



THE

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Newsletter of the Albert Park Bowls Club Inc

WELCOME TO 2024!

What the Board discussed at its latest meeting

Club Events

Angove Skins Game

Friday 26th January – Australia Day. Arrive 11.45. Lunch 12-1pm. Bring a plate. Sign-up sheet on board.

Wine tasting fundraiser

Saturday 24th February 6pm. \$40 per person. Sign-up sheet on board.

Rob Fairweather – Sat 16th March
Presentation Night - Friday 22nd March


Annual General Meeting Sunday
12th May

Functions -

- Friday 9th Feb 5.30-8pm
- Wed 15th May 12.30-4.30pm
- Friday 6th Dec 3-00-5-00pm

Next meeting will be
13/02/2024 @ 5pm

APBC HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES



JOHN Bishard GRUT

- Played in first Champion of Champions in 1896 and first State Singles Championship in 1900
- Member of V.B.A. Executive for 30 years and V.B.A. President for 5 years from 1920
- Victorian delegate to Australian Bowling Council from 1914 and President from 1927 to 1929
- Wrote (with W. Barr) a treatise on Construction and Maintenance of Bowling Greens
- Designed many badges, including V.B.A. and Australia Bowling Council
- Awarded Life Membership of V.B.A. in 1945 (at age 83).
- Club Champion at both South Melbourne and Port Melbourne clubs in three successive years.

TIMELINE at Albert Park BC (SMBC):

1898-99	Joined South Melbourne Bowling Club
1900-20	Committee Member
1900-03	Vice President & Match Committee Member
1903-04	Club President
1907-08	Club Champion
1908-09	Club Champion
1909-10	Club Champion
1912-13	Match Committee Member

Current COVID isolation rules

While isolation is no longer a legal requirement, if you test positive for COVID, staying at home protects the people in your community. If you test positive, you should not visit high risk settings for at least 7 days or until symptoms have gone.

Richmond Union Sesquicentennial rematch Jan 2024



Richmond Union was the first side Albert Park (then South Melbourne) Bowls Club played in a competition. That match took place on November 14th, 1874. Richmond Union won that match by a comfortable 32-point scoring 127 to 95. 149 years and 2 months later we had our revenge for that earlier loss when we defeated Richmond Union by 138 to 83 on Saturday 15th January in a commemorative game of unusual format (6 teams each side, each team played every opposition team in a 3 end game).

The outstanding rink for Albert Park was Rob Huddles rink, (Rob (da coach) Huddle, Lambis (they go where you send them) Englezos, Barry (one was a treasure) Toll and Rex (big boy) Magnusson) with 31 shots up over the 6 games. They took the donated first prize of \$150 for the win.



Thanks to Richmond Union for wholeheartedly embracing our commemorative event and fielding the opposing team. The president of Richmond Union, Rob Hutton was a particularly enthusiastic supporter of the event.

Malcolm Stevenson, Lindsay Chaloner and Kel Edgar did our club a sterling service in developing the format, liaising with Richmond Union and keeping track, (via a cunning spreadsheet), of all the games. Graeme MacDonald, (umpire for the day but never called), cooked about a hundred sausages and burgers for the after-game feast with help from Martin Pelzner while Jaki took care of the bar. Thanks to you all for a fantastic effort and thanks to everyone who played and made it an enjoyable, if somewhat damp, afternoon.



Women's Singles Final 2023 - 2024 Season

Congratulations to Carole Rafferty and Janine Kibblewhite who played the final of the this years Ladies Club Championship on warm Sunday morning on the 14th January. Some twenty Club members witnessed some beautiful bowling by Janine Kibblewhite and Carole Rafferty in their quest to become this season's Ladies Champion. Janine took an early lead in the over two hour match with consistent draw shots. A late comeback by Carole was eventually defeated by an LBW (last bowl wins) dead draw by Janine after she had lost 5 ends in a row. President Simon Strickland presented flowers to the finalists to the delight of players and spectators.



Save the Date!

Wine Tasting Evening

24 February at 6 for 6.30pm

**The event will be fully catered
\$40 per head.**



Gold Medal Winning Wines, including a 1998 Wolf Blass Commemorative Shiraz, a 1999 Elderton Command Shiraz, a 2003 Bremerton Old Adam Langhorne Creek Shiraz and some great Cabernets, Semillons and a Malbec will be offered for tasting at \$2 per 50ml taste. There will be a maximum of 50 tickets sold and friends are welcome. Sign-up sheet is on the Club Notice Board. Payment can be made to any board member



In December the Club received a grant from the South Melbourne Community Chest to enable our Junior Bowls program. The Grant funds are raised through sales at the Op-Shop the Community Chest runs in Bank St South Melbourne. The shop is currently recruiting volunteers for a variety of roles. The work is flexible, fun and provides an opportunity to meet and work with new people. If you can assist have a chat to Anita on 9699 6839 and check out their website at www.southmelbournecommunitychest.org.au

Photo caption -

President Simon Strickland receives the Junior Bowls support grant from the Mayor of Port Phillip Council Ms Heather Cunsolo.

2024
CALENDAR



Events
Reminders

JANUARY		
Wednesday	17	Twilight League 5.45pm
Thursday	18	Training 4-6pm
Saturday	20	Pennant
Monday	22	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	23	Pennant
		Gold Coin 9.45am
Wednesday	24	Twilight League 5.45pm
Thursday	25	Training 4-6pm
Friday	26	Australia Day 11.30am
Saturday	27	Pennant
Monday	29	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	30	Pennant
	30	Gold Coin 9.45am
Wednesday	31	Twilight League 5.45pm
FEBRUARY		
Thursday	1	Training 4-6pm
Saturday	3	Pennant
Monday	5	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	6	Pennant
		Gold Coin 9.45am
Wednesday	7	Juniors/Local Legends 4-5.30pm
		Twilight League 5.45pm
Thursday	8	Albert Park College 9-10.30am
		Training 4-6pm
Friday	9	Function – 5.30-8.30pm
Saturday	10	Pennant
Monday	12	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	12	Pennant
		Gold Coin 9.45am

Pennant - Tuesday 10.15 roll up for 10.30 start
Saturday 12.45 roll up for 1pm start

Gold Coin games Tuesdays 9:45am

Training Mondays 4-6pm
Thursday 4-6pm

Junior/Local No formal training sessions in Jan

Legends

Wednesday	14	Juniors/Local Legends 4-5.30pm
		Twilight League 5.45pm
Thursday	15	Albert Park College 9-10.30am
		Training 4-6pm
Saturday	17	Pennant
Monday	19	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	20	Pennant
		Gold Coin 9.45am
Wednesday	21	Juniors/Local Legends 4-5.30pm
		Twilight League 5.45pm
Thursday	22	Albert Park College 9-10.30am
		Training 4-6pm
Saturday	24	Gold Coin 9.45am
		Wine Tasting Fundraiser 6pm
Monday	26	Training 4-6pm
Tuesday	27	Gold Coin 9.45am
Wednesday	28	Juniors/Local Legends 4-5.30pm
		Twilight League 5.45pm
Thursday	29	Albert Park College 9-10.30am
		Training 4-6pm