



ARMADALE BOWLERS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi fellow members,

It's that time of year where we reflect on the last few months and what's transpired.

Our playing performance had some mixed results. Our 4th. Saturday side really had a wonderful year and gained promotion. A great effort and thanks to the many members who came to support their finals campaign.

Unfortunately our 2nd. Saturday team failed to get promotion after a very successful

season in home and away games.

However our top side had a very encouraging few weeks in beating some very good sides and only went down by 2 shots to Mulgrave Country Club who finished on top of the table. This last game meant they avoided relegation, which was a great result.

Tuesdays have had good results with 5 sides making the finals. The Midweek Premier side finished the season really well and also avoided relegation in a really tough competition and the development of some fresh talent makes the future look bright.

The 1st Division mixed side scraped into the finals and then went on to defeat Mentone at Mentone and the strong Brighton side to win the section flag, a sensational effort. They went down in the semi final, receiving wonderful support from our members.

I believe that our coach Rob Wilson has put his heart and soul into our club and believes that more rewards are not too far away. There will be further successes if we put in the effort.

The selectors who bear the brunt of ongoing critics have not had it easy. The number of members unavailable each week and the consequent changes required is a mammoth task.

Our social side is going from strength to strength. Our wonderful group of catering ladies do an amazing job; the lavish dining that they prepare has become legendary in the bowls fraternity. All events were so professional presented and climaxed with the VACC day, which brought in players from near and far including interstate.

The replacement of the carpet is well on schedule and will make a big difference.

I wish to thank all those wonderful volunteers who make our club such a great thing to be part of. It would be terrific to have more members involved to assist in the running of the club.

We do listen to members concerns and endeavor to act upon them. Sad to say our biggest critics are people who do not put their hand up to help.

Finally I wish all members who have had recent illnesses a speedy recovery. We hope to see them fit and well very soon.

Tom Weisler
President

HEALTH & SAFETY

By now you will have seen that our EVACUATION PROCEDURES are in place on our walls in the Clubhouse.

This also includes signs indicating where our ASSEMBLY MEETING POINT is in the case of an Emergency.

Please familiarise yourself with the EMERGENCY EXIT SIGNS which point towards the back gate at Maple Street and the park beyond.

It is vital that everyone assembles there, so that each person at the Club can be accounted for.

We will not use the front doors, as EMERGENCY SERVICES would enter via those doors.

We highlighted in the last Newsletter that these Procedures are required not only for Insurance purposes, but also because our Club pays attention to the safety of our Members and Visitors.

Many Safety Officers are trained to assist you at any time of ill-health or injury.

IF THERE IS ANY EMERGENCY IN THE CLUB, we are asking that every person in the Clubhouse or surrounding areas listens to the instructions given. These will be given by the appropriate person who takes charge, with help from others appointed to assist.

- Actions need to be immediate.
- Instructions will be called very quickly, and in an orderly way.
- You will be advised when it is safe to leave the Club.
Until then, please respond only to the instructions given.
- If you are asked to leave the Clubhouse, move via the direction of the EVACUATION SIGNS and meet at the ASSEMBLY AREA, at the back gate facing Maple Street or beyond at the Park.

If you are aware that anyone is in

- the kitchen - the bathrooms - the bowls shed - the offices, etc.
- please let the supervisors know so that they can be accounted for.

EMERGENCY MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE IN:

- First Aid : Kitchen area, Office, Bowls Shed, Ladies Bathroom
- Defibrillator: Kitchen area
- Fire Blanket: Kitchen
- Fire Hose: Kitchen, Front Door

These Procedures apply at all times during Pennant, Social Bowls, Social Functions, and any other time people are assembled at our Club.

If an Emergency occurs and no other appointed person is available to control the proceedings, please take responsibility to do so, following the instructions at the 2 rear Clubhouse doors leading to the greens.

Anyone "calm and efficient" is able to do this and should do so in an emergency.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Your Safety Team
Safety...First.

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ARMADALE NEWS

COACHING CORNER



How amazing it is, how fast time flies. Submitting this newsletter report for the end of the season seems surreal, as it only feels like weeks ago that I was talking with the committee and contemplating my decision to come to the club. It has indeed been a jam packed 6-8 months or so for myself and the family, both on and off the green and a very challenging period in many respects, with some major life changes for us in this period along the way. But it has also been a very rewarding time in our first year with the Armadale Bowling Club and one we have very much enjoyed.

At the end of any bowls season I tend to do two things. Evaluate my own personal performance as a player and coach, some of which I will be happy to share once the full body of the season is complete (probably in the next addition). And also evaluate the club performance as a whole. When sitting down to evaluate the clubs performance score card on the season, I believe the results were very pleasing and the overall evaluation result in my mind is successful. Everyone will have different views on their definitions of success and use different criteria, so to some degree this will always be subjective.

What are the key performance indicators that I use at a bowling club to determine success and what is important to me?. Obviously the most identifiable indicators of ladder positions for the pennant teams is what most people look at and these go some ways to making up the assessment, but this does not tell the whole story. However on the ladder score we were very healthy in both Midweek and Saturday pennant with many finals appearances, some promotions and few relegations.

The effort of the top Saturday side holding Division 1 after being newly promoted was notable and very pleasing and the midweek Premier Ladies team coming from the clouds in the second half of the season to also hold in that coveted competition was a courageous performance and a result to be proud of.

Particular acknowledgement must of course go to the finalists from the season, Midweek teams 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and Saturday Teams 2 and 4 with special congratulations to Saturday 4 for making the section Grand Final therefore earning promotion. And an extraordinary effort from Midweek 2 winning their section and going all the way through to become divisional semi finalists.

As pleasing as it is to have these good pennant results, I also place a lot of weight on some of the intangible markers such as spirit, effort, work ethic and attitude, all of which are far harder to quantify of course. These elements of a club can not be marked in terms of the number of shots gained or ends won but have a substantial unquantifiable worth. These qualities however are easily identifiable and the accumulative sum of which help contribute to the successful results listed in the previous paragraph.

I mentioned many times throughout the season that one of my aims was to make the Armadale Bowling Club at all levels hard to beat. We will not win everything of course but we should never give up, we should always fight despite the situation and make sure oppositions need to work hard to beat us if they are to win. On these performance indicators I was extremely happy with the season and I also give a pass, hence I am a very proud coach. However one Ryder is that I believe we have some room for improvement and can improve with our work ethic.

One key ingredient to any club's on green success is the strength off the green support, what a fabulous advantage the Armadale club has in this area. Congratulations and thankyou to the Club Board and various Committee's, particularly the Selection panels for their countless hours of hard work, great job done by all and another example of the club spirit I talk about.

Special acknowledgement and thankyou to the coaches who assisted me throughout the season, I know that some are able to commit more than others but it would be unfair of me not to single out Don, Leon and Hunny as three who's work was invaluable.

For those that will be going away to sunnier places soon I wish you safe and enjoyable travel and for those not leaving yet, or who will be enduring the off season in Melbourne with the rest of us, I will touch base again soon and look forward to assisting you with your bowls program during the coming months. Congratulations on the pennant season Armadale.

Rob Wilson
Director of Coaching

SATURDAY PENNANT SELECTION

The end of the season has come and gone far too quickly for some of us and not soon enough for some others.

First and foremost I wish to say a very big thank you to my fellow selectors – David Brame, Aaron Kalinski, Abe Stiglec and Stan Todes – for the work, support and input in the Saturday selection process.

Was the season a success or a failure – I'll let you the members decide on this one. A couple of finals appearances and some relegation was the end result.

The results that were achieved were done so under extremely difficult circumstances, sometimes with over 40 unavailability's for Saturday pennant and with some pull-outs as late as 11am on pennant day. We always did what we believed to be in the best interest of our club and in the best interest of the individual.

It has been very heartening to see some of younger new bowlers making such good progress under coach Rob's guidance and this all goes well for the clubs future.

A very big thank you to all the players that were asked by the selectors to help out with trying to "save" certain teams. Whether you played in a lower or higher side or in a position that was uncomfortable for you, again THANK YOU.

To all the teams and players that bowled in finals, congratulations.
GO ARMADALE.

Abe Engel
Chairman Saturday Selection Committee

Armadale is looking for members who are interested in becoming Umpires.
Please get in touch with Barrie Rimer ASAP, as courses are starting soon.

SATURDAY COMMITTEE

Our Committee has worked very well this year with our 2 Bowl Triples (Second Monday in month) being very well attended & successful with up to 32 teams competing for the generous prize money offered. The Fourth Monday 2 Bowl triples is also well run, but still has room for more teams.

The Club Championships, (apart from the Men's Singles & Mixed Pairs) are still to be decided & the competition is very keen. The final of the Men's Minor Championships will be held on Sat 14 March 2015 at 10am. between Terry Finnegan and Ivor Hertz.

The Final of the Men's Pairs Championship will take place between Garry Barnett and Michael Stange playing Neville Karro and Danny Miller on Sunday March 22 commencing 9am.

Wednesday midweek social 3 Bowl Triples has once again proved to be very successful under the organisation of David Janover and his helpers. David will also organise Wednesday & Saturday winter bowls, in mufti, for those who wish to bowl outdoors on our carpet.

For those who prefer indoor bowling at Southern Indoors during winter & wish to represent Armadale in their Twilight Competition, lists are up in the shed on which you can put your names.

I would like to think that our Armadale male members would give more support to the MIXED EVENTS that are organised by our Ladies Committees. Being mixed events our men are very welcome to participate.

Our Saturday 2nd & 4th sides played off in their respective finals. Well done for getting there. Congrats to the Tuesday pennant sides who did so well in their respective finals.

On 25th February our Saturday and Midweek Pennant teams had a very successful break-up dinner at The Bentleigh Club. A great night and well organised.

Here's wishing everyone a good, safe and enjoyable winter break.

Don Finkelstein
Chairman Saturday Pennant Section.

MIDWEEK COMMITTEE

The 2014-15 season has nearly come to a close with just a few more special days – Star Weisler Day and our Card Party in May.

Our pennant sides have performed exceptionally well but more about that from Gaby Cohen in her report – but I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating all those players who participated in the play-offs and for a job well done by our selectors.

Gail Nadelman progressed to the semi-finals of the Champion of Champions in February. Rose-Marie Todes has won The Proportional event – defeating Lucy Gould who played some brilliant shots along the way. Well done to both players! The Ladies Pairs championship is currently being played as is the Minor championship.

Desiree Macaulay and Karen Wilson have been selected to the Sandbelt Team to play in the Sides Championships in Swan Hill and the team will be managed by Chairman of Selectors for the Sandbelt Region – Denese Brick. Good luck one and all!

Our Charity Night in support of “Kids with Special Needs” was well attended and the Club raised \$1,000 which has been presented to this organisation.

Once again we had a full house for our Ladies A-Grade Invitation Triples which was played on 19th February and we had many entries from Clubs in the Metropolitan region. Eventual winners to be congratulated were Denese Brick, Jill Diamond and Fay Rubenstein. Malvern Travel and Cruise – Justin Lawson - 9576 0211 – were once again generous sponsors of this event - so again we ask Club members if they can to support our sponsors please do so because WE NEED THEM ALL !

We had 112 club members with their respective wives/husbands/partners attend our Pennant Break Up dinner at The Bentleigh Club and this was an opportunity to give those who work so hard in the kitchen the “Night Off” so that we could ALL enjoy ourselves! And I think we did!

Our committee will NOT be organising ladies indoor teams for Tuesday, but there is a list in the shed for anyone interested to play and I will try and help those players who might be interested.

Hopefully, we can enjoy some winter bowls on our new synthetic green, weather permitting from about mid-end May. We will all be kept up-to-date on its progress.

Leila Levy

Chairperson Midweek Pennant Section

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

As we near the close of the current season, I'd like to mention some of the past & highlight some future social activities to look forward to.

Our annual 'Cup Eve' dinner dance was well attended, with some 90 guests being entertained by the very engaging Stevie B who managed to get many members up on the dance floor to 'strut their stuff'.

The success of such an evening cannot happen without the input of the amazing catering ladies who always manage to provide a magnificent spread of food. Without naming names, a very BIG THANKYOU for your truly fantastic efforts!!

We have a Sunday evening of social bowls & a bite to eat scheduled for March 29. Bowling from 5-7pm with a bite of dinner to follow. So come along, join the fun & bowl with friends & new faces that otherwise may play pennant in different teams. There will be a 'blind draw' for positions which will guarantee a great mix of players with various abilities.

Lastly, we have the long weekend away in Rosebud which has been fully subscribed. Many of us who managed to secure a position for this very popular event are really looking forward to one of the 'Club's' annual highlights.

The amazing planning & logistics carried out by Danny Miller & Joe Shneider are truly a feat of mammoth 'project management' & we owe them a huge thanks.

Don't forget for all activities you need to place your name on the appropriate list in the shed to be included.

Lorna Lubber

Social Club Chairperson

SATURDAY PENNANT GAMES PLAYED

Significant milestones achieved this season:

2014

1 November	Rose-Marie Todes	100 games
22 November	David Brame	400 games
	Harvey Skolnick	100 games
13 December	Ken Rosengarten	400 games
	Jack Cooper	300 games

2015

17 January	Ben Sidlo	100 games
24 January	David Maller	300 games
	David Whinestone	200 games
7 February	Joe Shneider	100 games
14 February	Charles Simon	500 games

Still a way to go to reach Abe Kovkin, who has played 542 games to the end of this season.



MIDWEEK SELECTION

Our Premier League Women's Only side avoided relegation with a spirited finish to the season. Well done girls!

Sides 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 all made it to the Finals of their sections, but Sides 3, 4, and 6 were eliminated in their sectional semi-finals. Side 7 won their sectional semi-final and thus will be promoted to Division 3 next Season. Unfortunately they were beaten in the final of their section. Great effort by all these sides!

Side 2 won their Sectional Semi-final and their Sectional Final thus qualifying for the Division 1 Divisional quarter finals. This side had an amazing win against Donvale having been at least 16 shots down with 12 ends to go. With remarkable team spirit the side was able to turn around this deficit for a 2 shot win, thus qualifying for the Divisional semi final against Melton at Doncaster. Unfortunately this is where their run ended. Well done team, a tremendous effort!



Our successful Midweek Side 2 Team

We thank all pennant players for their co-operation and support to make this season so successful. Thanks also go to our Managers, Umpires and Harry Hertz and also Ken Rosengarten and the greens committee, Malcolm Richards and the gentlemen who have helped in the kitchen on Tuesday.

We hope to again field 8 sides next season so as to give all who wish to play Pennant a game.

I extend a big thank you to my co-selectors for their hard work and dedication to a difficult job. We had an exceptional number of injuries this year and hope to see all these players back next season in good health.

Gaby Cohen

Chairperson Midweek Selectors

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Take the opportunity of trying our sponsors services and let them know that you are an Armadale member.

MEMBERS WITH PROBLEMS

There is now a conduit to help resolve any problems or issues. The committee comprising Rose-Marie Todes, 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 the whiteboard inside the clubhouse.

SPONSORSHIP

This season's Fixture Book has again proven to be popular and financially successful and we will deliver an even better publication for next season.

Bowlers may have noticed a few empty spots on the scoreboards where we traditionally promote Sponsors. We ask all bowlers to help in suggesting suitable companies or businesses who may be interested in sponsoring our club and be visible to our visitors and members on our Greens scoreboards.

Our Sponsors are now being displayed on the TV in the main Club room. The adverts are transmitted from the computer in the main office as a slide show.

This exposure is additional to the "Sponsor Board", this "Newsletter", "Website", "Team App" on your phone or tablet.

The Club needs more active members for the Sponsorship Committee. Please contact Jack Cooper on 0402464454.

Jack Cooper
Sponsorship



HOUSE COMMITTEE

As another season draws to a close, it would be remiss of me not to once again say a few words about the dedicated House Committee.

From clubhouse, to scoreboards, to banners, to sheds, to bins, to gardens, to drains, to painting, to fences, to leaks and a whole host of other activities, the members of the House Committee undertake these tasks with a minimum of fuss.

Ken Rosengarten, Harry Hertz, Geoff Sadler and Malcolm Lutchner, your willingness to undertake any tasks which arise in the day to day running of house is hugely appreciated.

Towards the latter half of this season we received our new shade structures. A big thank you to Avi Katz for the timely manner in which these were installed.

In a recent survey of council owned properties, Glen Eira Council made a request to bring other tenants of the council to the Armadale Bowls Club as an example of how their properties should be maintained.

As you all know our synthetic green needs replacing. Following much investigation by your Board it was decided to replace our carpet with Dales Pro Green Plus Needle Punch Carpet, a World Bowls Approved Bowls Surface. We do not have an exact starting date yet but we have been told it will be from the middle to late April. Once they begin work, the estimated completion of the work is 3-4 weeks weather permitting. Once complete we will be able to play winter bowls as usual.

Ken, thank you for the enormous effort you have put into this project which will see the club well into the future.

Congratulations to all those members that played finals and thanks for another successful season.

Colin Luber
House

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

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