



APBC Christmas Party

The end of year party will be a bit different this year. We'll be gathering at the club on Tuesday, 22 December after the last pennant match for the year. Join us for a casual drink and barbeque from 6pm. No entry charge this year, but bring a salad or desert. The club will provide the rest of the meal and we'll be eating outside (weather permitting). If you plan to attend, please put your name on the sign up sheet on the notice board to help us manage the catering.



Albert Park Bowls Club training hard



From the Coach

Rob Huddle



COACHING TIP # 9

Play to get a good 2nd shot

Always good tactics. Your team is then only one shot down or holds 2 shots and has two bowls in the head.

COACHING TIP # 10

Add with last bowl

Do this a few times in game will create a winning break.

COACHING TIP # 11

Make life difficult

Decrease your opponents potential success by covering bowls, blocking, playing their hand, draw another without increasing the target

COACHING TIP # 12

Try to beat your opponents best or second best bowl

Moving their second best bowl out of the head can create an opportunity so that it is then worth the risk in attempting to remove the shot bowl



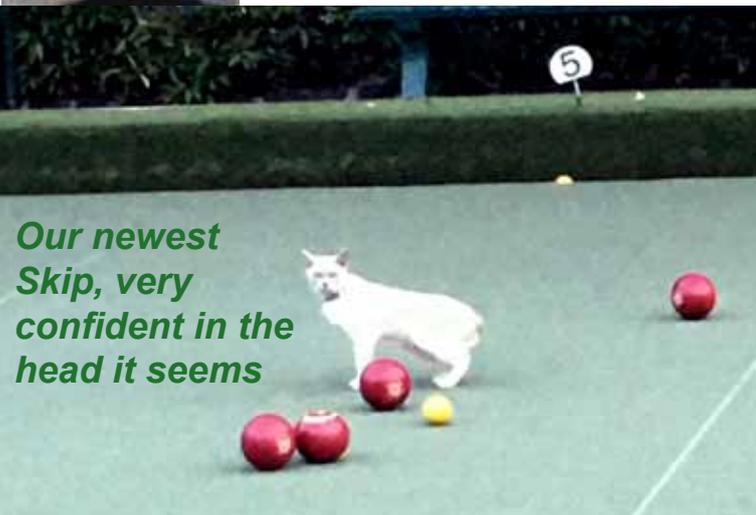
Set of [extremely well trained] Dreamline XG size 4 HW

\$350

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Our newest Skip, very confident in the head it seems

What the Board discussed at its last meeting:

- Impacts of latest COVID restrictions
- Food Act Registration inspection and renewal
- Club insurance renewal
- Requests from other clubs for rescheduling of pennant matches
- Pennant Permits and Clearances
- Hosting duties for Sandbelt Championships
- Arrangements for green sharing with St Kilda 4ths
- Filling of Midweek Match Committee vacancy
- Club Events Calendar - setting of dates
- New Members: approval of six new membership applications:
 - Merryl and Kevin Flynn (Bowls)
 - Bec Robinson and Tim Meldrum (Bowls)
 - Kyle Shirname (Junior)
 - Steven Shaw (Bowls)
- Review of Sandbelt General Meeting
- Under 18s Roll Up Hub - program to begin in early February and run for four weeks
- Clubhouse maintenance (toilets, smoke alarm, ice maker, bins, consumables stocks)

CALENDAR

With the rest of the season looking more settled, we have posted an updated events calendar on the club website. Our aim is to keep this calendar as up to date as possible, so please have a look if you want to know what's coming up. Key events in the near term are:

December

- 14 *Corporate bowling event 12-4pm*
- 17 *Hosting Sandbelt Championships Men's Over 60s Singles 10am-4pm (4 rinks)*
Corporate bowling event 5-9pm
- 18 *Corporate bowling event 12.30-4.30pm*
- 22 *Last day of Pennant for 2020*
Christmas Drinks 6-9pm
- 23 *Corporate bowling event 5-9pm*

January 2021

- 09 *First day of Pennant*

Taking steps is easy, standing still is hard.

AROUND THE CLUB

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions have been eased again, with the following rules now being current:

- Masks no longer necessary outside or inside, but should be carried for use if you cannot maintain a safe distance
- The water fountain can be used again
- Contact tracing by QR code is now the standard and should be used on all visits to the club
- A maximum of 52 persons inside the clubhouse

COACHING/TRAINING

A reminder that our regular coachings sessions are up and running:

- Mondays from 4.30 to 6.30pm, with a focus on skills development (beginners most welcome) and individual coaching
- Thursdays from 3.30 to 7pm, with individual coaching until 4.45pm, then team skills and practice

UNAVAILABILITIES FOR PENNANT

A reminder for all pennant players to mark any upcoming unavailabilities on the sheet on the notice board, especially in the lead up to Christmas and the restart early in January.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

So far we have six of our eleven club championships underway, with many a match being hotly contested. Entries for the Pairs (Club, Ladies' and Mixed), Club Triples and Club Novice competitions will close in January. As we need at least four entries to hold a competition, please get your teams together and put your names on the sign up sheets.

MIDWEEK MATCH COMMITTEE

The Board has appointed Lambis to fill the vacancy in the midweek match committee, joining Carole and Tim.

NEW CLEANER

We have engaged a new cleaner, *iShine*, who have made a good start on our more extensive cleaning program. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please contact Macca.

GREEN INSPECTION

Our green had its annual inspection by Sandbelt/BV this week, passing with flying colours and receiving an A Grade rating. They also measured the green to be running at a steady 16 seconds.

BOWLS FOR SALE

If you were a fan of Macca's adventurous bowl during the lockdown, here's your chance to take possession of the full set. They are on the table in the clubhouse and all enquiries should be addressed to the man himself.

EXTERNAL TOURNAMENTS

The usual flood of promotions for external tournaments has been quiet with all the restrictions, but they are starting to flow in again. If you're interested in entering single day tournaments at other clubs, check out the current offerings on the northern notice board (in the mixed locker room). Playing tournaments is a good way to broaden your experience, visit clubs you might otherwise not and meet lots of interesting bowlers.

MEASURING CLINIC

Wayne will be holding another measuring clinic at 3pm on Monday, 14 December. This is aimed at giving you the basics of the measuring task that all bowlers eventually end up needing to master. No need to sign up, just show up on the day. New members particularly encouraged to attend.

RETURN OF TUESDAY BANKERS

The Tuesday morning non-pennant competition for all members of all skill levels is being restarted. It's very casual – no need to commit to playing every week. The objective is to make teams as balanced as possible between skilled and newer players. If you'd like to get a bit of low-pressure competitive experience, please be at the club by 10am (you can also help set up the rinks!). Every second week, there will be no pennant being played as both midweek pennant sides play away/home together. On the pennant weeks, there will still be two rinks available. Teams and format will be decided each week based on the number of participants. There is a \$2 gold coin entry which goes into a kitty that is paid out to the winning team(s). Attire is casual. Contact Carole if you have any questions.