



RETURN TO THE GREEN

The rules on COVID marshalls have been relaxed a bit and it's no longer mandatory to have a Marshall present for social roll ups. However, the allowable number of bowlers for social bowling is still capped at 10 in a group, and groups must be 10m apart. Our approach to this is to keep Rink 5 closed and allow ten bowlers on either side, in whatever combinations you like. Please remember that all the usual social distancing, personal hygiene and equipment sanitising rules still apply. Masks are still mandatory unless you have a valid exemption. And all bowlers and visitors must still complete the contact tracing register upon arrival and departure. Even if you're bowling on your own, please fill out the sheet to help keep our records complete.

Return to the Clubhouse

The rules for being inside the clubhouse (eg attending the bar) are also changing: until 23 November 2020 only 10 people are allowed inside the clubhouse (eg in the bar), although after that we expect the limit to rise to 20 with groups of up to 10 and at least 10m spacing between groups. The sign in/out register continues as usual, along with individual distancing, sanitising, etc.

During the lockdown, we have reviewed our cleaning arrangements and appointed iShine Cleaning as our new cleaning contractor. Let us know what you think of the change. You may also notice that new pedal operated bins have been placed in the toilets and kitchen.

Use of the community coffee and tea station needs to be avoided. Tea, coffee, sugar, milk and stirrers are now provided in single serve,

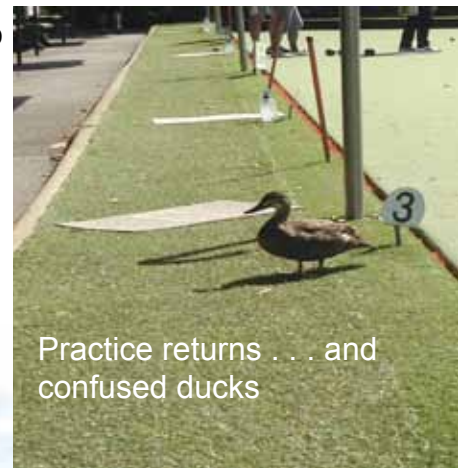


What Macca's new bowl is doing on its slow way out of isolation . . . signing in for our first official practice on the green . . . yeh!

pre-packaged portions in the cupboard. Please use these instead. And remember to sanitise counters, etc. with the wipes provided.

Return to Pennant

Bowls Vic have now confirmed that the 14 week season announced earlier will go forward as planned. We're waiting on the draws to be finalised this week and will then know the specific fixtures for each side. We'll also then be able to print the Fixture Book with all the usual season information and contact details.



Practice returns . . . and confused ducks



What the Board discussed at its last meeting:

- Continuing changes to restrictions
- Confirmation of Pennant schedule as previously advised - draws to be released
- Receipt of grant under Round 2 of Community Sport COVID-19 Short-term Survival Package (\$1000)
- Coaching Program transitioning from zoom to physical: training sessions to be Mondays 4:30-6:30pm and Thursdays 3:30-7:00pm.
- Practice Matches
- Vacancy on Midweek Pennant Match Committee - seeking interested candidates
- Club Championships - remind members, extend closing dates, publish schedule
- Sandbelt Championships - advise members and encourage participation (club will pay entry fees)

- Green sharing: St Kilda 4 (Div 4) to play their home games at Albert Park again this year
- Port Philip Cup: not to be played this year; Albert Park to host next year.
- Functions: 5 tentatively booked for December - volunteers needed (coaching, RSAs)
- Membership Regulations updated - copy to be posted on notice board
- Clubhouse cleaning: club requirements defined; 4 potential cleaners evaluated; iShine Cleaning chosen
- Clubhouse maintenance: pedal operated bins purchased for toilets and kitchen

Sandbelt Championships

The annual Sandbelt Regional Championships lead into the Victorian State Championships. The schedule for these competitions has recently been released, with the following key dates:

	Entries Close	Draw Published	First Round
Fours	Tue 17 Nov	Fri 20 Nov	Sun 29 Nov
Over 60s Pairs	Tue 17 Nov	Fri 20 Nov	Wed 02 Dec
Triples	Sun 22 Nov	Fri 04 Dec	Sun 13 Dec
Over 60s Singles	Sun 29 Nov	Fri 04 Dec	Wed 16 Dec
Novice Singles	Sun 20 Dec	Wed 30 Dec	Sun 10 Jan
Open Pairs	Sun 20 Dec	Fri 08 Jan	Sun 17 Jan
Mixed Pairs	Sun 20 Dec	Fri 08 Jan	Wed 20 Jan
Open Singles	Sun 24 Jan	Fri 29 Jan	Sun 07 Feb
Champion of Champions Singles	Sun 14 Feb	Fri 19 Feb	Sun 28 Feb

More detail is provided on the Schedule posted on the notice board, or you can visit the Sandbelt website at sandbelt.bowls.com.au.

Green allocations for hosting these competitions have also been published and Albert Park has been tentatively allocated Rounds 3 and 4 of the Men's and Women's Over 60 Singles (on Thursday, 17 Dec) and Rounds 1 and 2 of the Men's Open Pairs (on Sunday, 17 Jan), although these may change depending on number of entries.

Absent-mindedness is a state of waitaminute, what was I just . . .

Volunteers required for Functions, Open Day and Succulent Sale. Please contact a committee member if you can help.

AROUND THE CLUB

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries to the Club Championships have been coming in steadily, but the closing dates have been extended to allow for all interested bowls and life members to be included in this year's competitions. Entry closing dates are now set as follows:

Club Singles, Ladies' Singles, Club Proportional, Ladies' Proportional, President's Handicap and Club Minor - Friday, 20 November 2020

Club Pairs, Ladies' Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Club Novice - Friday, 15 January 2021

Club Triples: Friday, 22 January 2021

A chart detailing the various play-by dates is posted on the notice board. These may be affected slightly by the ultimate number of entrants for each competition.

FUNCTIONS

We have provisionally booked several functions for December, so volunteers will be needed to help manage and deliver these bowling events.

Keep an eye on the notice board for timing and volunteer sign up sheets.

OPEN DAY & SUCCULENT SALE

This is now set for Sunday, 13 December 2020.

PRACTICE MATCHES

In the lead up to the start of the season, we've arranged four practice matches - two for each of the Weekend and Midweek competitions:

- Saturday, 14 November 2020 – Intra-club game at home
- Tuesday, 17 November 2020 – at Beaumaris
- Saturday, 21 November 2020 – vs Elsternwick Club (1sts at home, others at EC)
- Tuesday, 24 November 2020 – at Royal Melbourne GC

Practice matches are played on the same time schedule as actual pennant: 12.45pm roll up on Saturdays (arrive by 12.30pm) and 10.15am roll up on Tuesdays (arrive by 10am). Club uniform required for all matches, except for the intra-club match on the 14th.

From the Coach

COACHING TIP # 5

Rob Huddle

Be useful

The key to consistency is to make every bowl useful. i.e. bowls in the head. Choose shots that if missed the bowl still has value.

COACHING TIP # 6

Disciplined weight control

Play with weight that allows your bowl to finish in a useful position if you miss your objective.

COACHING TIP # 7

Be up when you are down

This is basic play for all Seconds and Thirds. This keeps the head open and creates the most options for the skipper.

COACHING TIP # 8

Poor bowls are out

Try not to lose your bowl or be short and block the head. Poor bowls do not achieve their objective and can often make subsequent shots more difficult.

calendar

Subject to change

November

- 17 Practice Match vs Beaumaris
- 21 Practice Match vs Elsternwick
- 24 Practice Match vs Royal MGC
- 26 7-a-side Pennant begins
- 28 Weekend Pennant begins

December

- 1 Midweek Pennant begins
- 4 *Function – NECA 4.30-8.30pm*
- 11 *Function – GDP 1-5pm*
- 13 Open Day & Succulent Sale
- 17 *Function – NEK 5-9pm*
- 18 *Function – MWRRG 12.30-4.30pm*
- 22 Christmas Drinks (after Pennant)
- 23 *Function – EHP 5-9pm*

January 2021

- 26 Australia Day – Angoves Triples

February

- 21 Albert Park Travel Day

- TBA Presentation Night
- TBA Rob Fairweather Invitational Fours
- TBA Annual General Meeting