



To all our members, Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year . . . and here is a Financial Update



The year 2019 has seen some big investments into our Club. As well as replacing the old green with a new one, the assets of the Club have been added to with 27 sets of various size Henselite XG bowls (supported with a government grant) some very functional carry boxes from the Port Phillips Men's Shed and a secure locker to house the bowls.

All of this has come at considerable cost. Despite this, the Club's finances remain strong with a healthy bank balance that has been growing steadily since our large outlay.

The reasons for our steady cash growth are effectively our ongoing Club activities, which are run efficiently with unpaid volunteer member labour. These include:

- Fundraising events including very a successful Succulent Sale and a Wine Tasting Night
- Functions – the bread and butter of our revenue raising – well managed by Simon with a cast of many, but a key group of around 8-10
- Club events including the Muriel Powe and Rob Fairweather
- Pennant green fees
- Member fees
- Sponsorships from CBA, Kaiser, Cayzer, Albert Park Travel, Spitting Image, Guardian Pharmacy and Abbey Cellars
- And our good old Members Bar – which also provides us with many laughs, rhetorical tales of bowling prowess and very few tears!

All the best for 2020.

Barry Toll, *Treasurer*



Friday morning at the Club – Crew marking the lines – great work, more helpers always appreciated.



Naughty Santa

Rules of the Game

Participants place wrapped gifts together. Then, one by one each can choose a gift. You have the choice to either 'steal' someone else's already-opened gift, or open the new one. If someone's gift is 'stolen' that person gets to revisit the pile and choose a new one.

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THE PARKERS AROUND THE CLUB

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting is on Tuesday 14 January 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.

TWILIGHT LEAGUE

Twilight League rounds continue on the 18 December, then January 1, 8, etc. *Scriv*

NAME BADGES

Those names on the last list can now collect their badges from the office



SUGGESTION BOX

As requested by some members, a box as been set up on the book shelf for your suggestions and concerns regarding the running of your Club. This will regularly be opened by a Board member for attention.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club Pairs Championship was won in a tight game by Wayne Gill and Malcolm Stevenson over Ross Oakley and Ben Mäntynen.



Meanwhile, a similarly close game was taking place in the Ladies' Pairs Championship in a match that took nearly five hours to complete due in part to the amount of time spent measuring and inspecting the head, adding tension to the game. Won by Carole Rafferty and Margot Keenan. All players appreciated the support from the spectators.



Tips for Pennant SECONDS

As a Second, you are responsible for scoring, distributing and collecting green fees and performance ratings slips.

On the green, you can hand the Lead their bowls (unless they prefer to pick them up themselves), especially when your team has won the previous end and the Lead has just delivered the jack. When it's your turn to bowl, your objective will usually be to simply add another bowl to the head. This can require bowls on either hand (and even to an off centre jack). So when practicing make sure you play both forehand and backhand and to offset jacks as well. In the match, before you step on the mat, make sure to check which hand your skip is asking you to play.

Check with your opposite second that you agree on the score after each end. And keep the scoreboard up to date. If you're playing on the rink closest to the overall scoreboard, also make sure that is updated regularly. The rest of the side often depends on knowing the overall score.

At the conclusion of the game, get a final agreement on the score from your opposite second, mark on the card the time the game finishes and then sign both your own and your opposition's scorecard. Hand your completed scorecard and green fees to your side manager. Return the completed performance rating slips to Sue Gill (or to your side manager if playing away).

THE PARKERS Pennant Dates for the 2020- 2021 Season

(so that you can book
your holidays)

WEEKEND PENNANT

- Round 1 – 17 October 2020
- Round 2 – 24 October 2020
- Round 3 – 31 October 2020
- Round 4 – 7 November 2020
- Round 5 – 14 November 2020
- Round 6 – 15 November 2020
(Weekend Pennant Double Header)
- 2020 Victorian Open – 20-27 November
- Round 7 – 28 November 2020
(First Game after Victorian Open)
- Round 8 – 5 December 2020
- Round 9 – 12 December 2020
- Round 10 – 19 December 2020
- Christmas/New Year Break
- Round 11 – 23 January 2021
- Round 12 – 30 January 2021
- Round 13 – 31 January 2021
(Weekend Pennant Double Header)
- Round 14 – 6 February 2021
- Round 15 – 13 February 2021
- Round 16 – 20 February 2021
- Round 17 – 27 February 2021
- Round 18 – 6 March 2021
- Sectional Semi Final – 13 March 2021
- Sectional Final – 14 March 2021
- Division Quarter Final – 20 March 2021
- Division Semi Final – 21 March 2021
- Division Grand Finals – 27 March 2021

MIDWEEK PENNANT

- Round 1 – 20 October 2020
- Round 2 – 27 October 2020
- Round 3 – 4 November 2020
(Played on a Wednesday
in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day)

Club Calendar

- December**
- 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

- Round 4 – 10 November 2020
- Round 5 – 17 November 2020
- 2020 Victorian Open – 20-27 November
- Round 6 – 1 December 2020
- Round 7 – 3 December 2020
(Midweek Pennant Double Header)
- Round 8 – 8 December 2020
- Round 9 – 15 December 2020
- Round 10 – 22 December 2020
- Christmas/New Year Break
- Round 11 – 19 January 2021
- Round 12 – 28 January 2021
(Played on a Thursday
in lieu of Australia Day)
- Round 13 – 2 February 2021
- Round 14 – 9 February 2021
- Round 15 – 16 February 2021
- Round 16 – 23 February 2021
- Round 17 – 2 March 2021
- Round 18 – 9 March 2021
- Sectional Semi Final – 16 March 2021
- Sectional Final – 18 March 2021
- Division Quarter Final – 23 March 2021
- Division Semi Final – 25th March 2021
- Division Grand Finals – 30th March 2021

There are none so blind as those who will not see. John Heywood 1546