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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another year is nearly done and dusted, with our Annual General Meeting quickly coming upon us on Monday, 14th April commencing at 7.00 p.m. It is a little disappointing that we go into the AGM with many positions presently not filled and therefore will hopefully have to fill vacancies from the floor.

We know many members have over the years worked tirelessly for this club; however due to a lack of backup and training of new personnel by others, we will need to hopefully have willing workers wanting to learn administration of a sporting club to assist in the Clubs' Management over the next 12 months. We all must quickly come to the realisation that we are very much a business and should be managed as such.

The Bowling side will always remain the same, but without certain additions which we have, we may not have had a Bowling Club.

Congratulations to all those Pennant teams who have held their grading and special congratulations to those who have won the right for an upgrade. We are now a club with a Premier Ladies' team and a Section 1 Men's team. We all agree that their efforts have been exceptional for the season; however most are going to be a year older next year and, possibly, some may like an easier avenue in a lower grade. If this is the situation, here is the chance for the younger generation to lift to a higher level, or maybe, we may attract some younger members who have ambition.

Whatever the reasons, we must consolidate and work tirelessly to remain at a high level. This will be up to the new Bowl's Committee to set some goals to make certain that we remain at the highest level. Your Board will support decisions which are in the best interests of all members; and new Members is one of these very important areas.

Next year we will be working very hard to increase our numbers and it is hoped that all present members will support all directions which will be forthcoming in this area.

Our first **GLEN BOWLS BISTRO** evening will take place on Sunday, 13th April, commencing at 6.00 p.m. Please book early and have your menus to Clare Rynberk ASAP with the \$25.00. A three (3) course meal plus entertainment – **where else will you get that value.** Prior to this evening will be the Club Presentations, commencing at 5.00p.m. and finishing by 5.45p.m. - purely because there will be many non-members at the Glen Bowls Bistro. You are very welcome to be part of both.

However, if you do not book a meal from the menu and pay prior to the evening – we are sorry there will be no late bookings.

To Cathy Clarke for her work on the Bowler magazine go my sincerest thanks, along with all those who have contributed.

Russ Nicholls

President



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VICE PRESIDENT (ACTIVITIES)

Our Bar people have worked tirelessly over the past months with extra events being held at our Club such as Finals, etc. To Ron Clohesy and his team, particularly Ronnie Jinks (Roster), go our special thanks for their efforts which greatly assist our bar sales, thus giving our club that extra profit. To all those who have assisted go our thanks for your great efforts. We will announce a very good profit at the Annual General meeting.

Harvie Hele and his little band of helpers work tirelessly to bring enjoyment to all those who have their Corporate Functions at our venue. A lot of hard work and long hours go into making this another good profit area for our Club. The problem is that many members think this just happens – well I hate to be the bearer of bad information – IT DOES NOT. Harvie needs your support – please assist when asked – **it will benefit your Club.**

We have plenty of room for more players at our Bingo sessions – turn up at 12.45 p.m. for eyes down at 1.00 p.m.

Russ Nicholls *on behalf of Vice President Activities*

Bowls Director

As the summer season comes to a close, we can reflect on what has been achieved.

The many new members have enjoyed the facilities and the companionship offered and we have been successful in having both the Ladies' and Men's Pennant teams promoted to Division 1. All Pennant teams performed well and it promises to be a good grounding for our future.

The Christmas Carnival will now be a fixture on our calendar and the Invitation events were well supported. Encouragement needs to be given to players to compete in Club Championship games. It is an excellent way to improve, and if you happen to win, it's a bonus. Several members also take

advantage of playing in the games arranged by the Eastern Ranges Regional office. This is a way of playing at different venues under varying conditions.

The Indoor season is about to start and promises to achieve another milestone. There is also the choice to play Winter bowls on the synthetic green.

Thanks to all members who have assisted the Bowls Committee this year. It has been our pleasure to arrange the programs.

Jim Pollard

Bowls Director

Membership Report

This past season, for our members at Glen Waverley, has been extremely busy. The dedicated work from all our Board, office bearers and all committees has proved that at Glen Waverley we know how to run a very successful tournament, build friendships and enjoy our great greens and facilities.

I have been very fortunate to have had two dedicated people to support me in the Membership role and would like to thank Alan Pickering and Judy Nicholls for their hard work in ringing around for volunteers to man the stands at "The Glen". This task takes a lot of time; more so when people say yes, and then change their minds or forget the day of their duty.

The promotion weeks held at "The Glen" proved a success by the wonderful turnout of participants at "The Try Bowls" Days.

Both Try Bowls Days had participants joining up on the day and, throughout the year, our membership has steadily grown. We are now seeing the fruits of our labour, with the new members attending on social days and Friday night bowls.

A new concept was introduced this year by holding a New Member's Day. This is an invitation day to all the new members who joined within the year, to meet other bowlers who may have started at the same time or are new to the Club. The feedback received from this event was so positive that we have been asked if we could hold another one. This day not only introduces new bowlers, but also allows the bowlers to meet the club members, who assist with rules and technique of the game. My thanks go to all the club members who helped on these days, encouraging the new players on rules and technique of the game. It was a great fun day enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

Membership at Glen Waverley is on the up and looking good for the future.

All fixtures for promoting membership at Glen Waverley have been advertised on radio, through local newspapers, council events and flyers. Posters were made and delivered to all hotels and businesses in the Springvale Road area near the club. Promoting the Barefoot Bowls had a disappointing response, mainly due to the weather. This concept was trialled over a six week period, but three nights were cancelled due to bad weather. On the other three nights, the attendance for two nights was one, and another night we had eight.

The Club is going to continue trying to promote Barefoot bowls again in the future. A change of night from Wednesday to Friday night may work better, but for this to be a success, club members need to volunteer a night to assist in the running of this for the enjoyment of all who attend. Harvie Hele does a marvellous job promoting the "Corporate" nights, but he cannot do this on his own either. The benefits of assisting in these events certainly outweighs doing nothing. The euphoria you get in helping people learn and enjoy the game you love, while building friendships, promoting your club and assisting the organiser, is such a buzz, that everyone should try it at least once.

We have not had many younger players join the club this past season, but when this does happen it will bring a different type of dynamics to the club, to be addressed in the running of club fixtures and getting assistance in duties around the club.

There was a competition advertising a suitable motto (chant) where there were only two suggestions submitted. This attitude of non-participation actually reflects the tone of players when they are out on the green. I believe we need a club motto that promotes the club and that we play by when out on the green to build the energy when competing. The teams who have beaten us all have such energy, building something positive in every player, whereby the confidence of the team is so high they rarely fail to win.

Change for the future is a positive step to building and securing our future at Glen Waverley Bowls Club.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate all teams who made the finals. Well done to the teams that will be promoted to a higher division next year.

Gail Page

Membership Director

Saturday Pennant - Div'n 1 to 8

The final placings for our 6 sides this season are as follows:

Side 1 2nd with 11 wins, 6 losses and 1 draw

Side 2 8th with 6 wins, 11 losses and 1 draw

Side 3 6th with 9 wins, 8 losses and 1 draw

Side 4 2nd with 13 wins, 3 losses and 2 draws

Side 5 4th with 9 wins, 8 losses and 1 draw

Side 6 6th with 7 wins, 10 losses and 1 draw

Congratulations to Sides 1, 4 and 5 on reaching the finals, with the other sides near the middle of the ladder, thereby avoiding relegation.

Our top side (Div 2) finished second on the ladder at the end of the home and away games, and played Mooroolbark in the first final - which they won 80/75.

They then defeated Burwood District 96/73 to win their section and thus gain promotion to Division 1 next year. Unfortunately they were defeated by Altona (the eventual winners of the Division) in the first sectional final 64/87.

Our fourth side (Div 5) also finished second and played Dandenong Club in the first semi-final, which they won 89/71. Unfortunately they were defeated by Berwick 60/105 in the section final, but still gained promotion to Division 4 next season.

Our fifth side (Div 6) finished fourth on the ladder and played a very strong Mulgrave CC side and lost 55/111.

I believe that this season has been a very happy and successful season for all those who participated, and special thanks must go to my fellow selectors - Keith Bryan, Mike Coates, Trevor Mudgway and Jack Wilson - for their support, careful input and consideration throughout the season.

Bob Bennett *Chairman of Selectors*

Saturday Ladies' Pennant

Once again our Saturday Ladies' Pennant season has come to an end, and a very enjoyable season it was. We fielded two teams; our second side had quite a few new bowlers and I am sure they have all learnt and gained great experience and made good friends from playing pennant.

Our first side made it to the final, but was beaten by a few shots in a great match. I would like to thank all the players and especially the emergencies we had to call on from time to time.

I would also like to thank my two co-selectors, Judy Nicholls and Marg Bryan - you were a delight to work with. I hope we can all play again next year.

Have a great and safe winter.

Pat Joint *Chairperson*

MIDWEEK PENNANT REPORT

Another pennant season has come and gone, and overall it has been a successful season.

Sides 2 and 5 made it through to the finals; side 2 did really well, winning their division final and getting through to the grand final of the section, where they were beaten by a better team on the day. Congratulations ladies - you all did really well. Team 5 was defeated in their semi-final. They also did an excellent job and congratulations to the ladies and men of that team.

It was great to see the support the teams in the finals received from the members of the club; it really helps the players and it was really appreciated.

Results for season

Side 1 finished 8th, so hold their place in Premier League; Side 2 finished 2nd and will now be in Division 1 next season, Sides 3 and 4 finished 6th, and side 5 finished 4th.

The season went off well with not too many problems and the players seemed to be happier. It was the first time we had an open side and it went well, with the ladies and men enjoying being in a team together. Thank you to all the emergency ladies and men who stepped in to fill positions, sometimes at the last minute; we could not have got through without you all.

I would like to thank the ladies on selection with me, June Ellis, Pat Campbell, Pam Theobald, and for part of the year Nora Sheils and for stepping in Cathy Clarke. We all worked well together, and thanks for your input and support.

If you wish to play next season, there is a list on the slopes. Please put your name on this list, ladies and men. And we look forward to a good season in 2014-2015.

Betty Callow *Chairperson Midweek Pennant*



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Night Pennant

The Night Pennant season concluded on 18th March. The ladder positions of the two Glen Waverley sides was as follows:-

Side One: (Division 1) Wins: 5 Losses: 7 Ties 1
Ladder Position: 5

Side Two: (Division 3) Wins: 3 Losses: 9 Ties 1
Ladder Position: 9

Side One narrowly missed the finals (two points), drawing with fourth placed Clayton 2 in the final game. A great season overall with two wins and a tie in the final three matches. Side Two found the going quite tough in Division 3. The side is made up largely of Saturday Pennant Division 5 and 6 bowlers, whereas the opposition teams' personnel generally came from Saturday Pennant Division 3 and 4 bowlers.

Unfortunately, the popularity of the Night Pennant competition is in decline. This is due largely to the mixed teams playing the Tuesday Pennant competition. In past years, Southern District Electric Light Bowls Association had seven divisions. For the 2013/14 season the number of Divisions was reduced to five.

Trevor Richards Night Pennant Co-ord'r

Indoor Bias Bowls

As Season 2014 for Indoor Bias Bowls approaches, and as we, Kay and I, hand-over the reins to the incoming Committee, we would like to thank all the helpers (too many to mention) who made the past 4 years and especially 2013 Season such a success.

With a few format changes, re-introducing some old favourites and entering the largest number of Pennant Teams for some time, helped us to achieve a great result.

We wish the new Committee with Chairperson Les Newberry at the helm, a great and successful 2014 and many years thereafter.

Des & Kay Ansons

Reminder

Just a reminder that we have decided to combine Presentation Night with Glen Bowls Bistro Night on Sunday 13th April. Presentation night will commence at 5.00 p.m. sharp and end at 5.45 p.m. Bistro Night will now be from 6.00 p.m. until 9.30 p.m.

We hope that members will come along to both events. If you intend to attend the Bistro, you must complete a menu selection, which was on the flyer distributed to all members.

We look forward to seeing you the 13th April.

Clare Rynberk



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