



Bay Bias



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

OF THE SANDY BAY BOWLS CLUB INC.



Success for our Division 1 Women

A magnificent come-from-behind win against Rosny Park White saw our Division 1 team win the Southern Premiership. The way to victory was tough—a disappointing first semi final loss, a rain-delayed battle against a determined Kingborough and then a true grand final stoush against Rosny. Sandy Bay were down at 18 ends but wins on all three rinks, and some champagne bowling, resulted in a 10 shot win. Oh what a day!

Division 1 will now play for the State Women’s Premiership at Rosny Park on Wednesday and Thursday 13 and 14 April. Supporters welcome!



Division 3 Women make final

Division 3 were valiant runners up for the second year running. Their grand final was played against Claremont and despite determined efforts our team could not quite overcome their opponents. Better luck next year!



Congratulations to our Club Champions

And the winners so far are:

Women

B Singles: Jane Miller

Open Pairs: Anne Smith and Helen Barnes

B Pairs: Jane Miller and Angela Jackman

Open Triples: Carol Bannister, Chris Dowl and Helen Lester

B Triples: Jane Miller, Angela Jackman and Pam Knight

Major-Minor Pairs: Jane Miller and Laura Best

Mixed

Mixed Pairs: Gill and Bob Pratt

Men

Open Singles: Bob Bye

B Singles: Russell Lowes

B Pairs: Bill Mottershead and Terry Bowes

Open Triples: Sol Cooper, Rohan Cooper and Chris Bye

B Triples: Geoff Hocking, Jim Howell and Peter Hendrie

Open Fours: Rohan Cooper, Sol Cooper, Jeremy Thiessen and Phil Manning

B Fours: Bob Pratt, Geoff Garrott, Derek Oseman and Dennis Pegg

FitzGerald Handicap: Peter Rayner

Other notable successes

Congratulations to State team members Sonia Martyn, Carol Bannister, Robyn Legett and Courtney Hobbes; Carol Bannister(qualified for the Australian Open Singles); Courtney Hobbes (qualified for the Australian Open Triples); Carmel Rainbird, Jane Miller and Angela Jackman (runners up in the Southern B Grade Triples); Courtney and Phil Hobbes (Southern Winners of the AER Mixed Pairs); Bernice Halloran, Yvonne Buckley and Rosie Schultz (Southern team members); Rosie Schultz, Helen Barnes and Angela Jackman (Southern Development Team); and Susie Reed (Combined Team).

Men's and Mixed results

Saturday's Mixed teams again enjoyed a season of good bowling and great camaraderie. Sandy Bay ended up losing the semi-final by 1 shot on the very last end. There were great successes in the Men's Midweek competition with Divisions 3 and 4 winning the final and Division 1 runners up in their competition. Congratulations to all.

Vale

Zoe Blackburn
Norman Potter
Paul Bennett



Success for Robert McMullen

To add to his superb win in the State Singles Championship, Robert McMullen has also won the BTS Open Pairs with J Tegg from Rodman. This is the second win for this dynamic pair. Robert has also been named the top Division 1 skip in the BTS with 13 wins from 16 matches and he is currently playing for Tasmania in the Sides championships in NSW. Well done, Rowdy!

Paul Bennett



It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Paul Bennett – long-time player, enthusiastic committee man, encourager of new bowlers and organiser of barefoot bowlers. Paul joined the club in 1984 and was a successful bowler in several divisions, eventually achieving Division 1 status.

A highlight of his career was being part of a winning combination with Geoff Hocking, Mickey Harris and Brian Morey. They won the Club Open Fours against all Division 1 players. This season, Paul presented the perpetual Paul Bennett Trophy for the Barefoot vs Pennant players challenge.

From Yvonne Bennett: 'Paul was passionate about both the game and Sandy Bay club, always willing to share his knowledge and experience with others and responsible for attracting many new members. He was insistent that significant events in our lives together – our wedding, his 60th birthday and the Celebration of his Life – be held at the Club so members could share those occasions.

Through Paul I learned that being a member of Sandy Bay Bowls Club is much more than playing a great game. It is also about friendship, camaraderie, the caring and support that have been given to Paul and me, and to Heather and Geoff, particularly through recent months. Please know that your kindness and thoughtfulness have been so important to us and accept this as our expression of deep gratitude to you all.'

Paul will be greatly missed and our condolences go to his family, especially Yvonne Bennett and Heather and Geoff Hocking.

Curry Night

Can you imagine how President Roger and Norma Barrett overcame the problem of streaming eyes from chopping up piles of onions for Curry Night? They wore their swimming goggles, of course, and hoped there were no unannounced visits from friends and neighbours. Other Committee members also contributed by donating and cooking delicious curries, while club members and friends turned up in huge numbers to support our fundraising for the recent Queensland floods appeal. It was a fitting way for us all to contribute to the flood relief. Well done Helen Smith and organisers.

Sponsorship and Donors

While we have lost a few sponsors and donors recently (mainly due to financial circumstances and changes in our sponsors' management policy) we can be optimistic about attracting valuable local support, offering benefits to the club and individual members. We are also in the process of negotiating sponsorship for next season's Barefoot Bowls, to cover the cost of prizes. Again, we also appreciate the support of the many club donors who support raffles, prizes and the club in general.

Be a volunteer

Hamish Kyle again urges any of our members to join our Maintenance group on Monday mornings. Please do come along and give a hand! Our club has looked wonderful this season but there are always ongoing tasks for us all to do.

The celebrations continue. . .

The SBBC End of Season Luncheon for women bowlers will be held on 28 April (12.30 start) at the Derwent Sailing Squadron. Encourage your friends and team members to come along before we polish our bowls for the winter recess (or indoor bowls or Queensland trips!). The notice and menu choice will be on the notice board in the Ladies Club House next week or email the Pat at patol@netspace.net.au

Laws of the Sport of Bowls

Law books are available from Gail (\$8).

End of Season Dinner Dance

Very regrettably we have had to cancel the dinner for 9 April. The numbers were good but not strong enough to make it possible to hold a function of the standard of our highly successful Christmas Dinner. Let's hope we can think of this again next year and make it a postponement, rather than a cancellation!

For Sale

The Club is selling its old computer. It's available for inspection on the desk at the far end of the club house bar. For those technically minded it is an Omega desktop, with keyboard, disk and floppy disk reader. It runs on Windows XP, has a Celeron 2.4GHz CPU, 480MB RAM and a 40GB hard disk. Highest bid to the Secretary by 5.00pm on 29 April will be the lucky purchaser. Make your offers in envelopes marked 'Computer Bid'.

Caring for our future bowlers

Geoff Dannock sent in this report on the schools bowling program:

The Monday afternoon school bowls season closed on 21 and 28 March when about 30 students from Albuera Street, Princes Street, and Waimea Heights visited the club. Under the guidance of Bernard Knight and many enthusiastic tutors, the children began by rolling tennis bowls (their natural action is to throw rather than roll). They progressed through various exercises to help them develop distance and direction skills and concluded with team exercises using the mat, kitties and carpet bowls. While the students are a few years from being able to manage standard lawn bowls, we can be sure that they will have an awareness of the basic skills when and if they develop an interest in competitive bowls. They'll also think of the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

Thanks again to Bernard and the many volunteers who have assisted in the development program over past season. *(And thank you Geoff for all your commitment and energy. Ed)*

Stop Press from Geoff: Despite the short notice and inclement weather over 30 kids and parents turned up at the club on the afternoon of Sunday 3 April for a bowls afternoon and sausage sizzle. The kids, most of whom had been playing on the previous two Monday afternoons, demonstrated their skills when they took on, and in most cases beat their parents in pairs matches. Many expressed an interest in returning in the coming season. Well done Bernard, Pam and Steve.





Australia Day Fun

Australia Day kicked off to a great start with a new format that was enjoyed by all. Perfect weather, an amazing array of Australiana, a sizzling barbecue, a few drinks and lots of laughs. Let's keep up the tradition and mark the date in your diaries now for next year.

End of Season Dinner

The ladies celebrated the end of season with dinner at the Dr Syntax in Sandy Bay. This is a time for all to wind up the season (where did the time go?) to reflect on performances and, in some cases, to ponder the finals. There are few functions where we can mingle as a club, not just as teams, and this is one that gives us all a chance to enjoy the company of other club members. *(Now, who was it who did a runner? Ed)*

BTS Upcoming Events

The Annual Presentation of Pennant and Championship Trophies and Prize money will be held at the Rosny Park Bowls Club on Monday 18 April 2011, 6pm for 6.30pm. Cost is \$17 per head which includes finger food (pay on the night) and drinks at own cost. Please RSVP by 11 April on our Club notice board and Gail will reply for everyone.

- BTS AGM will be held on Sunday 29 May at Derwent City Bowls Club at 2 pm.
- Nominations for Office Bearers, Match and Selection Committees are now open.
- If you would like to nominate Gail has the nomination forms. Any Notices of Motion must first go to the Sandy Bay Committee to endorse on or before 29 April 2011.

Men's State final

The State Men's Premiership will be played at Rosny Park on Saturday and Sunday, 16 and 17 April.

AGM

Please note that the AGM and Awards Night will be held on 20 May at 7pm in the club rooms. The meeting will be followed by supper.

Finals at SBBC

Come and watch good bowls at Sandy Bay when we will host the Div 5 Men's Final and Mixed Final on Saturday 9 April from 1 pm.

Green closure

One green will be closed after 9 April and both greens will be closed from 30 April. If you intend to come for a bowl, especially over Easter, it would be a good idea to book a rink to save disappointment. Priority will be given to any Club Championship games still to be played.

Women's Pennant Raffles

A sincere thank you to all members who donated prizes and for buying tickets for our weekly raffles. We managed to raise \$1459 and with the Christmas Hamper (\$770), the Christmas Fair Money Tree (\$145), Gold Basket (\$140) and the DJ Motors Car Raffle (\$1110) the raffle total is impressive. Once again, thank you one and all.

Jeannie CEO of Raffles *(Singapore Sling for the Raffles Lady. Ed)*

Join the committee!

Nominations, which are most welcome, for the Sandy Bay Club Committee close on **22 April**.

See Gail for a nomination form.

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