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BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2025



Ladies Invitation Day



Stephen Baggs Funeral Directors have been sponsoring this annual event for many years.

We sincerely thank Stephen for his continuing support of our Ladies' Invitation Day.



We were pleased to welcome visitors from many clubs including Bairnsdale, Howitt Park, Paynesville, Stratford, Orbost, Lakes Entrance, Maffra and Heyfield. A big thank you to Julie and her helpers for an excellent lunch and afternoon tea along with Steve and his helpers for preparing the green and surrounds.

"A big thank you to all our raffle donors (you know who you are without naming names). Your donations were appreciated and liked by everyone - thanks to you all we raised \$384.00 for our Club. Thank you also to Lyn Baldwin for helping on the table, a very successful day."
Rose.

2025—2026 21 Up Events

The second of our Club matches for this season were the 21 Up handicap events. Congratulations to the winners and runners-up, Lui Mosele and Eric Yeates, along with Natasha Zosko and Jud Hogan.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT—NOVEMBER 2025

Stephen Mann



Hello to all members,

November has been a cold and windy month for Golf and Bowls, however December look like being much improved.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held at the club on Tuesday 25th November at 6pm with approximately 50 members attending and 25 apologies.

Financial reports and management reports were tabled and an amendment to our Constitution was passed.

I thank all who attended.

DECK

The floor and tables have been stained and all is ready for the summer season.

The deck will get use for the Pizza nights and other functions during the coming months.



PIZZA NIGHTS

Jeff has organised Pizza nights on Thursday evenings at our club. The menu looks great and I hope you all enjoy same. The menu is included in this newsletter.

Enjoy your Golf and Bowls during December.

Regards,

STEPHEN MANN (President)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

November 2025



A warm welcome to all members attending the 2025 AGM of Bairnsdale Golf Club Inc.

A special welcome to the present life members Geoff Johnston, Bev Yeates, John McAuley and Graeme Piera.

Vale to current and past members who have passed away recently

Jenny Russell, Heather Lindsay, John Hollingsworth, Heather Hallett, Stephen Hall, John Nash, Steve Spicer, Colin Lambert, John Ford, Clive Barrass, Dale Cadd, Jeanette Raisbeck, Elaine Eadie and Roy Miller.

Committee of Management (COM)

I wish to sincerely thank the COM members who have managed our Club so well in 2024-2025, namely David Turner, David Pollard, Chris Savige, Peter Alldis, Sue Wood, Phil Soulsby. They all have worked extremely well as a team and produced a great result for 2024-2025. Phil Soulsby has retired from COM after serving for 6 years and has been a great asset to our club during which time he has run several social functions.

I thank Phil for his contribution.

Club Management & Staff

It has been my pleasure to closely work with our General Manager (Jeff Graham) and our Course Superintendent (Craig Rimington) over the past year. Their professional work ethics have been such a great asset to our Club.

Jeff Graham is one of the most professional managers I have been associated with during my working and sporting life and he should feel extremely proud of what he has achieved during his time at our Club.

Our course has been in great condition thanks to the great work of Craig and Darren during a year which has created some difficult times for them both considering that our course team has been reduced to two full time staff for most of the year. The Tree work completed by them has enhanced our course considerably.

Jack Young has grown into his role as Retail Manager with great support from Wendy, Johanna, Greg, Matt, and Arch.

Matt Portelli's contribution as our golf professional has improved many golfers' techniques and has also resulted in increased membership together with his junior program. Jack Young is assisting with coaching, supporting Matt.

Our sub-committees have worked tirelessly during the year, and I thank them for their great work. Sub-committees and leaders were,

Men's Golf/Match (Chris Savige) Women's Golf (Denise Lessels) Bowls (John Crawford)

Thursday Golf (Peter Schmidt) Tuesday Golf (Peter Lessels) Sunday Golf (Geoff Brooks)

2023-2024 Financial Results

The past year has produced a Surplus of \$124,945 compared to a budget of \$7,518 and Surplus before Depreciation of \$230,118 compared to a budget of \$118,518. This is a great result, and I thank all members for their contribution. Our treasurer, David Pollard, will provide further details at the AGM.

In the past 10 years during my term as President our surplus before depreciation has exceeded \$1.5 million which is double the previous 10 years. I thank Management and COM members for contributing to this great result.

Volunteers

I wish to thank all our great volunteer teams who have taken on so many tasks during the year including,

Café cooking Driving Range ball collection Bunker Crew Golf & Bar service Course working bees

Bowls maintenance Catering Newsletters produced by life member, Bev Yeates

Maintenance of our facility and assistance with major events

Sponsors

I wish to sincerely thank all our sponsors who support our great Club. Please support the businesses that support our Club. Thank you to all members who sponsor bowls and golf days

Key Achievements

Second stage of Tree works completed Membership has grown significantly to 750 Added a roof to our deck

Completed most of the key objectives in our Strategic Plan

I thank all members for their great support to our Management Team in 2024-25 and I can ensure members we will work tirelessly to ensure 2025-2026 is another great year.

Stephen Mann
President



MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Bairnsdale Golf Club Inc.
on Tuesday November 25th 2025 6.00pm.



Meeting opened at 6:01pm

Attendees: Peter Lessels, Denise Lessels, Phil Soulsby, Peter Alldis, Geoff Johnston, Arthur Peterson, Kelvin Mathews, Fred Jackson, David Pollard, Gwen Jackson, Peter Wilson, Judy Wilson, Claudia Watson, Chris Savige, Fiona Gray, Sue Wood, Nadine Martine, Daryl Newell, Janine Newell, John Fleischer, Jack Hamilton, David Turner, Michael Brusamarello, Rick Lucas, Robyn Brunt, Julie Percival, Andrew Percival, Isabel Hussey, Helen Everett, John Crawford, Jim Adams, John Gannon, Sue Gannon, Marty Farrelly, Jeff Graham, Graeme Piera, Janet Gibson, Bev Yeates, Eric Yeates, Jan Hunt, Peter Schmidt. One illegible.

Apologies: John McAuley, Mary McAuley, Peter Pollard, Ros Pearce, Cecilia Stewart, Peter Engel, Ruth Engel, Bill Dahlsen, Sue Dahlsen, Allan Stewart, Judy Stewart, Sue Avery, Rob Barton, Warren Prior, Terry Martin, Sue McInnes, Joy Ryan, June Jackson, Maree Piera, Robyn Hooper, Rose Watkins, Ron Healey, Jill Dennison.

Business

1. Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
Moved: David Pollard Seconded: Stephen Mann
2. Returning officer to declare the results of the election
President: Stephen Mann returned unopposed
Vice President: Peter Schmidt elected unopposed
Ordinary Committee: David Turner elected
3. President Report
Stephen Mann read his report to the members.
Recognised deceased past and present members
Welcomed life members
Thanks volunteers and staff for their contributions
4. Present to the members the Club's statement of accounts for 2024-2025, audit report and Treasurer Report
David Pollard spoke to the Audited financials and asked if there were any questions. No questions were posed.
Motion to accept the Audited Accounts Moved: Peter Schmidt Seconded: Sue Gannon
5. Committee and Management Reports
As emailed, questions from the floor. No questions were posed.
6. Present Budget for 2025-2026

Stephen Mann asked Jeff Graham to speak to the Budget. Jeff detailed the major variances between the previous year's actual figures and the presented budget and then asked for questions Jim Adams asked how the Golf Shop revenue was expected to rise by the amount forecast considering the drop the previous year. Jeff explained that there was strategy in place to increase the number of fitting days (club sales) and to conduct them ourselves rather than rely entirely on supplier support. Jim asked why the bar revenue was projected to increase. Jeff Graham explained that the major contributing factor would be the upcoming Pizza and Pasta nights on regular Thursdays.

7. Motion to appoint a Registered Auditor or auditors for the ensuing Financial Year
Moved: David Pollard Seconded: John Gannon
Set honorarium for the coming year
President: \$600
Vice President: \$400
Captain: \$500
Treasurer: \$400
Women's Committee \$1000
Bowls Committee \$600
Moved: David Turner Seconded: Marty Farrelly
8. Special Resolution to amend the Constitution– Moved: Stephen Mann and seconded Chris Savige
Motion carried unanimously.
9. Strategic Plan Update – Jeff Graham presented the update to the current Strategic Plan 2023-28.
10. General Business

Stephen Mann thanked Cecilia Stewart for her nomination for the Committee of Management. Peter Wilson congratulated the President, Manager and Treasurer for the manner in which they have managed the Club.

Daryl Newell asked if the Club was going to build more cart storage? Jeff Graham responded stating that there were two primary reasons why the Club was not considering more cart storage sheds. The first was the maximum draw allowed from the power grid. Whilst the Club had not accurately calculated the draw there was some concern from Club electrician John McAuley that we were nearing our cap. Secondly, storing one cart for one player was inefficient. The Club was focused on increasing its own fleet and promoting the unlimited hire option for members which means one cart can service three members (on average).

Stephen Mann explained that the Club was considering on-course accommodation in the distant future. Janet Gibson asked if Caravans and RV's would be part of this initiative. Stephen explained that they weren't and that we were focused on cabins.

Janine Newell asked which paths after the 18th hole were in line for repair. Jeff Graham explained that the 13th to 14th, 16th and the 17th were the next in line for repair.

Meeting closed: 6:43pm

BOWLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025

John Crawford



Under sunny skies fourteen teams of bowlers from all over Gippsland attended our Ladies' Invitation Day.

It was a credit to our organisers and caterers the way it was run and their efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

Thanks go to our sponsors on the day, Stephen Baggs Funeral Directors and Joy Ryan.

A wet November caused a couple of days of bowls being cancelled, however the rain was very welcome.

Our bottom green has been renovated and with ideal growing weather is looking good. The top green is rolling well in both directions.

Thanks go to Tham Dynasty for, once again, sponsoring our Turkey Day and hosting our Christmas lunch.



It is becoming increasingly important to solve our bird problem in the shed. The idea of cladding the roof with colour bond has produced a quote of \$3300, a figure we might find hard to come up with. If anyone has some ideas, please let us know.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy new year. Good bowling'

John C.

Bowls President's Report to Club Annual Meeting.

A successful year for our Bairnsdale Golf Bowls Club, not in winning pennants but in nearly every aspect of how a good friendly Club should operate.

A well attended Jack Attack season, followed by a coaching segment, followed by Saturday "Rock Up And Roll" led to the Club signing up several new members. Good members who are willing to help with the every day running of the Club.

The Golf/Bowls day ran to a full field enjoyed by all and helping to bring the golfers and bowlers closer together. Social bowls days, Monday, Thursday and Saturdays are well attended and we welcome any golfers who would like to join us on these days.

This year we have introduced an introductory membership level at a reduced rate for one year only, allowing new bowlers to settle into the sport before making the commitment of full membership. With introductory membership you are not permitted to take part in Club competition or Pennant.

The Bowls Committee would like to sincerely thank Craig and the boys for the work they do on maintaining our greens and the management and staff for their assistance and service throughout the year.

John C.



TREASURER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025

David Pollard



Hello and merry Christmas everyone.

The AGM is done and dusted, and we now enter 'Christmas party time'.

I hope we all have a safe and enjoyable festive season.

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

Bank Accounts – as of 10 December 2025

- Trading Account \$291,786.86 Credit Funds
- Holding Account \$ 7,355.40 Credit Funds
- Term Deposit \$ 56,048.10 Credit Funds

The reporting period is 01.07.2025 to 31.10.2025

RESULTS V BUDGET

Income is under by \$3,800 (not so good, but ok)

- Competition Fees and Green Fees are down slightly.
- We have seen some good gains in the Golf shop that have offset these drops.

Expenses are under \$15,500 (good)

- We are on budget across the board here, the area where we have 'beaten' budget is some wages that have been reimbursed from Workcover.

Net Profit (Before Depreciation) is \$47,700, against a budget of \$32,500 (good).

After going through a slight 'downturn' from May, our Trading through the retail areas has bounced back. Jeff and his team are implementing strategies that are already showing great results.

David





FRIENDS FAMILY FUN.....

- ITS **FREE** TO REGISTER, THEN **\$20** PER PLAYER PER WEEK INCLUDING A MEAL.
- ENTER A TEAM OR JOIN A TEAM AS AN INDIVIDUAL
- 5-WEEK SEASON, ONCE A WEEK EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT. (ENDS FEBRUARY 27th 2026)



SEASON STARTS FRIDAY
January 30th 2026 . 5:30pm START

Jack Attack is a fun and **fast-paced (60-90mins)** form of lawn bowls, aimed to encourage participation with non-bowling members of the community. Jack Attack is super easy to play! It is a modified version from the traditional form of lawn bowls, with **three players per team** who each deliver their two bowls within an end, aiming to get as close as possible to the jack.

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**SEASON STARTS
FRIDAY JANUARY 30th**



It just myself and, I'm happy to join an existing team.

Player 1:

Name: _____ Mble: _____

Email:

I've got 2 or more players so I can enter my own team

Team Name: _____ **Team Captain:** _____

Player 1:

Name: _____ Mble: _____

Email:

Player 2:

Name: _____ Mble: _____

Email:

Player 3:

Name: _____ Mble: _____

Email:

5:30pm Start each week.

Each player will be contacted prior to the first round, its likely we will meet
up a bit earlier the first week to go over the rules and regulations of the
event.

BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025

Jan Dodson



The Club Invitation Day was a great success thanks to the super effort everyone put in.

I would like to thank our President John, Joy, Jenny and Meg from Match Committee; Julie and all her helpers in the kitchen; Rose and Lyn our raffle ladies; Steve and all the ground crew; Bev our photographer; Peter for umpiring and everyone else who helped on the day - thank you.

The 21 up Club competition has been completed with Natasha Zosko winning the ladies and Lui Mosele winning the men's - congratulations to you both.

The Club Mixed Pairs final has been postponed with a future date to be set, along with the Club Novice and Club Minor Singles events. Dates will be announced as soon as possible but may now need to be in the New Year.

The Club Mixed Fours Championship was played on Friday 5th. Dec. Congratulations to all teams. The winners on the day were Lyn Baldwin, Pat Elliott, Eric Yeates and Lui Mosele; runners up were Jenny Holter, Sue Plowman, Paul Sampson and John Crawford.

Turkey Day is on Monday 8th. Dec. with our Christmas Lunch on Thursday 11th.

There are no more Club Championship events before Christmas at this stage. Our next listed Club event will be the Singles Championship on Friday 23rd. January. Have a wonderful Christmas everyone.

Cheers,

Jan

Some date changes to note in your Programme book:

Pennant: January 24 Div. 4 away to Bairnsdale 8 (no longer a bye)

Our Club 100 Up rounds 1 and 2 are now on Tuesday 7th. April and rounds 3 and 4 on Friday 10th April.

Our Gala Day Event has been changed to Friday 17th. April.

BOWLING GREENS - NOVEMBER 2025

Craig Rimington Course Superintendent



This month the bottom green was renovated. This work included triple scarify to a depth of 12mm, 10mm hollow tine to a depth of 75mm, sand topdressing.

December will see greens groomed again and hand topdressing of diseased scarred areas on the bottom green.

Craig.

LOOKING BACK ON THE HISTORY OF OUR BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB. PART 9...

OUR BEGINNING

After a recent clean-out of our foyer cupboards I have had the privilege of going through many folders of correspondence along with minutes of committee and annual meetings. This was one piece of correspondence which took my eye.



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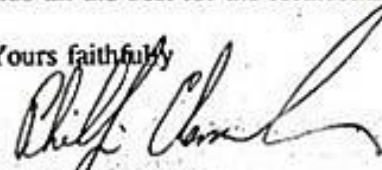
Dear Mr Maginn

As you may be aware, Carlton and United Breweries Limited ("CUB") has renewed its sponsorship relationship with the Royal Victorian Bowls Association and as such has been appointed as the "official beer Supplier to the Association. It is therefore with great pleasure that we offer to your club the following sponsorship support package as part of the Company's on-going association with lawn bowls:

- (a) CUB will provide one keg of Foster's Special Bitter to be used by the Club.
- (b) CUB will provide two CUB pewter presentation tankards.
- (c) CUB will provide four polo shirts to the Club.
- (d) CUB will provide one box containing 48 Crown Lager glasses to be used by the Club.
- (e) CUB will provide on your request the following merchandising products:
 - bar towels
 - beer coasters
 - beer trays
- (f) CUB has produced and will provide one Foster's Special Bitter windsock for use by the Club.
- (g) CUB will provide bowls score cards to be used by the Club.

Should this offer be acceptable, please sign this letter and return it to me. I look forward to our on-going relationship and your continued support of our products. May I wish you club all the best for the forthcoming bowls season.

Yours faithfully


For & on behalf of
RALPH SHANNAHAN
FIELD SALES MANAGER

CLUB SECRETARY



GREENS DIRECTOR - NOVEMBER 2025

Steve Beggs



Top green is bowling very well and social bowls east west is working well, we seem to favour rink 2 for some reason and it is compressed much more than any other rink. This photo was taken on a very wet Monday and it shows the water in the dip created by the heavy use of that rink. So to all, do not use the same rink when you practice or even play days move the rink numbers or just all move up a rink or two.



Bottom green is showing good growth and should be playable early in the new year.

We are very close to having a solution to our bird issue in the shed and I will call on able bodied men to assist with job early in the new year.

Merry Christmas to all.

Greens director Beggs'y

PENNANT - NOVEMBER 2025

Steve Beggs

All pennant teams are struggling at present with only one rink win on Tuesday when Division 2 and 3 lost at Bairnsdale and Lakes. These big Clubs have more players to choose from and players are picked on form. Your selectors do their best to pick on form also, but when we only have the number of available players to make the teams each game, form does not come into play.

Our more recent members are coming along very well but still have not had the time on the green to really understand how to do a difficult shot, correct line and weight, stay down on delivery and most importantly watch your bowl until it stops. You can see what adjustments you need to make for your next bowl to hit the target.

With our busy lives it is difficult to find time to practice but practice is what is needed. The basics, correct line means finishing on the centre line every bowl, both hands, it requires practice and doing exactly the same thing every bowl then muscle memory does it for you. Trying to correct in a game just makes you frustrated and you try harder which usually makes it worse. A relaxed player will always bowl better than a anxious player.

I will run a couple of drills days in the week before resumption of play in January and will let you all know via Jen's 'What's rolling' and email.

To all players thank you for your effort, we know you all try very hard to bowl well for our Club, but the competition is fierce from players with much more experience than us.

Enjoy your Christmas break, have a great Christmas and lets lift our game in 2026.

Merry Christmas from those awful pennant selectors.



Ladies Invitation Day



Winners were the Bairnsdale team of Nicole Lewis, Glennis Creber, Colleen Smith and Margaret Hicks with 23 ends and +39 shots.



Runners-up were the Stratford team of Jill Cocks, Anne Renehan, Sue Marsden and Rhonda Hall with 21 ends and +24 shots.



The Best 1st game went to the Stratford team of Marg Robbins, June Richardson, Sandra Chown and Joy Nowak with +19.



Best 2nd game Robin Kellow, Karen Chenney, Gwen Hatcher and Lyn O'Brien from Orbost with a score of +17.





Ladies Invitation Day



Pieterrella, Jan and Meg - the keepers of the 'spider'.



The bowls beginning their journey down to the 'spider'.



Jacinta Wilson from Lakes Entrance.



Gathering up from the 'spider'.



Sarah Smith - Bairnsdale.



Wendy Campbell - Bairnsdale.

A big shout out to Jenny Holter who has been helping out with some photos, particularly the morning pics on Invitation Day. Thanks Jen, it's great having a good back stop!



Ladies Invitation Day



Bev Oakley from Bairnsdale.



Irene Graper from Paynesville along with Colleen Smith from Bairnsdale.



Jennie Dowie from Lakes Entrance.



Bairnsdale's Genevieve Paterson.



Karen Chenney and her teams have been coming to our Invitation Day for more years than we can remember. Many thanks Karen!



Mary Dauven from Bairnsdale.



Pam Ward from Howitt Park.



Preparations for lunch under way with Joy, Julie and Helen.

Weekend Pennant

Saturday November 1 and we were home to Lakes Entrance 4 where we had a nice +29 shots win. Not to be outdone, Division 3 at home also had a +11 win. Division 4 had a good game against Paynesville 4, going down by 8 shots. Well done everyone.



'I want one here please.'
Nice shot Paul.



Holding a couple here.



Peter Sutton bowling with
Andrew McKee looking on.



Bev Yeates.



Very dependable
Paul Sampson.



Jenny Holter is always
close. Good job Jen!



"Umpire". Good work Pete.

November 8 and Division 2 were away to Howitt Park 2, Division 3 away to Bairnsdale 6 with Division 4 having a bye. Well guess what? We had a roll-up and that was it.

Play abandoned due to rain! Nearly all games for the round washed-out.

November 15 and we were all home. Division 2 had a very exciting one shot win against Bruthen, Division 3 a nice win against Paynesville by 16 shots. Division 4 went down to a stronger Bairnsdale side by 11 shots.



Joy Ryan in action. A nice rink win.



John Crawford's side on the way to an exciting one shot win.

Weekend Pennant

November 15 continued



Peter Sutton with Bairnsdale skip Tom Norris.



Pat Elliott about to put down the shot bowl.



Well played to Lyn Baldwin against Bairnsdale.



Angela Boyd had a fine game with Bruthen skip Phil Manning.

The next week, **November 22**, Division 2 had a 28 shots loss against Paynesville.

They handled their new synthetic green better than we did.

Meanwhile, our Division 3 side competed extremely well against Lindenow, going down by only five shots.

Division 4 had an experience against Orbost, once again on a synthetic surface, going down by 19 shots.

November 29 and the rains arrived.

Our Division 2 game against Bairnsdale was unplayed as was our Division 3 match against Bairnsdale and Division 4 against Bruthen. It would appear most games completed for the round were on synthetic greens.

At the end of the month, and the half-way point of the season, our ladder standings are as follows: Division 2 currently in third position behind Lakes Entrance 4 and Paynesville 2 with Lakes Entrance 5 making up the top four.

Division 3 in fourth position behind Metung 2, Paynesville 3 and Bairnsdale 5.

Division 4 are holding up the ladder without a win as yet.

Pennant Scoreboards

The home side are always on the left hand side of the scoreboards (both individual rinks and the main scoreboard) irrespective of who wins the toss. During the game anyone may change their rink scores. If it is a very close match it is imperative to keep the boards up to date each end.

Midweek Pennant

The first matches for the month were on **Wednesday 5** (due to Cup Day on the Tuesday). Division 2 against Howitt Park 2 had a close nine shots win, whilst Division 3 were at Lakes Entrance where they also had a nine shots win. Well done for a win at Lakes!!



Sue Plowman bowled very well at Howitt Park, as did Bronwyn Thwaites.

November 11 and the round was washed out.

November 18 and we would have welcomed some rain with a 30 shots loss for Division 2 and 45 shots loss for Division 3. We hope they were anomalies!

November 25 we were home to Bairnsdale 2 where we had a nine shots loss. Division 3 home to Bairnsdale 5 had a nice 14 shots win.

At the end of the month Division 2 is struggling in seventh place, whilst Division 3 are going along quite well in fourth place. A few good wins would give them a break on fifth place Paynesville3.



Ross Tucker played well in their win.



The skip was impressed!



Judi Hogan played her usual good bowls.



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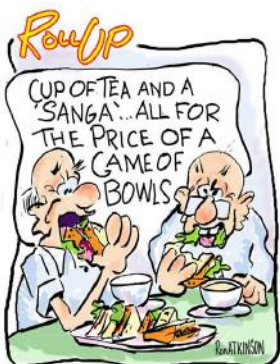
PENNANT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Etiquette is mostly just an old fashioned name for good manners.

As we have some of our newer players now playing Pennant it might be applicable to look at some of the etiquette of the game.

It is better to know these tips from home, rather than have an issue at another club.

- It is generally accepted that as lead, you hand your opponent the jack and their first bowl after they have laid the mat to commence play. This applies for the first end only.
- Always look to your skip for any instructions regarding the mat placement and jack length at the start of each end.
- Once the end has been declared, the lead should be ready to place the mat so everyone knows how far to kick the bowls back.
- Never applaud lucky shots, never complain about lucky shots, and admit a lucky shot with good grace. Do not say "thanks" for a bad shot that goes your way.
- Determining the result of the end is the job of the third. It is not a committee decision. Keep out of the way and say nothing, unless you think a bowl may have been missed in a measure.
- Do not kick the shot bowls out of the head, pick them up and place them together to avoid disputes.
- Do not argue with the skip about the shot they ask you to play. Not only is it bad etiquette but you show a lack of confidence in the tactics and this can also affect team harmony.
- Do not carry on a running commentary as each bowl makes its way to the head as this can be most irritating for other players.
- Do not speak to your skip or step into the head after their bowl has come to rest—it's not your head, keep out of the way unless it is the last bowl.
- At the conclusion of an end the skip who had not just bowled should remove the mat and place it on the bank.
- When the third has played their last bowl, do not walk up the green in front. They have the right to watch where their bowl finishes.
- Walk up the middle of the rink with minimum delay. If it is not your team's turn to bowl, do not stop to chat in the middle of the rink. It is not your mat or head and you are delaying play, particularly if your opponent is standing on the mat waiting to bowl.
- If at home, offer refreshments to your opponent at the end of the game. Please make every effort to stay for afternoon tea and socialise with our opponents.
- Please treat our greens with respect. You should not throw or drop your bowls onto the green, and you should not sit on the bank or place your feet in the ditch.



Here is a link to discover the essentials of proper lawn bowls etiquette in this informative video. Learn the unwritten rules and customs which govern the game, from respecting your opponents to shouting a drink after the game. Contains mild language.

[The Unwritten Rules of Lawn Bowls That Everyone Should](#)

Monday Triples



Skips are impressed with that—looks like a Jenny Holter bowl?



Welcome to Kevin and Cheryl Williams from Bairnsdale with Mira and Jenny.



Pam Boucher always on the jack—good work Pam!

Our Monday Triples continues to bubble along, although we have missed some due to wintry weather in spring. It is particularly nice to welcome many visitors, as well as our newer players.



Trevor Martin (Paynesville) bowling against Jenny.



Meg and Tony.

Monday Triples



Carol Crane and Mark Hemming (Paynesville).



Brian Hinkley bowling against Lui Mosele.



Stuart Chapman with Fin Ross.



Mira, Cheryl (Bairnsdale) and Jenny.



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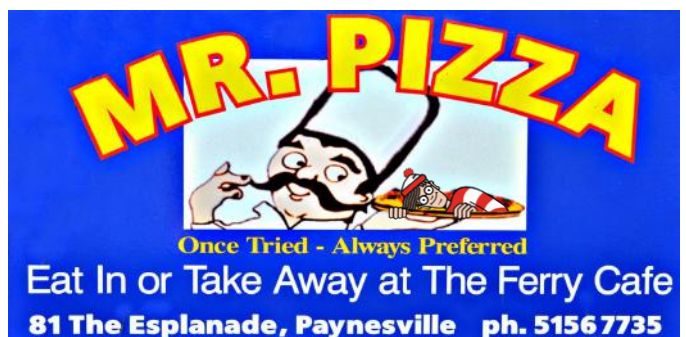
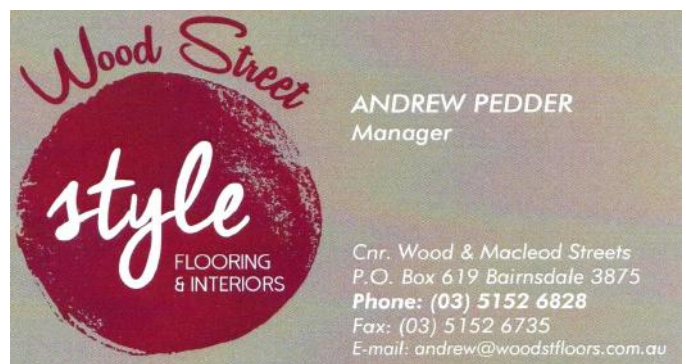
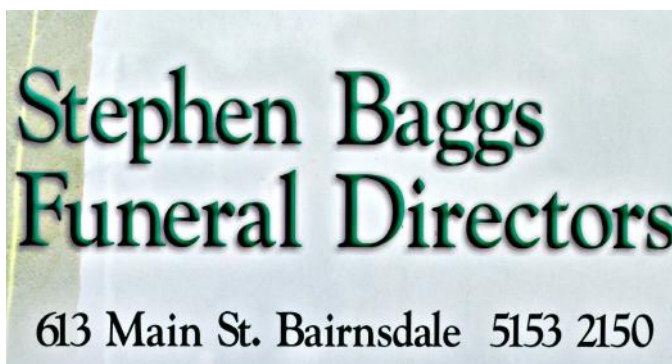
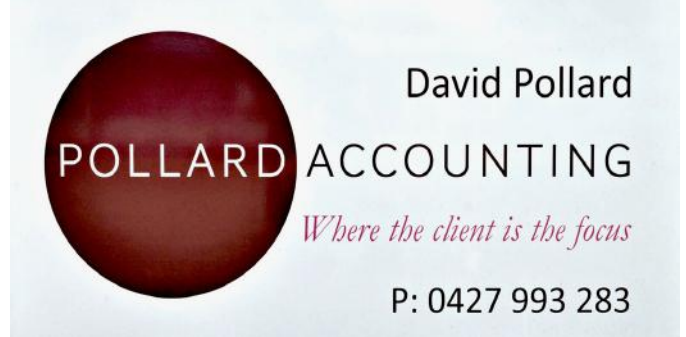
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DO YOU KNOW THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS? DEAD ENDS

You are playing a game of Pennant and the jack goes out of bounds (effectively, a 'dead' end). What happens next?

If the jack is dead, the end is a dead and Law 20 will apply.

20 Dead end

20.1 A dead end is not counted as a completed end even if all the bowls have been played.

20.2 A dead end must be replayed in the same direction unless the skips or opponents in Singles agree to play it in the opposite direction. (If the jack and bowls need to be transferred to the opposite end of the rink before the end is replayed, they must be transferred in a way which avoids distracting players on neighbouring rinks (pick up the bowls and carry them back, do not roll them).

20.3 If the skips or opponents in Singles or the umpire declare an end dead, the first to play in that end must also play first when the end is replayed.

What goes on the scorecard?

Nothing. It is not a completed end and you continue as if the end hasn't been played.

This is unlike a 'tied' end where the shot cannot be decided. This is a 'played' end and the scores from the previous end are carried down on your card.



WHERE'S WALLY?

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

This is where he
was in September. P13



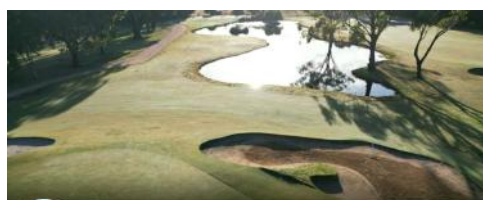
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