South Oakleigh Bowling Club

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South Oakleigh News.

The Intro.

Here we go again, running a little late this time.

Apologies. Anyway, April was a big month for the club, beginning on a high note with Autumn Leaves and ending on a high note with Scotties 50th birthday. In between we had the sad passing of Jim Keena.

Autumn Leaves was a success with 32 teams competing for the first time in quite a while and having both greens full was a great sight. Although the weather was a bit off early it brightened up later and the day finished in sunshine. It was a very good day, and a lot of thanks goes to everyone involved in the organisation of the event.

We managed to get the club competitions completed, finally, CK won a close game over Linda in the minor and Richo and Trevor triumphed in the pairs over Scott and CK. Ideally, these competitions should be done and dusted before the end of January so, hopefully, in future comps the participants might try to get through the matches quickly.

Speaking of future comps, the club has had some new members signing up for next season which is great news. Hopefully, there'll be more before the season starts and the club will taste some success on the green.

The sad part was Jim Keena passing after a short illness. Jim was a life member of the club and did quite a lot of work in a variety of roles around the club. He will be missed.

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What's On.

May 7th: Fantastic
Plastic.
May 13th: Bunnings
Sausage Sizzle,
Breast Cancer Ladies
Luncheon.
May 20th:
Presentation Day.
May 26th: Trivia
Night.

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Chair's Chat

Although pennant season has seemingly long been finished there is still a lot happening behind the scenes which we will detail in the newsletter. Fantastic to see so many players playing social bowls on Saturdays (thanks Don for organising) and Friday nights at the club continue to be a popular gathering spot.

There is a fair bit planned around the club in May (see following), hopefully members can support these activities.

Club membership continues to grow, over 150 members now and from early indications our actual number of bowlers for 23/24 will increase to a level where it is thought we will have 2 full teams of 16 along with some possibility of an 3-rinker. Welcome to all new members.

The club continues to be very popular as a party hire venue, big thanks to Michele for her organisation on this front.

One final point, which is so important as grow is that we really need to build on having a respectful culture within the club. If any member sees or hears another member or visitor acting or speaking in an inappropriate or disrespectful way (in line with our code of conduct) then it is everyone's role to remind the offending member that, that type of behaviour is not acceptable. We want to be seen as a welcoming, friendly club and that responsibility lays with all members. If a member, after being alerted to the issue, keeps behaving in a manner that is deemed not appropriate (and the Board is alerted to this with evidence) a decision on that member's future with the club will have to be made in line with the club's constitution.

Hope to see you all soon.

Take care,

GT.



The Bowls Report.

As you are probably aware, the night pennant team faltered at the last hurdle and went down in the Grand Final at Burden Park. Despite a bright start, they were unable to keep pace with a fired-up Glen Eira McKinnon over the course of the match. A bit sad but a mighty effort over the season.

The Autumn Leaves tournament was a great success with 128 bowlers taking part. This year we tried out a new computer system that made compiling the scores much easier. The catering continued at the high standard we aim for each year. Congratulations to all involved.

At last, after many months of toing and froing all our tournaments have been completed. The results are:

Club Champion – Scott Taylor Runner up – Trevor Law Minor Champion – Caes King Runner up – Linda Gemmell

Pairs Champions – Ian Richardson & Trevor Law Runners up – Scott Taylor & Caes King. Congratulations to everyone.

Our Saturday Social bowling is gaining momentum with 24 bowlers competing for the prize one Saturday. Come down and try any Saturday (weather permitting) turn up at 12.30 for a 12.45 draw out of a hat - \$10 entry fee – includes bowls, afternoon tea and raffle.

Sunday Fantastic Plastic starts this year on May 7th and runs over 4 months May/June/July/August. Any bowlers wishing to participate each month can place their name on the notice board at the bar.

On Tuesday mornings 6 to 8 bowlers meet for an 8 to 10 end roll up and then a cuppa, biscuit, and a chat. Everybody is most welcome to join us - just turn up.

The Greens Report.

The grass green has been put into hibernation for the winter as our greenkeeper, Andrew (Fitzy) Fitzharris, gives it a bit of recovery work so it's out of bounds for a few months. The synthetic is still open and will be all year. Please take note of the Direction of Play notice before playing or practicing, please.

With Jim passing, we are currently without a greens director. Hopefully, we will have an announcement on this very shortly.

Fitzy will continue as the greenkeeper for the grass green and Tony Lee has kindly stepped up to take over maintenance duties for the synthetic green.



Around The Club.

Updating the constitution.

The Board have adopted a new vision for the SOBC.

SOBC aims to become a hub for the Oakleigh South community to assist in the growth of lawn bowls. SOBC will offer a welcoming and inclusive environment for members to connect, learn and grow. Through our efforts, we strive to make a positive impact on the community and promote a strong sense of belonging among our members and the Oakleigh South community at large.

To ensure this vision has a long-term place in the club we are going to update the constitution to reflect this goal. A working party has been appointed and we're working with Bowls Australia. This is also an opportunity to update the constitution to ensure it remains modern and relevant within the modern bowling club requirements.

The updated constitution will be presented to members prior to the next AGM for approval.

SOC discussions

Discussions with SOC have progressed to the point where an alignment of the two clubs has reached the stage that a full benefit analysis has been commenced.

Basically, this means that work has started to prepare documentation that will detail what the benefits are to members from both clubs should a realignment occur.

This will then be presented to members of both clubs (separate meetings) to enable awareness and understanding before formal votes are taken at a later stage.

Further updates will be in the next newsletter.

OAFC Partnership.

SOBC continues to discuss how we can build on our relationship with OAFC. As members should be aware SOBC sponsors the OAFC. Hopefully, our members can get across to support the Krushers during the season.

The longer-term thought is we all want to establish a sporting and community partnership in the Scammell Reserve precinct (this includes the Oakleigh Dragons and the Emmanuel CC). How this will look and what it will mean to members will take time to work through. Just need to stress the clubs will remain independent but we are exploring how we can better work with each other for the benefit of all members.

Council Discussions

There is an ongoing dialogue with Monash Council as to when we may receive a formal lease along with the all-important maintenance schedule.

Latest indications are these will be available in late May.

The maintenance schedule is critical as we can then work with Council on timeframes for updates to our facilities.

Vale Jim Keena

Jim passed away on 12 April and his wake was held at the club on 21 April.

It was a large gathering, lots of Jim's family and friends passed comments on how important the club was to him.

Jim was a life member of the club, held many positions within the club, has been a member for 37 years and will be sadly missed.

In recognition of his outstanding service, it has been decided the annual autumn leaves tournament will be now renamed to the Jim Keena Autumn Leave fours.

There will be a new perpetual shield as part of this renaming.



Functions/Events 2023.

Presentation evening.

The Presentation Night will be on Saturday May 20th. If you're going, then please confirm it. Make sure you put name down on the sheet in the bar or, if you've received an email from Brian, reply to that email. Lunch will be served, and the cost is:

Full Members: Free. Social Members: \$10. Non-Members: \$15.



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

On May 13th we have a sausage sizzle at Bunnings South Oakleigh beginning at 8.00am, there will be 3 shifts (8-11, 11-1, 1-4) with minimum 4 volunteers for each shift and Brian and Greg supporting during the day. Volunteers are needed for this day, please help, if you can.

Trivia Night.

This has been set for 26 May - lock in the date, details to follow. Last year's event was a fantastic night, and we are looking to do better this year.



Breast Cancer Ladies Luncheon.

Oakleigh Amateur Football Club and South Oakleigh Bowling Club are hosting a Breast Cancer Ladies Luncheon in the football club rooms on May 13th. Details are below.



Please support this if you can. It's a worthy cause.

Socially Speaking.

Well, April was a big month for events and functions. We had something on every Saturday beginning with Autumn Leaves, followed by three 50th birthday parties, including our own Scottie Taylors. A big night, that one.

Along with our usual Friday night catchups and Saturday social bowls, we had the sad occasion of Jim Keena's funeral and wake, which attracted a big crowd. Personally, I'd rather have 50ths than funerals.

For those with a more than passing interest in wine, we have some new drops in stock from a local winery called Six Acres. They have a small variety of styles, from a shiraz to sauvignon blanc and I'm assured that they're quite good. Ask for them at the bar.

Friday night nibbles are still a work in progress, but we hope to have something up and running as soon as we can.

The members draw has gone unclaimed for a few weeks and is now up to \$250. Remember, you must be there to win it. Brian Maloney was last week's unfortunate absentee. It's drawn around 7pm each Friday night and, as the name might suggest, you have to be a member to claim the prize, as well as being there.

That's it. See you around the club.

Krushers Notes.

The Oakleigh Amateur Football Club, the Krushers, have begun their 2023 campaigns in earnest and with much success so far.

The club fields 5 teams, Senior Mens, Reserves, Senior Womens, U/19s and O/35s. So far, after 3 rounds, the mens teams and the womens team have saluted each week. The mens and womens teams are both 3rd on the ladder with the reserves sitting on top.

Unfortunately, the U/19s have been struggling this year. They're a new crop of young talent and they haven't quite found their feet just yet but, given time, will be very competitive.

The O/35s started their season a week ago and missed the chocolates first up but will bounce back soon.

This weeks games are: Senior Mens & Reserves – West Brunswick away.

Senior Womens - Parkside at home. 11.40am.

U/19s - Marcellin away. 11.40am.

O/35s – St. Kevins away May 21st.

If you get a chance, get along and support the Krushers.

GO KRUSHERS!!!



Revolution Netball Club

Just to let members know it has been decided SOBC will sponsor the Revolution Netball Club. We hope to see their players and members around the club and SOBC members will be invited to attend key games, make presentations and promote SOBC to Revolution.

Photo Gallery.



Autumn Leaves







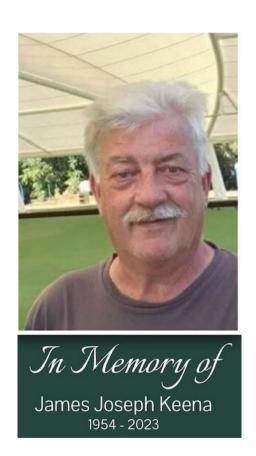
Club games

The Wrap.

And...That's it. Another month done. The year seems to be flying by. Perhaps, it's an age thing, I don't know. Anyway, rather than wonder where the time has gone, it's probably best to not to worry about it and just get out and do things. That way you won't care where it went because you've been too busy enjoying yourself. Sounds too easy.

We've just had a busy month and this next one looks like being just as busy, which is good for the club. The weather is getting colder, so some people are a bit reluctant to get out and about but it's a good time to get active, so come down and have a bowl or a catchup with friends, go and watch the Krushers and/or the Dragons (for those who don't know, the Dragons are the junior football club next door who play on Sundays), get involved in the local community. It's good for you.

Until next month, take care. Cheers, Neil.



Sponsors.

The Oakleigh-Clayton-Huntingdale (OCH) Rotary Club is one of the main sponsors of the SOBC.

Rotary does a lot of fantastic work internationally, but the OCH Rotary Club is also very active in supporting the local community. It provides financial support for several local sporting, school and community groups. It really is a club that gives back to the community.

One of its main fund raisers is the Oakleigh Market, held every Sunday in the Hanover St. carpark from 8am to around 1pm. It is a great place to get a bargain, some terrific fresh food, inexpensive flowers and there is always the chance to find some hidden treasure.

It is free entry for shoppers (if you want to buy a stall, it is only \$30 for the day) and all SOBC members are encouraged to go and have a look, it is an easy way to support a key sponsor of the club and it can be a bit of fun as well.



















Thanks to our Sponsors

The club is always on the lookout for sponsors so, if anyone has family or friends who have a business or knows of a business that is keen to get some advertising through sponsorship of a sporting club, then tell them about South Oakleigh Bowling Club and that we're happy to have a chat.

South Oakleigh Bowling Club **Membership Structure**

Full Membership

\$160 ANNUALLY (Waived for first year players)

- Selection into all Pennant and **Club Competitions**
- Able to play Bowls Victoria affiliated tournaments
- Unlimited Green Access
- Voting rights at club meetings and AGM
- Entitled to hold an office within
- Free Club Playing Shirt for new
- Eligible for weekly members draw
- Free BBQ hire (4 per year) Access to club bowls

Social Bowling Membership

\$80 ANNUALLY

- Selection for Tuesday night
- Pennant and club competitions.
 Up to 4 games of Saturday
- Able to play Bowls Victoria
- affiliated tournaments
 Unlimited Green Access
- Free Coaching
- Eligible for weekly members

- Receive communications and attend social events Access to club bowls

Junior Membership (Playing)

\$75 ANNUALLY

- Selection into all Pennant and Club Competitions
- Able to play Bowls Victoria affiliated tournaments
- Unlimited Green Access
- Free BBQ hire (4 per year)
- Access to club bowls

Social Membership (Non Playing)

\$30 ANNUALLY

- Eligible for weekly members
- Discounted function room hire
- Free BBQ hire (1 per year)
- Receive communications and attend social events



For Sale. Taylor Redline SR bowls size 2. Very good condition. See Linda, or ring 0421495611. Can deliver, if close by. \$325.00.

