



## “Unbiased”

### St Leonards Bowling Club Members Update – August 2021

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The past few weeks have certainly dealt us with a few challenges, glimpses of normality, a few games of bowls and times of sadness as we farewelled much loved and respected members Jean Wyld and Denise Sommer. Attached is the August edition of “Unbiased”.

#### VALE DENISE SOMMER



It is with much sadness that we learned of the passing of long standing and much respected member Denise Sommer in late July. The Club extends its condolences to John (Magoo) and Denise’s family.

Denise was a wonderful contributor to the Club over many years and was a much loved member of the Tuesday Night Ladies “Forum”.

Many people may not be aware that Denise, a non-bowler, gave up much of her own time to assist with catering and logistical arrangements for many functions and events over the year and was integral in managing Saturday pennant afternoon tea set-up / clean-up for a long period of time.

The Club was honoured to welcome Denise’s family to St Leonards last Thursday to say goodbye and celebrate the life and positive contribution of a wonderful SLBC person.

Vale Denise, your smiling face and generous personality will be sadly missed.

#### COVID SAFE – GENERAL RULES

We are currently operating under a range of Covid Safe Rules and we ask that everyone does their best to abide by these when at the Club and also as a member, help us to remind others to follow the basics to keep everyone safe.

We are working closely with Bay Thai to ensure both Bowling Club and Restaurant patrons are aware the rules.

#### **Inside the Clubrooms:**

- Check-in using either the QR-Code or the book.
- Masks are to be worn unless seated.

- Food and drink are to be consumed at tables only.
- Abide by Patron limits.
- Maintain social distancing (if this is not possible a face mask must be worn).
- Regularly sanitise your hands.



### **On the Green:**

- Check-in using either the QR-Code or the book.
- Equipment must be cleaned after use (cleaning liquid, cloths and hand sanitiser are available in the Tournament Room where the gear is stored).
- You should wear a face mask when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.

Please keep an eye out for signage which is regularly updated as rules and restrictions change.

## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Board of Management continues to work hard towards the start of the coming season. A few items of interest from the recent meeting include:

- Bob Millichamp has accepted the vacant Assistant Secretary / Treasurer role on the Board. The appointment recognises the work and mentorship role Bob has continued to provide to the current Board.
- Significant work has been done on the maintenance front with focus primarily on the addressing plumbing and drainage throughout the premises and property. A couple of offending items removed from drains recently are pictured here – it's been a while since we served either of these products in the bar! We hope to have a forward looking maintenance plan for review shortly. The works have been completed by Pascal and his Team at Southern Plumbing Services.
 
- Social Media / Communication – we are continuing to try to improve what and how we communicate information to our Members and promote the Club. We have tidied up our website ([www.stleonardsbowlingclub.com.au](http://www.stleonardsbowlingclub.com.au)) with the assistance of Wayne Ward and are hoping to tackle Team App and Facebook shortly. Karina van Weel has been assisting with Team App and hopefully we can continue to improve these communication tools.
- We have purchased 10 sets of Hunter Barefoot Bowls which are expected to arrive in the next few weeks. They are coloured bowls and I'm sure you'll agree they will add a special touch to corporate and barefoot bowls events.
 
- The Bowls Committee is continuing to meet and prepare for the upcoming season. The critical focus at the moment is people intending to play Pennant and in any of the practice matches to get your names up as soon as possible.
- Memberships – we are continuing to see new members joining and will start providing new member profiles in the near future (see below) and also some profiles for “not so new members”. This is also a reminder for all members that your membership fees are due.

## NEW MEMBER PROFILE

The SLBC would like to welcome Ray and Linda Ryland to the Club.

Ray comes to us from Greensborough Bowling Club where he skipped a rink in the Division 2 Metro Pennant competition. Previously Ray played with Hurstbridge where they were successful winning a Division 2 Metro Pennant progressing to Division 1 Metro and playing finals the next season.

What bowls means to Ray:

*“Bowls gives me the opportunity to meet people from all different walks of life, form friendships and to be competitive. What I will bring to the Club is to pass on my experience and knowledge to bowlers at all levels. I will contribute to the Club working bees, improvement activities, etc.”.*

**Bowl of choice:** Taylor SRV

**Favourite Drink:** Great Northern (Beer)

**Favourite Food:** Whatever is put in front of me (steak and veg, something out of the smoker)

**Favourite Movie / TV Show:** Mrs Browns Boys, Horseracing, channel flicking

**Your go-to pennant afternoon tea:** Ray deflected this question to Linda (no pressure Linda but we now know where the credit will go!)

Please introduce yourself to Ray and make yourself known to all new members or even existing members you may not have yet made a connection with.



## WINTER BOWLS

### Social Bowls

A reminder to everyone that Social Bowls is still on during the Winter. Names on the sheet inside the Tournament Room by 11.30am on match day.

- Saturdays – Commencing at 12.30pm
- Wednesdays – Commencing at 12.30pm

The turnouts to Social Bowls have been fantastic in some trying conditions with a number of new bowling members getting to know our greens.

## INDOOR BOWLS

The Indoor Bowls Season has been stop / start due to rolling restrictions and lockdowns but we are all hopeful that a full season can be squeezed in. With Round 6 cancelled due to Covid lockdown we come into the final round this coming Monday in the following positions:

**Division 1** – second on the ladder (4 wins / 1 loss). With a couple of very good sides sitting outside the Top 2 our Div 1 needs to win this week to be assured of a finals berth.

**Division 2** – seventh on the ladder (1 win / 4 losses). The ladder position doesn't reflect how well the team have bowled – reflected by their positive shots-up tally. Unfortunately now unable to finish Top 2 we'll be looking for a win in the last game in what has proven to be a very strong Division 2 competition.

**Division 3** – third on the ladder (3 wins / 2 losses). A huge chance to make the Top 2 if their recent form continues (recently defeated Ocean Grove 7 by 14 shots). Shot difference will be a big factor in settling the Top 2 sides.

### **SLBC Club Champions (Indoor Bowls)**

Our Ladies Indoor Bowls Champion for 2021 is Julie Candy who was able to outlast Lyn Cunningham in an entertaining final at the SLBC on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August. Congrats to Jules and Lyn for a great game.

The Men's final was completed a few weeks earlier and was won by Bill Maloney who defeated Dean McNeil.



Ladies Indoor Champion  
Julie Candy



Mens Indoor Champion  
Bill Maloney

Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in the Indoor Bowls scene again this year.

### **Bellarine Indoor Bias Bowls Association – Pairs**

Recently Dean McNeil and Bill Maloney won their way through to the final of the BIBBA Pairs tournament. In a very hard fought final against Matt Flapper and Casper John from Ocean Grove they came up just short (13-15). It was a great game to watch and congratulations to the Ocean Grove duo for their win and Deano and Billy for making it through to the final.

### **GREENS MAINTENANCE**



I recently took some time out to have a chat with Greens Director Ron Frank (pictured) regarding the different tasks required to maintain the greens. On a regular basis the greens are:

- Vacuumed
- Treated to suppress mould
- Lines are re-marked
- Gutters are cleaned of debris
- Rink marker peg bases are checked / replaced / repaired
- Surfaces are checked for any damage and repairs arranged

Rain, hail or shine the work completed by Ron and his Team of dedicated volunteers goes on with little or no fuss. When we all turn-up to bowl their efforts are definitely appreciated with some of the best conditions on the Bellarine Peninsula greeting us every time we walk through the gate.

Ron Frank (Greens Director), John Palmer and a number of other dedicated members spend a lot of time ensuring we have great playing conditions and green surrounds all year. Thanks team and keep up the great work!



## PENNANT SEASON 2021 / 2022

Lists have been posted in the Bowls Room (inside the Clubrooms) for those intending to play Saturday and (or) Midweek Pennant this season to add their names.

Time is getting critical in terms of advising the GBR of our Teams for the coming Pennant Seasons so please get your names up on the board ASAP or contact Julie Candy or Barry Padgham to confirm your intentions.

- Saturday Pennant commences: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021
- Midweek Pennant commences: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## PRACTICES MATCHES

The following practice matches have been scheduled (sheets will be up in the Bowls Room for nominations shortly):

### Saturday Pennant

- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021 versus Benteigh (annual match)
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 versus Portarlington
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 versus Point Lonsdale

### Midweek Pennant

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 versus Point Lonsdale
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 versus Portarlington
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 versus Drysdale

## SPONSORSHIP

Great news on the sponsorship front with all Community Partners with the capacity to do so re-committing.

Major sponsors Neville Richards Real Estate, Southern Plumbing and IGA St Leonards have all recently agreed to terms which will see them continuing their wonderful contributions to the Club.

We are also in the process of finalising arrangements with a number of new sponsors including Lifestyle Communities, Prestige Group and Drysdale Mowers.

The contributions of our Community Partners mean that we are in a position to continue to improve many aspects of the Club, including:

- Subsidised playing uniforms
- Subsidised barefoot bowls to encourage new bowlers to take up the game
- Purchase of replacement / new equipment
- Purchase of new "Barefoot Bowls" (10 new sets recently ordered)
- Upgraded first aid facilities
- Funding to run successful tournaments



A full list of sponsors is attached at the back of this newsletter.

It is critical that we individually consider using the services / products supplied by our Sponsors and support their businesses wherever we can.

**Members Business Cards** – I have created a section for “Members Business Cards” so if you want to advertise your business to Club Members let me know and I will add details to the list.

## VOLUNTEERING AT THE SLBC

As always we are still on the lookout for volunteers to assist with various roles / functions so please don't be shy about coming forward.

## BITS & PIECES



*Our illustrious Chairperson – we're reliably informed that no trees were harmed during this most recent escapade!*

*Recent article about the top Bellarine & District footballers - #40 Dean McNeil*



## SLBC BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Barry Culph
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Andy Hills
<b>Secretary</b>	Wally McGill
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ron Pickett
<b>Asst. Secretary / Treasurer</b>	Bob Millichamp
<b>Bowls Director</b>	Barry Padgham
<b>Bowls Director</b>	Julie Candy
<b>Admin Director</b>	Des Ward
<b>Admin Director</b>	Peter Garlick

## FINAL WORD

Thank-you for the positive feedback in relation to the newsletter – time permitting we'll try to keep this as a monthly publication.

I'm still keen to hear some ideas for content or if anyone has anything they would like me to put in the newsletter please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas (or offers of assistance) for future versions of "Unbiased".

Stay safe and keeping on rolling!

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# St Leonards Bowling Club

## Community Partners

2021 / 2022

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 <p>SOUTHERN PLUMBING SERVICES</p> <p>Contact Pascal – 0419 390 222</p>	 <p>Your local licenced contractor, Steve J Reidy</p> <p><b>BAY SHORE</b> ELECTRICAL &amp; AIR CONDITIONING SERVICES</p> <p>• Split Air Conditioning • Electrical • Data • Telephone</p> <p>Free Quotes email: <a href="mailto:steve@bayshore.net.au">steve@bayshore.net.au</a> <b>0400 201 396</b></p> <p><small>Lic. REC. 8099 A Grade E25437 BRCA 89059 PIC 8762 ARC 120408 AU 25085</small></p>
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 <p>HENRY DWYER RACING</p>	 <p><b>Bendigo Bank</b></p> <p>Portarlington Community Bank</p>





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**Twin Yolks – for the best value, fresh eggs in town!**

Located directly across from the Club.



**Bay Thai**

RESTAURANT & TAKE AWAY

## Welcome to our new partners:



Prestige Group - Geelong



We have some exciting new partners joining us this year including Lifestyle Communities, Prestige Group and Drysdale Mowers.

Once final agreements are in place watch this space for some further announcements!

## Members Business Cards

*This section is provided for SLBC Members to promote / advertise their business or service to other Club Members*

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