



# HOTSHOT



## BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER - JULY 2019



### WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

John Mee and Jill Dennison very pleased with their recent Thursday 'Skins' day win.

### Playing Mahjong 麻將 (májiàng)



What better way to spend a chilly Friday afternoon than playing Mahjong in front of a beautiful open fire with good friends Joy, Rose, Heather and Jill?

And maybe a glass of wine .. even if it is under the chair!

### NEW SIGNAGE



**No Smoking signs have recently been installed around the greens.**

Along with Bowls Victoria, Bairnsdale Golf Bowls Club recognises that passive smoking is hazardous to health and is committed to providing a healthy sporting environment that is protected against exposure to tobacco smoke.

### Our friends on holiday ..



Lyle and Pat have been enjoying some social bowls 'grudge' matches with their friends from the caravan park at Northern Beaches Mackay. Current scores - ladies 3, men 1.

## **BGC PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JULY 2019 - Stephen Mann**



Although we are in mid-winter with many golfers and bowlers travelling north, it has been extremely encouraging to see the strong numbers playing golf during July.

The results of the Member Survey have been distributed via email.

For those not on email and requiring a copy, please contact the office who will supply you with a printed copy.

We expect to have our Strategic Plan work completed in the coming weeks and will have a forum to detail our plans to all members as soon as the plan is complete. Jeff Graham will send a notice to members once the date has been set and I encourage as many members as possible to attend to be updated with the plan.

A huge thanks goes to Peter & Ross Davidson from Bairnsdale Tyre Service for donating a bar fridge to the club to be used as a prize for an event or a raffle.

The re-stumping of the clubhouse is nearing completion and a big thanks to David Turner for arranging same.

You will have noticed the area fenced off near the car park where the new Cart Storage will be built in the coming months.

Stay warm and enjoy your golf and bowls.

**STEPHEN MANN (President)**

## **GREENS DIRECTOR Steve Beggs**



First I must say a huge thank you to John Crawford for stepping up and doing my job for the 12 weeks we were away. The surrounds look terrific due to his great work, well done John, thank you. Obviously many other members assisted with setting up etc, thank you to all for your good work.

Both greens are bowling very well thanks to the ground staff's fastidious monitoring of the grass, the regular spraying and fertilizing is certainly paying off. The terrific renovation on the bottom green last season has been a huge success and the same process is planned for the top green.

The date of this reno is dependent on the bowls program, and we will endeavour to have the green available as early as possible to allow for the longest possible recovery time during the warmer weather.

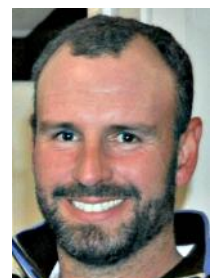
I presume everyone knows we had a large Deer run across the golf course and the top green, he jumped down near the water fountain and off at rink 5 on the west side, through our car park, the gap in the trees and disappeared. Very little damage considering they have two long finger like toes that left dents where the hooves hit the surface for the full distance across the green, I am very glad there was only one as they usually run in a mob.

Good bowling, Beggs'y

## **BOWLING GREENS Craig Rimington Course Superintendent**

Both greens are still in great condition providing a great surface, spray applications of seaweed and fish emulsion have taken place throughout the winter, building up for the Spring.

Greens surrounds have been sprayed for weeds and Poa annua.





## BOWLS CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JULY 2019 - Joy Ryan

Whilst many of our members are still grey nomading, a few have returned home.

We welcome back Steve and Julie Beggs who resumed their roles in our Club.

Thursday and Monday bowls have continued during the winter with good fields on both days.

Mondays have attracted bowlers from Howitt Park who at present are undergoing green renovations.

We thank the bowlers who have supported Monday Triples.

It is important for us bowlers to support their events.

We are coming up to the start of the new season in September.

We will be holding our annual Casserole Tea in September, hopefully followed by an Information session.

The date for the Casserole Tea will be on the notice board so please keep your eyes peeled.

The official launch of the Strategic Plan for our Club for 2019-2022 will take place at the Club rooms on Friday 30th August at 6.30pm.

It is important for us bowlers to attend to learn what is in store for our great Club.

Finally I am pleased with the support the bowlers have given to the 'Shake and Steak' night, I hope we all have a great night.

Joy.



Great likeness Marty!

### VALE



#### BOB LOWE

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our Past Member, Bob Lowe.

Bob was our Men's Chairman from 2004-2006.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Vi, Deb and family.

#### JENNY HOLT

We also send our condolences to Don and family following the recent passing of our previous golf and bowls member and friend, Jenny.



**Have a Ball  
With BOWLS!!**





Hello Members.

Another financial year passes and its very encouraging to see the successful results pointed out in our Treasurer's report.

Although the results are “unofficial” and pre audit we are confident there will be little (if any) change when the Annual Financials are released.

A big congratulations to all who contributed to the outstanding result, the list of which is too long to name individually so I'll recognise them by category.

The Committee of Management and all major sub-committees, event and daily committees. All staff, department heads, full time and casuals.

All individual volunteers, pretty much anyone that offset an expense to the club, from bar service to mowing grass and everything in between.

My sincere thankyou for your contribution to this outstanding club.

As mentioned last report, the acquired surplus of cash will not go to waste, the upcoming Strategic Plan identifies a comprehensive capital expenditure program for the next three years. Speaking of the Strategic Plan, we have allocated a date of release for late August and by the time you read this report, I'm sure the date will have been promoted to the membership. Although the Strategic Plan will be available on the club's website and in paper format around the club, I URGE you to attend the formal release night where a thorough Q&A will take place.

### **Jack Attack**

In the vein of the highly successful Team Golf program, the Bowls Australia “Jack Attack” initiative will be in operation this Lawn Bowls Season at Bairnsdale Golf and Bowl. The Jack Attack program is a social Team Bowls event designed to encourage friends, family, GOLFERS and other like groups to take up bowls and have a great time doing so. As a club, we will be throwing a substantial amount of effort into the promotion of this event and as a starting point, we have secured (date pending) the attendance and support of two very very high profile Lawn Bowlers.

To assist with the promotion of Jack Attack BGC, **Karen Murphy** (World Women's Singles Champion) and **Steve Glasson** (Previous Men's World number 1 and Current Australian Lawn Bowls Coach) will both be at BGC to help get things rolling (pun intended)! Some of the features of Jack Attack will be:

A season that runs 6-8 weeks followed by finals.

A season promotion day with Karen Murphy and Steve Glasson in attendance. (Date TBC).

3 players per team, with allowances for reserves for nights people can't attend.

Fixed night of attendance, likely to be a Wednesday (TBC).

Meals after the game each night, likely to be a mini bistro or even a “Burger and Bowls” theme.

Incentives for Golf Members to participate.

We hope that all members consider getting involved in what will be a great social and entertaining way to get into Bowls.

Until next month, good golfing and bowling.

**Jeff**





## TRIED AND TESTED: PLAYERS URGED TO CHECK BOWLS BY AIDAN DAVIS

Players are being encouraged to ensure their bowls are compliant with the standards set by the Laws of the Sport, following reports from independent bowls testers that the number failing to comply is on the rise.

Competitive bowlers are being urged to get their bowls checked regularly, as often as every five years, as wear on the running surface of the bowl can straighten the run of the bowl over time, possibly causing the bias to become non-compliant simply through wear.

The wearing of the bias is particularly prevalent in the modern narrower sets of bowls, given there is very little margin to the legal bias.

Bowls also fail to comply when all four bowls in a set are not matched to draw in a group within a five-centimetre radius on a testing table.

Australia's two independent bowls testing operators, Barry Cox from 'The Bowls Doctor' in Queensland, and Greg Sherman from 'The Bowling Arm' in Victoria, have noted the rise in the number of sets failing to comply with the standards set within the Laws of the Sport.

According to the latest testing results from Cox and Sherman of a total of 388 sets of bowls, an average of half have failed to adhere to the World Bowls standard required to be approved for competition.

"For those sets that don't comply, Barry and Greg are then able to rectify the bowls and re-stamp each bowl with a registered World Bowls Stamp, which under the Laws Of The Sport Of Bowls, authorises the bowls to be used in all games."

Each tester in the world, which includes six Australian-based organisations, has a testing table to ensure the correct weight and line, and is provided a master bowl by the World Bowls Board, which no individual bowl can draw less than.

The World Bowls master bowl is run down the table first, followed by the other four bowls that are being tested, which must all draw to at least the master bowl, not less than it, and must fall within a five-centimetre radius of the last bowl when drawn as a full set.

A licensed World Bowls Tester can test, repair and refurbish sets of bowls, and applies the World Bowls Stamp to validate that the bowl/s complies with all regulations and specifications of World Bowls.







## BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB

### MONDAY 3-BOWLS TRIPLES



**12.00 START**

2 GAMES X 12 ENDS (Weather permitting)

**Nominated teams or single entries.**

**CONTACT: JOE BUGEJA 0438345842**

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RUNNERS-UP  
BEST 1ST. GAME  
BEST 2ND. GAME  
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## BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB

### THURSDAY 'SKINS'

**12.30 START**

**2 GAMES X 10 ENDS**

**CONTACT: JOY RYAN 0438171121**

'Skins' is proving to be a  
very popular game.  
Great for newer players!



### MEMBER SURVEY

As you all know, the Club recently conducted a Member Survey. Here is a very brief summary of some of the results relevant to the Bowls Section. Take into consideration the response from 'Bowls Only' members came from only 31 with 17 'Golf/Bowls' members.

*Would you like to see more golf/bowls combined days such as 9 holes of golf and 12 ends of bowls?*

Excellent response 62.69% answered 'Yes'.

*What is your favourite competition and should be played more often?*

Response: Triples 29.41% Fours 13.73% Pairs 11.76% Jackpot Skins 11.76%.

*Would you play competition bowls on days we currently do not conduct competitions, if yes, which days?*

Response: Tues. 15.63% Wed. 34.38% Fri. (off season) 34.38% Sat. (off season) 43.75% Sun. (off season) 31.25%.

*Do you play competition bowls at nearby clubs even though we host our own competitions on the same day?*

Yes 21.57% No 78.43%.

*If you answered 'yes' to the above, what is your reason for doing so?*

Better prize money 20% Better facilities 6.67% Better location to home 13.33% I have friends at the club 33.33% Better facility/greens 6.67%.

*Please rate the speed of the greens over the past 12 months.*

A bit too slow 6.52% Just right 84.78% A bit too fast 8.70%

*Would you like to see more Bowls Information nights?*

Yes 57.45% No 42.55%

*If you answered 'yes' to the above question, how often?*

Monthly 13.33% Twice annually 26.67% Quarterly 50% Annually 10%

*Would you be interested in Bowls coaching? Yes 39.13% No 36.96%*

*Most Common 'Other Comments' suggestions for higher level of coach for better players.*

Q66. Do you understand the current Australian Bowls rules & regulations?

Not at all 6.12% In part, but I need to know more 32.65% To a satisfactory level 51.02% I know them in detail 10.20%



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## STRATEGIC PLAN 2019 - 2022

**Official Launch of the Bairnsdale Golf Club  
Strategic Plan will take place on:**

**Friday August 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 6:30pm.**

**We encourage and invite all members to attend  
this critical and informative evening.**

**RSVP not required.**

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also  
incorporates  
the 2019-20  
**Budget  
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edition somewhere.

### WHICH BOWL WILL TRAVEL FURTHEST...?

A Size 5 bowl and a Size 0 bowl are delivered in an identical manner.

All things being equal, which bowl will travel the furthest up the green?

A heavy bowl will travel exactly the same distance as a lighter bowl – all things being equal.

**MOMENTUM** What keeps a bowl moving is Momentum, which is related to how heavy a bowl is, and how fast it is moving. On a flat surface with no tailwind no further force is applied to keep the bowl moving. Friction will slow it down.

**FRICTION** The most important force tending to make the bowl slow down is friction generated at the point where the bowl makes contact with the grass, or whatever other surface it is running on. It acts through the centre of the running surface. The amount of friction is determined by the how heavy the bowl is (its mass), how big it is (its diameter), and how slick the surface it is running on is (the 'coefficient of friction' of the surface).

Another source of friction is through contact with the air. In general a bowl is rolling rather than sliding, and hence it is "rolling friction" rather than "sliding friction" that is relevant. Depending on how you deliver a bowl, it might slide for a short distance before it commences rolling. The friction generating by a sliding bowl is very much greater than for a rolling bowl, and this will reduce the distance the bowl travels for a given delivery speed.

**MASS OF BOWL** The heavier a bowl is, the more momentum it has. This will tend to make it travel further.

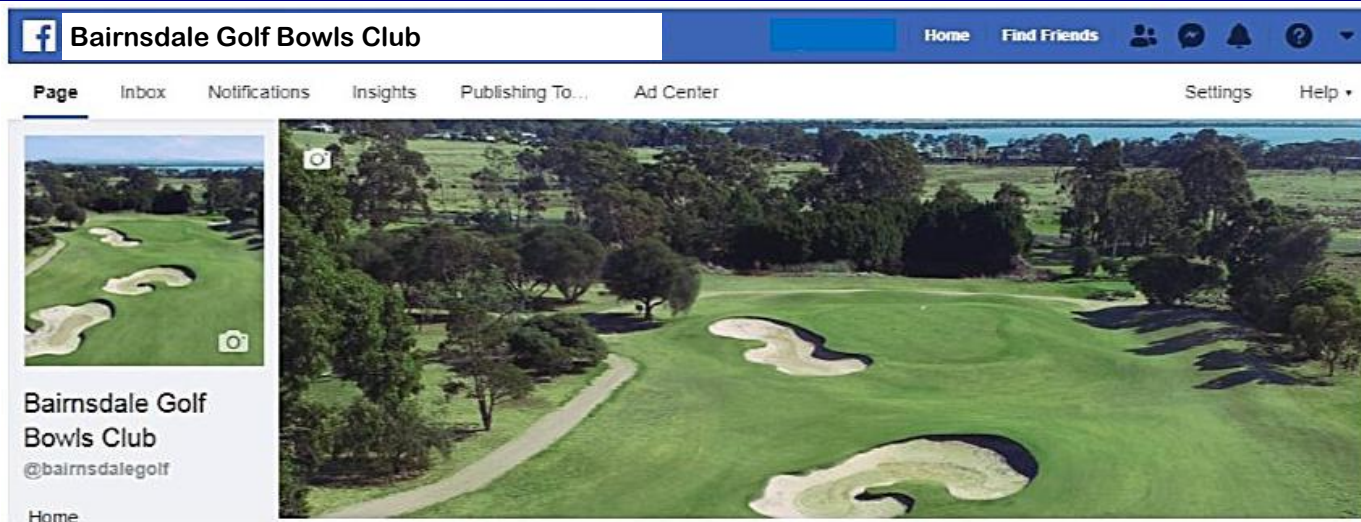
However the friction slowing it down is also related to how heavy the bowl is.

A heavier bowl will generate more friction. This will tend to make it slow down more. The net result is that these effects cancel each other out.



**Last month P1.**

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