



BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2023

Tham Dynasty Turkey Triples

All members sincerely thank Teresa and Tristan at Tham Dynasty Paynesville for their very generous sponsorship of our Turkey Triples. Tham Dynasty has been trading for 30 years and is a business icon in Paynesville. So maybe pop on down to 17 The Esplanade Paynesville for a meal over the summer holidays, and thank them personally for supporting our Bairnsdale Golf-Bowls Club.



Congratulations to our winners Angela Boyd, Graeme White and Linda Ross, along with the runners-up Rose Watkins, Jill Dennison and Jenny Holter.



MANAGER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

Jeff Graham



Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all

This time of year, my thoughts turn gratefully to our members, staff, guests, and suppliers who make our success possible. I thank you for all that you do and wish you the best this holiday season and beyond. I will be working through this year, I've had my share of holidays recently.

The office will only be closed Christmas day and Boxing day.



The usual Strategic Plan progress update.

We are progressing as planned with one item ahead of schedule:

Second toilet for the 16th tee area. **UPDATE,** the planning permit is out of the way and when Craig and the staff have some time, they will fell the trees. We anticipate the toilet will be installed early in the new year.

Constitution review. **COMPLETE,** Consumer Affairs have accepted and approved the changes to the Constitution.

Based on a request from the Bowls Committee, we have brought forward the funding for **concrete paths around the Bowls Shed.** We have contacted several concreters with limited success. At this stage we only have one quote and whilst it is an acceptable price, the contractor is unavailable until mid 2024!

If you know a reliable and available concreter, let me know.

Pro-am a great success

Thanks to all the volunteers (over 40) who assisted in the lead-up, during and after The Big Garage Pro-am. The event was widely praised by all the players including the visiting professionals and sponsors. An eagle and birdie at two of his final three holes propelled New South Welshman Alex Edge to a one-stroke win over Gavin Fairfax. Alex shot 6 under, 65 one of the best scores ever at Bairnsdale GC.

A reminder to support our sponsors.

Bairnsdale Bowls Club are great supporters of our club and you may recall there is a promotion running around purchasing a meal at the Bowls Club. If you purchase a meal, make sure you show your membership card which will trigger a small percentage returned to our club in sponsorship. It's a great program and we encourage all of our members to support it.

Next years golf programme

As has previously been corresponded, the club won't be bulk printing the 2024 golf programme booklet. MiClub will be the most up to date point of reference for upcoming events and we will also have a digital version of the booklet on our club website.

For those members who are not comfortable with the online version of the booklet, the office will be able to produce a printed version upon request.

Until February (No Newsletter in January)

Jeff Graham





Hello to all members,

Another calendar year is nearing a close. It is scary how quick they go as you get a little older.

2023 has been a very good year for our club with increasing member numbers in both the golf and bowls divisions.

The course staff have completed around 80% of the branch reduction on trees and in 2024 the balance will be completed together with the removal of 91 trees. Well done to you all.

In my opinion our success over recent years is a direct result of two things, namely

- Having the best staff team possible on our course and in the clubhouse
- Having a friendly member base who continually astound me with the amount of volunteering they do.

A huge thank you to the 40+ volunteers who made our recent Pro-Am such a success.

I sincerely thank you all for your great support during the year.

It is my privilege to lead such a happy Club.

I hope you all have a great Christmas and trust 2024 bring you happiness and good health, as well as improved golf and bowls scores.

Regards

STEPHEN MANN (President)



Hello and Merry Christmas to everyone.

Whatever your plans or faith or beliefs may be, I hope you and your family have a safe and prosperous festive season and new year.

Golf continues to amaze me in such a way that it brings so many people from different worlds together for a common pursuit of enjoyment.

Just last week I was at Sue and Fi's wedding and met two new friends who I look forward to playing lots of golf with.

I played with a member who has been at the Bairnsdale GC for 30 plus years, but we only just managed to have our first game together. It was a very enjoyable game too. These sorts of happenings make the game even better. So, if you haven't played golf with me, or someone else, don't be afraid to reach out and get a game going.

So again, I hope everyone enjoys their plans and activities over the festive season.

After 27 and a half years, my wife and I are now empty nesters. 1995 was the last year we woke on Christmas Day with no one else with us.

So, this Christmas marks a change for us, and we are keen to enjoy it.

Best wishes, **David.**





Merry Christmas Steve, Rose, Jim, Josie, Pat and Helen.

Our Christmas Break-up lunch was held at Tham Dynasty Restaurant in Paynesville.
Everyone enjoyed having a meal and talk-time with our friends.
A big thank you to Teresa and Tristan who came on board to sponsor our Monday Triples Turkey Day.
"From everyone at the Bairnsdale Golf-Bowls Club, we send our best wishes to you and your family for a fantastic festive season."



Have a wonderful Christmas and Festive Season Lui, Angela, Paul, Janet, President John and Heather.



Merry Christmas Pete, John, Dene, Fin, Jill and Cheryl.



See you in the new year Bev, Pieternella, Mark, Jenny and Mandy.



Enjoy Christmas with your families and friends Lesley, Alan, Sandra and John.



Best wishes for Christmas and 2024 Marg, Mira, Tony, Jan, Joy and Ann.



Happy days Rose and Steve, and thank you to Sandra for the table decorations—very festive!



BOWLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

John Crawford



I play my last game for 2023 today, and what a great year it has been. Winning a flag early in the year set the "ball rolling" for more on going achievements: A successful renovation of the bottom green; removal of the mosquito bearing trees; Jack Attack; a successful winter bowls season with our Howitt Park friends; enjoying varying success at Pennant; the awarding of Medals of Honour to Joy and Helen; a very successful Gala Day; a miraculous return to bowls by John Atkins; traditional Turkey Day with our new sponsor Tham Dynasty; welcoming new members to our Club as a result of a coaching program run by Rose, Jill and Steve and a very enjoyable Christmas Break-up lunch. Thanks to all who made these things happen.

In 2024 we look forward to more success at Pennant, Jack Attack, Coaching program, new edging for top green and completion of club events along with a revival of the Golf/Bowls Challenge Day and a fund raising Car Boot Sale ... and more friendship and frivolity.

May I wish all Bowlers and their families a Happy Christmas and a healthy and successful New Year.

Good Bowling.

John C.





GREENS DIRECTOR - DECEMBER 2023

Steve Beggs



Another year has almost passed so now we start 2024.

Hope our new year bowling season is a good one and a healthy one for all.

Working 'B' was successful with seven members completing all the tasks requested.

Our ladies Helen, Jan, Mira and Julie weeded the garden behind our shed and shoveled and spread 4 cubic metres of wood chips - a mighty effort in a couple of hours, thank you ladies.



Alan, Mark and myself weed sprayed and garden trimmed. You will notice the shrub near the bottom green toilet has been well cut back, as well as the shrubs encroaching on the bottom green seating, good job Mark.

Alan sprayed all the weeds and mowed so. We then assisted the ladies with the wood chips and finished with a cuppa and a chat. A very productive couple of hours.

More wood chips are required for the garden so another Working 'B' late January is planned so I will ask for assistance once again.



The 2024 rolling roster is out so gents please confer with the person you are paired with to determine who rolls the green for every event including Pennant and special days in that week.

Bottom green being scarified both ways, cut both ways and getting plenty of grass off it. We will bowl again on it in the new year. The top green will receive the same treatment. Thanks to Craig and his men for good work.



The new edging for the top green has been delivered and it would be great if we could install it before pennant starts again. This requires us to be on our knees for the job so I propose to only do half days until the job is done. I cannot do this on my own so please assist where you can. We will require masonry/hammer drills and a driver drill or two.

Merry Christmas to all, Beggs'y

BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

Joy Ryan

Happy Christmas to all members of our great Club.

I hope your festive season is happy with loved ones and friends around you.

I hope the new year is filled with health, wealth and good bowls.

Joy.



JANUARY

Tuesday 9th. Club Minor Singles Championship (1)
Friday 12th. Club Minor Singles Championship (2)
Friday 26th. Australia Day Celebration Bowls

Tham Dynasty Turkey Triples



Best 1st. Game: Sue Plowman, Jim Haine and Roger Plowman.



Best 2nd. Game: Frank Borrow, Bev and Eric Yeates.



Gippsland Region Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 11 December at Bairnsdale Bowls Club.

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



Conditions of Play

The Board noted there have been issues including:

- the interpretation of pennant rules for inclement weather
- entering of results in BowlsLink by the home team
- incorrect format of a club singles championship, resulting in the event being replayed
- at least one instance of a club ignoring the Weekend Pennant no break rule.

It agreed it is important that team managers understand their role, including how to apply the rules when required and how to enter results in BowlsLink. As such, it will ask the Competitions Committee to run team manager training sessions in both playing areas before the start of the next pennant season.

Gender

The Board noted with concern that some clubs may be at risk of breaching equal opportunity requirements by discriminating along gender lines in pennant selection. Clubs are reminded of the following clauses in the Bowls Victoria Regional Pennant Conditions of Play:

- **Clause 4.** Regions, in making decisions on gender-specific competitions and determining positions each gender may play, must ensure they are in line with equal opportunity requirements.
- **Clause 12.1.** Gender cannot be used as a criteria for selection.

Region Sides

The Board noted that the women's team to represent the Region in Ballarat in January has been finalised, with selection of the men's team to be completed later this week. Clubs will be notified about the full team once all selected players have been informed.

Other matters

- The Competitions Committee will be asked to consider a means of avoiding a cancellation of pennant as occurred on 2 December by including a double header in the Conditions of Play for season 2024/25 in such circumstances
- The State Fours final will played over 15 ends as in all lead up rounds.
- A date for the postponed Pairs finals has yet to be determined.

Next meeting

Monday 22 January 2024 at Maffra BC

Bronwyn Thwaites Region Secretary



Can you find
Wally?
He is in this
edition
somewhere.

This is where he was
last month. P. 7



THE SELECTION COMMITTEE



Three bowlers stood at the pearly gates,
Their faces were sad and old.
They humbly asked the man at the gate,
Admission to the fold.
"What have you done?", St. Peter said,
"To gain admission here".
"Selectors sir, we have been
For many a weary year".
The gates of Heaven flew open wide,
As St. Peter pressed the bell.
"Come in at once and take a harp,
You've had enough of hell!"

Here are just a couple of key Conditions of Play for which we should all be aware:
CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR GIPPSLAND PENNANT

6. Match commencement time

6.1. The normal commencement time will be 1.00pm for Weekend Pennant and 10.00am for Midweek Pennant. **Commencement time can be brought forward by up to 30 minutes by agreement between side managers on the day of play.**

Play will conclude 4 hours 15 minutes after commencement of play.

Total Fire Ban

11.2. All section East Pennant matches shall be abandoned when a Total Fire Ban has been declared for the East Gippsland Fire Ban district.

12. Inclement weather – Heat

12.2. Play cannot commence if:

*the temperature at the host club reaches 36 degrees Celsius at the scheduled commencement time of the match, play may be suspended for up to 1 hour.

Should the temperature fall below 36 degrees Celsius within one hour of play being suspended, play shall resume.

12.3. If the temperature fails to fall below 36 degrees Celsius within 1 hour of play being suspended, the match is abandoned.

12.4. If play has already commenced: Play will be suspended for up to 1 hour if the temperature at the host club reaches 36 degrees Celsius at any time after the start of play. If the temperature falls below 36 degrees Celsius within one hour of play being suspended, play shall resume.

12.5. The match will be abandoned if the temperature fails to fall below 36 degrees Celsius after play has been suspended for 1 hour.

12.6. Pennant matches which have been interrupted shall be abandoned after 4 hours and 15 minutes from the scheduled start time.

13.2. If play has commenced and the match is subsequently abandoned by mutual agreement between the side managers and the following minimum number of ends have been completed, 12 player side - 48 ends 8 player side - 32 ends the game will be awarded to the side which has the higher number of shots at the time the game is abandoned, and the points allocated according to condition 4 of the GBR Pennant competition COP.

21. Pre-Game Pennant Practice

21.2. Practice is permitted on the day of play on the rinks allocated for the match, for both the home and away sides.

21.3. Two rinks allocated for the match (one rink for 8 player sides) are to be made available for practice for the away side while one of the rinks is to be made available for the home side.

21.4. **There is no restriction on how many or what rinks are used for practice outside of those rinks allocated for the match**, so long as such use of other rinks does not limit the practice opportunity of other sides at the venue.

21.5. Practice for all sides must conclude thirty (30) minutes prior to the agreed commencement time of the game.

DO YOU KNOW THE LAWS OF THE GAME OF BOWLS?

Playing a game of Pennant and it is noticed, after the jack has been delivered, that the mat is on the wrong line. What happens next?

6 Placing the mat

6.1 At the start of each end

6.1.3 If, after the jack has been delivered but **before the first bowl is delivered**, a player or the marker finds that the mat line has not been positioned within the distances described in law 6.1.1, the opposing player must place the mat as described in law 6.1.1 and re-deliver the jack, making sure that it is centered, but the opposing player must not play first.

6.1.4 After the first player to play **has delivered the first bowl**, no-one has the right to challenge the legality of the original

Can you think of a situation where it is correct to put chalk on a bowl that has not actually touched the jack?

If a player bowls a bowl, other than his own, and it comes to rest having touched the jack in the rink of play, it is replaced by a bowl from the proper set. The replacement bowl is chalked despite never itself having touched the jack.

This can also apply to a bowl which needs to be replaced after being damaged as a result of play, it is replaced by a bowl from the proper set and is chalked despite never itself having touched the jack.

Midweek Pennant in December

Division 2 began the month with a nice 10 shot win against Bairnsdale 2 at Bairnsdale.
Division 4 were also at Bairnsdale, but the tables turned with a 10 shot win to Bairnsdale



Rose watching her bowl go down the green.



Jan did particularly well.



Julie putting down the shot bowl.



Mira an excellent lead.



Eric is never far away.



John skipped very well.



Good work Jim!



Take one and run Judi.



Terrific bowls from Pat.



Very proud of Jenny doing so well.

Midweek Pennant in December



Second game for the month on the 12th. and it was a good win for Division 2 against Orbost by 37 shots. Getting close to the end of the season, with only three games to go, it is looking good for a finals berth. Division 4 had a 14 shot loss to Lakes Entrance 5. The return after the Christmas break sees another trip to Lakes Entrance, followed by a bye and a home game against Howitt Park.

Weekend Pennant in December

The rains came down on Dec. 2nd. washing out all games in the region.

The following week Division 3 was away to Bairnsdale 4 and came away with a nice 14 shots win. Division 4 found it a bit harder going down to Bairnsdale 5.

Dec. 16th. and it was the trip to Orbost for Division 3 and whilst we were competitive on their difficult green we went down by only six shots overall. Division 4 also had a road trip to Tambo Valley where they also struggled against the opposition.

Whilst there, they witnessed a very well deserved Life Membership award to Sue Agnew. Sue's commitment to Tambo Valley is second to none and it was a privilege for our members to be there. Congratulations Sue!

We are now all in the Christmas break and look forward to strongly finishing off the remainder of the Pennant season.



Angela putting down another consistent bowl.



Pat put in some terrific bowls for our side.



Gwen Hatcher watching her team's bowl with our skip Lui.



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