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BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2026



BAIRNSDALE GOLF BOWLS CLUB NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the
Bairnsdale Golf - Bowls Club will be held
at the Clubrooms on

SUNDAY 20th. SEPTEMBER, 2026

at 11 a.m.

Business

To confirm the minutes of the previous
Annual General Meeting.

To receive the annual reports from the
President, Treasurer, Bowls Co-Ordinator,
Greens Director and Pennant Committee.

All positions on the General Committee,
Match Committee and Pennant Selectors
Committee will be declared vacant and the
election of new Committees will be held.

Nomination forms for these positions are
available on the games notification board
in the foyer and will be received up until
5 p.m. on Sunday 13th. September, 2026.

They should be placed in the green
nominations box on the bench.

Nominations may be taken from the
floor on the day of the AGM if a position
remains vacant at the time of the elections.

General Business:

Any motions which have been forwarded
to the Secretary, Jenny Holter, in writing
and received by 5 p.m. on Sunday 13th
September, 2026 will be heard and if
required, voted on by the members.

By order of the President.
Bairnsdale Golf Bowls Club

John Crawford.



PENNANT TRAINING



Pennant training to begin in earnest soon!
Our success rate in Pennant competition
lately has been disappointing.

Maybe some team training with our very keen
new coaches might bring some
improvement in the coming season?

Saturday sees one team in Division 2 only.

12 regular players required each week.

Two divisions will be contested in Mid-week
(Tuesday) competition. 20 players each
week. Plenty of scope for all our members.

Plenty of practice to keep teams up to
scratch will be required.

We encourage all interested players to come
to Thursday training at 11a.m.

Webinar

On another matter, Side Managers must be
familiar with the process of entering results.

A Webinar will be presented at 9 a.m. on
Wednesday, 16th September at the
Clubhouse.

This is a training session from Bowls Victoria
which will be shown on video in the bar
area.

Any member could be called upon to act as
Side Manager during the season.

Measuring training will be presented by
Umpire, Peter Sutton, one Thursday in the
near future.

Jill Dennison.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - AUGUST 2026

Stephen Mann



Hello to all members,

Spring has arrived with a few warm days followed by the usual wind in spring.

Golf Club Election Nominations for Committee of Management for two year term

Nominations are due no later than Wednesday 14th October 2026 for the following positions:

- Club Captain Currently held by Peter Alldis who will not continue.
- Club Vice Captain Currently vacant.
- Treasurer Currently held by David Pollard who will not continue.
- 1 Committee Member Currently held by Cecilia Stewart.

I welcome nominations for any of the positions and encourage potential nominees to contact Jeff Graham if you require further detail on the above roles.

I sincerely thank Peter Alldis and David Pollard for their service to our Committee of Management over many years.

RESPONSIBLE DRINKING OF ALCOHOL

- I wish to remind members that we all have a responsibility not to drink and drive if we believe we are over the legal limit.
- We all enjoy a drink with members after golf and bowls; however, I encourage members to be picked up or take a taxi if they believe they are over legal limits.
- I also remind members that our staff have RSA certificates and are expected to not serve members who are showing signs of being over legal alcohol limits. I am sure you will respect our staff.

2025-2026 FINANCIALS

- Our annual audit will commence in the coming weeks, after which we will set a date for the AGM which is expected to be in November 2026.

Enjoy your Golf and Bowls in August.

Regards,

STEPHEN MANN (President)



TREASURER'S REPORT - AUGUST 2026

David Pollard

Hello all.

Hopefully by the time you read this, our Annual Audit will have begun.

Once it is completed, we can set the AGM date.

Any time you would like to chat about the figures, let me know.

The reporting period is 01.07.26 to 31.07.26.

RESULTS V BUDGET

Income is over by \$10,700 (good).

- Very happy to say that all areas are working very well against budget.
- Not a bad way to start the year!

Expenses are over \$2,900 (not so good).

- Insurance is tracking above budget which is not a concern at this time of year. Competitions expense is in line with the income, more competition players means more prizes awarded.

Net Profit is over \$7,800 (good).

This is a good solid start to the year.

David.



BOWLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT - AUGUST 2026

John Crawford



This will be the last Report I write as your President as the AGM takes place on 20th of September.

I have really enjoyed my three years as your President and sincerely thank everybody for your support.

I think we have achieved many positives over the last three years with the Club continuing its reputation of friendliness, growth and financial soundness.

We have welcomed many new members and, sadly, have farewelled others.

New members have all fitted into the persona of our Club and are willing to help out with the variety of tasks that eternally confront us.

We welcome the new members from Palm Lakes and thank them for the opportunity to play on their green.

'Jack Attack' has proved to be an asset for attracting new bowlers. It seems if a new player likes the game and likes the Club, they tend to tell their friends and on it goes.

We can't afford to be complacent though, there is competition for new members.

I would like to wish the Committees for 26/27 well and hope we can continue to grow with the camaraderie we all enjoy now.

Thanks once again.

John C.

PS "Blessed are those that don't have to use an arm."

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PENNANT - AUGUST 2026

Steve Beggs



The results of the recent Pennant practice game against Howitt Park Bowls Club were disappointing to say the least.

One rink win from five rinks and that was by one shot only, the other four rinks all had huge losses. Very disappointing for all.

Your Club Coaches are trying to lift the skill level of our players but it seems we are not making any headway. Why? Can you assist to lift the skill level in any way?

If so, please talk to one of the Coaches.

I have some thoughts on this that I will not publish but will discuss at our next Coaches meeting.

Steve B.



BOWLING GREENS - AUGUST 2026 **Craig Rimington Course Superintendent**



The greens have come through winter well, and we will increase frequency of mowing shortly. Both greens have been treated with insecticide and foliar nutrition.

All bowls surrounds have been edged, mown and treated for broadleaf weeds.

Craig.



GREENS DIRECTOR - AUGUST 2026

Steve Beggs



Club ground staff are doing plenty of work on both greens, regular spraying with fertilizers and insecticides to control the small bugs that attack the roots of the turf. This ensures a good grass cover with the excellent bowling surface we are now all enjoying.

They also recently cut all the edges with a brush cutter and what a great job, both greens look terrific. Well done and thank you!



Both rollers are getting their yearly service and check over. The drive clutches and belts require a thorough yearly inspection; engine service; roller bearings checked and greased, ready for another year of work.

New safer ramps are now in use on both greens and a Operation and Safety document will be available this week.

All rolling volunteers will have refresher training on the operation and storage of the rollers.

Hearing protection is now on each roller and must be worn.



Top green ramps now have a locating dowel that fits to the existing rink marker holes, this ensures correct location and ramps are parallel, therefore safer for all.

Steve Beggs Green Director



Front of the roller on this line puts the roller in the correct position to line up to safely climb the ramps and enter the shed.

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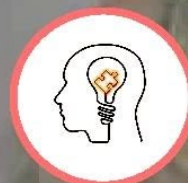
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BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT - AUGUST 2026

Jan Dodson



Hi everyone,

Our Howitt Park Challenge on 28th August was a great success. We had 24 players making up six teams, unfortunately we only had one successful team on the day, however we seemed to have done very well with the raffle prizes. Howitt Park provided us with a lovely lunch and afternoon tea and it was agreed by all to continue it each year alternating the venue between us. Well done to all our players.

Monday 14th September is our **Club Season Opening Day**.

It would be great to have as many members as possible playing on that day. After a short speech by our President the bowling season for 26/27 will be formally opened. Our normal Monday triples game will be played on the day.

Our Club **Handicaps Pairs** Competition is on **Tuesday 15th September**, it's open to all our members so please put your names on the sheet in the foyer and have a go.

Friday 18th September and **Tuesday 22nd September** is our **21 Up Competition**. Again, please put your names on the sheet, the more entries the more competition on the day and everyone is in with a chance.

Maffra Ladies Gala Day is on **Thursday 10th September** which is open to all members, an information sheet about the day is on the Events Board. We have a couple of teams going but there is always room for more.

Jan.

On The Greens In August

Dana Podena from Howitt Park bowling - thank you for spending some winter time with us Dana!

Jason Henry from Paynesville bowling. We are pleased to see you each week - thank you Jason.





On The Greens In August



Brian Hinkley.



Chris Judd.



Alan Taylor.



Peter Sutton.



Pieternella Lawson.



Bronwyn Thwaites.



On The Greens In August



Jill Dennison bowling with Tony Dodson.



Gary Bartlett with Kym Bartlett, Jenny Holter and Chris Judd.



Our winter bowls is soon coming to an end.

We sincerely thank all our visitors for their continued support and wish them all good health, and good bowling, in the new season ahead.



Graeme White (B'dale).

Tony Dodson bowling extremely well.



Mark Hemming (Paynesville).



Karen Thorburn.

Women IN **BOWLS**



— Inaugural — **GIPPSLAND WOMEN IN BOWLS Challenge**



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Gippsland Region Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 10 August.

The following is a summary of matters discussed, and decisions made.



GBR calendar:

The latest version of the GBR calendar will be sent to all clubs and available on the website asap, the calendar will be updated as and when necessary, after clubs notify the GBR Secretary of any additional tournaments or events.

Women in Bowls:

- Clubs should have the flyer for the inaugural Women in Bowls tournament.
- If you are interested in entering a team the tournament is on BowlsLink and open for entries.

Umpiring:

- A flyer on the officiating process has been sent to all clubs and will be on the website and Facebook pages shortly.

Bowls Victoria:

- The next BVRR meeting is at 4pm on Wednesday 13th August 2026.
- Bowls Vic request that all clubs check BowlsLink, and the webinars hosted by Matt Ottobre.
- Scorecards will be issued to the regions and then clubs shortly.

Other business:

- The GBR Board adopted the Region sides policy unanimously. The EOI and policy will be sent out and posted on the website and Facebook pages a week before Pennant starts and closes four weeks later.
- There is a scheduled practice match against Strzelecki on Friday the 18th of December starting at 6pm at Traralgon Bowls Club, this will be part of the region sides program and must be considered when replying to the EOI.
- The Competitions Committee will name the Grand Final Venues at the next Board meeting.
- The cut off date for withdrawing Pennant sides without a penalty is the 14th of September 2026, any withdrawals after this date may incur a penalty.
- Sale Bowls Club has withdrawn Sale 8 from Division 4 North, and the vacancy has been filled by Yarram Bowls Club, and the side will be Yarram 3.
- West Sale Bowls Club are in the process of changing their name to Sporting Legends West Sale.
- The expression of interest form to host State events will be sent to all clubs shortly, please consider and reply by 14/9/2026 if your club is interested.
- Clubs are reminded that they can send flyers for tournaments to the Secretary for publishing on the GBR website and they can also post them on Facebook.

Meetings

» 14 September, Bairnsdale – Delegates Information Session at 10am.

David Butterworth Secretary Gippsland Bowls Region



Lead and Skip had been bickering on and off for most of the day about the lead's ability (or lack thereof) to roll the jack. He had lost just about every jack either in the ditch, or out of bounds. The Skip offered some technical advice at the cross over on one end, and the lead replied quite loudly, "I only play bowls because I love the game. If I have to put up with you much longer I won't love it and quit—because I only do things with people I want to do them with and if I can't do that then I will leave!" The second, walking by, heard this and immediately said, "Well if you move as quickly on quitting bowls as leaving your missus, I'll assume you'll still be in the same rink in a decade."

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LOOKING BACK ON THE HISTORY OF OUR BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB. PART 18...

OUR BEGINNING

10 YEARS AGO ...

IMPROVEMENTS TO GREENS SURROUNDS



Craftsmen at work .. beautiful job Pete and Mick.



Very smooth Graeme!



Great job Alan, he didn't stop all morning!



Top job fellas!



Time for a well deserved coffee and a Scotch Finger.



We can't under-estimate the amount of work our men have done around the greens in the past month. A lot of physical work by some who are 'not so young'. Thank you so much for the great results, the standard of work is fantastic and a credit to you all.

IMPROVEMENTS TO GREENS SURROUNDS



It was all hands on deck when the truck arrived! Steve Beggs, Alan Werner, Mick Blackwood, Graeme White and Peter North were very active getting the job done.



Concrete boots Graeme?



Old 'truckie' Steve know what to do!

DRESS CODE:

Back in the day (this comes from 1991) there was strict adherence to the VLBA (and RVBA) dress codes. From the East Gippsland Division Annual Meeting:

Dress was discussed and length must be adhered to; over-blouse can be worn; slacks require doctor's certificate. Yes that's right!

Long pants could only be worn if you had a doctor's certificate showing your legs had to be covered for some medical reason.

Frocks had to be worn, but later they brought in two-piece suits.

There was no colour, still all white.

Pantihose was 'regulation bowlers beige' colour (no Razza Matan Bronze, no siree Bob!). Handbags had to be white or navy, no jewellery only a watch and ear studs. Oh, and your 'slip' had to be double-fronted so no-one could see through your frock.

From a Committee Meeting 1988, "Interest was shown in the Australian Consolidated Hosiery Pty. Ltd. Offer for Lady Bowlers Panty-hose.

It was decided to ring and ask for samples of sizes and brands to reach us by mid April, so they can be presented at our Annual Meeting.

A later meeting refers to stockings being optional. Winter 'Social' bowls where dress is optional (I think that referred to casual dress, not 'nudie' bowls!).



Our men have been very busy over the past month or so putting up the shelter at the lower green.
A great job appreciated by us all.
Thanks Steve, Graeme, Rob and Joe.





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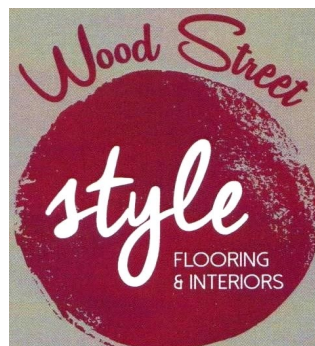
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DO YOU KNOW THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS?

You are playing a game at Monday Triples.
One of the seconds plays out of turn. What happens next?

Law 29 Irregularities during play

29.1 Playing out of turn:

- 29.1.1 If a player plays out of turn, the opposing skip can stop the bowl and return it to the player to play in the proper order.
- 29.1.2 If the bowl has come to rest **and has not disturbed the head**, the opposing skip must choose whether to:
 - 29.1.2.1 leave the head as it is and have their team play two bowls one after the other to get back to the proper order of play; or
 - 29.1.2.2 return the bowl and get back to the proper order of play.
- 29.1.3 If the bowl has disturbed the head, the opposing skip must choose whether to:
 - 29.1.3.1 leave the head as it is and have their team play two bowls one after the other to get back to the proper order of play;
 - 29.1.3.2 replace the head in its former position, return the bowl and go back to the proper order of play; or
 - 29.1.3.3 declare the end dead..



What happens next?

Player A on Rink 1 drives, hits one of the bowls in his head into Rink 2.
It hits a player on Rink 2 and rebounds back into the head on Rink 1, disturbing a couple of bowls.
Unfortunately, instead of asking for a ruling, he said, "What happens next?"

1. Player on Rink 2 goes down in a screaming heap with a broken ankle.
2. Team mate from Rink 2 punches player A in the head.
3. Another team mate from Rink 2 finds Player A's bowl and chucks it into the nearby creek.
4. All in brawl breaks out.
5. Player with broken ankle screams out to his team mates to stop bloody fighting and call an ambulance.
6. Greenkeeper joins in the fight because he's seen the amount of blood spilt onto the green.

7. Spectators decide to join in the fun.
8. Bar empties, glasses, bottles, chairs and small tables are hurled onto the green.
9. Riot squad called in.
10. After the injured and arrested are carted off, the Umpire rules that the end should be replayed.
11. Player A lines up for another drive



WHERE'S WALLY?

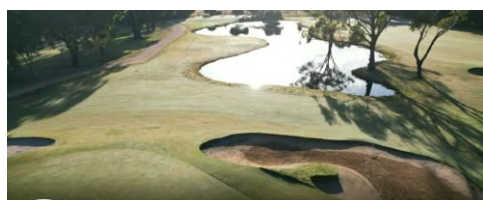
Wally is in this edition somewhere.
This is where he was in June P. 1



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