



**BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2020**

Our Club days are all going quite well with good attendance. Come along and have a game of '3-Bowls Triples' on Mondays, and 'Skins' on Thursday. From Saturday the 1st. of August we will be playing '2x4x2 Pairs'. Make the most of the sunny days while we have them.



It was nice to see Trish Holland from Paynesville.



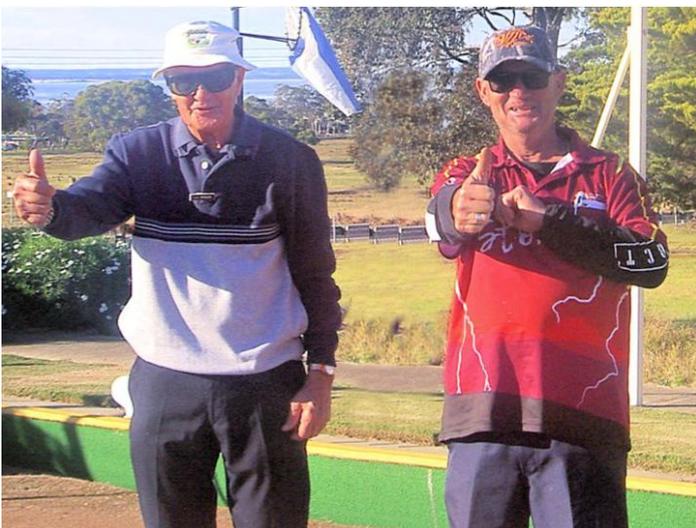
David Gilmore will be in good touch for the new season.



Time for a long measure.



President Joy takes aim with her bowling arm.



Lui Mosele and 'Coogs' Aurisch.



Rose Watkins with Julie Beggs watching on.

## MANAGER'S REPORT JUNE 2020

**Jeff Graham**



Hello Members,

Hope you're enjoying being back playing, the numbers for golf have been through the roof which is really encouraging. Not only are members utilising the course, but green fee players and new members are beating a path to our door. Even the bowlers are back into it with Mondays and Thursdays proving popular.

### **Golf Shop Update:**

At the time of writing, we are one week into managing the golf shop. We wished Wayne and Lena farewell with a members signed card, gift and 12 months honorary membership for both. We truly hope they get to enjoy their retirement sailing the seas and trust they will stay involved as members in the future.

The first week was certainly hectic, not a typical 'July' week with the minimum number of players on any one day 76! Our new casual staff, Wendy Bentley and David "Arch" Archibald performed very well despite the steep learning curve.

We have also setup a number of volunteer groups, one for baking the goodies in the display fridge (who meet and bake Mondays) and the other to collect range balls and wash golf carts (performed three times per week).

If you would like to join the 'Bakers Group' or the 'Range/Cart Group' let me know and I will put you in contact with the group organisers.

We still have quite a bit to do in the shop, the kitchenette area, noticeboards and flooring still need work. We also have a lot more stock to put on the floor, COVID has delayed some of the deliveries but by the end of July we expect to be 100% operational.

### **Irrigation Upgrade Update:**

As conveyed last month, the Club was successful in its application for a Federal grant to assist with the cost to upgrade the irrigation system. A number of members have since enquired when and how the works will progress so we have provided bullet points of the key items and timelines:

- The total cost of the project is quoted to be \$302,430. The Federal Grant will cover a maximum of \$146,215 and the Club will fund the remaining \$156,215.  
The Federal government will reimburse the Club meaning we pay for the works and then raise an invoice for the incurred expense, (based on milestone achievements throughout the project).
- At this stage, we are negotiating with AusIndustry (the Federal agency charged with managing the project for the Federal Government) on the specifics of the agreement including the works and financial milestone timelines. We have until early August to enter into the agreement which will coincide with the commencement of the project.
- Part of the first Milestone is the procurement of an Irrigation Installer. As part of the initial application for the grant, the Club was required to submit a preferred installer quotation with the grant application. Over a twelve month period the Club worked closely with two experienced installers which included formal system reports, draft irrigation designs and half a dozen site visits. As part of the upcoming procurement process, we will shortly advertise in the local area for expressions of interest from local installers to add to our current preferred supplier. We will then appoint the installer who best fits the Club's criteria of installing a world class golf course irrigation system upgrade.

## MANAGER'S REPORT (cont.)

- Subject to the agreement and the appointment of an installer, the turning of turf will be spread out over the 20-21 summer, 2021 Autumn and 2021 Winter. A number of the components of the works can not be performed during irrigation season because we need the irrigation system. The green side ring-mains and new sprinkler heads will be upgraded in the late Autumn, Winter and early Spring next year. The satellite station conversion from hydraulic to electric and the Central Computer System will be performed over the coming summer.
- We anticipate the system will be ready for use going into the 2021-22 irrigation season.

### COVID-19 Reminder:

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 crisis has not passed and the latest Melbourne outbreak is concerning. In East Gippsland we have been considerably insulated from the pandemic however we can not become complacent. This is just a friendly reminder to observe the club's conditions of use which include:

- Do not arrive to the Clubhouse more than 10 minutes prior to your tee time (unless you plan on hitting a bucket of range balls).
- Whilst playing golf, observe the social distancing regulations. Do not touch the flag-stick, continue to mark your own scorecard and maintain 1.5 metres at ALL TIMES.
- Motorised Carts are single use only, unless the person you share with lives with you.
- Please take advantage of the hand sanitiser in the Clubhouse and other strategically positioned locations.
- Abide by the floor markings in the Golf Shop and maintain the 1.5metres required under social distancing.
- We still accept cash, but prefer members use the tap and go EFTPOS function for payments.

Also,

The COM are currently considering restrictions on visiting players from lock-down post-codes, we will shortly advise of the policy.

**Jeff.**

### LADIES' MATCH COMMITTEE - JUNE 2020 - Pat Elliott

#### FINALISING LADIES' CLUB EVENTS SEASON 2019-20

A decision has been made to play the final rounds of the

#### **Ladies' 100 UP.**

The semi final will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 10am.

The final will be played at a date to be advised.

#### **Ladies' Championship Fours**

Round 1 to be played on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 10am with round 2 on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Finals dates to be advised.

Closing date for this event is 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Entry forms for the Fours event are now on the board in the shed.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT JUNE 2020

**Stephen Mann**



### **VALE**

Regretfully, we wish to advise that Doug Wingard, a past member, has passed away recently. John Hendy's wife, Lorraine also passed away recently. On behalf of all members, we offer our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

### **IRRIGATION GRANT**

Your Committee of Management (COM) has currently agreed to request for Expressions of Interest from local and other Irrigation Installers to quote on the irrigation works planned at our Club. Your COM will ensure that the contract will be let to an installer who has experience in Golf Course irrigation works and complies with the set criteria. We will keep you informed of the tender progress.

### **CLUB OPENED AGAIN**

Unfortunately, due to the expansion in coronavirus cases in Melbourne, we are still very much restricted in opening our Clubhouse to members. We trust by the end of July Government regulations will change allowing us to meet in the Clubhouse after golf and bowls and again be able to resume having presentations post all events.

### **PRO-RATA MEMBER FEE REFUNDS**

The matter of pro-rata refunds for the time the Club was closed during the COVID 19 restrictions has been raised. The Committee has received conflicting information in regard to the matter. Golf Australia have given us advice on several occasions that the Club does not have a responsibility to refund these fees whilst information from ACCC and Consumer Affairs Victoria say otherwise.

The Committee of Management has decided on the following –

- Members can apply to management for a pro-rata refund of their 2019-2020 membership fees or
- Members may decide not to request a refund to assist the Club manage the future implication of the virus

We ask those members not financially affected to consider not requesting a refund and treating same as a donation to the Club. We have survived the crisis up to date but the next twelve months will prove to be more financially challenging than the last three months.

The Committee has decided not to raise membership or competition fees for the 2020-2021 year in an attempt to reduce the financial impact of the crisis to members.

We thank all of our members for their support in recent times and look forward to the continued support in the future. Sincere thanks go to all of the members who have promptly paid their 2020-2021 membership fees which has assisted cash flow greatly.

Members wishing to request a refund are asked to do so in writing, preferably via email to Jeff Graham at [manager@bairnsdalegolf.com.au](mailto:manager@bairnsdalegolf.com.au)

### **CLUBHOUSE WORKS**

We wish to sincerely thank all of the members who have assisted in preparing the Golf Shop to be transferred to a Club operation. We are sure all members wish to thank those that have offered their time to complete the works and also those who have assisted the smooth transition from a contracted Golf professional operation to a Club owned operation. Your great work has inspired us all.

A huge welcome to our new staff namely Wendy Bentley and David Archibald who are now working in the Pro Shop. They both have settled in very well and will be an asset to our Club. Thank you all for your terrific support.

**STEPHEN MANN (President)**

## BOWLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT JUNE 2020

Joy Ryan



On Monday 29th June Angela and I attended the A.G.M. of the E.G.B.D.

The newly elected office bearers are as follows:

President: Nigel Plunkett

Vice President: Colleen Such

Secretary: Margaret Brandhoj Treasurer: Colin Smith

This was followed by a Delegates Meeting in which motions from Lindenow and Bairnsdale Clubs were voted upon.

The Lindenow motion restricting men to playing only in lead and second positions in Tuesday Pennant was defeated.

Bairnsdale motion regarding 'ends played to constitute a Pennant game i.e. 75% of possible ends' was carried.

Bairnsdale's motion calling for no more than two teams from one Club in the one division was defeated.

This was followed by a short informal Competitions meeting and with the current restrictions in place it was suggested the Pennant season may be delayed or even played in a different format e.g. triples or even pairs. This will be discussed at the next meeting .

The Region merger which will take effect next June, will be discussed further after the A.G.M. of the Gippsland Region which will be held at Bairnsdale Bowls Club on 13th July at 10.00a.m.

I am currently attempting to obtain further information for our members.

It has been great to get Monday Triples and Thursday Skins off and running again, and although the weather has been cool we have had good numbers attending both days.

Our members are practicing social distancing and good hygiene.

In the coming weeks we may be able to go into the Clubhouse for a few drinks and a chat after the game.

You will notice in the coming weeks an upgrade to the carpet in the main bar area.

This is not in the best condition and requires immediate attention.

This is the first stage of carpeting the entire Clubhouse. The dining area (our Bowls room) will be completed in stage two, although the worn carpet in the Bowls entry will be repaired.

### New Bowls

In the coming weeks we will be receiving the nine sets of new bowls purchased with a grant from Vic. Health. We will need to make room in our store shed for these new bowls so we need to remove some of the older donated bowls. If you have, in the past, donated bowls and wish to have them returned please contact Steve or myself and they will be returned to you.

Lastly I would like to thank Bev for the brilliant job she does with the Hot Shot publication. This newsletter enables all our members to keep up to date with the happenings around our Club.

Cheers, Joy.

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## FAREWELL - DOUG WINGARD

We were very saddened to hear of the recent passing of our dear friend Doug.

It is not that long since he and Dot moved to Queensland for the warmer weather and to be closer to family.

He was a gentle man with a wonderful humorous side and loved his bowls.

Doug had not been well, recently spending some time in hospital.

We send our sincerest sympathy and love to Dot and all her family at this sad time.



## GREENS DIRECTOR JUNE 2020

**Steve Beggs**

Hi everyone, another month of lockdown and looks like getting tougher in the foreseeable future, so please stay safe and follow the rules.

Our greens are still being maintained by Craig and the Wallace boys and are as good as can be for the middle of winter (see Craig's report) so please be assured they will be in top condition for next bowls season.

I have observed some bowlers dropping their bowls onto the green while standing on the bank, this is causing chipping of the fibro edging on the top green and damage to the surface near the ditches, please do not do this as I do not want to chat to anyone about this.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Cheers Beggs'y

## BOWLING GREENS JUNE 2020 Craig Rimington Course Superintendent

Both greens are in great condition for June, monitoring for weeds and moss is ongoing and spray applications have been taking place as required.



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## EGBD ANNUAL MEETING

### Bairnsdale Bowls Club

### June 29th. 2020

Acting President Nannette Hamilton opened the meeting and began with thanking John and Fay Lewis for their work over many years with the Division and Region.

Reports were presented. The Treasurer's report showed the following: Bendigo Bank Cheque account \$5,160.21; Bendigo Term Deposit \$9,131.62 - total \$14,291.83. Affiliation fee to EGBD to be \$10.00.

Positions were declared vacant and the following were elected:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
<b>President</b>	Nigel Plunkett (B'dale)	Trevor Selwyn (B'dale)	Col Smith (P'ville)
<b>Vice-President</b>	Colleen Such (P'ville)	<b>Nominated from the floor.</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	Margaret Brandhoj (L/Ent.)	David Butterworth (L/Ent.)	Karen Chenney (Orbost)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Col Smith (P'ville)	Trevor Selwyn (B'dale)	Judy Beesley (P'ville)
<b>Board Member</b>	Judy Beesley (P'ville)	Trevor Selwyn (B'dale)	David Butterworth (L/Ent.)
<b>Selectors (Ladies)</b>	Karen Chenney (Orbost)	Judy Beesley (P'ville)	Nannette Hamilton (B'dale)
	Jo Martin (L/Ent.)	D. Butterworth (L/Ent.)	Karen Chenney (Orbost)
<b>Selectors (Men)</b>	Trevor Melotte (B'dale)	Trevor Selwyn (B'dale)	Karen Chenney (Orbost)

**Website:** Simon Alleume    **Sponsorship:** Alison Harrower    **Umpires:** Don Cameron

**Publicity:** Margaret Brandhoj

**Vacancies:** Board member, Region Selectors (1 lady, 2 men), Coaching.

## EGBD GENERAL MEETING Bairnsdale Bowls Club June 29th. 2020

### General Business:

**Motion from Lindenow:** Men be restricted to Lead and Second positions, only in Div. 2 & 3 Midweek Pennant. LOST. For/4 votes Against/4 votes Abstain/2.

### Motions from Bairnsdale.

- (1) Rules for Pennant (Midweek & Saturday) A Club shall have no more that two teams in a Division at one time during a Pennant season. LOST. For/3 votes Against/7 votes.
- (2) Rules of Pennant (Midweek & Saturday) 57 completed ends constitutes a game in the case of inclement weather or other reason causing the game to be abandoned. CARRIED.
- (1) Rules of Pennant (Midweek) Div's. 1 & 2. 38 completed ends constitutes a game in the case of inclement weather or other reason causing the game to be abandoned. CARRIED.
- (2) Rules of Pennant (Midweek) Div. 3. 32 completed ends constitutes a game in the case of inclement weather or other reason causing the game to be abandoned. CARRIED.

President Nigel asked if anyone had suggestions to improve the game of bowls to put motions in for the next Delegates meeting. Give Pennant a thought by bringing ideas to the meeting - starting later in the year etc.

Gerry Dwyer from Howitt Park suggested just having Delegates as the Competition Committee. Maybe all Delegates don't want this extra burden but it was said "why change something that's working with only one season to go until merging with North." Current situation will stay as is, this season.

President Nigel asked that all correspondence, queries motions etc. go through the EGBD Secretary who will then send on to the appropriate people. New email address for EGBD Secretary is [egbd.sec23@gmail.com](mailto:egbd.sec23@gmail.com)

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## WINTER PROGRAM

### MONDAY

#### 3-Bowls Triples

12.00 Start

(Beat the cold weather!)

2 Games x 12 Ends

Contact: Joe Bugeja 0438 345 842

### THURSDAY

#### 'Skins'

12.30 p.m. start

Contact: Joy Ryan 0438 171 121



### Beginning

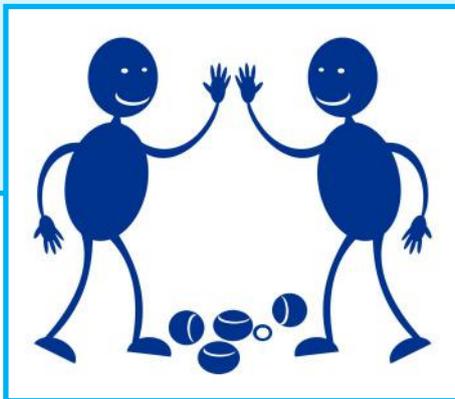
#### Saturday 1st. August

2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

12.30 p.m. start

2 Games x 8 ends

Contact: Joy Ryan 0438 171 121



# Members Space

## FOR SALE



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### Bowls Glossary

**Adrenalin:** As in "When the adrenalin kicks in."

This may be used by the Skipper when you're a bit heavy.

**Dodgy:** As in "That was a bit of a dodgy shot."

Your best effort may also be described as 'iffy' or 'dicey'.

**Duck:** "This one's going to duck." (Turn prematurely).

**Legs:** When your bowl is short the Skipper may say "Your bowl ran out of legs." What he's trying to say is "Please don't be short again!"

**Multiple count:** This is what you go down by when you don't have back bowls and the jack is trailed by the opposition.

**Plethora:** When the Skipper says "We've a plethora of bowls at the back," what he means is there's a glut of bowls behind so a trail of the jack would be good.

A frontal plethora is not as pleasing and may generate some sarcasm from your Skipper.

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Dear Sir,

It has become blindingly obvious that the current circumstances warrant drastic action. I have the solution....Chickens!!!

Our Bowls Club is perfectly set up for chickens. Spacious, ample greenery, worms, grubs and centipedes galore. This opportunity will permit members to dispose of their vegetable scraps upon arrival each Bowls Day.

Plus, it is well reported that chickens love leftover scones.

A "Mentor a Chicken" program would generate identification with each chicken, as well as promote a healthy egg laying competition. Members would participate free of charge, but members of the public would pay for the privilege. Indeed, this program would promote membership, as members of the public would immediately be attracted to the free membership of the program for members.

Obviously, we would conduct "visit a chicken day" in conjunction with our Opening Day.

So assuming each chicken lays an egg a day, we could expect a highly marketable number of cartons daily, especially if we have several hundred chickens, which we could easily accommodate.

So, where do the chickens roost or lay their eggs? Simple...there are plenty of nooks and crannies in the greenkeepers sheds! And who will collect the eggs and prepare them for market in their cute little cartons marked "Golfeggs"?

Why all Club members would conduct an egg hunt before each game...just like Easter!

Also, what about the Rooster? While the male of the species is essential, it is well known that he can cause trouble. So he would need to be efficient and productive in carrying out his duty in order to justify his keep. To maintain discipline, we would have regular 'rooster watching' sessions.

We sell the eggs to the local shops, and the old chickens will be raffle prizes...frozen or otherwise.

Some sceptics say "what about chickens on the greens" - well clearly the chicken droppings would be eggcellent fertiliser and their scratchings would re-vitalise the lawn. If members are concerned at the prospect of chickens wandering onto the greens during play then they should wait patiently for the greens to be vacated, or support a campaign to erect a fence around the greens to protect players from wandering chickens. On the other hand we could appoint some members as official 'chicken chasers'.

This initiative is boundless. It provides the potential to generate revenue, with involvement, participation, transparency, and new members. Indeed it will develop, as ducks, geese and turkeys are embraced as viable, organic produce for the community.

Even goats could become the order of the day. Some people may not like chickens.

PS Please make representations to the Club Committee on my behalf - they just don't seem to understand.



## DO YOU KNOW THE LAWS OF THE GAME?

A bowl is drawn to an offline jack near the boundary. The bowl is played on a bias which will NOT allow it to stay in play if it leaves the rink of play.

The bowl is coming to rest when it passes completely outside the boundary line, but due to this being an old worn synthetic green, the bowl does a wobbly and re-enters the rink, fighting the bias and comes to rest as shot bowl.

The Umpire is called for a ruling, you are the Umpire, you even saw it happen, so, what do you rule?

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## LACHLAN TIGHE

### “Attitude: WHY it is important”

Attitude is a skill and because it is a skill, it can be Learned!

You develop your attitude over time as you are growing up; you are not born with it. Attitude is a reaction or by-product of what you experience. Attitude can be a good one or a bad one.

So why is your attitude important?

Have you ever started a project with the wrong attitude?

If you have, then I bet that it did not turn out like you originally intended or you did not enjoy the process. Now think of a project that you commenced with the right attitude.

I bet everything turned out as you expected and it was an enjoyable process with few obstacles.

So how does this have anything to do with your sport?

It has everything to do with the sport we play.

If you play with the wrong attitude it is really hard to get the right result.

When you are out on the field you must approach every shot with the right attitude or frame of mind.

You must expect the shot you are about to play is the right shot for the situation and that it is going to be the perfect shot or the best shot you ever played.



And if the shot you have just played is not correct or does not work out as planned, you still must maintain the best attitude (for the next shot).

There is no point beating yourself up over that shot.

When you berate yourself you lose focus.

You become negative. That hurts the rest of your game. You distract other members of the team and it lets the

opposition know that they are in control of the game for the moment and not to mention that a bad attitude can be physically draining.

So, having the right mental attitude can only be of benefit to you and assist you in your quest to win.

Okay, so you didn't win and were beaten on the day.

Where does that leave your attitude?

I reckon that if you maintain a consistent and positive attitude the opposition will always treat you with respect.

Be confident in the decisions you make, play every game or shot with the right attitude and you will generally come out on top.

Remember the most important delivery you have is the next one, so why waste time going over what should have happened.

Just move on and be confident and specific with your next delivery.

After all, it is the only one you can do anything about.

**Lachlan Tighe - Elite Bowlers Coach**



Whatever happens, always walk away with your head held high.

### Do You Know The Laws Of The Game?

17.1.5 A bowl is dead if in its original course, it passes outside a side boundary of the rink on a bias which would prevent it from re-entering the rink of play.

This is regardless of what forces may bring it back into the rink

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With BOWLS!!**



**Can you find Wally?  
He's in this edition  
somewhere.**

**Where was he last  
month? Back page.**



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