



THE

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Newsletter of the Albert Park Bowls Club Inc

What the Board discussed at its latest meeting

Club Events

Wine Tasting Fundraiser –
Wednesday 24th March

Presentation Night - Friday 22nd
March

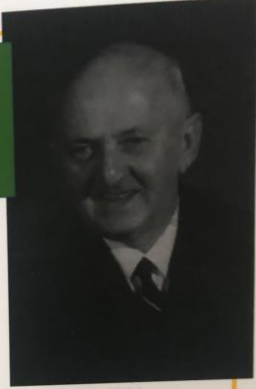
Annual General Meeting -
Sunday 19th May

Functions -

- Wed 27th March 4-8pm
- Wed 15th May 12.30-4.30pm
- Friday 6th Dec 3-00-5-00pm
- Friday 29th Nov 12-4pm
- Fri day 6th Dec 3-5pm
- Friday 13th Dec 1-5pm

Next meeting will be 12/3/2024
@ 5pm

APBC HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES



CHARLES Arthur James GADSBY

- Born in Page Street, South Melbourne in 1915.
- Began bowling in the 1930s and, after serving in the military forces in WWII, joined the Club (APVRI Bowling Club at the time).
- In 1986 he was appointed RVBA Greens Director for World Bowls. Served on the Southern District Electric Light Bowls Associations Committee (SDELBA) for 38 years.
- Also served on the Group (today known as a Region) 16 Committee as Councilor and Group Secretary, and as the RVBA Greens Committee Chairman.
- Headed many Club projects: construction of the new Clubhouse, adapting the Club Constitution to allow full membership for the lady members.
- Was renowned for his driving – once putting a jack through the window at Melbourne Bowling Club.
- Our green is named in his honour. Charlie passed away on 24 August 1992.

TIMELINE at Albert Park BC:

1946	Joined Albert Park VRI Bowling Club
1947-48	Club Champion, Committee and Assistant Press Correspondent
1949-51	Club President
1954-55	Green Director until 1987-88
1956	Played in RVBA Representative Side vs Tasmania
1959-60	Club President, Club Champion, President SDELBA
1960-61	Club President, President SDELBA. Plays in RVBA team vs NZ
1962-67	Skipped A1 Pennant Side
1964-72	Club Treasurer
1967-68	Elected Life Member
1968-69	Elected Group 16 Councilor and Group Secretary
1969-70	RVBA Greens Committee Chairman
1970-71	Club Champion
1971-73	Member Group 16 Side; won Group Sides Championship
1973-75	Club President
1975-76, 1979-80, 1982-85	Club Champion
1982	Club Secretary until 1985-86
1985-86	Club President

WELCOME NEW MEMBER
Stephanie Ryan

Wine Tasting Evening Fundraiser 24th February at 6 for 6.30pm



Bring your friends!

All wines available for tasting are award winners!

Stunning wines as raffle prizes!

Auction items are truly unique and irreplaceable!

Blind tasting prize is definitely worth winning!

\$40 includes dinner – see you there!

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.



Kel has been busy around the club and has started the seat renovations
First seat done and it's looking fantastic!

Men's Singles Final 2023 - 2024 Season

Mark Solonch became this years club champion after a gruelling 33 end tussle with the runner up Athi Singh. The score going into the final end was 24 all but Mark drew steadfastly to the jack to win the match. Both players bowled with spectacular skill and demonstrated dogged determination throughout the match. The match a lesson in steadiness under pressure from both players, where even a touchers behind was no guarantee of victory in an end. A great game to watch and a demonstration of true skill.



Winner Mark with his greatest fan and runner up Athi.



Tense spectators, spouses feel the players moments of success and disappointment.

Open Club Champions – Pairs 2023 - 2024 Season

Proving age is no barrier Eric and Norm, our oldest club members with a combined age of 187, played off against Simon and Sal in the Open Club Pairs in the quarter final. A close run game demonstrating all the Wiley prowess of old foxes vs the aspiring younger plays.

Well done everyone who participated in the club competitions!



The Junior Champion for 2023 –2024

The Junior Champion is Kobe who won two out of three games in a sectional three way play off between himself Jordan and Jack. Kobe displayed consistent and improving form winning the competition highlight against Jack on his last bowl scoring two, the result 15/13. Our newest member Erin showed exceptional determination and thrived on the challenge of playing experienced Jordan. Juniors continue to impress onlookers with their all round game performance and behaviour. Well done everyone, next the State Championships between 2nd and 7th April 2024 at Sunbury B.C. for singles, pairs and triples teams, lock in the date.



Erin and Jordan

Jack and Kobe

Ethan, Jordan, Erin, Jack and Kobe (James absent)

Jordan (RHS) congratulates Kobe on winning the Championship

The Club now has 6 Bowling Arms (with 5 different releases) and in different lengths for members to try out. Port Phillip Council has generously provided us with a grant for the Arms, and Kel and Jaki have built a cupboard to house them in inside the shed.

We would like to encourage anyone who is thinking of starting to use an Arm to take advantage of the opportunity to trial the different release mechanisms, to work out which one suits them best. And to have a play with the different length Arms too, to help you work out the correct length for when you buy your own Arm.

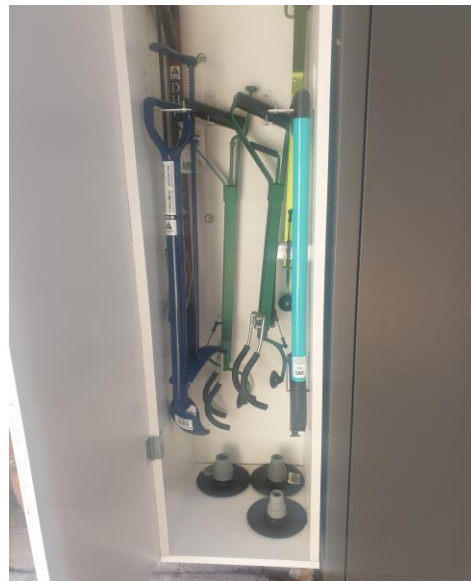
There are also 3 Ferrule Bases for walking sticks in different sizes for you to try too.

We hope this helps more members to enjoy their bowls for longer! The code to unlock the cupboard is 272

Please see Jaki if you would like any assistance in using the Arms.



Below is the cupboard that Kel and Jaki have made to store the bowling arms and bases. Wonderful craftsmanship Kel and Jaki, many thanks again.



2024
CALENDAR



Events
Reminders

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

FEBRUARY		
Thursday	22	Albert Park College 9-10.30am
		Training 4-6pm CANCELLED
Saturday	24	Gold Coin 9.45am
		Wine Tasting Fundraiser 6.30pm
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