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## BAIRNSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER - MAY 2026

**With our bowls season now at an end we have been welcoming our friends from Howitt Park to join us over the winter. We also look forward to our neighbours from Paynesville, Palm Lakes and Bairnsdale continuing to share our winter season. Keep warm and enjoy your bowls!**



Brian Halpin (Paynesville).



Bronwyn Thwaites.



Pieternella Lawson in action.



Sue Plowman.



David South (Howitt Park).



Carol Crane (Paynesville) with Jan Dodson and Helen Everett.

# Eagle Point Primary School Bowls Team

Last Tuesday I walked into the Bairnsdale Bowls Club to a babble of kid's excited voices. We were all there for the District School Competition.

I found my two tables of players waiting quietly, every now and then throwing a squeazy plastic bear at one another across the table.

We heard the officials give the briefing to the 60 or 70 kids and their coaches.

Alas, I did not hear the change that was made to the scoring system More of that later.

In true style, the Eagle Point A team won the first two games easily. B team almost as good.

At the beginning of the third game, a member of the Match Committee called to me.

"There appears to be something strange about your score," he said. "Did you win both games with only one point each end?"

"No," I replied, "we won almost every end by two or three shots." This was the change I did not hear! Shots won were to be scored, not just ends won!

Unbelievably, he offered to let me guess what the scores might have been.

My heart started to beat again and we moved to the next two games winning all the way.



*Well done!*

Congratulations Jill and your group of young bowlers!

You obviously enjoy all you are doing together, and year after year they achieve some amazing results.

We are very proud of your efforts and dedication to this wonderful group!

# Eagle Point Primary School Bowls Team



At the final count before the last game, Paynesville and Eagle Point were running equal first.

We were to play them next in the last game of the day.

This game was tough from the roll of the first bowl. Each end was contested very seriously by both sides, everyone taking their time and lots of encouragement coming from the team. At the end of the five ends, Paynesville had beaten us by three points.

Although disappointed, the loss was accepted and I saw the squeeze ball being tossed around again.

And so, that is the end of my time with these beautiful, talented young people who may, or may not, ever play bowls again. They starred anyway.

Another lot will come next year, and we'll do it all again.

**Jill Dennison.**



## MANAGER'S REPORT - MAY 2026

Jeff Graham



Hello all,

What a wonderful stretch of weather we had in April .....AND MAY and forecast for the rest of JUNE. That's the good news, unfortunately, this type of stretch through autumn and winter generally precedes a very hot and dry spell. Hope I'm wrong, but we are probably due for one.

### Special General Meeting- June 16<sup>th</sup>

As most would be aware, the Committee of Management has called a Special General Meeting (in accordance with the Constitution) to approve several category of membership fee increases on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The predominant reason for the increases is to align these categories to a scale for either access or age-based discounts which the Committee considers a fairer spread of the financial load (across all categories). In advance of the Meeting, we will provide more detail on each category so that an informed discussion can occur. If you want to have your say, come along on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Whilst this Meeting is open for any member to attend, **only entitled members can vote.**

### Jazz, Pizza and Pasta night a huge hit

Close to 90 patrons attended the recent Jazz, Pizza and Pasta night and what a great success it turned out to be. **The Ramblers** played for close to two hours with everyone staying well past 10pm for the encores. A big thanks to member Tony Porter who liaised between the group and BGC ensuring the "win-win" arrangement. Tony even snuck in a few vocal performances with the band that were very well received. Including the band, the kitchen staff served 107 meals in an À La Carte format which is to be commended. Despite pre night concerns, the food was delivered in a prompt and efficient manner. A great job by all!!!! Especially Julie Brittain (in the red circle).



## MANAGER'S REPORT - MAY 2026 (cont.)



### Strategic Plan update.

#### IN PROGRESS

**Perform minor renovations to the female change rooms.** UPDATE. Approval has been provided for the replacement of the carpet in front (with vinyl planks) of the vanities along with a vanity refresh (new countertop, taps and basins). The aim is to have this complete by Marion Dwyer day on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> UPDATE: Unfortunately, a delay on the new benchtop means that we won't have the upgrades complete before the Marion Dwyer, so we won't start prior to avoid any mess. **NO UPDATE**

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

In accordance with our Bunker audit, we will be fully renovating the 1<sup>st</sup> hole left greenside. The 17<sup>th</sup> hole left greenside, 8<sup>th</sup> hole front right greenside.

We will also replace the sand in the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole, 3<sup>rd</sup> hole x 2, 5<sup>th</sup> hole, 8<sup>th</sup> hole and 14<sup>th</sup> hole. **NO UPDATE** since last report

**Repair or reconstruct the golf course paths rated a**

**high priority** (Perform 50% of). UPDATE: Some good news, the culvert drain on the 18<sup>th</sup> has been completed and we expect to start laying the hex grid (purchased and awaiting installation) within the next 3-4 weeks. UPDATE: We are close to finishing the 18<sup>th</sup> path with the hex grid and crushed rock installed. We need to lay some sod grass on the 10<sup>th</sup> tee and finish off a few rough areas but other than that its complete. Whilst we are very happy with the outcome, we won't be entirely satisfied until we have a significant downpour of rain to test the path and new drainage. The course team will then finish the 18<sup>th</sup> green bunker and surround works before moving onto the 15<sup>th</sup> green to 16<sup>th</sup> tee path. Lastly, the team will address the path on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole which will take a new direction on the opposite side of the women teeing ground.

**NO UPDATE**

Until next month, play well,

**Jeff Graham**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT—MAY 2026**

**Stephen Mann**



Hello to all members,

May 26 has been another busy month with the Men's Pennant Finals held at Bairnsdale, plus the East Gippsland Men's Championship event.

After several busy months our course staff will appreciate the quite months going forward allowing work on paths and bunkers to take place.

### **MEN'S PENNANT FINAL**

Congratulations to the Bairnsdale Div 1, 2 & 3 for winning the Men's Pennant final.

Great effort guys-you have made us all feel very proud of you.

### **ALL GIPPSLAND MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

Congratulations to Noah Paterson for winning this event.

Huge thanks to David Pollard for organising the Saturday-Sunday event.

### **COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

At our recent Committee of Management Meeting, the following decisions were made,

- Peter Alldis was elected as Club Captain for the remainder of this year.  
I am sure all members will give Peter their full support.
- Hole in One prizes have changed as follows,
  - The Winner will be supplied with (a) Mounted Golf Ball, (b) Bottle of Wine, (c) Titleist Cap plus now a \$ 100 Members Credit Voucher (Please note that the Hole in One winner will **not** also be entitled to \$30 for an Eagle).
  - Playing partners of the Hole in One winner will be entitled to one free drink from the club.
  - Members in the clubhouse will **NOT** be provided with a free drink going forward.

### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 6pm**

Members are encouraged to attend the above special meeting as previously advised via email.

After this meeting Committee of Management will set fees for the 2026-2027 season.

Regards

**STEPHEN MANN (President)**

## **BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT - MAY 2026**

**Jan Dodson**



Hi everyone,

A very small report this month as all our Club Events have now been completed for the 25/26 season.

While the Pennant and Competition bowling season takes a break for the winter months our social games will continue through, so rug up and come and join us Monday, Thursday and Saturdays for some fun friendly bowling.

Great bowling everyone,

Cheers,

**Jan.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT - MAY 2026

### David Pollard



Hello all!

Firstly, a shout out to Peter Alldis officially stepping into the Captain's role. Peter has already spoken of the tremendous support he has received.

Good luck Peter!

Our annual audit is ready to begin. Once we have that 'run and done' we can go about setting the date for this year's AGM.

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

The reporting period is 01.07.25 to 30.04.26



### RESULTS V BUDGET

**Income** is over by \$40,508 (good)

- Sponsorship, Major events & Bowls revenue are all up.
- The retail trade is showing great signs with our collective Gross profit up \$20,000.
- The only other variance is the Grant's received that we had not budgeted to receive.

**Expenses** are over \$61,446 (not so good)

- Our staffing costs are up \$26,000 for the year, not a surprise but a considered decision to provide more staff in the Clubhouse as well as on the course.
- House costs are tracking over budget due to some unforeseen repair costs as well as unforeseen damage from a break in.
- Course costs are currently over budget but are being reviewed regularly by Craig and Jeff and we have no concerns there.

**Net Profit** (Before Depreciation) is under \$21,000 (not so good).

Considering some of the impactful events that have happened during this year, I am quite happy with where we are at. We have almost completed the 2027 budget and once we get through the Special General meeting on Tuesday, we will be ready to set the subscriptions for 2027.

**David.**

## BOWLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MAY 2026

### John Crawford



June 1st. first day of winter, bright sunshine and 50 bowlers on the green.

What more could a President wish for? With visitors from Howitt Park, Paynesville, Bairnsdale and Palm Lakes our Mondays have been well attended.

Thursdays and Saturdays are becoming increasingly popular also.

Peter Sutton has injected a bit of variety into Saturdays which everyone is enjoying.

Thursday mornings are set aside for Pennant practice. We are expecting those wishing to play Pennant to attend these regularly.

By the time you read this Presentation Night will have been and gone. It was great to see so many of our newest members present. I am sure you will have enjoyed the night.

It's a great bonding exercise. Congratulations to our winners and hope that next year we see some new names on the trophy list.

For those who are leaving us for the winter months, enjoy the sunshine and return eager to take up our great and addictive game again.

Stay safe and good bowling.

**John C.**



# GREENS DIRECTOR - MAY 2026

Steve Beggs



At last we have our shed bird proofed. The Club funded the materials and Peter S, David S, John C did the great work and I took the pic. Our next job is to paint it, all another day.

Won't it look great covered with Pennant flags!

Craig has requested we rest the top green to save it for the Pennant season.

I am aware bowlers are not happy about the bottom green but look at this way, if we did not have it we would either not bowl or go to another Club to play.

If you happen to draw a rink that is not perfect use it to adjust your bowling to suit the rink, which is what is required when we play at other greens, grass or carpet.

They are all different so it is up to you to adjust to suit the green. Being able to adjust makes you a good all surface bowler. Not learning to read the green will not progress your skill levels which we all wish to achieve.

Good rolling,

**Beggs'y.**

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## LOOKING BACK ON THE HISTORY OF OUR BAINRSDALE GOLF-BOWLS CLUB. PART 15... **OUR** BEGINNING

### ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OUR MEN'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 1, 1995.

The Club deeply regrets the passing of Fred Bishop. Fred had served the Club in all positions during his long association with Golf/Bowls and has been one of the stalwarts of the Club for many years.

A memorial plaque to commemorate Fred's devoted service has been introduced to be presented for 'Long and Distinguished Service'. The plaque is displayed in a prominent place near our Honour Boards.

- That allowances be the same as last year i.e. Chairman \$250; Secretary \$200 and Treasurer \$100.
- Chairman John Hollingsworth reported that the second green had been approved in principle, and would be placed next to the present green but half way towards the road. The Golf Club Treasurer has given permission for a short term loan to construct the green, toilet etc. Members will be asked to invest with \$1,000 lots. Club to pay back when it feels that it is able. Today's interest rates are 9.75%.
- It is now the intention to submit a letter to all our members and quote figures. The Golf Club will call a Special General Meeting for approval. John Hollingsworth has been given permission to speak to both Wednesday and Thursday golfers. Keith Gidley stated that we have to make sure that the letter be sent out in seven days so action can be taken immediately.
- Ron Davies asked if the 'nomination fee' will still be \$150. He stated that it is still a deterrent to new bowlers from joining the Club, as we have to compete against other bowling clubs for new members.
- Ern Harrap stated that we have a very good argument for the case of a reduction in the 'nomination fee'.
- Loss Andrew pointed out that many bowlers cannot get a game because of only one green.
- Norm Brooker stated that many bowlers had passed on and it would be easier with another green to have members from other clubs.
- Bill Farrington stated that the green was not in a good state and ditches not up to standard.
- Ern Harrap reported that the green had been sprayed for Poa Ana and then fertilised so one would expect it to be slow. Bill replied that perhaps the green keeper could be approached.
- Keith Gidley felt that the bowlers should talk with the Golf Club so that bowlers could have their own Constitution. We should appoint a small committee to look at the general setup for bowlers and report back to a Special Meeting. Allan Archibald felt that at this time it would not be in the best interest of the bowls section to rock the boat, so to speak!
- Ern Harrap stated that the Golf Club does not want to interfere with the running of the bowls section.
- John Nash said that he agreed with both Keith and Allan.
- Chairman John stated that a general committee had been appointed and felt that they could handle any discussion with the Golf Club.
- John then thanked Rob Carmichael for his help during the year especially with the newsletter. He then thanked the Bairnsdale Advertiser and Eric Yeates in particular for his assistance in promoting Golf/Bowls. A special thanks was also due to Eric's wife Bev for her efforts over the past 12 months and with the program book.
- The Lady Bowlers were then thanked for their help during the year, especially with the Pennant day.

### SELECTION AND MATCH COMMITTEE

- The Club started with teams in all Divisions, a total of 46 players. As was the case in 93/94 after a good start our numbers started to decline and in the finish we were forced to forfeit many games in Division 5, as the most players we could get was 40.
  - To assist the new Selection Committee all players intending to play Pennant next season should put their names on the player list as soon as possible.
- It is essential for team stability and ultimate success that if you put your name on the Pennant list you should be available for the season, except if something unforeseen prevents you from playing.
- 'Over 65's Day. This event was introduced to the EGBA calendar and proved very successful. It is hoped it becomes a must event in future years. (That was before 'ageism').
  - Chairman John Hollingsworth then thanked the Club for their help to him during the year and wished the incoming Committee all the best for 1995.



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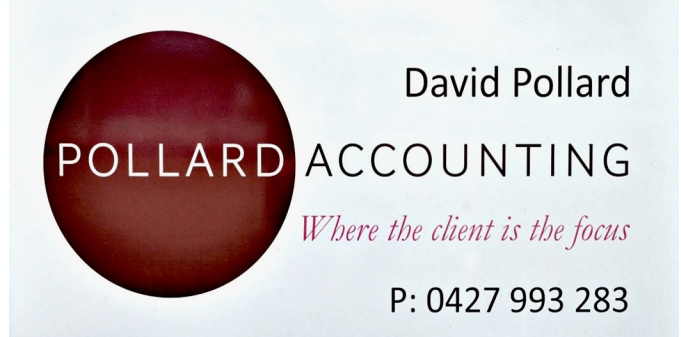


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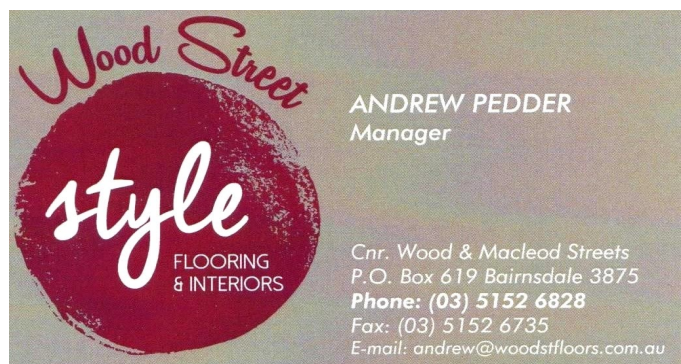
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## DO YOU KNOW THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS?

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- a) Each team scores one shot;
- b) It is a 'dead' end and should be replayed;
- c) It is a 'tied' end no score.

**Answer: c) Law 24 No shot scored - tied end**

It is a 'tied' end and no score is recorded, but it is a 'played' end so the score from the previous end is carried down on the scorecard.

### Law 5.4 Play in other ends

The winner of the previous scoring end must place the mat and then deliver the first jack and bowl.

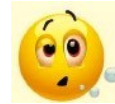
## HOW TO WIN AT PENNANT

A Club's Treasurer announced that if any sides won on a particular day, the Club would put on free beer for an hour.

The next Saturday, all sides won and so they enjoyed the treat of a couple of free beers. Lo and behold the following week it happened again and they enjoyed free beer again! The very next week one side had a draw and tried to claim this as being undefeated and more free beer but they got knocked back.

The Club was probably running out of beer!

When all else fails ... whadda 'ya reckon David .. can't hurt?



### WHERE'S WALLY?

Can you find Wally?  
He is in this edition  
somewhere.  
This is where he  
was in April P. 9

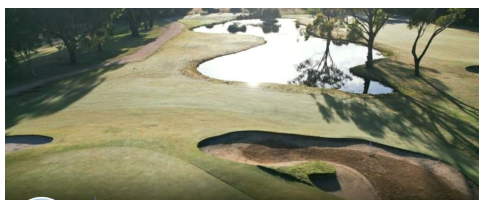


- Every bowl has a bias—use it!
- Good try, it's only your ability.
- Get up - you're not hurt!
- Don't turn your back. If I've gotta watch it you gotta!
- See those two bowls there, hit the one in the middle.
- Whatever you were trying, bad luck!

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