



## “Unbiased”

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

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As we head deep into the Victorian winter the Board would like to provide the following update on what has been happening around the Club and what is planned over the coming months.

#### VALE JEAN WYLD



Sadly we lost Jean last weekend and the Club extends its deepest sympathies to Des and Jean’s family.

No doubt everyone has a story or anecdote about Jean and how she made their time at the Club that little more special or enjoyable. Personally I will miss the friendly greeting “Hi ya love”, hearing Jean quietly (and accurately) critique Des’ bowling exploits while watching from inside the clubrooms every Saturday during pennant season and “Jeanie’s Wheel” (always a Friday night highlight).

At this stage we have not been advised of arrangements for Jean’s farewell but we will advise when we do.

The Club will also arrange a celebratory farewell for Jean later in the year as there are many people that would like to say goodbye to a wonderful SLBC person who are currently away.

Vale Jean, you 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.

## **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

### **Indoor Bowls**



We have three teams competing in the Bellarine Indoor Bias Bowls competition which is played on a Monday night starting at 7pm. If you are happy to brave the cold winter nights maybe drop into the Club on a Monday night and support the home team.

If Monday night doesn't suit consider Sunday afternoon from 1pm at the Club when the mats are rolled out for practice. You might surprise yourself and get hooked.....I'm told many of the world's best lawn bowlers started their careers on the indoor bowls circuit so you never know!

It was great to see Monday night at home everyone pitch in the set-up the rinks, pack-up afterwards, prepare and clean-up after supper. It makes it so much easier on cleaning staff, bar staff and the restaurant when we all chip in and do our bit.

Results and draws will be pinned to noticeboards. [When we sort out our Facebook page we'll post on there as well.](#)

Kingo has done a great job pulling it all together with plenty of other helpers.

## **GREENS MAINTENANCE**

You will probably notice from time to time that a green may be closed or access may be restricted to some areas of the playing surfaces. This can be for varying reasons including repair, ongoing maintenance and spraying of chemicals (used to protect the greens). In coming additions we will provide some further insights into how much work goes into maintaining the surfaces we bowl on.



We ask that everyone please respect the directions provided in relation to the use of the greens.

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.

As we need to provide information to the GBR by the end of August in relation to what teams we will be submitting for both competitions it would be great to see plenty of names up by the start of August to enable the Bowls Committee and Selection Committees to commence planning for the season.

After a Covid interrupted season last year it is intended that both pennant competitions will return to their pre-Covid playing formats of 25 ends with a break.

- 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 18th September 2021 versus Portarlington
- Saturday 2nd October 2021 versus Point Lonsdale

### **Midweek Pennant**

- Tuesday 7th September 2021 versus Point Lonsdale
- Tuesday 14th September 2021 versus Portarlington
- Tuesday 28th September 2021 versus Drysdale

## SPONSORSHIP

We are currently re-engaging with our sponsors and community partners who contribute so much to the Club in both financial and in-kind support. Greg Kelly has taken charge of the sponsorship arrangement over the past couple of years and has done a mighty job as can be seen by the signage and number of sponsors we have as a small Club!

New sponsorship packs are available for the coming year so if you know someone who may be interested please get in touch with Peter Garlick and we'll get a package sorted out.

## BOWLS COMMITTEE

The Bowls Committee, under the guidance of Barry Padgham, have commenced planning for the coming bowls season. They have a number of key initiatives underway (which we will hear further on in the coming months) including:

- Preparing for the upcoming Pennant Season.
- Reviewing our coaching / leadership structures (bowls related).
- Arranging dates for bowls tournaments (including Ladies Open Fours, SLBC Open Triples and McKelson Day.
- Preparing formats and conditions for this year's Club Championship competitions.

Barry and his committee will provide further information over the coming weeks.

## VOLUNTEERS AT THE SLBC

As always the more volunteers we have involved the smoother and easier it makes running the Club. Moving forward we will make some specific requests but in the meantime could you please consider if you are in a position to help and let us know.

### Bar Staff

- Mez Williams has taken on the role of looking after the rostering of Bar Staff. If you are able to and interested in helping out could you please let Mez or one of the Board Members know and we will organise training, certification (RSA if required which we will pay for) and to buddy you up with another experienced Bar Roster member so you can learn the ropes.
- If you currently have an RSA and are on the Roster can you please speak with Mez and confirm your RSA is current (they need to be refreshed 3-yearly). If it's out of date you will need to jump online and do a refresher.



### Covid Marshalls

The Board is currently considering whether we should seek volunteers to complete "Covid Marshall" training. Most hospitality venues now have trained people in place as it assists with not only having people trained and aware of Covid Safe practices but also with venue patron limits. Watch this space!

## 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>	Vacant
<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

This is the first edition of what we hope can become a regular update to Club Members.

Having said that, we would love to have your input about what you would like to read about.

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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