









The Newsletter of the Burwood District Bowls Club

## From the Presidents Desk

Given the state of our immediate club world at the moment, one could be excused for invoking that famous line of deep gloom and pessimism T.S.Eliot penned at the end of <u>The Hollow Men</u>. You will know it I'm sure. To plagiarise, 'This is the way the year ends, this is the way the year ends, this is the way ends, not with a bang with a whimper.'

But I for one certainly do not read our year's ending as all gloom and doom. BDBC is not a hollow thing. It is a club of substance and I want you all to carry that with you as we work our way through the most unusual of times. That is not to say we do not have daunting challenges to surmount for we certainly do. But we are not alone in that. Boroondara CC has just now published important and sensible financial concessions to its sporting clubs and others. Our Bendigo Bank Ashburton is a sturdy ally. We have a very careful and competent treasurer over-seeing our affairs. We will get through this.

An important link to a secure future will be your rejoining promptly when the Annual Subscription notices issue in the near future. That income will be vital in allowing us to meet obligations to our green keeper and to others. I ask you to stand ready to take that important action.

And when the new season arrives, how exciting will it be to christen that superb looking Warner Green. You would have to search far and wide to find a new green in better shape. I for one cannot wait.

In this my final contribution to OKUPU as your President, let me say what pleasure it has been to hold that office in a club such as our club. My sincere thanks go to you all for your unstinting support across these two years.

2018-19 Board of Management

**President Michael Chittenden** 







# President: Vice-President:

Secretary: Treasurer: Bowls Director: Property Director: Michael Chittenden Stephen Creek Stuart Nicoll Craig Worboys Glen Sodatis Mike Hendry

















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## Ryman Healthcare Midweek Pennant Side's Wrap-up

It was a very difficult season. Players have given their all each week but it has not been enough to get us over the line as our opposition has been far to strong. Our Div 1 side only managed to win four matches for the season and therefore we finished on the bottom of the ladder, which means that we will go down to Division 2 next season.



Our second side Div 4 won four matches and had a walk over which meant that they managed to stay of the bottom of the ladder which means that they will stay in Div 4

next season. This side had to cope each week with us rotating players, which meant that we were able to give everyone on our list some pennant games. I would like to thank all the players for their understanding of this situation.

My thanks go out to Graeme Burgess and Jon Mann for their help with selection and for reporting the pennant results to Bowls Vic each week.

As Graeme will not be on selection next season Jon and myself wish him all the best for the future. We are still waiting for somebody to put their hand up to come on selection next season,

#### Pam Kaye

### J. A. Cain Weekend Pennant Side's Wrap-up

All in all I believe the club had quite a reasonable Saturday Pennant season this season. As selectors we had lots of fun trying to facilitate sides, rinks, and positions to best effect, whilst trying to meet our goal of a competitive first side, promotion for the second side and keeping the third side "on the park" and as successful as possible. With ailments, work commitments, people having "bits replaced or repaired", holidays for some, family commitments, trans-Tasman sojourns, some people happy and some people not so, selection was always a challenge.



Given the One's were only one and a half rinks from finals, the Two's won promotion and the Three's did play and finished in finals, I believe our objectives were generally met.

Next season will see new challenges, many of which as I write, are unknown. One thing I do know however is just how good this club is, especially its members.

Everyone take a bow, rejoice in the achievements, and especially appreciate what we have in our friends, members and the club that is Burwood.

Steve 'Elvis' Peisley - CoS

### **Warner Green update**

As will be clearly evidenced by all passer-by of the Warner Green the excellent covering of grass since the re-sowing has been hugely impressive, not to mention very gratifying.

The Club members who rolled up to assist should be rightly pleased. Since that day a fruitful combination of warm weather and periods of rain has produced an astonishing growth that has our Greens contractor very happy and confidently looking forward to having a great surface for us to commence pennant on in October 2020. So much so that the green has been rolled and mowed a number of times.

A bonus has been that despite daily watering is that we have not used mains water at all and we are getting a remarkable amount of water returned to the tanks through the green itself, supplemented by periodic rainfall.

Meanwhile the same warm weather has contributed, along with the skills of our green keeper to the rapid transformation of the McLellan Green from 'turgid' to 14+ seconds of free running surface. There is a lot to be pleased about.

On behalf of the Board my thanks to the many members who assisted in one form or another in the preparation and re-sowing of the green.

Mike Hendry - Property Director

### **Congratulations to all Club Finalists and the our Champions**

Men's Singles	Winner: M Hendry	Runner-Up: S Creek
<b>Ladies Singles</b>	Winner: S Collins	Runner-Up: B Chittenden
Men's Pairs	Winner: M Hendry & S Creek (Skip)	Runner-Up: M Robinson & G Sodaitis (Skip)
<b>Ladies Pairs</b>	Winner: L Larher & S Collins (Skip)	Runner-Up: B Matthews & M Hawes (Skip)