



AROUND THE CLUB Getting ready for Summer!

As chilly and wet (and uncertain) as these days can be, summer is coming and pennant season may not be that far off. Of course, coronavirus restrictions may have huge impacts on the coming season and we're all waiting to see what those might be. But in the meantime, your Board and Match Committees are working to be ready to go whenever we get the green light. Pennant teams are being planned, practice matches are being arranged and a new coach has been engaged. Here are some of the major highlights:

• PENNANT TEAMS

The basic approach to fielding pennant sides will be similar to last year, with 3 full teams of 16 in Weekend and 2 full teams of 12 in Midweek. But there has also been considerable interest in the proposed new Thursday pennant competition described in Parkers 32 (and on the Bowls Vic website). Broadly, this is a seven-a-side competition with two teams of pairs and a triple, played on Thursday mornings from 10am. If this, or one of the other potential new competitions, might be of interest to you, make sure you let your Match Committee members know (Midweek: Bryan, Carole and Tim; Weekend: Lambis, Sue G and Ross). Teams must be entered by the end of this month so let us know quickly.

• PENNANT FORMAT & SCHEDULE

At present, Bowls Vic is indicating a full season of both Midweek and Weekend matches, starting on the 22nd and 26th of September, respectively, and we are preparing to be ready for those start dates. But, as restrictions are extended, it may well be that the season will actually start later and/or possibly be shorter or be played in different formats. Our plan is to be ready for the currently announced campaign and to be flexible to adjust that plan when the eventual details are finalised.

What Macca's bowl is doing in isolation



Just waiting, and waiting!

• PRACTICE MATCHES

We have organised two away practice matches on grass and plan to hold two intra-club matches at home. We also have the annual Port Phillip Cup match against our local rival clubs, Middle Park, Port Melbourne and St Kilda, which we are hosting this year.

Saturday 5 September

Intra-club at home

Sign-up sheets

Saturday 12 September

Intra-club at home

are on the noticeboard,

Saturday 19 September

Elsternwick Club away

so please add your name

Sunday 20 September

Port Phillip Cup at home

where you're available

Tuesday 22 September

Royal Melbourne Golf Club away

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THE PARKERS

• NEW COACH AND TRAINING SCHEME

Please welcome our new coach, Rob Huddle, to the club. Rob has extensive experience in both playing and coaching. He won his first club champion trophy in 1989 and has played in many champion of champions and state representative competitions since. He has been coaching for almost as long, with positions at Black Rock, Brighton (twice), Mount Waverley, Frankston and most recently as Head Coach at Armadale for the last two years. He has authored a number of coaching columns and articles and runs his own bowls coaching website: ecoachbowls.com. Rob is keen to provide coaching to bowlers of all levels of experience, both in individual skills and in team play and strategy.

The current plan for training is to hold two sessions each week, on Mondays and Thursdays. Mondays will focus on technique and skills development particularly for new starters and social bowlers. Thursdays will begin with one-on-one sessions with Rob, followed by team focussed learning and game practice particularly for more experienced players. Typically these sessions would start in the beginning of September, but we may need to be flexible to meet any restrictions at the time.



OPEN FOR TAKEAWAY

We're in lockdown again and, unfortunately the bar must close for the next six weeks at least. The club has therefore decided to reduce wine and beer stocks and we now have a temporary, limited licence to sell these at a discount for consumption off the premises.

**Members only at the clubhouse every
Sunday and Wednesday 1pm-3pm
while stocks last**

SUCCULENTS

In case members are concerned, the succulents are surviving under the care of Lindsay and Rex. However, need more containers, pots etc please.



Bowls can be described as an endless series of tragedies, obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a nice cold beer.