



Didja'no *July, 2019*

(The title is based on a saying of the Antarctic Eskimos meaning the 'active gaining of wisdom').

NEWSLETTER OF UNIFIED BOWLS SECTIONS



The BDBD called a Special General Meeting on Monday June 24, 2019, to address a request lodged by four Ballarat clubs. They challenged the Board of Management of the BDBD to the decision it made, to hold pennant over 14 weeks in the upcoming season – 2019/2020.

All Clubs were required to vote on a Motion

'that the Midweek Pennant and Weekend Pennant for the 2019/20 be played over 18 rounds as per Pennant Competition Rules'

This motion was carried, which reversed the decision made earlier this year, by the BDBD to run pennant over 14 weeks. – BDBD has not published the number of votes for and against this motion. However, the result is: Season 2019/2020 will be run over 18 weeks.

Commencement dates will be published soon.

Our Club and its sub-committees have been conducting regular meetings, to consider all options for entering teams in the upcoming pennant competitions. The numbers of teams to be allocated to each pennant division is dependent on the number of entries received from each Club.

In order to assist with our entries, we now require all members to indicate as soon as possible:

1. Whether you will be available to play Monday/Midweek Pennant'
2. Whether you will be available to play Saturday/Weekend Pennant
3. If you wish to be considered as emergency only.
4. Sign-up sheets are on the notice boards.
5. Any member currently unable to call into the Club to sign up. Please call the Bowls Office (5336 4601) and advise your intentions.



The Bowls Section has established a new subcommittee to be coordinated by Neil-Lloyd-Jones. This committee will work towards recruiting new members and organising coaching/training clinics to assist the selectors. Working in conjunction with our Club Bowls Administrator, this sub-committee will also oversee the general marketing and promotion of bowls at the Club.

Again, we thank all sponsors and encourage members to use as many as possible when choosing a supplier.

BOM NEWS:

Building Program Update

The new kitchen is up and running.

The kitchen is obviously much bigger than the previous one which means the kitchen staff need to work out new operational procedures and of course a bigger kitchen requires more cleaning.

The temporary bar has been installed to service the new bistro, it's a little tight, but all the necessary equipment has been relocated.

The temporary gaming cashier has also been installed in the gaming room.

Trying to staff both areas is an issue we are trying to sort out, so please have patience with all the staff as they are doing the best they can.

Demolition on the old gaming cashier and demolition of bar has begun. This stage will take about 10 weeks, so again please afford us some patience and understanding as it is not going to be easy to manage.

The old kitchen has been demolished and the new outdoor smoking area is under construction.

A really big thank you to Scotty and all the volunteers, who have replaced all the old red (outdated) scoria with a new updated and stylish stone. This complements the new renovation nicely.

Dome Update

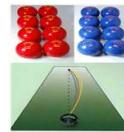
The Dome has had some regular maintenance performed on it by Trevor Scott of Lightweight Constructions who built the Dome.

16 Bolts which secure the rafters to the beam have been replaced with larger bolts to ensure the integrity of the structure remains sound.



Remember: Green Fees now \$8

- Winter Pennant Triples has started, and we are testing a Tuesday Social to be run at the same time
- Super Dome Series starts Thurs August 15
- Wednesday Scroungers each week at 1pm
- Saturday Social also each week at 1pm



- **INDOOR BOWLS NEWS:** A successful Inter Group Championship event was conducted by BIBBA. SBC contributed sponsorship and the loan of mats and bowls
- Congratulations to Club Champions: Beryl Flynn & Steven Hanson
- Congratulations to Elaine Pitts and Cherril Helmore (playing in a team with Ann Draffen and Heather Hopkinson). This team are runners up in VIBBA Ladies State Fours
- Ladies Pennant Sides are currently:
Div 1 – Second
Div 2 – Third
Div 3 – First
- We are proud to announce our support of the National Indoor Championships for 2020 with a sponsorship of \$2,000



VISITORS FROM NEW ZEALAND: FRIDAY 19TH JULY AT 1 PM.



- 25 Players from New Zealand will be visiting and 18 of them will be playing bowls.
- A list for Sebastopol players to play a social game with/against these players is posted on Spin Info Board. Sign up if you are available



SOCIAL COMMITTEE has funded the purchase of new pennant mats. ALL mats will be replaced at a cost of \$1100. AGAIN we thank the Social Committee for its fund-raising and in turn, the benefits we all enjoy.

New trolleys for the mats will be needed and the most suitable style is currently being investigated.

We now also have a bookshelf under the stairs donated by the Social Club for those interested.

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