



ARMADALE BOWLERS NEWSLETTER

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NEW BOWLS SEASON IS HERE

The new season is now in full swing. The pre season was very successful with many new bowlers attending and getting great support from coach Richard Gale.

The selectors did a fine job placing themselves in various teams to get a good look at bowlers who have been playing in lower sides. Furthermore they experimented with players in different positions to give them the opportunity to further advance their skills.

The Thursday response to training has been really outstanding and the selectors and Don Finklestein, Leon Cohen, Bernard Levine and Hunny Lipson have done really a great job in the coaching department.

The top ladies side has had a slow start, but will soon succeed, as they work very hard and take great pride in success. The other Tuesday pennant sides have had some good results and are really enjoying the competition.

Saturday pennant is off to a fairly good start and players have been given opportunities, playing at a good level.

The new rule of twenty one ends has proven to be successful thus far. It has also meant that due to early finishes, players can come in and invite opponents to share a drink and chat after the game.

There are always going to be a number of players who are not happy, mainly on selections. As most of you are aware, you can request a meeting with the selectors and discuss your grievance.

Please be aware that our selectors are volunteers who spend many hours on our behalf and they can't always get it right. Its in their interest to pick what they believe are the best sides for our success.

Armadale has a small conduit group who you can turn to for concerns you may have that have not been resolved to your satisfaction. The group consists of Elaine Kovkin, Ken Rosengarten, Danny Miller and Tom Weisler.

Many thanks to all those members who play such an important part to make Armadale the "FRIENDLY CLUB" and continue to enjoy your season.

For all enquiries regarding hiring of the
Clubhouse please contact
Elaine Kovkin on 9599 2429
or 0419 997 788



WEDNESDAY BOWLS

David Kweitel and David Janover have done a great job throughout the winter months organising social bowling at Armadale. They have approximately 54 bowlers each week and would welcome extra entries. Entry is only 7 dollars and there are prize for the winning team and runners up, the competition is mixed and good and the friendship even better.

Just make a team and play, no stress, just fun. Mark your names on the list in the first shed. Game starts each Wednesday at 12.30 pm in uniform.

GROUP TRIPLES WINNERS

During the past few days, one of our Ladies Triples Teams won the Sandbelt Zone Final. Congratulations to Leila Levy (Skip), Shirley Johnston (2nd), Marcelle Karro (Lead) for this excellent achievement. They had to play 5 very competitive matches, and achieved the winning result through first-rate consistency and teamwork throughout.

They are all very excited and can look forward to competing against the other 15 Zone Winners throughout Victoria in April at Bendigo.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Social Committee is once again planning a bowling holiday.

- From Sunday 15 April till Wednesday 18 April 2012. An extension is optional.
- Venue -- Parklake Motel Shepparton. Deluxe rooms - all of equal standard and more modern than the accomodation at Daylesford or Metung.
- Total of approx. 25 to 30 rooms have been booked.
- Situated opposite the lake and a short walk to main shopping centre.
- Indoor heated and outdoor swimming pools and indoor spa, table tennis room, sauna and a modern restaurant.
- A few minutes to the Shepparton Golf and Bowling Club, where bowlers will play just over 2 hours morning and afternoon on Monday and Tuesday and have lunch there.
- Dinners organised at Parkside, The Golf Club and an Italian restaurant. All these facilities have been sampled by two couples.
- Non-bowlers will be advised of the various attractions in the area and travelling in a group to these facilities is an option.
- Cost: Single \$310 per person shared accommadation.
Double \$610 equating to \$45 per person more than last year.

This bowling holiday will fill fast and the cut-off is Sunday 2 December in order that deposits are forwarded to Shepparton before Xmas.

A meeting will be called for those participants on Sunday 11 December at 10am at the club. A deposit of \$125 per single and \$250 per double is required. All participants will be reminded of this date.

For further information, contact Marcelle Karro 9505 3521 or 0413 275 677.

Be Aware Drive With Care

CHAIRPERSONS CORNER



It gives me such pleasure to write for this second Newsletter for the Armadale Bowling Club.

I am sure you will agree Tommy and Co. did a great job with the first one.

The season started in great shape, with twenty-nine new members, I do hope you all enjoy our wonderful club.

The opening was such a marvellous day, weather perfect, a record attendance, delicious lunch and a very happy atmosphere. The choir from the Glen Eira Secondary College was a terrific idea, thanks Abe Grauman.

Please diarise NOW. Next year the opening day will be on Saturday 1st September, the past two opening days have been held on Saturday and both have increased in numbers.

By the time you receive this newsletter the holiday season will be approaching again. ENJOY and be safe.

Elaine Kovkin
Board Chairperson



JUNIOR PROGRAM

As you are probably aware, the Board of Management in conjunction with the Selectors, decided that to boost our membership with younger bowlers the Club would conduct coaching clinics with children from local schools.

These sessions were conducted in September by Richard Gale who has had many years of experience dealing with young bowlers. Richard has been able to identify a number of bowlers who are already bowling well, and have enormous potential. So far, we have affiliated 7 new bowlers who are very keen to play Pennant. It is expected that we will be affiliating more bowlers in the near future.

At the beginning of the season, right up until the present time, we have not been able to field an 8th side, despite on paper having sufficient numbers. The reason for this is that we have up to 30 bowlers unavailable each week, due to illness, holidays, family commitments, etc.

The Club of course wishes to field an 8th side and the affiliation of the junior players should enable us to attain this objective. Obviously we cannot load the 8th team with just or predominantly juniors, because they require mentoring and can only be chosen at this stage as Leads or Seconds.

We therefore intend selecting the juniors to play initially in the 7th and 8th sides. For all other members selected to play in these sides, it would be greatly appreciated if you would help mentor and encourage these new bowlers. Their growth and development will be a great asset to the Club in the future.

If any member wishes to specifically mentor a Junior player, this will be most appreciated and if any member wishes to discuss the above, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Board or myself.

Stan Todes
Chairman of Saturday Selectors



"Well it works for the tennis players"

TUESDAY PENNANT

We are now well and truly into our 2011-12 Pennant-Season. As we fore-saw it is a very difficult season with so many changes to Pennant.

All sides are doing reasonably well. The Ladies Only side having now won the last 2 games have jumped to 5th position on the ladder. Our Second Open side is top of the ladder with 4 wins. Well done!

The teams are now slowly settling down and we hope that we, the Selectors, will be able to stabilise the sides. This is made more difficult with the week to week unavailability for various reasons.

We, at all times endeavour to be fair to players, while at the same time trying to do what we feel is most beneficial for the Club.

Thursday practice sessions are continuing to be very successful and well attended.

Gaby Cohen,
Chairman of Tuesday Selectors.

SATURDAY PENNANT

Saturday pennant is in full swing and it promises to be an interesting season. With three Division 2 teams, two Division 4 teams, one Division 5 team, one Division 7 team, and a struggle to field a Division 8 team. The Saturday selectors have a real job getting the right mix onto the greens. It's no enviable task and we must get all our bowlers to support their decisions.

Don't forget, Southern District Electric Light Pennant starts the first Tuesday night after Melbourne Cup day and we need more bowlers to participate. There are 2 teams of 3 rinks scheduled to play. It is a great night of competitive bowls and we highly recommend it.

The October 2 Bowl Triples was a huge success with all rinks on both greens full. All visiting bowlers still consider the Armadale event the best run compared to similar events put on by our esteemed surrounding clubs.

The Singles and Pairs Club Tournaments are off to a flying start and if the weather gods are kind to us the scheduled "Grand Finals" will be played on Sunday December 18. This will be followed by the "End of Year" breakup lunch. Make this a Red Letter day in your diary.

As usual, the 3 Davids are putting a lot of effort into organising and running the Nominated Mixed Triples on Wednesdays. Attendances have been excellent and I'm sure this will continue for the rest of the season.

Jack Cooper
President, Saturday Pennant Bowls Committee

MEMBERS WITH PROBLEMS

There is now a conduit to help resolve any problems or issues.

The committee comprising Ken Rosengarten, Elaine Kovkin, Danny Miller and Tom Weisler will be the go-between to selectors, coaches, players and the Board.

ALMONER

Please contact Cedric Gould on 9509 8930 if you hear of any member sick, injured or in need of help. Latest information is marked on whiteboard inside the clubhouse.

LUNCH WITH THE SELECTORS

Insider: Gentlemen, just a few questions so members get to know a little about your impressions thus far on being selectors.

Stan: You as the new chairman of selectors, what made you take on such an enormous task?

Stan: That's a tough one, I would say that I always got on well with people and I think I wanted to get a taste of what it would be like to be really unpopular. So far I seem to have exceeded that ambition.

Insider: Does it take up much of your time?

Stan: Oh, not more than about 40 hours a week.

Insider: Thanks Stan.

Insider: Dick, you are the elder statesman and you have been there before? What advice did you give to this new group of chosen ones?

Dick: Well, Stan has been a very successful accountant and my advice was he should have kept working. Then you just bowl and you are then in a position to complain, that's the easy way.

Insider: You are doing it again, why?

Dick: The pay is so good.

Insider: Thanks Dick.

Insider: Abe, you are still heavily involved at your business at Athletes Foot in Malvern Central, so what made you take on this job?

Abe: I really don't know, I think I just wanted a relaxing pastime to fill in a couple of stress free hours a week.

Insider: And has that been achieved?

Abe: Oh no, now I go to my shop for two hours a week and that's become my relaxation.

Insider: Thanks Abe.

Insider: Martin, what's your impression so far, on being a young gun selector?

Martin: Well, I used to be a pretty handy ten pin bowler. It was so uncomplicated, no leads, no seconds or thirds, no skips. I think lawn bowls should just be singles. Far less stress.

Insider: Do you still get time to practice?

Martin: Oh yes, on pennant days.

Insider: Thanks Martin.

Insider: Nathan, now you've been around this scene a very long time, what keeps you doing this job?

Nathan: I'm the stats man and when selectors have a problem picking sides I put the names in the computer and we select them at random. So far so good. Besides that, selectors always get a game.

Insider: Thank you gentlemen, its been very enlightening.

CONGRATULATION CORNER

Two Awards were recognised in August:

Gail Nadelman was awarded the "Maccabi Victoria Masters Sportswoman of the Year" in recognition of her bowls achievements which included representing Australia against Scotland.

Marilyn Faiman was awarded the "Maccabi Victoria Club Volunteer Recognition Award" for her longstanding services to Maccabi Ajax Bowls Club as Secretary.

Denese Brick and Gail Nadelman have represented Victoria in October in the Womens' State Side competing in the National 60 and Over Round Robin Championships. This was held in Warilla, NSW.

More details of this tournament can be found on the Bowls Victoria website. There is a link to this site from our own website.



SAFETY FIRST

A significant purchase of a **DEFIBRILLATOR** has been made.

The Club believes it is important enough to make sure we are prepared, if the need arises.

A defibrillator can make the difference in saving the life of someone unconscious, in those precious seconds or minutes before the Ambulance arrives.

The funding was achieved through the recent Thermomix cooking night which raised \$860 and the balance was funded by the Club. A terrific Armadale achievement!

SCOOPS are a hazard.

Please put scoops away carefully during play.

Turn the legs AWAY from a walking area every time you use one.

Either put them close to the benches or under the scoreboards - in other words, anywhere other than where we are all walking past in the normal course of the game, or going to the bathroom etc.

A serious accident happened a few weeks ago, with someone falling and injuring himself badly.

Please let us avoid having scoops and bags in the walkways.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If someone is taken ill, we may require Emergency Contact numbers for members. We are initiating an Emergency Contact List for each of us, should this be required.

ICE - in your Mobile phone. (It means **IN - CASE - OF - EMERGENCY**)

ICE is the term recognised by all Emergency Services.

In Case of an Emergency - anywhere that this might happen - they will look UNDER "I" in your phone.

Please enter your EMERGENCY Numbers, and call them "**ICE**" in your listed "Contacts".

DRINKING ON HOT DAYS

That time is almost here again.

- Drink the night before.
- Rehydrate regularly during the day.
- Don't cool down radically (if you have been distressed).
- Tepid water to drink is fine.
- Cool or cold towels around your neck are very helpful.
- Please try not to arrange 4 hour games on a 35 degree day.

PLEASE, have someone assist you if you are not feeling well.

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Show our sponsors that we support them too. Contact **Greg Goodvach** if you have information regarding prospective sponsors.

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Thermomix	New way of Cooking		Christina	0402 234 061
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Take the opportunity of trying our sponsors services and let them know that you are an Armadale member.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PENNANT

We have entered 2 teams in this seasons competition. Teams comprise 3 rinks of 12 players. Selection will be posted on the window nearest the entrance to the club. The competition is very competitive and is a great opportunity for members to play in higher divisions thus gaining valuable match practice and knowledge.

We have a list for players who are interested to play, in the first shed. Games are of 21 ends played straight through with tea, coffee and refreshments after the game. The games commence at 7.30pm and lasts to approx 10 - 10.30pm. We need more players so we have a pool to select from. All enquiries to Nathan Buchner at 0413 533 423.

GUESS THE ARMADALE BOWLERS



There are four current Armadale bowlers in this photo.

Can you pick them?



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You can contact them even after hours:

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