



The Albert Park Bowls Club

Christmas Party

and everyone's invited on the
21st December for the fun
and frivolity

- Please arrive by 7pm for seating
- Two-course dinner served 7.30pm
- Enjoy a free glass of Christmas Sangria
- Fabulous Christmas Hampers to be raffled
- Bring a wrapped gift, up to the value of \$10, to be part of a *Naughty Santa* game
 - Sign-up sheet on the noticeboard

Closing date for bookings –
16th December. Please place
payment in clearly marked
envelope under office door or
contact Barry.

\$28
per
person

Tips for Team Play

LEADS

When the team has the mat, the Lead has two very important roles to play in setting the team up for winning each end:

1. Setting the length of the end; and
2. Setting the primary hand on which the end will develop.

Both of these factors will be decided by the skip for each end, but it is the Lead who must deliver. Leads should practice for success on both factors.

1. For setting the length of an end, Leads should practice rolling the jack to any length requested by the Skip, including from all positions of the mat. Combinations to practice are:

- Mat on the T – jack rolled short, medium and long
- Mat at mid-length – jack rolled short and medium
- Mat on the 21m mark – jack rolled short

A Lead who can deliver the jack to the skip's requested length will be setting the team up for a strong start to the end.

2. For setting the primary hand, Leads should practice bowling on both forehand and backhand since the preferred hand for each match/end will be set by Skip on the day (and may change during the match). The Lead should be capable of delivering whatever is required. In general, the Lead should expect to:

- Play both bowls on the same hand for the end (forehand or backhand) – don't have a *favourite* hand; and
- Play the same side of the green on successive ends (eg wide side or narrow side) – don't bowl *around the clock*, which is playing the same hand (forehand or backhand) in each direction.

A Lead who can play the required hand on the required side of the green will be setting the team up for strong control of the end.

Duty Rinks

MATCH DAYS

The match committee will nominate duty rinks for each of the following duties when announcing teams. Teams nominated are required to attend at 9.30am Tuesday or 11.30am Saturday

OUTSIDE DUTY RINK

Pre-match

- Placement of mats, jacks, rink numbers, rink boundary posts and wind-indicating flags
- Placement of Australian and club flags
- Placement of advertising/sponsorship banners above benches and CBA on the fence

- Placement of scoreboards (one for each team)
- Placement of water dispenser and cups

Post Match

- Return all equipment, banners and water dispenser to shed
- Remove all flags

INSIDE DUTY RINK

Ensure that there is coffee, tea, milk, mugs etc on bench for players prior to the game

Prepare for afternoon tea or lunch break

- Set up dishwasher (instructions on wall above bench)
- Set up tables with mugs,

teabags, coffee, biscuits, milk, sugar and teaspoons (and raffle tokens if two teams at home on the same day) on a red placemat

- hot water in stainless steel teapots on tables when break is called

After tea or lunch break

- Wash and place crockery in dishwasher and then return to drawers/cupboard
- Clear all tables and return items to cupboard
- Clean up kitchen
- Ensure rubbish bins are emptied

We hope that you will assist. It's your Club. The investment of a small amount of time by all will enhance harmony and make each day enjoyable for everyone.



NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting is on Tuesday 10 December at 5pm. Please give the Secretary reasonable notice if you have an item for discussion and would like to attend the beginning of the meeting.

WEDNESDAY TWILIGHTS 6PM

Twilight Casual Bowls offers a helpful and friendly introduction for newer bowlers and less intensive competition for developing bowlers.

SINGLES LEAGUE

The perennial Singles League (or Ladder) now really is a league, not a ladder. The competition has undergone a revamp and in the (unanimous) opinion of the organisers has a better look. The new structure should also be more likely to encourage participants to play matches, the only minor drawback being that a couple of close losses could outrank a narrow win. I encourage you all to peruse the Rules online to appreciate how the new structure works. Basically you will see that 10 points are shared between the two players based on the outcome of each match.

One important aspect of the structure is that only the most recent match between any two participants counts. A loser might hope to gain more points from a rematch (especially if they took none the previous time) and it is hoped that rematches will not be unreasonably refused – the organisers reserve the right to introduce penalties if this turns out to be a problem. Having said that, even with the 7 participants and 5 matches played so far there are plenty of unplayed fixtures available and, of course, plenty of other club members who could be encouraged to participate.

If you take a look at the results you will see that Carole got the ball rolling back in September but it has been Wayne who has been most active recently. From the standings you will see that this burst of activity has left Wayne well placed, but it is very early days yet. *Scriv*

MIDWEEK BANKERS

This Gold Coin match is on every Tuesday and is for anyone not selected in the Pennant Teams and for new members to learn bowling skills. Turn up at 10am with a \$2 coin to be put into a team to play 2 short games ending at 12 noon.

November

29 Function PWC 1-5pm

December

1 Function Eviva 2-6pm

6 Function Swim Vic 10am-12noon

Function MWRRB 12.30-4.30pm

8 Function Simon 10am-12.30pm

11 Tabcorp

13 Function GDP 1-5pm

Function Sally 6-9pm

18 Function VI 3.30-7pm

20 Function Flagstaff 1-5pm

21 Club Christmas Party

25 Christmas Day

26 Boxing Day

31 New Year's Eve

January 2020

1 New Year's Day

26 Angove Australia Day Triples

March

9 Albert Park Travel Labour Day Triples

tba Presentation Night

April

5 Rob Fairweather Invitational Fours

tba Annual General Meeting

I'm not living in the past, just making payments on it.

AND THE WINNERS ARE

Come along to the club on Sunday the 8th December to find out who this year's Club Pairs and Ladies' Pairs champions will be. Ross and Ben or Wayne and Malcolm? Chris and Barendina or Carole and Margot? Both games start at 2pm.

Janine and Margot have both made it to the finals of the Ladies' Proportional Championship. Keep your eyes peeled for the date and time that this game will be played.

CLUB NOVICE AND TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Reminder that sign up for the Club Novice closes on 1st December and for the Club Triples on 8th December. There is a \$5 entry fee per player for each competition. Please pay Barry, Wayne or Carole before the respective closing date.