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The Newsletter of the Burwood District Bowls Club

## From the Presidents Desk

Our season opened on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, with a warm and friendly gathering of some fifty members and a dozen or so representatives from our sponsoring businesses. We were pleased to welcome Cr Lisa Hollingsworth to the evening as well.

The customary FNSB activities were blended into the Opening with Raymond winning the Members Draw which stood at \$300.00. Well done, Raymond.

Sue Collins organised a barefoot bowls tournament for participating Sponsor teams. The JA Cain triple proved too determined for the CBA team and happily accepted the Inaugural Sponsors Tournament Certificate. All participants received a chocolate frog for taking part.

Finger food was progressively rolled out from the kitchen organised by Jen Morley and a team of helpers who spent Thursday evening at the club making sandwiches.

Yours truly extended a warm welcome to all our guests and to all members, speaking of the pleasing progress the Club has made through

the year since the previous Opening. Sponsors' ongoing generous support was specifically appreciated. Particular appreciation was expressed for the generous donation to the Club by Brendan Cocks and family of Burwood Highway Mowers who has donated another splendid lawn mower to be raffled at a suitable time.

Since Opening, our Mid-weekers have been active on the green. However inclement weather has curtailed the time others have spent on the green including this weekend when there could be no bowls due to rain.

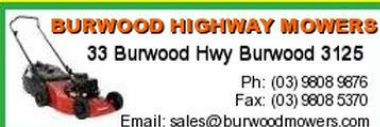
Ladies and gentlemen, the greens are open. It is time to buckle up and get your body moving. We have training and practice matches scheduled. Preparation is essential so that we can present as well as possible. Time to get on the greens!

Be part of it, be the best member you can be.

**Michael Chittenden**  
**President**

## 2018-19 Board of Management

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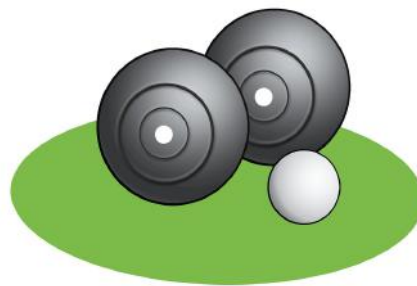


## **Midweek Pennant**

Welcome back to all the Midweek Pennant players. We have been very pleased with the roll up for practice on Tuesdays. Our goal for this coming season is for our top side to stay in Division 1 and hopefully for our second side to come back up to Division 3 next season. But most of all I hope you all enjoy the coming season.

We have a practice match on the 17th of September at Waverley Golf Club. It would be great if we had 24 players. Please put your name on the list below the noticeboard

**Pam Kaye**  
**Midweek Pennant Chairman of Selectors**



## **Dates to Remember**

All of the following will have relevant information on the noticeboard.

### **Club Dates**

- **Friday nights at the club** : Every Friday Night - Doors open 5:30, raffles at 7pm and 7:30pm
- **Monthly Roasts**: A last hurrah for 2019: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 12:30 pm List is on the notice board.
- **Winter Bowls (2 bowl triples)**: Every Tuesday and Saturday Commencing at 12:30pm (weather permitting)

### **Upcoming Important Dates to be put in your Diary!**

- **Midweek Practice**
  - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – 10am
  - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Practice match V Waverley Golf Club – Bergins Rd Rowville- 10am - Uniform to be worn
- **Whole Club training sessions**
  - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept -Skills/game play
- **Saturday Practice Matches**
  - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Vs Rosanna
  - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept (Grand Final Day Holiday) - Dandenong club Tournament – Round Robin (32 players needed)

### **Function Help Needed**

**Please speak to Jen Morley if you are able to assist for any upcoming functions!**

## **Saturday Pennant**

With a new and exciting season full of potential upon us, this information is to all the Saturday Pennant Players. It is intended to precis the selection committee's goals, views and ideas for the coming season, with details and specifics to come. Last season, whilst it did have its disappointments, was we believe rather positive looking forward.

For instance, heading into the final round of pennant, all three sides had opportunity to play finals, which is a pretty strong situation for that stage of the season, and one which we all would have taken, if offered to us at round 1. Then we have a number of "newer" players all of whom last season demonstrated wonderful ability, desire and prospect. It is expected these attributes will continue and develop which bodes us all well. Off season Southern Indoor bowls has afforded the opportunity to try players in rolls and positions somewhat different to their "regular" Saturday Pennant positions. This exercise has proven exciting for our options, views and philosophies looking toward this coming season.

The selection team of Stephen Creek, Glen Sodaitis, Mike Hendry and myself have had a number of "think tanks" with the view of planning, outlining to the members, and implementing the selection criteria, methodologies, etc with the views to attaining our Goals 19/20.

There will be seen some "departures" from what may be perceived as "previously regular" player inclusions and positions. There will be certain requirements of players which will include practical and philosophical elements and above all discipline. There will be club philosophies and ethos which will be tendered for all to adopt and demonstrate, as we strive to improve ourselves individually and collectively, for the betterment of our rinks, sides and club.

To do the same as previous undertakings will, at best, yield the same results. To improve by any margin, in any areas, over last year can only be beneficial for us all. In closing, we have only given a very deliberate and "teasing" precis of our thoughts to this coming season. One which I hope you will consider interesting enough to look forward to, as we "roll out" our plans and ideas.

If we all "Buy in" to them it will bid us all well this season.

**Steve Peisley**  
**Saturday Pennant Chairman of Selectors**

### **Friday night Members** **Draw**

**Next draw (13/9):**  
**\$150**

**Winner must be in attendance**  
**within 4 minutes of draw (drawn**  
**at 7:30pm) with green members**  
**draw card**

