"KOOKA CALL NEWSLETTER"

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WOMEN IN BOWLS

Let's Cover Our Greens in Pink!

The Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region (BHBR) will once again turn the greens pink for its annual **Pink Rounds for Women's Health**, to be held on **Tuesday 9 February** and **Saturday 13 February 2027**.

These special rounds are an opportunity to celebrate women in sport, raise awareness of women's health and support a worthwhile local cause, with funds raised going towards the Wellness Centre at BRICC.

Sebastopol Bowling Club is proud to continue its involvement in this fantastic initiative, and we would love to see as many Sebastopol bowlers as possible get behind the event by purchasing and wearing our iconic pink bowling shirt.

The Sebastopol shirt will retain its current design, meaning bowlers who have purchased one in previous years can proudly wear their existing shirt and continue to show their support. For those yet to join the pink movement, this is a great opportunity to get involved!

Approved for bowls and featuring the Bowls Australia logo, our unique Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region shirt has become a familiar sight at local and interstate tournaments. More than just a shirt, it is a great conversation starter, helping spread the message about women's health while proudly representing our club and region.

With shirts expected to cost approximately $40(to be confirmed), we encourage all Sebastopol members to consider purchasing one when we will be taking orders and being part of this important annual fundraising event**. Further information about ordering will be available soon. So please keep checking the board.**

Let's get behind this wonderful initiative, support women's health and show our community spirit.

Let's cover our greens in pink!

Donna Leeson

Women in Bowls Club Delegate

2026/27– Sebastopol Bowling Club Calendar

22 Nov 26 – Club Mixed Pairs – TBC
26 Nov 26 – Ladies Spring Series Finals (Likely Hosting)
29 Nov 26 – Provincial Shield
2 Dec 26 – BHBR Triples (Evenings)
9 Dec 26 – BHBR Triples (Evenings)
16 Dec 26 -BHBR Triples (Evenings)
19 Dec 26 - Christmas Pennant Breakup
22 Dec 26 – Christmas Mixed Fours – 1pm Start
1-3 Jan 27 – Great Southern 20k – Sebas Bowling Club
8-10 Jan 27 Region Sides Championship, Ballarat (Bowls Victoria)
12 Jan 27 – Tuesday Pennant Returns
16 Jan 27 – Saturday Pennant Returns
18 Jan 27 - $300 Weekly Triples Returns
20 Jan 27 Flapper Shield/Junior Provincial , Sebas Bowling Club
Jan 27 Wednesday Scroungers Returns
27 Jan 27 Corporate Bowls – Starts (6 weeks)
9 Feb 27 – Tuesday Pennant – Pink Shirt Day – Women's Health
11 Feb 27 Ladies Triples Tournament
13 Feb 27 - Saturday Pennant – Pink Shirt Day – Women's Health
15-24 Mar 27 Vic Open , Morwell/Traralgon (Bowls Vic)
19 Mar 27 Club Presentation Night
6-11 Apr 27 Under 18 State Championships – Deer Park (Bowls Vic)
13-21 Apr 27 State Championships – Bendigo (Bowls Victoria)

What's on at the Sebastopol Bowling Club

While the outdoor bowls is just about in full swing the Sebastopol Bowling Club remains a vibrant hub of activity with a wide range of sporting and social events taking place throughout the week.

Monday

- Social Bowls 1.00pm
- Gold Diggers (Juniors) – 5.00 pm

Tuesday

- Midweek Pennant 10.30am

Wednesday

- Scroungers – 1.00pm
- Disability Bowls (by Scope Disability Services – 1.00pm

Thursday

- Indoor Social -1.00pm (until end October)

Friday

- Pot Pairs 3pm – 5pm (New Competition), Survivor 5pm- 6pm (New Competition)
- Member's Night Social/Trivia – 5.00pm

Saturday

- Saturday Pennant Bowls – 1.00pm

Sunday

BHBR Events on Selected Sundays.Check the Bowls Diary outside Bowls Office for more details

VALE

BOB LOVETT

The Club wishes to advise our members of the passing of Bob Lovett who played **176 games** for Sebastopol Bowling Club and was **Bowls Secretary** from **2009 to 2011**.

REST IN PEACE BOB!

VALE NORA THORNHILL, OA

B:15 August 1935

The Club wish to advise our members of the passing of Nora Thornhill who was an Active Bowler/Administration in Metropolitan Bowls prior to joining Sebastopol BC. She joined SBC on 3 August 2005, was Secretary of SBC Ladies Bowls : 2006-2015. Was on the Indoor Bowls Committee: 2015-18. Nora was also BDLBA Delegate: 2006-2008

She was a very loyal & compassionate lady who, with Neville (LM) have contributed enormously to both Sebastopol BC and many, many Community organisations over the years.

REST IN PEACE NORA!

POOL TABLE TRIAL BEGINS

With the carpet in the members now having been stretched the pool table has been brought in for a six-month trial which was supported by the Bowls Committee and approved by the Board.

At the end of the season members will get the opportunity to vote for or against keeping the pool table.

Thanks to everyone who helped to unload the pool table top and base into it's new position.

NEW STICKERS HAVE ARRIVED

From 1 November 2026 Rob Baker will be distributing the new bowls stickers to each division over the next few weeks. The Club thanks you for your patience with this matter

Live Scoring – Important Information for Pennant Teams

Teams participating in **Weekend or Midweek Pennant** that are required to use **Live Scoring** are reminded that all players who may be required to live score should be prepared before play begins.

Before the Roll-Up

Players should:

- Have the **BA Live Scoring app** installed on their phone.
- Know how to use the app to complete live scoring.
- Be familiar with the process **before the roll-up is underway**.

If you are unsure how to use Live Scoring, please take a few minutes to watch the tutorial below, courtesy of **Brian Johnson**.

Link: https://ballarathighlands.bowls.com.au/2024/07/26/how-do-i-use-bowlslink-live-scoring

If you are still unsure after watching the tutorial, please ask someone at your club who has previously used Live Scoring to assist you.

Being familiar with the app before competition starts will help ensure matches run smoothly and scores are recorded correctly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Wayne Morgan

Secretary Ballarat Highlands Bowls Region
0419 595 610.



Observations from the Bowling Green – Mr A Bowler

Bowls Etiquette – It's Not Rocket Science

There are many mysteries in lawn bowls. Why does a bowl that looks perfect suddenly develop a mind of it's own? Why does the jack always seem to finish on the wrong side? And why does your opponent's bowl invariably find the gap you were absolutely certain wasn't there?

Then there's **bowls etiquette**.

Fortunately, it's not complicated. Basically, it comes down to three things**: don't distract someone delivering a bowl, don't stand in the head, and remember that shouting "Hurry Up!" probably isn't helpful!**

When someone is on the mat, give them the courtesy of silence and let them concentrate. It's amazing how difficult it becomes to deliver a bowl when someone is discussing last night's footy, tomorrow's weather and what they had for breakfast – all within three metres of your backswing.

Likewise, once your bowl is delivered, step aside and let your opponent have their turn. Do please resist the temptation to offer running commentary on where their bowl is heading. They probably know – and if they don't, there's little you can do about it now!

Finally, shake hands, congratulate a good bowl, accept a lucky one and remember: **we're playing bowls, not negotiating a peace treaty.**

Good etiquette makes the game more enjoyable for everyone.

And if all else fails…**blame the green**!

SATURDAY $300 DRAW



3/10 Round 1 Due to Washout draw was not done. Carried over to another week

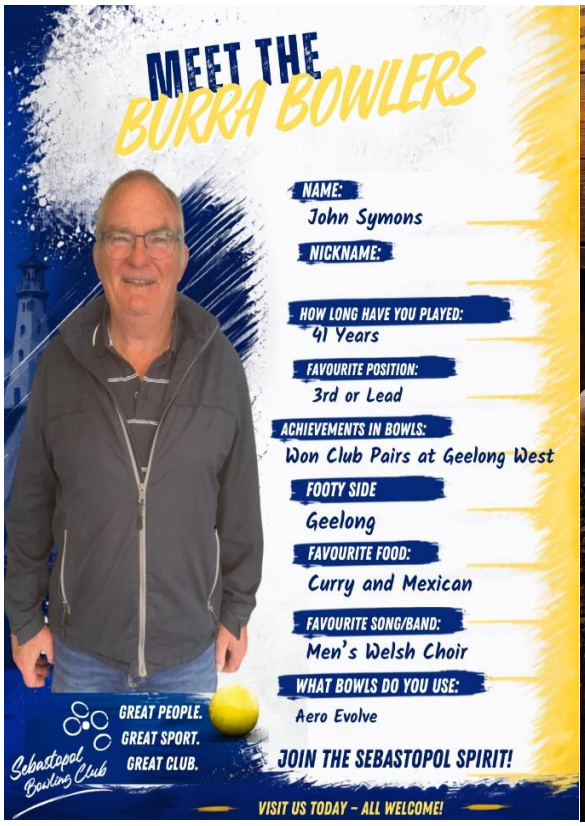
10/10 Round 2 Drawn – **Barry Levy** (Not Present), Redrawn – **Winner: Terry Bond**

17/10 Round 3 Drawn – **George Dailly (Winner**) – George placed the prize on the Bar for those present. Thanks George!

24/10 Round 4 Drawn – **Steve Martin (Winner)**


BRAND NEW WEEKLY TOURNAMENT
POT PAIRS
Great Practice For Pennant!
SEBASTOPOL BOWLING CLUB
SEBAS BURRAS
Every Friday at 3:00pm
Enter with a partner or enter waiting list
Just one game - 16 ends of 3 bowl pairs
RANDOM TEAM WINS!
The entire prize pot goes to a random team!
Winners have 3:2 chance and Losers have 3:1 to take the pot
Sebastopol Bowling Club
A PROUD PAST AND A POSITIVE FUTURE
Tiebreak end resolves draws
Respot rule applies


Seniors Lite Lunch
$24.50
ROAST OF THE DAY
SAUSAGES
FISH OF THE DAY
VEGE RISOTTO
CORNED BEEF
SEAFOOD PLATE
Available Mon to Fri - Lunch Only
Seniors Discount / Members Discount does not apply!
Sebastopol Bowling Club


MEET THE BURRA BOWLERS
NAME:
John Symons
NICKNAME:
HOW LONG HAVE YOU PLAYED:
41 Years
FAVOURITE POSITION:
3rd or Lead
ACHIEVEMENTS IN BOWLS:
Won Club Pairs at Geelong West
FOOTY SIDE
Geelong
FAVOURITE FOOD:
Curry and Mexican
FAVOURITE SONG/BAND:
Men's Welsh Choir
WHAT BOWLS DO YOU USE:
Aero Evolve
GREAT PEOPLE.
GREAT SPORT.
GREAT CLUB.
Sebastopol Bowling Club
JOIN THE SEBASTOPOL SPIRIT!
VISIT US TODAY – ALL WELCOME!


$30.00 STEAK Night
CHARGRILLED 250G PORTERHOUSE STEAK
GRAVY • MUSHROOM SAUCE • PEPPER GRAVY!
EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 5.30PM TO 8.00 PM
Seniors Card Discount does not apply on Themed Meal Nights
Sebastopol Bowling Club


MEET THE
BURRA BOWLERS
NAME:
Glen Wills
NICKNAME:
WILLSY
HOW LONG HAVE YOU PLAYED:
2 Years
FAVOURITE POSITION:
2nd or 3rd
ACHIEVEMENTS IN BOWLS:
Debut in Div 1
FOOTY SIDE
Carlton
FAVOURITE FOOD:
Anything Gamey
FAVOURITE SONG/BAND:
Bruce Sprinsteen
WHAT BOWLS DO YOU USE:
Henselite 4H XG's
GREAT PEOPLE.
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Ballarat Region's
Sebastopol Bowling Club
presents:
GREAT
Southern
20,000
2027
SOUTHERN 20K
$20,000 IN PRIZES + TWO NATIONAL RANKING POINT EVENTS
JAN 1 & 2-3 FRI-SUN
TOP CLASS FOOD, COMPETITION & FACILITIES
3 EXCELLENT GREENS ~ CARPET & 2 TIFDWARF
$3,000 PRELUDE PAIRS (TIER 4)
MAX 63
Friday 10am Welcome - Pays to 5th place
Top 16 teams gain 1 Sweep Singles entry per team
more info...
SCAN ME
$1,000 SWEEP SINGLES
Friday Evening - Pays to equal 3rd place
All entries via best 16 Prelude Pairs teams
Enter the player sweeps & try your luck!
Sponsored by VISION RADIOLOGY
WILL FILL FAST!
T.&C. Apply*
$80 Each
Sat-Sun
$35 Each for Fri
Limited Entries, inc. Lunches & Entertainment
$16,000 MAIN EVENT (TIER 3)
MAX 42
Saturday & Sunday 10am Welcome
Open Fours with Pairs over lunch
1st ($7K) down to 11th + best games
Sat Night - Bendigo Bank Music Bingo!
Team entry confirmed upon payment
Sat-Sun = $320, Fri = $70 per pair
ENTRANTS MAY GAIN FUTURE PREFERENCE!
First 32 entries receive priority in the event of inclement weather
~ 32 entries yields $15,000 prize pool - Pairs $3,000 & Fours $12,000
Rob Baker - Bowls Administrator
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SEBASTOPOL
BURRAS
MILESTONE
GAMES
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS
THAT HAVE REACHED MILESTONE GAMES IN SATURDAY PENNANT
ROB BAKER Round 3 350 GAMES
BILL ANDERSON Round 3 300 GAMES
BILL LAWRENCE Round 2 250 GAMES
JOHN KIDNEY Round 3 250 GAMES
BERYL FLYNN Round 2 150 GAMES
DAVID DEMEYE Round 3 50 GAMES
STEPHEN MCQUINN Round 3 50 GAMES


Est 1944
$20.00
MEMBERS
SATURDAY BOWLERS
LUNCH MENU
Roast of the Day
Fish of the Day
Lambs Fry
Cheeseburger
Sausages & Gravy
Vege Risotto
Corned Beef
Sebastopol Bowling Club

Monthly Social Bowls Results and Winners

These scores are also now updated weekly on the TV Screen in the Members

MONDAY SOCIAL BOWLS WINNERS

5/10/26	G Allan, J Holton-Storey, R Dickinson
12/10/26	C Van Putten, J Reus, P Lovell
19/10/26	G Allan, J Holton-Storey, M Storey
26/10/26	C Van Putten, J Reus, P Lovell

WEDNESDAY SCROUNGERS WINNERS

14/10/26	D Davidson
21/10/26	G Britt
28/10/26	J Hayes

THURSDAY INDOOR SOCIAL BOWLS

1/10/26	Betty Ruggles, Bobyn Dyer, Elaine Pitts (sk)
8/10/26	Betty Ruggles, Bonnie Simpson, Glenda Densley, Ian Hedger (sk)
15/10/26	no organised competition
22/10/26	M Horne, L Franks, V Wilson, E Pitts (sk)

FRIDAY NIGHT POT PAIRS

9/10/26	M Cassells/B Cassells
16/10/26	F Duke/M Duke
23/10/26	M McDonnell/R Pelchen

PENNANT SCORES & LADDERS

Please note the **Pennant Scores and Ladders** will not be shown in the Newsletter due to the number of teams on both Tuesdays and Saturday, the editors time and the limited space in the newsletter. Results will continue to be posted on the Match Boards each week until Wednesday morning when the Match boards are updated for the following round. The ladders are on tables under Pinboards in the members. These scores are also available online at Bowlslink.

MATTHEW FLAPPER – BALLARAT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Ballarat Sportsmen's Club is inducting Matthew Flapper one of Sebastopol's former members into the Ballarat Sports Hall of Fame at their meeting on Wednesday, 4th November. Please see the attached flyer for information.

If any club would like a table or if any club members would like to attend this night, please contact ballaratsportsmensclub@gmail.com by **1st November 2026.**

Matthew's bowls history includes:

- 2014 Commonwealth Games Bronze Medallist
- Has played 450 games for Australia/ Victoria
- Has won 11 club championships at various bowls clubs
- First male bowler to be inducted into the Ballarat Sports Hall of Fame
- Bowls Victoria Life Member 2024
- One of only two players to play for Australia in Outdoor and Indoor bowls
- Selected as Skipper in "Ballarat's Best Lawn Bowlers' in 2025.

Wayne Morgan

BHBR Secretary

BOWLS COMMITTEE MINUTES

At the last Bowls Committee, it was agreed that one hard copy of the minutes will be made available to members to view in the Members Area on the Pinboard.

BOWLS BUMPER AVAILABLE FOR USE

The Bowls Bumper used to practice your driving skills is available for use from the Bowls Office. Please contact Rob Baker to borrow the Bowls Bumper.

CHEESE & BISCUITS – SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

Thanks to Darren Meade who will be coordinating the Cheese and biscuits for pennant players after pennant on a Saturday afternoon. Well, done Darren!

PROPOSED DAY OUT

Your Social Sub-Committee has proposed a Social Day Out Bus Trip which will be planned for after Christmas. Members have until **8 November 2026 (this Saturday)** to vote for their preferred location. The sign-up sheet will be on the table near the pinboards in the members area. The three locations are:

1. Ararat , J Ward Museum, Chinese Museum and lunch at the RSL
2. Bendigo – Chinese Dragon Museum, Lunch, The Great Stupa.
3. Geelong – Botanical Gardens, Lunch overlooking Corio Bay

All venues are subject to opening times

PROPOSED SOCIAL EVENTS

The Bowls Committee is prepared to host two social events for members during the 2026/27 bowls season.

Social events do take some organising, and we would appreciate if the members vote on whether they want:

1. **Music Bingo**
2. **60's-80's Night with Juke Box or Live Music**
3. **Trivia/Quiz Night.**

Voting closes **8 November 2026** .

Can you please show your interest by voting for your two favourite events. The voting information is located on the table near the Pinboard area.



















WE NEED MORE PLAYER PROFILES

IF YOUR INTERESTED PLEASE SEE SEAN BRYCE, CLUB SECRETARY DURING THE WEEK BETWEEN 12.30PM-4.30PM

SCOREBOARD REPLACEMENT UPDATE

The Bowls President recently conducted a survey of the Club's scoreboards had been conducted to assess their current condition and identify those requiring replacement.

The survey found that, under the **Dome**, five scoreboards are in working condition, while three need replacing. On the **back green**, two scoreboards remain in serviceable condition, with a further three requiring replacement.

This means that **six scoreboards need to be replaced** across the two playing areas to ensure members have reliable equipment available for their games.

These scoreboards since the meeting on 20 October 2026 been approved and ordered and should take a couple of months to arrive.



Sebastopol Bowling Club

PRESENTS

Peter Tobin Funerals

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CHRISTMAS MIXED FOURS

2-3 WOMEN PER TEAM

TUESDAY DECEMBER 22nd

1:00pm ROLL UP

3 GAMES X 8 ENDS. POINTS SYSTEM

$600 PRIZES & RAFFLE

WINNERS	$280 per team
SECOND	$160 per team
THIRD	$80 per team
BEST LAST GAME WINNER	$40 per team

ONE PRIZE PER TEAM - EXCEPT FREE RAFFLE WORTH $40

DRESS CLUB UNIFORM OR WHITES

ENTRY FEE $60 PER TEAM, INCLUDES AFTERNOON TEA

ENTRIES CLOSE 1PM TUE DEC 15th OR WHEN FULL

ENTRIES TO PH 5336 4601 OR 0400 577 553

EMAIL bowls@sebasbowlingclub.com.au

XMAS MIXED FOURS ENTRY FORM

CLUB(S) _____ PHONE _____

NAME SKIPPER _____

NAME THIRD _____

NAME SECOND _____

NAME LEADER _____

ENTRIES TO ROB BAKER, SEBASTOPOL BOWLING CLUB
213-219 ALBERT STREET, SEBASTOPOL, VIC 3356
ENTRIES CLOSE 1PM TUE DEC 15th OR WHEN FULL



FIXTURE CHANGES

Please see agreed changes below to provide space at Sebas to accommodate Ballarat East. Besides these, all clubs will need to be informed that from Round 7 Saturdays (Nov 14) and Round 7 Tuesdays (Nov 10) all Ballarat East HOME matches will be played at Sebastopol (with the exception of Webbcona Div 7 swap as listed below).

SUN November 8 – Ballarat East green closes for renovation

TUE November 10 (Round 7) – Ballarat East Tuesday Pennant Division 5 RELOCATE remaining home matches to Sebastopol

SAT November 14 (Round 7) – Ballarat East Saturday Pennant Division 7 SWAP to AWAY at Webbcona

SAT November 21 (Round 8) – Ballarat East Saturday Pennant Division 1 and 7 RELOCATE all remaining home matches to Sebastopol

SAT November 21 (Round 8) – Sebastopol Saturday Pennant Division 3 SWAP to AWAY at Daylesford

FRI November 27 (Round 9) – Sebastopol Vs Ballarat East Division @6PM

Return Rounds:

SAT February 6 (Round 16) – Ballarat East Saturday Pennant Division 7 RETURN SWAP with Webbcona (to Sebastopol)

SAT February 13 (Round 17) – Sebastopol Saturday Pennant Division 3 RETURN SWAP with Daylesford (to Sebastopol)



LATE NEWS!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SEBASTOPOL LADIES SPRING SERIES SIDE!

After another two good wins this Thursday our Ladies Spring Series Side which consists of **7 players** on rotation **(Donna, Wanda, Chris, Maria, Beryl, Julie and Glenda)** are currently sitting on top of the ladder!

Well done ladies Keep Up the Great Work!

SEBASTOPOL BOWLING CLUB

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