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Club Presentation Night – President's Welcome

Good evening everyone and welcome to the 2024 Mt Waverley Bowls Club Presentation Night. On behalf of the Committee of Management, I would like to give a very warm welcome to our special guests, our major sponsors, Jellis Craig, Waverley represented by Alaine and Ras and Angela Zhang representing Community Bank – Pinewood.

I am also thrilled to have with us tonight, Louise Wolf from and Kirsty Mantzanidis from MST Lawyers, the Club's legal reps, who have been very supportive of the Club over many years. I thank you for being with us tonight and Alaine, Angela and Louise will be helping later presenting some of the Club Championship awards. I would also like to acknowledge the Club's Life Members in attendance tonight, Robin Matheson and Ken Johnston. It is just wonderful to have so many of our club members and partners here tonight to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful Club bowlers.

We are just about ready to have our meal and I thank our very well organised and enthusiastic Social Committee of Michelle Chan, Sarina Bonnici, Fui Chong, Shirley Melissas, Alan Sharp and Connie Epstein, with extra special mention to Joe Bonnici, who have put together tonight's roast dinner. The food has been supplied by Neale's Spit Roast Catering and I am sure you will enjoy the food as we did at the last Presentation Night.

The Social team has spent many hours in preparation for tonight, and they have done a great job so please put your hands together in appreciation. To help in the kitchen, we also have Shirley's daughter Deana and her friend who will allow our Social Committee members to relax and enjoy their meals. We also have the services of our volunteer Club members behind the bar, so also please put your hands together for your wonderful bar people. Have a wonderful night.

Club Champions

We are now going to present the Club Championship awards. I would like to thank our great team of Celia Ware and Alan Sharp for putting together the program of Club Championships events. They did a fantastic job, and all events ran very smoothly. It was also great to have two afternoons at the Club when most of the finals were on together. We had lots of spectators, and I am sure all participants appreciated their support.

I would now like to ask Louise to come and present the first of tonight's awards, the Club Ladies and Men's Singles.



Michelle Chan and Richard Sluggett preparing for the Presentation Dinner. Thanks Michelle for the wonderful sign.

Ladies Singles Champion: Jenny Roberts



Runner Up: Beverley Wong (Apology)

Men's Singles Champion: Minh Vo



Runner Up: David Rae (Apology)

I would now like to ask Angela to come and present the awards for the Club Ladies and Men's Pairs.

Ladies' Pairs Champions: Jenny Roberts and Michelle Chan



Runners Up: Lindsay Markham (Apology) and Shirley Murray



Men's Pairs Champions: Bernie Brennan and Brad Matheson (Apology)



Runners Up: Barrie Epstein and Luke Boyer



I would now like to ask David Beard to come and present the next awards for the Open Triples.

Open Triples Champions: Jo Bonnici, Howard Rose (Apology), Vito De Cesare (Apology) Substitute: Barry Roberts (Apology)



Runners Up: Richard Sluggett, Gary Cooper, Shirley Murray



I would now like to ask Celia and Alan to come and present the awards for the Club Mixed Pairs, Novice and 100 Up events.

Mixed Pairs Champions: Jo Bonnici and Sarina Bonnici



Runners Up: Minh Vo and Fui Chong



Novice Champion: Lloyd Reeman



Runner Up: Shirley Melissas (with daughter Deana)



100 Up Champion: Michael Murray



Runner Up: Lindsay Markham (Apology)

I now would like to ask Richard Sluggett, to come up and present some special badges to worthy club members.



Barrie Epstein, Shirley Murray, Fui Chong and Beverley Wong (Apology) being presented with their 8 Shot badges by Richard Sluggett.

Richard Sluggett, David Rae Michelle Chan and Jenny Roberts also received 8 Shot badges.

The COM has granted an Honorary Membership to MST Lawyers for being such a wonderful supporter of our Club especially with all their help over the last couple of years with the latest update to our constitution. If I could ask Lousie to come up to accept a certificate of Honorary Membership to MST Lawyers from Mt Waverley Bowls Club.



Louise Wolf and Kirsty Mantzanidis from MST Lawyers accepting their Honorary Membership certificate.

Club Member of the Year

There is one final presentation to make tonight and that is for Club Member of the Year.

We call them the dynamic duo who go above and beyond when it comes to supporting our Club. They are great bowlers and participate in all our pennant competitions, tournaments, club championships and have represented our Club in many other competitions at other clubs.

They are the driving force behind our social club activities and have provided wonderful meals and desserts for our members. They are also at the club looking after many aspects of club life and are very in tune with all members both past and present. They are very conscious of providing care and support for members in difficult circumstances.

They are part of a great team that makes the Clubs social activities such fun, as can be seen by tonight's function and are more than happy to spend their time doing what needs to be done. They are happy, engaging and always have the best in mind for our club.

We cannot thank them enough for their efforts for the Club and I have much pleasure in presenting the Joint Mt Waverley Bowls Club Members of the Year to Michelle Chan and Sarina Bonnici.



Club Members of Year: - Michelle Chan and Sarina Bonnici

I hope you all had a great night and thank you for your support. Again, congratulations to all our Club Champions and to all members that participated in the events.

And the winners of the Presentation Night raffle are:



Geoff Davies and Peter Harney!



Jill Anderson with the banner announcing our 60th Anniversary. Amazing design work by Jill.

60 Anniversary Tournament

The 60th Anniversary Tournament was held on Saturday 13 April with 24 teams in attendance. We had half of the teams from outside clubs with the other half from our Mount Waverley players.

We had a few minor hiccups along the way, but it was a great team effort. Thanks to Shirley Melissas and Bev Wong for helping with the planning. To Julie and Richard Coleman for the back-room preparation and work on the day. Also, Michelle Chan (and her helpers), who prepared a feast for players to consume after the match.



Overall winners: Annette McCormick, Mark Petty and Paul Meyers.



Overall runners up: R Carver, Mal Walker and David Fisher.

I received a lot of feedback from the day, but I would like to highlight the comments from David Rae. I trust he does not mind me including his words but it sums up the day so well.

"Compliments were flying all day, from visiting teams, about the quality of the greens, the quality of the afternoon tea, the whole lively atmosphere created when the greens were full.

We played a Dandenong Club team in the second game who had not been to Mt Waverley before, and they were very complimentary about the greens.

As John Bridgland said "what a wonderful promotion for the Club"

I have to report two extraordinary coincidences on my rink in the first game:

We played Cliff Fothergill from Berwick - Cliff and I were professional colleagues at the Board of Works in the 1970s and 80s!!

But even more extraordinary -

His lead and second had lived in Scotland, at South Queensferry, for 15 years in the late 60s and 70. This is three miles from the village where I grew up, where my parents lived at the time, and they were members of the local bowls club - one of our great rivals!!"



Highest score first game: Jenny Roberts, Michael Banbury and David Rae.



Highest score second game: Cliff Fothergill's team

Thanks to Jill Anderson for supplying the photos of the winners on the day.

Reach & Belong Update

It's been a busy and fun start to the year at Reach & Belong. The recent success of the Super Social Friday with the Miyuna Petting Zoo has once again highlighted the collaborative and symbiotic relationship between the Bowling Club and Reach & Belong.

With the sun shining and the visiting animal nursery set up on the east green, the scene was set for a great afternoon. With animals ranging from turtles to goats, sheep, ducks, geese, quail, and chickens, it was not surprisingly a huge hit with both Reach & Belong participants, their families, and MWBC families. It was wonderful to see so many grandchildren enjoying the animals! After the petting zoo, there was plenty of time to have a chat and enjoy snacks of pies, homemade sausage rolls, spring rolls, sandwiches and salt & pepper squid. The evening was capped off perfectly by a singing performance from the very talented.

Term 2 is now underway, which marks the completion of another successful school holiday program. Our participants really enjoyed the themed cooking/art days. The first one was G'Day USA, where we made burgers and focused on Urban Art. We also had an Italian day, where we set up pasta machines to make homemade pasta, followed by Italian ceramic art.

You may have already heard the good vibes emanating from the Bowling Club from one of our most popular events – the Disco daze! Complete with disco lights, decorations, music, dancing, and a few sea shanties thrown in for good measure, a lot of fun was had. Over the two weeks, our Art programs worked on creating three panels of waterlilies, inspired by Monet.

We are looking forward to another great term ahead and thank MWBC for their ongoing support.

Special Schools Visit

During May the Club hosted 'come and try lawn bowls' sessions for Burwood East SDS, Vermont South Special School, Croydon SDS, Yarra Ranges SDS, Glenallen School and Ashwood School. Almost 50 students accompanied by school staff attended the two sessions. It was delightful to see the joy on the students' faces as they learnt to roll the bowl towards the cone 'goals'. Thanks to Valerie Browning for supplying these photos and to our Club volunteers – Joe Bonnici, Gareth Husband, Celia Ware, Michelle Chan and David Beard.











60th Anniversary Dinner.

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us

SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2024 Dress – Semi Formal 3 course meal 6 for 6.30pm

Special Guest – Steve Glasson OAM

Cost: \$25 per member (subsidised by our sponsor BCIB)

RSVP TO: info@mwbc.com.au

The organizing committee are planning the final arrangement of the day. It is intended to have an opening of the greens at 12.30 pm followed by a training session with Steve Glasson and our coaches from 1 to 3pm. Further details to follow.

The Committee of Management is requesting that members place this day in their diaries.



Member since 1977 and Life Member

Goodbye Graeme. Thank you for your decades of dedication service to our club. You will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts and comfort for Robin, Brad and Andrew along with the rest of the family.

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