



AROUND THE CLUB

TRAINING

Mondays 4pm – Skills Development
 Thursdays 4pm for Pennant Team Practice

Please note that ALL members can attend both of these coaching sessions. Times will change to 5-7.30 once daylight saving arrives.

Saturday 11am – pre-match practice, home matches only

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The closing dates for Sandbelt rounds of State Championships are as follows:

- 26 September – Men's & Women's Over 60 Singles
- 3 October – Men's & Women's Over 60 Pairs, Men's & Women's Novice Singles, Men's & Women's Triples
- 31 October – Men's & Women's Singles, Men's & Women's Pairs, Men's & Women's Under 25 Singles
- 2 January 2018 – Mixed Pairs
- 16 January – Men's & Women's Champion of Champions, Men's & Women's Fours

The dates of the various rounds are posted on the notice board. These competitions are great for gaining experience in competitive play. Please see Wayne if you'd like to enter.

NAME BADGES

Recently ordered name badges have arrived. Please see Wayne to collect and pay your \$10.

SECOND HAND BOWLS

A number of sets of bowls are for sale by those who've recently changed - see the notice board.

APBC JACKET

A club jacket was left behind at RMGC on Tuesday but luckily picked up by a member and is now in the office. If it belongs to you, please see Wayne or a committee member.

2017-2018 FIXTURE BOOKLETS

These are now available from the office.

DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?

Seems no one recognised our President.



CORRECTION

In the last *Parkers* it was mistakenly noted that Malcolm won the Spider, actually it was Ken. Apologies.

Updated Club Calendar 2017-2018

SEPTEMBER

26 Tuesday Midweek Pennant Starts
 29 Friday Practice Match – City of Melbourne

OCTOBER

07 Saturday Pennant Starts
 08 Sunday Port Phillip Shield Closing date for Club Competitions

12 Thursday

CrackerJack Night Sign-up sheet on noticeboard

11 Wednesday 15 October

**SENIORS' DAY
NEW MEMBERS DAY**

DECEMBER

10 Sunday Sandbelt Men's Singles Rounds 1-2
 16 Saturday Saturday Pennant break
 19 Tuesday Midweek Pennant break
 Christmas Event

JANUARY 2018

06 Saturday Princes Park Shield
 13 Saturday Pennant recommences
 16 Tuesday Midweek Pennant recommences
 26 Friday (Australia Day)
 28 Sunday Angove Skins Day

FEBRUARY

18 Sunday Albert Park Travel Day

MARCH

23 Friday Presentation Night
 30 Friday Good Friday

APRIL

01 Sunday Easter Sunday
 08 Sunday Rob Fairweather Invitational Fours

MAY

13 Sunday Mother's Day
 20 Sunday AGM

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

KEL & JAKI PRODUCTIONS
presents a

'Crackerjack'

of a night!

Come and join in the fun
after training on
Thursday 12 October
at 7pm

We'll watch the iconic Australian movie
on the big screen, have a quiz, and
devour the 'wheel of cheese' with soup,
member contributions, beer and wine

- \$5 per person – please bring a plate
(sign-up sheet for event and food on the noticeboard)
- Classic bowls attire – 1960s-70s would
be most suitable
- Prizes for best dressed and quiz

ANOTHER lesson learnt

Now we are often told to hang in towards the end of a game of bowls, but for some it is difficult especially if you are down, the weather is cold and windy and everyone else is nearly finished as it's a slow game on your rink – and a struggle to keep up with the opposition.

And then there's the unhappy Skip at the other end whose team is unable to give him what he needs. The opposition with years of bowls experience has a young Skip bowling brilliantly and foiling the home team's efforts.

It was the opposition Skip who when asked, by our Skip, if we should finish sooner than later said that he would prefer to play on – his team was ahead by 3 points (at least) . . . and with maybe four ends to go.

From somewhere we found strength, weight and length and hung in there. On end 20 we were one ahead, on the last end two shots up. Well done team, you know who you are.

Dear Ump

Dear Ump,

I play second on our pennant team and so keep the scorecard each week. The scorecard always has a space to record the time the match finishes. Who cares about when we finish and why is it important? Timer Tim.

Dear Tim,

The time at the end of each match must be recorded because it is possible that a challenge to a set of bowls used in the match may be lodged at the end of the game (by a player, a coach, an umpire or the Controlling Body). That is, the bowls are being challenged for being out of specification (given in Laws 52.1 and 52.2). Law 52.4.4.2 states that if a challenge is to be made, it must be lodged within 10 minutes of the end of the match. So the time on the scorecard is needed, along with the time of lodgement, to confirm that the challenge has been made within that 10 minute period. This is a very uncommon situation of course, but it is why you need to record the exact time that your match finishes.

And a general reminder of the duties of the second as keeper of the scorecard:

- *Make sure the names of all players of both teams are correctly entered on the scorecard*
- *Record all shots scored for and against both teams as each end is completed*
- *Compare and agree the scorecard with the opposing second as each end is completed*
- *At the end of the game, record the time the game finished and sign your own and the opposing card*

When scoreboards are in use, any player of either team may update the board, but it is typical for the seconds to attend to this duty.

If you are the second on the end rink where the team total scoreboard is located, it is helpful to all rinks if you also make sure this board is updated.

Dear Skip

Dear Skip,

I hear the Selectors are thinking about dropping one of our Skips because he's a real arrogant old fool that thinks he can do no wrong. He constantly yells at his team, calls them a bunch of "no hoppers" and constantly tells them all their bowls are rubbish. Should I warn him about what the Selectors are doing? – Andy

Dear Andy,

You just did. Thanks mate!

Keep the questions coming!