## South Oakleigh

## News.

## The Intro.

Welcome to the June issue of the South Oakleigh News, I hope you find it interesting and informative.

Well, May was a busy month, with Presentation Day, the Trivia Night and our first Bunnings Sausage Sizzle all taking place along with a couple of functions and the Breast Cancer Network fundraiser in the footy club. On top of that was Fantastic Plastic and Saturday social bowls squeezed in. A busy month.

It was great to see how many people gave up some time to help with all these events and many thanks must go to those who donated their time to help out.

There will be some people who will have different views on what the highlight of the month was but, for me, it was Daves slow cooked brisket on Presentation Day. Absolutely superb. Thank you, Dave. I don't know what your secret is, but it works. Bloody magnificent.

The Trivia Night was huge. Nearly 150 people. It could be said that this was a success.

The Bunnings BBQ also went very well, 500 snags sold which is great first-up effort. We also learnt a few tricks to help with the next one.

The Breast Cancer fundraiser was also a success with some 80+ people attending the luncheon.

There are more details to these stories, and others, below so read on...

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## What's On.

Every Saturday:
Social Bowls.
Every Friday Night:
Members Draw.
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## Chair's Rave.

The discussions with SOC continue, still some matters to work through and as time progresses there is also a need to wait for the council maintenance schedule.

But to just make it clear, there is no merger with SOC, there will be simply an offer for their members to join SOBC and it is anticipated there will be some flow on benefits from this.

Still working on a new constitution and board is looking at documenting our strategic goals for the next few years to present to members in the coming months.

We are hoping to get the lease and the maintenance schedule from council this month which will have a big determination on the direction of SOBC in the next few years.

We also hope to form a partnership of sorts with OAFC and Oakleigh Dragons in the next few months which will be of benefit to all our members.

I will keep all members as best informed as I can over the next month or two.
In what I think is exciting news Tony Lee is trying to document the club history. We wish him the very best on this, we are hopeful of having honour boards back in the club in the next 12 months.

Take care all.
GT.


## The Bowls Report.

The Saturday afternoon Winter Bowls has been popular with up to 24 bowlers on a couple of occasions. This will continue until the $12^{\text {th }}$ of August after which some practice games will be organized with Chadstone being the 1st one on the $19^{\text {th }}$ of August. Fantastic Plastic has gone reasonably well. We have had 2 games, not counting the false start at Hampton RSL due to inclement weather, this was replayed on the Saturday before last, which made a nice change, and the $2^{\text {nd }}$ was at Coatesville last Sunday. After an indifferent start at Hampton RSL, there was an improvement at Coatesville. At the moment, we are running 3rd behind those two clubs. The next game will be at SOBC on the $9^{\text {th }}$ of July, followed by the final round at Hampton on the $13^{\text {th }}$ of August. There has been a change to the competition with the starting time moved to 10.00 am , so please take note. Thanks to all bowlers who have made themselves available for this competition.

Regards,
Don.

## The Greens Report.

Nothing much to report here, the grass is closed for Winter rejuvenation and can't be used so it's a good thing we have the synthetic in order to keep our skills sharp. Just remember to follow the direction of play advice on the outside notice board, please.


## Around The Club.

## Fantastic Plastic.

We had a delayed start to the first round with the Sunday fixture at Hampton RSL being washed out. This was replayed on May $27^{\text {th }}$, the first time Fantastic Plastic has been played on a Saturday, I think. SOBC didn't have much of a day and finished up in $3^{\text {rd }}$ spot. The $2^{\text {nd }}$ round was at Coatesville on what turned out to be a beautiful day for bowls. We fared a bit better on the day finishing $2^{\text {nd }}$, but we're still $3^{\text {rd }}$ overall. The next round is at SOBC on July $9^{\text {th }}$, we're hopeful that the home ground advantage will help us out. Let Don know if you wish to play. The last round is at Hampton on August 13 ${ }^{\text {th }}$.

## Saturday Social Bowls.

We missed a couple of Saturdays due to Presentation Day and Fantastic Plastic, but it's back on and it should go through uninterrupted until late August. Don't forget; be there by 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start.

## Pennant 2023/24.

We have several new bowlers already on our books and the current thinking is we will field 2 teams of 16 next year and we are looking at a $3^{\text {rd }}$ team (8 or 12 players) in a joint venture with Chadstone.

We are looking at a Tuesday day pennant side (12 players) as well and plan to keep our Tuesday night side as well. Great to see our potential pennant representation rise by more 40\%.

If you have any friends wanting to have a go at lawn bowls, please invite them down. If every playing member can introduce just one person to bowls, we might just end up with 3 , or more, teams of 16 . We can but dream.

We are looking at a better induction process to make sure we continue our upward trajectory.

## Members Draw.

Well, the Members Draw got up to $\$ \mathbf{3 5 0}$ and it was decided to draw it during the Trivia Night. As luck would have it, the prize went off. Congratulations to James Chapple on his very timely arrival.

The jackpot has reverted to start and is now sitting at $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 0}$. Remember, to win it you need to be present at the draw which happens around 7.00pm on Friday nights. Table Tennis.

Coming soon to Friday nights at the club is table tennis. SOBC has teamed up with the City of Monash and Table Tennis Victoria to offer structured table tennis games on late Friday afternoons starting July 7th. More information to be provided in coming weeks but it is another opportunity to be active at the club and hopefully have some fun.

## Functions/Events 2023.

## Presentation evening.

What a great day, how good was the brisket? Thanks to Dave for his cooking efforts and for Josie getting the salads ready and for those who helped clean up afterward. Special mention to Lachie/Spook, if you ever want a dish washer, he is your man.

Congratulations to all the winners and to Don Boyd for being a very deserved club person of the year.

Plans are under way to make bigger and better next year!

## Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

For the first time we did, we did very well. Sold over 500 sausages!
Special thanks to Brian for all his pre-BBQ preparation and to our cooks, Tony, Ronnie, Shane, Chris D, Roger, Michael, Dave and our serving staff, Vicki, Neil S, Jillian (from girl guides), Scott, Caes and Linda. And not forgetting the help of Neil $\mathbf{N}$ and Josie at the start of the day and Lanny for her onion preparation.

We have another day booked in for 12/8, please put in your calendar, the more help we have the easier it will be.

## Trivia Night.

What a big night! 140+ people!
In hindsight, probably too many, we will need to restrict next year to make things a bit more comfortable (not so squeezy) for everyone that attends.

Big thanks to Shane for doing such a great job as the organiser/compere and congratulations to Ged and his team for being the winners.
Big thanks also to everyone who helped with setting up the night. A great job.
Please remember to support MOCSIS and our girl guides as much as possible.

## Breast Cancer Ladies Luncheon.

On Saturday 13th May we joined forces with OAFC to host their Annual Women's round BCNA fundraising luncheon. So, while the boys sizzled sausages we joined in with over 90 Ladies from both clubs for an afternoon of food and fun. We listened to excellent presentations from Sarah Hartwig - Western Bulldogs \#15 \& Vicki Durston - VAFA Board
and BCNA Director. This was followed by an excellent lunch and great company. Tayla Bethune and Emily Hevrin had done some extraordinary work in the lead up to the event and the raffle prizes were highly sought after! All in all, we had a great afternoon and even better we raised \$2000 for BCNA on the day. Congratulations to Tayla and Emily for all their hard work in the lead up to the day. Oh, and the club rooms came up a treat when decorated!


## Socially Speaking.

After the huge month that was April, we rolled into May with a little less on the plate but still managed to have a big month. Thanks to Presentation Day, Trivia Night and a well-attended $21^{\text {st }}$ birthday, we had the social side humming. The Treasurer was pleased.

Friday nights continue to be gaining in popularity and we've seen a few new signings of social members, which also makes the Treasurer pleased. The colder, and wetter, weather has, naturally enough, meant fewer people venturing out but a hardy few still drop in for the Members Draw and a catch-up with friends. We might reintroduce some hot snacks for Friday nights and see how they go. Spring rolls and/or steamed dim sims, perhaps? We'll see.

We've had some interest expressed in evening social bowls by some new members who are locals and are keen on learning to play the game. If anyone is interested in helping to set up a regular evening event, please let us know. A day and time will have to be established and it will, of course, be dependent on the weather. But it could be a bit of fun for everyone concerned.

That's it. See you around the club.

## Krushers Notes.

The Krushers are having a great start to the season with all sides in the four at this stage. The seniors are holding down $2^{\text {nd }}$ spot after a massive 89 point win over Preston at home last week with Aaron Cloke booting 10 goals, the reserves are sitting in $3^{\text {rd }}$ spot after also thumping Preston by 57 points with Josh Paola also kicking 10 goals, the womens team are in $3^{\text {rd }}$ spot after a 4 goal win against Ajax, the U/19s narrowly lost to Brunswick by 4 points but are sitting in $4^{\text {th }}$ spot on the table and the $0 / 35 \mathrm{~s}$ (Masters) had a 23 point win over St.Kevins the week before and are $3^{\text {rd }}$ on the ladder there.

Last week also saw the club play host to Warwick Capper, who was a guest of his old mate Bob Pinney. Warwick happily auctioned off some memorabilia to help the Oakleigh Dragons, his old junior club, and regale the crowd with tales of his exploits over the years. Not one to be shy about his abilities, he certainly had the crowd entertained.

The Oaks have a bye this week but will be at home next week to host Ivanhoe, the women are playing Latrobe Uni away, the U/19s have Old Xavarians away and the Masters are up against DeLaSalle away. Here's hoping for some more strong wins.

## GO KRUSHERS!!!



## South Oakleigh Girl Guides Adventures.

As some of you may already know the Girl Guides have become homeless since the Council knocked down our hall so the Bowls Club Committee have very kindly taken us in until the new building is completed. We thought it might be nice to share some of the experiences our Guides take part in each week.
$2^{\text {nd }}$ South Oakleigh Guides is our 5-10year old unit and this term we have been travelling around the world. This was an imaginary flight to different parts of the world. The Guides made their passports then headed off to Mexico where they learnt to weave; we then hopped back on our imaginary plane for the next stop on our tour to Switzerland where we cooked Rosti and dipped fruit in chocolate; back on the plane and we flew to India where we played games to further our knowledge of endangered animals and the last stop was England where we played a game of Soccer at Wembley. The trip was a whirlwind but was enjoyed by everyone who flew with us.

Another exciting adventure was our camp to Lara. 6 Leaders and 12 Guides caught the train to Lara and the next day we all headed to Werribee Zoo. This description of our camp was written by Zara - 'The Girl Guide camp to the Zoo was amazing. The food was delicious, and the Zoo was fun; all the activities were also great. The leaders were super helpful, and kind and it was a great opportunity to make new friends! I couldn't think of a better way to spend the weekend.'

1st South Oakleigh, our unit of 10-14year old Guides have had a fun filled term 2. We have learnt many new skills including Yoga, Australian Sign Language, Jewellery making and cooking. The Guides also participated in a service activity where we helped serve dinner for the residents of Cumberland View Retirement Village. A highlight for many of our Guides this term was learning to lawn bowl, thanks again to our wonderful bowls coaches for your help! The term is almost over but we are very excited to see our fellow Guides and Scouts perform in this year's Gang Show for our end of term activity.

## Revolution Netball Club

What a weekend of knockout semifinals, with 5 of our 7 teams competing in semifinals teams, all 5 winning went through to the Grand Final.
Starting on Saturday with the U13s, in their first season, putting in a solid performance with a 29 to 21 win, the Opens bounced back taking the win against the second placed team on the ladder, 29 to 19.
On Monday at GESAC, the Rev-Oldies powered through in a 22 to 11 victory and the Revo Black team stayed undefeated with a close win by 2 goals.

At Waverley Netball Centre the Opens with, a powerhouse display of athletic netball against the top team, won a place in their 4th grand final in a row 41 to 23.

Bring on the Grand Finals!
'We Either Win or Learn'
Viva la Revolution!


## Photo Gallery.

Revolution Netball Club teams.


Presentation Day.


Trivia Night.


Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.



Rotary Golf day.


Rotary


Fantastic Plastic.


## The Wrap.

Another month passed; another newsletter done. I hope everyone has found something of interest in this month's offering. Some of you may have noticed a couple of new articles for the Guides and Revolution Netball Club, this is part of the new focus of the bowling club to include information and articles from our user groups and neighbours as well as those clubs we sponsor. Not only does this give our readers a broader area of interest, but it also helps to pad the newsletter out a bit. A small joke there.

Okay, enough frivolity. Coming up next month we have round 3 of Fantastic Plastic. This is the one where we get to host it. If you would like play in that one, then put your name down. If you can't play but would like to be involved, then put your name down...as a helper. Otherwise, feel free to turn up on the day. And that day would be July $9^{\text {th }}$.

There is also an AGM coming up on a day yet to be decided, and quite possibly confirmed. I await word from the board on that one.

Don't forget the Members Draw, every Friday around 7pm and you have be present to win it. Saturday Social Bowls, every Saturday right through to August 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$. 1.00 pm start.

And that, as they say, is it. We'll be back next month with some more...stuff. Until then, bye for now, and be kind to each other.

Cheers, Neil.
For Sale. Taylor Redline SR bowls size 2. Very good condition. See Linda, or ring 0421495611. Can deliver, if close by. $\mathbf{\$ 3 2 5 . 0 0}$.


## Partners.

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 8 am 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 $\$ \mathbf{3 0}$ 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 Partners

The club is always on the lookout for sponsors (partners) 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<br>Membership<br>\$160 ANNUALLY

(Waived for first year players)

Selection into all Pennant and

Social Bowling
Membership
\$80 ANNUALLY

Selection for Tuesday night Pennant and club competitions. Up to 4 games of Saturday Pennant
Able to play Bowls Victoria
affiliated tournaments
Unlimited Green Access
Free Coaching
Discounted bar prices and offers
Eligible for weekly members
draw
draw
Free BBQ hire (2 per year)
Receive communications and
attend social events
Access to club bowls

Junior Membership
(Playing)
\$75 ANNUALLY

Under 18 as @ $1^{\text {st }}$ October
Selection into all Pennant and Club Competitions
Able to play Bowls Victoria
affiliated tournaments Unlimited Green Access
Free Coaching
Discounted function room hire
Free BBQ hire (4 per year) Access to club bowls

Social Membership (Non Playing)
\$30 ANNUALLY

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


