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St Leonards Bowling Club Members Update – September 2021

It is great that as the newsletter is being drafted we have been able to return to the greens with most of Regional Victoria being released from lockdown. Whilst we have been afforded these freedoms we need to be mindful that many of us have family and friends who are not so lucky at this stage and make sure we continue to reach out and support them as much as possible.

COVID SAFE – GENERAL RULES

From Friday 10th September 2021 we have been able to reopen under a range of Covid Safe Rules – some of which we haven't previously experienced. 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 ensure everyone remains safe.

Clubhouse Rules (Members Bar / Outside Veranda / Dining Area):

- Members Bar is strictly access for Members Only from non-lockdown areas.
- Dining Area is accessible to public patrons from non-lockdown areas.
- Check-in using either the QR-Code or the book is mandatory.
- Masks are to be worn unless seated.
- Food and drink are to be consumed at tables only.
- Abide by Patron limits (Maximum 10 indoors / 20 outdoors).
- 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.

Operating Hours – Members Bar / Restaurant

- Please familiarise yourself with the amended trading hours / conditions for Members Bar and the Restaurant.

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

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Please refer to Barry's recent email regarding current Board matters and priorities.

NEW MEMBER PROFILES



Barb Gloury

The SLBC would like to welcome Barb and Geoff Gloury to the Club.

Barb and Geoff have recently migrated from Western Victoria (Horsham) to St Leonards.

Barb (pictured and Geoff both played bowls at the successful Horsham City Bowling Club. Barb had a successful 2020 / 2021 season winning the Ladies Fours Competition at her Club and added a third pennant flag to her collection.

Barb started playing bowls with husband Geoff (who we're also looking forward to meeting) and loves the opportunities the game provides to meet new people.

"Bowls is a great way to meet new people".

Bowl of choice: Henselite Dreamline

Barb is looking forward to the challenge of the GBR competition and playing a role in whatever team she is selected to play. Although Barb has skipped before she is happy to play anywhere for the competitive enjoyment of the game.

John Doyle

The SLBC would like to welcome John Doyle to the Club. John and Tonia (who most of you will already know) are in the process of moving to St Leonards from Herne Hill (in Geelong). John will transfer to us from the strong Bell Post Hill Club where he has enjoyed success playing in 3 pennant premiership teams.

John's experience playing 3rd in Bell Post Hill's second side (GBR Div 4) will be a welcome addition to our Saturday pennant sides. It should be noted that Bell Post Hill's first side plays in the GBR Premier League competition.



John commenced his bowls journey playing with his Mum and Dad, loves the friendships made and competitive nature of the game. John is looking forward to a successful career with St Leonards.

Bowl of choice: Taylor SR

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

TO CHALK OR NOT TO CHALK?



The current Bowls Victoria "Return-to-Bowls Guidelines state "Spray chalk/liquid chalk must be the only markers used". In response to this the Club has bulk purchased some Henselite Spray Chalk which we will offer to members at a subsidised price of \$7 (RRP \$9) per unit.

We are able to offer this generous subsidy because of the ongoing generous support of Club sponsors and supporters.

If you would like to purchase a chalk spray please see Peter Garlick or Ron Pickett.

PRACTICE & ROLL-UPS

Practice

A reminder to everyone that while we are unable to run organised Social Bowls we are using the nominated times for pennant practice. If you are intending to practice at this time we ask that you record your name on the sheet inside the Tournament Room by 11.30am on match day to enable the sessions to be structured.

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

The Bowls Committee will provide an update shortly regarding pennant practice for the coming season.

INDOOR BOWLS SEASON WRAPS UP



Disappointingly the Indoor Bowls Grand Finals were thwarted by Covid Restrictions with our Division 1 Team named Runner-up to Ocean Grove (based on final ladder positions).

Congratulations to everyone who competed this year and in particular to our Club Champions Julie and Bill. Also to Bill and Deano for making the final of the Bellarine Indoor Bias Bowls Pairs Championship.

A big shout out also to Kingo (picture) for putting his hand-up to organise the SLBC teams for this season and to all the volunteers who assisted with running practice sessions, providing supper, putting down and packing up mats and equipment, running the bar, cleaning and tidying the kitchen and Clubhouse after events, organising teams, scores and reports.

GREENS MAINTENANCE

Last month we did a feature on Ron Frank (Greens Director), John Palmer and a number of other dedicated members who spend a lot of time ensuring we have great playing conditions and green surrounds all year. If you've been to the Club recently you'd have to agree that the place looks great!

Another development however is the "B Green". Despite our best efforts to manage the surface through another season it appears that this strategy, whilst achievable, would impact greatly on our flexibility and ability to run tournaments and events requiring both greens.

The Board, led by Barry Culph and in consultation with Ron, have been in touch with Tiger Turf to discuss options which include replacing the green immediately. Once we know more details Barry will draft an updated communication to members.



Just as a footnote many of you may not know that our dedicated “Greens Director” also volunteers for the Portarlinton miniature railway. Ron helps with the maintenance, operation and of course driving of the train (picture from website <https://miniaturerailway.com.au/>).

Note: we'd love to hear about how our valued members contribute throughout the Community and are more than happy to plug any good cause in the newsletter.

PENNANT SEASON 2021 / 2022

At this point in time we are monitoring communications from the GBR in relation to this years pennant seasons due to commence as follows:

- Saturday Pennant commences: Saturday 9th October 2021
- Midweek Pennant commences: Tuesday 5th October 2021

The Bowls Committee reviewed current numbers and made a recommendation to the Board that we submit the same number of teams this season as last season (4 x Saturday, 4 x Midweek) which we have done.

PRACTICES MATCHES

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

Saturday Pennant

- Saturday 28th August 2021 versus Bentleigh (annual match) - **cancelled**
- Saturday 18th September 2021 versus Portarlinton - **cancelled**
- Saturday 2nd October 2021 versus Point Lonsdale - **TBC**

Midweek Pennant

- Tuesday 7th September 2021 versus Point Lonsdale - **cancelled**
- Tuesday 14th September 2021 versus Portarlinton - **cancelled**
- Tuesday 28th September 2021 versus Drysdale - **TBC**

SPONSORSHIP

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 arrived)
- Upgraded first aid facilities
- Funding to run successful tournaments:
 - o Ladies Fours – Neville Richards Real Estate
 - o Pot of Gold – Southern Plumbing
 - o New Year Triples – Lifestyle Communities

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

Please ensure you familiarise yourself with our sponsors, their products and service offerings and where possible use their services.

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.

APPAREL

Please be advised that we will be placing orders shortly for a range of apparel items including:

- Playing Caps
- Playing Shirts
- Social Shirts
- Jackets

There will be lists posted for people to place orders for Playing Shirts, Social Shirts and Jackets (which will include pricing#).

New playing members will receive their first playing shirt at no cost.

Playing Caps will be around \$20 each (final cost to be determined). There is a range of Bucket Hats and Legionnaire Caps currently available.

We also have a small number of our old playing shirts available (which are BA approved). Please speak to Andy, Wally or Pete if you would like one of these.



Current Playing Shirt

Some stocks available but an order will be placed shortly (available in short / long sleeve)



Social Shirt

(Keep an eye out for lists / email notification)



Old Style SLBC Playing Shirt

(Limited mens & ladies stock available)

Note: my apologies for the photography....not my strongest suit!

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.

Social Committee



In particular, with some relaxation of restrictions, we are looking to invigorate the Social Committee. At the AGM there were a number of people who expressed an interest in getting involved with organising some social events for the Club.



Deputy Chair Andy (that's Andy in the picture) is taking on the Social Events portfolio from a Board perspective and will assist with communication between the Social Committee and the Board as required.

If you're interested in joining the Committee, would like to run an event or just have a great idea for a social event, can you please get in touch with Andy (0449 181 975).

SLBC BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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

FINAL WORD

Please keep feedback coming to any of your Board Members – we're here to help you and the Club be the absolutely best we can on and off the green.

Stay tuned for a whole new Facebook Page coming soon – and don't worry if you're not sure how to use FB we'll be here to help!



We've listened - there will be a small number hard copies of the newsletter printed and left at the Club for members who do get our updates electronically.

Stay safe and keeping on rolling!

Cheers Peter

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St Leonards Bowling Club

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2021 / 2022



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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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