



SORELL BOWLS CLUB INC.

2013-14 NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2013



Welcome to the opening day for the 2013-14 bowls season!

The draft draws for all three competitions (Midweek, Ladies, Men's) are on the respective boards. I expect these might change though before the season starts.

Our Division 2 indoor bowls team has won the Southern Division Pennant and the state final. Congratulations on a great effort! Let's strive to emulate their success in the coming pennant season.

My apologies too - I left Mary Stokes, Betty Lovell, Allan Lovell, Gwen Newitt and B. Newitt off my list (in the last newsletter) of club members who are not forgotten at our club. We also mourn the passing of Malcolm Barker and Fergus Carrick.

Premier Lara Gidding has donated \$10,000 to the club to be put towards our building renovation and/or disabled toilet. The plans and costings have been drawn up and have been submitted to support further grant applications.

Our hard-working cleaner, Pat Bonnett, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her 30 years of service on Friday, 30 August. Congratulations and thanks, Pat.

Ron Cowen
President

Junior/Schools development program

Our secretary, Paul Matthews, attended the Sorell Council's grant presentation night to receive our grant for \$1,500 to be used in our junior bowls development and school's involvement programs. This money will purchase five sets of smaller-sized bowls (with our club name engraved within the ring) for use in these programs.

Women's and Mixed Pennant

The BTS meeting minutes of 20 August 2013 have indicated there will not be a women's Saturday Pennant competition but that there would be a mixed pennant competition.

It has also indicated that the women's Division 5 competition in 2013-14 would be 8-a-side. This, however, is not the final word on this matter. Shirley Hay has spoken with BTS secretary, Rob Maquire, who has indicated this decision was being reconsidered. We have emailed a detailed submission on this matter, which is on the Ladies notice board for everyone to read.

Breaking news

Royal Hobart Bowls Club will be increasing their flock! They have voted to allow female members. Hopefully, none of our ladies will flock off to Royal Hobart! We'd much prefer they stay with our flock of wits here at Sorell.

What's on at Sorell?

The Patron's Plate is underway - if you haven't gotten your game(s) underway yet, please arrange to get them played as quickly as you can.

Our annual invitational Two Bowl Triples competition is being held on 21 September. There is a sheet on the board, but if you're not represented there, put your name(s) down as "emergencies" or see Jim Gardner.

The 2013-14 Pennant Season starts on 9 October (Men's Midweek), 10 October (Ladies) and 12 October (Men's). Check the boards for details of when practices will be!

What's on at other clubs?

There are notices are on our board at the moment for:

Orford Bowls Club

- Farmers' Day -17 September 2013

Rosny Park Bowls Club -

- Soup and Sandwich Luncheon -10 September 2013
- Show Day Carnival - 24 October 2013

Buckingham Bowls Club

- 100 years of Women's bowls at Bucks -24 September 2013
- Friendship Day - 1 October 2013

Huonville Bowls Club

- Apple Blossom Day - 5 October 2013

Brighton Bowls Club

- Farmer's Day - 8 October 2013

Action items from the last (and for the next) general meeting

The following items are under investigation/development by the Board of Management for presentation at the next special or annual general meeting.

- We are looking into the implications and benefits of reimbursing members for costs they incur in helping the club. We are not sure if this will be a viable proposal - it will depend on the costing of the proposal.
- We are considering a proposed change to the constitution with regard to social bowlers and club competitions. As they pay the same subscriptions as full members (with the exception of the BTS fee), this proposal has some merit.
- We are developing the plans to extend the existing building and will be seeking grants to help us do so. We have already received some grant money towards the installation of a disability toilet, which is included in the extension plans.
- Should the proposal to extend the building be unsuccessful we will be revisiting the plan to install a disability toilet within the existing building as we already have grant money in the bank for that purpose.
- We will be undertaking a cost/benefit analysis of purchasing versus hiring a bus for use by the club.

If you have any input you would like to provide on any or all of these matters, please provide it **in writing to the Secretary.**