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March 2025

*******STOP PRESS*******



Congratulations to our Side 2- Midweek Pennant Team which had a great victory over Bennettswood on Tuesday 11th March at Burwood District Bowls Club to win the Grand Final of Division 5 Section 6. The team will play in Division 4 next season.

**Final score Mount Waverley 62 Bennettswood. 46
All three Mount Waverley teams won**

Fui Chong, Ian McLean, Garry Howell, Doug Oldfield (Skip)	23-12
Connie Epstein, Angus Reynolds, David Buchanan, David Beard (skip).	21-18
Jody Bruerton, Richard Horban, Shirley Murray, Alan Sharp (skip)	18-16

they all look exhausted - which they were - it was pretty hot out there !!!!

*****OUR OTHER TEAMS. HAVE DONE VERY WELL TOO*****

SIDE 1 - WEEKEND - Grand Final

Side 1 finished TOP of the ladder in Div 3 Sec 5 and beat Camberwell Central in the Preliminary Final to ensure that , **next year, we will return to Division 2.**

The Grand Final was lost to a very professional and assertive EEBC team who will also be promoted to Division 2.



SIDE 2 - WEEKEND - achieved its objective of staying in Div 4 Sec 4 - a great achievement given it is regularly called on to fill vacancies in Side 1.

They did, however, keep us in suspense until the very last game !!!!

SIDE 3 - WEEKEND

For the first time we ran a composite side with Burwood district. Not an easy thing to do for both players and selectors. The side had a pretty tough time and finished bottom of Div 7-SE Sec2. There is always next year. !

SIDE 1 MIDWEEK - Semi- final

Side 1 were vying with two other teams for a finals spot for several weeks but came with a strong run at the end to finish third in Div 2 Sec 5. Not without giving us "heart tremors" with a loss to the bottom team- Richmond Union- in the second last game. !!

They came up against a strong Mulgrave Country Club No 2 Team in the Semi-Final but only lost on the last end !!

THURSDAY 7-a-SIDE 7 -Grand final

For only the second year we ran a 7-a-side team on Thursdays. The different format, one triple and two pairs, rather than the "same old fours" in Weekend and Midweek Pennant is strongly supported by players.

Congratulations on getting to the Division Final where they lost to a strong Heathmont side



NIGHT PENNANT - Semi-Final

We didn't run a team last year. so many congratulations to our team which finished on top of Division 5.

Mount Waverley lost to South Oakleigh in the Division Semi Final by four shots after a closely fought match



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

MENS SINGLES CHAMPION - Joe Bonnici
RUNNER UP - Minh Vo

No-one was prepared to take bets on who would win this game. Two of our top skips battling it out for the Club Championship.

And so it turned out to be a thriller. Fairly even until about midway when Joe put on a strong spurt to lead 22-12. Three shots needed !!! but Minh was having none of this and won four ends in a row to come to 22-21. Anyone could finish it at this stage. Each then scored singles at successive ends to go 23-22 for Joe. Then, at what turned out to be the last end Minh rolled a long jack into the ditch. Joe shortened the jack- although not by much - and after a close end drew a winning shot with his last bowl. Final score 25-22 for Joe.

LADIES SINGLES CHAMPION - Bev Wong
RUNNER -UP - Lindsay Markham

I think it fair to say that this was a turn up for the books! Lindsay has been playing very well since her hip operation while Bev has been in and out of the top team. However, it's what happens on the day that counts. The game was quite close until Bev became more consistent after the 15-shot mark. She drew away from Lindsay who did not have an answer to Bev's steady but consistent play. Final score 25-15 for Bev - and a new name on the Championship board.

Thanks to Michelle Chan and Jim Fary who acted as markers for the Ladies and Men's games respectively.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TATTS TOURNAMENT

WE had a great turn out of over 70 players from all around Melbourne for the second visit of the Tatts Bowlers Association. It was great to see both greens well occupied and the clubhouse and deck buzzing with activity.

Winning teams - from Mt Waverley
Michelle Chan, Jenny Roberts, Michael Banbury and David Rae (skip)



from Tatts -
Jane Everitt, David Loosemore, Fay Wilson, Glen McDonnell (skip)



Thanks again to Joe and Sarina Bonnici for introducing the club to this friendly group and to Michelle Chan and our great team in the kitchen, who produced a highly complimented afternoon tea.

TOP BOWLERS WE HAVE KNOWN

Karen Murphy inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame.



Congratulations to Karen Murphy, the first woman bowler and only the third lawn bowler to receive that honour.

Club members will remember Karen Murphy's visit to Mount Waverley as one of Steve Glasson guest players in the Glasson Invitation tournament.

Karen Murphy represented her country for 23 years before retiring from international competition in 2019 "at the ripe old age of 45". She won gold at the World Outdoor Bowls Championships in singles, pairs and fours. She won gold in the singles at the World Indoor Bowls Championships. And she won gold in the pairs at the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

She still plays at club level, and is the assistant coach of the national team, the Jackaroos.

TOP TIPS FROM THE TOP PLAYER

Karen has some important advice:

How you manage your time is important.

As a sport with a lot of downtime – exchanging ends, watching your opponent's delivery – there is **also a danger of OVERTHINKING**, to fixate on the bad bowl, or otherwise become neurotically entangled!

... so developing the ability to switch concentration on and off like a light switch – to better conserve your energy – is crucial.

DAVID RAE

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IMPORTANT PLAYING PROTOCOLS

A reminder of some of the basic rules and protocols which need to be observed. More to follow in the subsequent editions.

Possession of the rink

See Section 1.3, Laws of the Game, Crystal. Fourth Edition.

If you are at the "mat end" of the rink and your opponent is about to deliver a bowl - **you MUST stand at least 1 metre BEHIND the mat.**

You **MUST NOT** step onto the mat until your opponent's bowl has come to rest and he/she has moved aside.

If you are at the "head end" of the rink and your opponent is about to deliver a bowl, you **MUST** stand **BEHIND** the jack and **CLEAR** of the head. This means **BEHIND** rearmost bowl in the head. If there is a toucher in the ditch, this means standing on the bank.

Common sense should prevail, e.g. There is no need to stand on the bank if the toucher is in the ditch at what is essentially a short end. However, at all times the team in possession of the rink has a right to a clear view of all bowls in the head.

Occupation of adjoining rinks.

All players who have completed a game on adjoining rinks must leave the green and **MUST NOT** stand and observe play on rinks still in play.

Basic courtesy.

Measuring shots. All players not involved in the actual measurement of shots should stand clear of the head until the measuring is completed.

Measuring shots by an umpire.

All players should stand well clear of the head to allow the umpire clear and unobstructed access to the head.

The umpire's decision MUST be respected at all times.

KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

Mike Patterson – Caught when cruisin’ !!

I was sitting with my wife quietly enjoying a lovely glass of German Reisling on a cruise down the Rhine in late 2023 when we found ourselves in the company of another friendly couple – the Epsteins – who live not far from us in Mount Waverley.

Somehow the word “bowls’ cropped up in the conversation and when I said that my father had been a member of Bennettswood BC in the 1970s and that I had marked for him in club competitions , Barrie immediately said “Well, you’d better come and try your hand at Mount Waverley “!!

So here I am and have been made very welcome. So much so that I have been very happy to be involved, with Maisie Tsoi, in making the club Promotional video.

I played cricket for 20 years and then tried my hand at golf, and now it’s time for bowls After all it’s a bit like cricket – all line and length !!!I’m really looking forward to being part of a team environment

My wife Wendy and I have been married for 43 years, we live in Ashburton, and have two children. My daughter has just delivered twins in January (so that will make 5 grandchildren under 4 years of age)

I have recently retired after some 40 years in in accounting and giving tax advice, so I’m looking forward to being the Treasurer at MWBC – *is that background noise a big sigh of relief from Peter McDonald !!!*



Shirley Murray – from caravans to COM!.

One of the great benefits of retirement villages is that they help people build new friendships. So it was when Shirley Murray moved into Fountain Court in Burwood after her husband died. Amongst others, she met Barry Macdonald who, when he heard that she was a had played bowls in her earlier life, immediately invited her to join Mount Waverley in May 2023..

Shirley’s previous bowls experience was in Naracoote, South Australia where she and her husband ran a caravan park in the 1980s. They later moved to Lake Eppalock where they owned another Caravan Park. They worked in their parks for 30 years.

It would be interesting to know if any of our caravanning members ever stayed at these parks.

Shirley has three sons and nine grandchildren, most of whom are interstate.

Shirley is a lover of sport, having played many sports in her life, but her main sport was Netball. Shirley’s philosophy is to give her best effort at all times when playing any sport.

Shirley said, *“Being a new member of COM is certainly one way of getting to know a wide range of people in the club and the extensive range of activities which take place.”*



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PROMOTING THE CLUB !!

Our new Membership and Recruitment Working Team has set out to showcase Club with two initiatives to give a wider publicity to club facilities and culture.

The team led by Jill Anderson consists of Shirley Melissas, Michael Murray, Gareth Husband with enthusiastic support from Howard Rose.

The Club Promotional Video, on our website.

The 3-minute presentation features a drone overview combined with a guided tour of Club facilities and examples of our social and competition bowls.

Huge thanks to our volunteer videographer Kel Watson who managed to transform many hours of video to a very sharp 3-minute show. Special thanks to Gareth Husband and daughter, who organised the drone flyover. You will recognise Mike Patterson and Maisie Tsoi who overcame their hesitation to do a great job of visual presentation.!!

Thanks also to our Web Support company, SGD, for updating our website to accommodate the video.

The Pinewood Cinema Advertisement.

Through our liaison with Community Bank Pinewood and the Showbiz Theatre Group – Pinewood, the Club has produced a 15 second advert to be run before all films at the theatre for the next month, and in September and October.

This is free advertising, so we thank the Showbiz Group for their generosity.



and from the garden.....

*****WATCH OUT FOR *****

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