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BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER - JULY 2025

WINTER BOWLS

Our bowls days (Monday, Thursday and Saturday) are still very well supported with many hardy souls taking to the green. We are particularly thankful to our friends from Howitt Park, Paynesville and Bairnsdale.



Fin Ross with Eric Howson.



Jill Dennison with Bev Campbell and Jennifer Howson.



Lui Mosele and Eric Yeates.



Alan Taylor.



Jennifer Howson bowling with Jill Dennison and Bev Campbell.



Meg Sutton bowling with Carol Crane and Fin Ross.

MANAGER'S REPORT - JULY 2025

Jeff Graham



Hello all,

I'd like to start with some important information regarding my role as General Manager.

Last Committee of Management meeting I proposed to reduce my hours and salary to that of a part time position. Specifically, I intend on working four days per week, Tuesday to Friday and dropping my Saturday Golf Shop shift. This will both save the club a small amount of money but more importantly allow myself and Leonie more time to enjoy the things we love. I have assured the Committee that this will not impact my ability to manage the club, the Saturday shift was entirely service related and I performed very little management tasks. Whilst the details are yet to be finalised its 99% likely to commence in October and to say I'm looking forward to it is an understatement. Who knows, I may play golf Saturdays! Other than the above, not a great deal to report over the past month.

Next month, I shall be detailing a strategy to raise some extra revenue which includes the return of the meals nights, the café expansion, social events and more.

Strategic Plan update.

IN PROGRESS

(Perform 50% of) **Change the sand in seven bunkers. Repair the drainage and change the sand in four others, fill in and grass two others.**

In accordance with our Bunker audit, we will be fully renovating the 1st hole left greenside. The 17th hole left greenside, 8th hole front right greenside. We will also replace the sand in the 2nd hole, 3rd hole x 2, 5th hole, 8th hole and 14th hole. NO UPDATE since last report **Perform minor renovations to the female change rooms.** Finance has approved the flooring replacement, when Wood St Style and Flooring are available, it will be replaced. UPDATE: The flooring in the cubicle has been installed. Next, we will attack the vanities and the floor directly in front of them. NO UPDATE since last month's report however some correspondence with the Wednesday committee of the allocation of funds and timing of the works has started.

IF TIME PERMITS

(Perform 50% of) **Repair or reconstruct the golf course paths rated a high priority. 5th to 6th, 6th to 7th, 7th to 8th & 10th to 11th.** UPDATE: Unfortunately, due to the limited staff resources on the course we will not be in a position to start the path reconstructions. UPDATE: Now that we have employed Matthew Leong, we are back to full strength with course staff levels. Throughout the next 6 months we hope to catch-up on the above high priority bunker works. Unfortunately, we are back to two staff for the short term which will delay the process a month or so. UPDATE: From the week of Monday July 7th we will be back to full strength and whilst there will be a staff training period we will hopefully get to the paths over winter. UPDATE: We have engaged contractors to provide us with advice relating to the construction of a permanent pathway from the 18th green to the club house (with a 10th tee connection) COM are currently weighing up the associated costs. We expect to reconstruct the pathway in the Next two months, whether it be hex grid/crushed rock, concrete, asphalt or similar remains to be determined.

Until next month, play well,

Jeff Graham



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JULY 2025

Stephen Mann



Hello to all members,

In the coming weeks there will be two important events held at our Club namely,

DALE CADD MEMORIAL DAY ON Sunday 17th August 2025-Memorial service followed by 9 holes of Stableford starting at 2.30pm.

All funds raised on this day will go towards the Dale Cadd Memorial PGA Associates Pro-Am on 1st September 2025.

DALE CADD MEMORIAL PGA ASSOCIATES PRO-AM on Monday 1st September 2025
Entry Fees are \$35 for Members and \$50 for Non-Members.

A PGA Associate is an inspiring PGA Professional currently completing a nationally accredited training program under the guidance of the PGA.

Jack Young from our Club is one of these Associates.

Members are encouraged to play in the event and donate towards the prize money for this important event.

Entry forms for both of the above are available at the Pro Shop.

Enjoy your Golf and Bowls during August.

Regards,

STEPHEN MANN (President)



BOWLING GREENS - JULY 2025 **Craig Rimington Course Superintendent**

Top bowling green has been shaved to collect dead leaf material.

Greens upcoming application of selective herbicide for moss control.

Bottom green treated with the Air2G2 machine.

Craig.



GREENS DIRECTOR - JULY 2025 **Steve Beggs**

We are home and our caravanning days are behind us, so back to BGBC for me.

Firstly a huge thanks to the members who completed the synthetic ditch grass, it looks terrific and no one has to weed and rake ditches and I am happy about that.

President JC tells me the top green is rolling well and getting better so we can look forward to good bowls as the weather improves. I will look around when I get to the Club and I'm sure I will find a job or two to keep you all busy.

Thanks again to all,

Cheers, Beggs'y.



BOWLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JULY 2025

John Crawford



Today I had a very pleasant job to do on behalf of the Club.

You would all be aware that the Eagle Point Primary school have been coached for some years by Jill Dennison and this year a team from the school entered and won an East Gippsland District School Competition.

Our Committee decided to reward this achievement by offering them a scholarship and membership of our Club, allowing them to play in any of our social bowl days.

We also intend to run a tournament for them in the month of September.

This move, we feel, is to encourage the youth of today to become senior bowlers in the future.



At a recent working bee, 20 more Grevillea shrubs were planted on the bank to fill in the gaps. All the lines were marked and the laying of artificial grass was completed. Thanks for the hard work David, Rod, Allan and Mark.

Although many of our members are in warmer conditions, numbers for Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays have been excellent. Some Mondays boasting a full green 42 players.

Roll on spring and summer.

See you on the green,

John C.



COACHING

Coming in September

BOWLS DRILLS DESIGNED TO PRACTICE WITH PURPOSE

With Ron Hatcher (Div. 1 Champion— Orbest BC) with many wins and trophies.

"Practice makes perfect is BS - only perfect practice makes perfect."

.....Ron Barassi (AFL footy legend)

'YouTube' has terrific coaching videos, please search "Matts, Jacks & Bowls."

Look for video regarding your stance on the mat.

Stance sets your line **IF your stance is the same every bowl.**

Lots more there for everyone.

The 25/26 pennant season is looming upon us and I'm sure you all know the draw by now, but for your info here it is again.

MIDWEEK Division 2 - Golf 1 Division 4 - Golf 2

WEEKEND Division 2 - Golf 1 Division 3 - Golf 2 Division 4 - Golf 3

The teams names are the same but that does not mean the actual players will be the same each week.

The point of the Pennant competition is to win a flag for BGBC so your Pennant Selectors endeavor to select the best players available for the next week.

We must have emergencies in case unforeseen circumstances prevent someone from playing so if you are picked as emergency you are as important to the competition as the players are.

Cheers

Steve.

BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT - JULY 2025

Joy Ryan

Helen and your Match Committee have been busy compiling your program book for the coming season.

Many new members may not be aware of the many Club competitions available. This diary will keep you informed of events.



To be eligible to play in Club Championships you must be a full member of the Bowls Club.

I look forward to our new members participating.

Monday and Thursday's bowls are still attracting good numbers despite chilly weather.

I will be away August-September but I leave you in the Match Committee's capable hands.

Good Bowling

Joy.



WINTER BOWLS



Yvonne Byers, Neil Haugland and Michelle Pike.



Penny Goddard with Pauline Judd and Alan Taylor.



Chris Judd with Cathie Morris.



Jill Dennison, Bev Campbell and Ray Goddard.



Jennifer Hutchinson.



Pauline Goddard.



Barry Buntine in action.



Jim Haine and a very happy Jenny Holter.

WINTER BOWLS



Dana Podena, Les Reilly, Mike Manning and Pam Boucher.



Angela Boyd.



Bronwyn Thwaites.



Rod Bridgborn and Ann Seville.



Brian Hinkley.



You Boys!! Mark Holter and Brian Hinkley.



Neil Haugland and Michelle Pike.



TERRY WHITE FOURS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST 2025

9:30 AM ROLLUP START

Open Fours \$15 per player (team entry or single entry)

= 3 Games of 10 Ends

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= Afternoon Tea Supplied

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Gippsland Region Board summary

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 14 July. The following is a summary of matters discussed, and decisions made.

Payment gateway

Clubs are advised that a GBR payment gateway has been established on BowlsLink to enable competitors to pay fees via credit or debit card when they enter State and Region events. The initiative will streamline payments and eliminate the need for host clubs to collect fees on the first day of play.

The first event in 2025/26 is the State Fours on 11 and 12 October. Clubs interested in hosting a State and/or Region event are reminded to submit an EOI by 19 September.

Governance

The Board formally accepted the resignation of Marg Brandhoj as a director, recognising Marg's excellent contribution during her tenure since the amalgamation of the two divisions in 2021.

Pennant

The Board noted that the 2025/26 Weekend and Midweek pennant structures are close to being finalised, with clubs still having time to enter a side to fill vacancies. It supported a proposal that teams finishing on top of their division at the conclusion of the home and away rounds will be awarded a home semifinal.

Live scoring training

Clubs are again reminded about the live scoring training to be held at Maffra and Bairnsdale bowls clubs on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August respectively. Open to all members, the workshops are particularly important for Premier League and Division 1 Midweek clubs for which live scoring will be mandatory.

Junior development

The Board endorsed a proposal from Nigel Plunkett and Wendy Campbell for a change in the way junior development is undertaken in the Region. The change recognises the lack of junior recruitment by most clubs and some resistance to travelling to junior development squad (JDS) training at Bairnsdale Bowls Club on Saturday mornings (1st and 3rd).

The changes are:

suspension of Saturday training until there is an U18 tournament; as JDS coaches, Nigel and Wendy making themselves available to attend any session organised by clubs for their juniors; Nigel and Wendy making themselves available to coach any individual or group of U18 bowlers at a mutually suitable time.

Interested clubs should contact Nigel on gippslandbrjunior@gmail.com

Communications protocols

The Board discussed the issue of confidentiality, confirming the importance of its committees (Competitions, Region Sides Selection and Disciplinary) always maintaining confidentiality during deliberations about matters for which they are responsible. It approved a proposal to create clear communication protocols to ensure committee integrity is upheld and prevent clubs from receiving mixed messages or misinformation.

Strategic Plan

The Board will hold a preliminary strategic plan workshop in August, to be facilitated by Bowls Victoria Southern Regional Manager, Mark Coleman.

For your diary

The next information session for delegates will be held at the Bairnsdale Bowls Club on Monday 22 September, 10am. A reminder will be sent closer to the date.



Rock Up And Roll

Social Bowls every Saturday!

1.00 p.m. start

Names in by 12.15 p.m.



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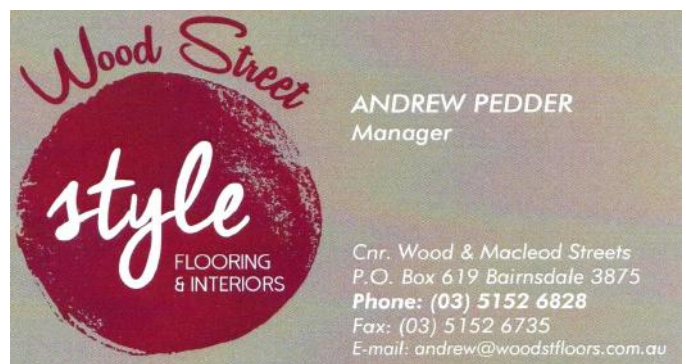
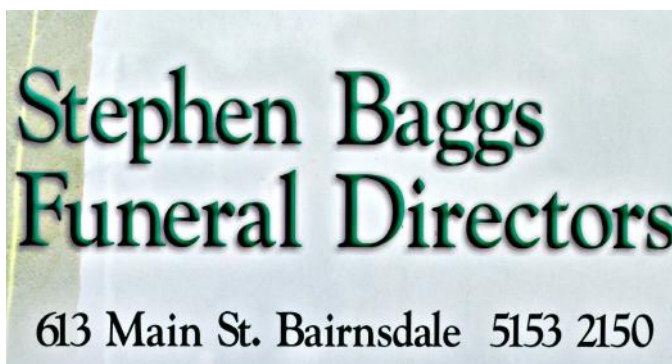
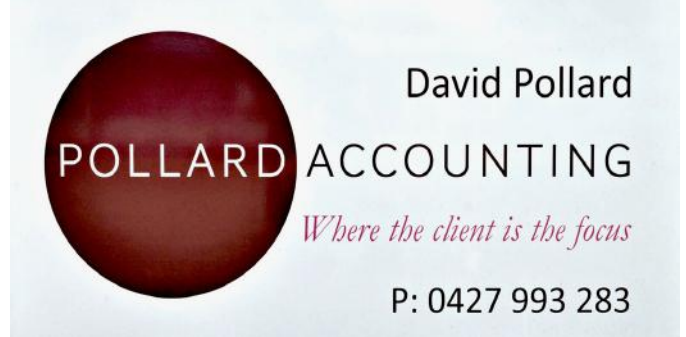
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CARD GAMES

Card Games for members and friends is being held at the Club each week.

12.30 p.m. for play from 1 p.m.—4 p.m.

Games: Wizard - Scotch Rummy - 500 - Various others

Instruction will be available for all comers.



Every Friday

12.30 Lunch - please order ahead

Eyes down 1 p.m.



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ETIQUETTE

- It is good etiquette to hand your opponent the jack and their bowl after they have placed the mat to commence play.
- The first job of the Lead whose team won the previous end is to place the mat. This helps the others to know how far to kick back the bowls. The Lead should have the mat ready to be placed as soon as the head is declared – in social bowls, to prevent a lot of kicking, the mat can be placed in front of the majority of the head.
- Pay your skip the respect of waiting for directions, don't make up your mind what shot to play.
- Show respect for every opponent you play by not moving about while they are on the mat, or making noise while they are about to deliver a bowl.
- When an opponent is on the mat they have control of the rink and opposing players should not walk up the green obstructing their view whilst their bowl is still running.
- Never applaud lucky shots, never complain about lucky shots, and admit a lucky shot with good grace.
- At the completion of the game, it is the role of the Lead to return mats and jacks to the storage area.

Can you find Wally?
He is in this edition
somewhere.
This is where he
was in June P. 10



Leads should be ready with the mat as soon as the end is declared.

Quickly place the mat in the required position so all the players know how far to kick the bowls back.

Please vary positioning of the mat to share the wear on the green.

The mat can be placed anywhere as long as the jack is a minimum 21 metres.

The space between the lines on our greens is 21 metres so it should be easy to gauge the legal length.

The mat does not have to be on the line. Everyone should learn to bowl without a line. More than likely it will happen in Pennant and you should be ready for it.

Don't forget to use your LOYALTY CARDS and help those who help us.



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