Bob who runs our great bar
 A wiser choice could not be made, as he's fond of a jar (or3)
 A "RANGA" at birth with temperament to suit
 He restocks the fridge and counts up the loot
 If you have too many, he'll give you the boot
 A hater of cucumber, he's had more than enough
 But we'll keep putting it in, till he loves the stuff.
 Now if you want some cash or to pay by card, just go see him
 As he's the only one who can work that bloody ATM.



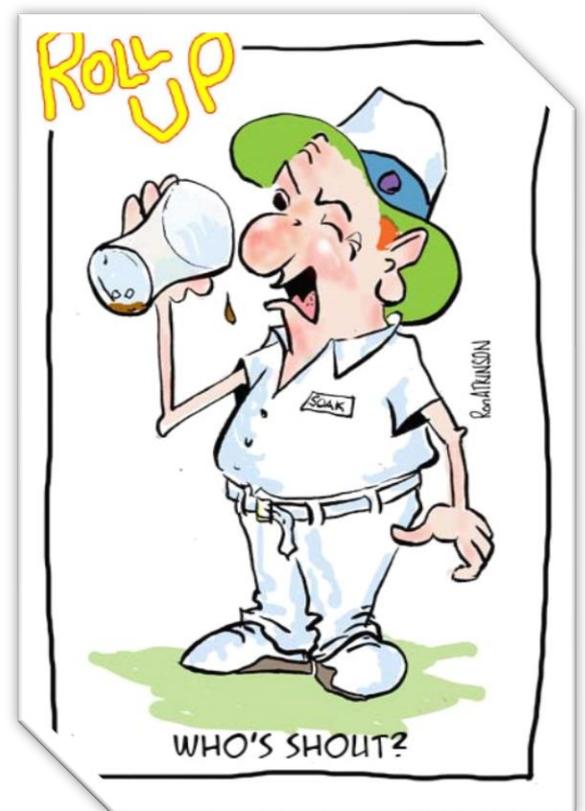
Out back in the kitchen, toiling away
 Is Tony, our chef ,he's always there, come what may
 It's his domain, and he is the master
 Just step out of line, and you're courting disaster
 But he does great work, week in and week out
 Of feeding the masses, there's no mucking about
 So, Tony please, please don't give up this job
 Or your place will be taken by No 1 Bob (and we don't want that)

I must make mention of our venerable oldies
 Who've also been known to sink a few coldies
 But it's there on the green they display their prowess
 How the hell do they do it? It's anyone's guess.
 They must have an advantage, and I mean them no harm
 Though born with just two, they have a third arm
 Out wide the bowl travels on its glorious arc
 And invariably stops.....right on the mark
 So, to Kurt, Stan and Len and others I've missed
 Well done fellas, you're top of our list!

I couldn't finish this without mention of Ray
He works and plays hard, that's just his way
Whilst walking home one dark, dismal night
After a few beers,... he felt like a fight
So, he took on the footpath, with great vigour and vim
But there was only one winner, and it just wasn't him
A smashed-up face and body aching all over
He lamented next day, I'm not a fighter.... but a lover

To those whom I've missed, I offer remorse
But your day will come, in the future, of course
Because all members are targets, in the spotlight
To mention you all, I think, is just right
So keep a low profile, keep your head well down low
Or you'll come to the attention of those in the know
For my spies are all over, and work very hard
To keep the "goss" coming to this very poor 'Bard!'

So, Rye Bowls Club in a nutshell, that's some of it
Come join us if you think you could fit
But be warned, a thick skin is needed to combat the jokes
That will be directed at you' cos they're real Aussie blokes
So, if you can give, as good as you get
You'll be welcome, "Hail fellow...well met"



SEPTEMBER IS COMING AND WHO'S EXCITED?

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