

South Oakleigh Bowling Club

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South Oakleigh News.

The Intro.

Welcome to the latest edition of the South Oakleigh News. It's now August and due to a lack of interest in July, we've skipped that and have now brought out the August Newsletter. Apologies to those outraged, offended, upset, or simply disappointed. We'll try and do better next month. No guarantees but.

Pennant 2023/24 is getting closer and soon we'll be gearing up for another season of bowls and associated mischief and mayhem so, if you haven't been participating in any bowls related activity over the Winter break then perhaps you should dust off the bowls gear and get out on the green and start practicing. Just a thought. By the way, if you've forgotten how to do it, then give Chappy a call and book in a refresher course with the coach.

This season, we have entered two teams in Saturday Pennant, a team in Night Pennant and have introduced a team in Mid-week Pennant, which is held on Tuesday mornings. So, we have plenty of games available to those who choose to participate. Details of the upcoming season and the teams involved can be found in these pages.

Also, in this edition, there's plenty of other things that may, or may not, be of interest to you, dear reader. To find out what they may be, you'll need to read on.

Good reading and good luck.

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What's On.

**Every Saturday:
Social Bowls.**

**Every Friday Night:
Members Draw.**

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Chair Report.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and happy.

Bowls pennant season is rapidly approaching, and we are trying to make sure we have everything in place to have a successful season on the green and continue to be a vibrant, financial club off the green.

It has been great to see so many members and bowlers from other clubs playing off-season bowls on Saturday afternoons. Thanks to Don and Elizabeth for all their work to make sure that this has been a big success.

Thanks to all those that attended the AGM. I think it important all members look at the annual report, personally I think it demonstrated the club is on the right track, but the Board welcomes any suggestions on how we can improve.

I would like to thank Brian Eden for staying on as Secretary, Scott Taylor as Treasurer, and Josie Broad and Felicity Smith for staying on as Board members. Subsequent to the AGM we have been able to appoint Dave Meyer and Greg Ward to the Board.

The Board has a very clear agenda to ensure the club remains financially viable (the issue with Hampton Bowling Club does demonstrate how essential it is to have this as a goal) but will continue to also improve the facilities and offer members a variety of benefits. We will commence discussions shortly with Council about setting a timetable to update elements in the clubhouse and in the not-too-distant future members will see we will have new outdoor furniture (with big umbrellas - thank you Caes). And we should also have our new honour boards up in the club in the next few weeks. Talks are all also underway to see if we can have monthly Sunday music at the club.

It is great to see our membership base (bowlers and social) increasing and we want this to continue. Thank you to all members who have renewed your membership for 23/24 and we hope to attract more members over the course of the year. The Board and the bowling committee are looking at a variety of ways to get more of our social members bowling even if it is only 3-4 times a year.

Work has started on updating our Constitution to ensure it is relevant to the needs of our members. Members will be consulted before the constitution is put to them to approve.

Members may be aware of the recent CUB increase. The Board has decided to absorb this increase, but members should be aware that this will not always be the case.

Finally, thanks to Tony Lee, our club history will soon be on our website, I encourage all members to have a look at this. We are a club with a proud past and this should be recognised as we move forward.

Take care all. GT.



The Bowls Report.

The off-season Winter Bowls have been a great success over the last 4 months starting the 1st week with 12 bowlers and working up to a maximum of 48 bowlers when Clayton closed their greens.

The Fantastic Plastic competition, played over the past 4 months was a reasonable success with some changes being made mid-season. SOBC finished at the tail of the field, giving some of our newer bowlers' experience while the other clubs were playing Premier and Sect.1 bowlers. Some questions need to be answered before we commit to playing again next year.

The provisional draws for day pennant have been announced. SOBC day pennant sides are in Div. 4 & Div. 7. Tuesday day pennant side has been entered into Div 7. The dates of play for Saturday pennant are from Oct.21 to Dec.16 & Jan.20 to Feb.17 - Saturday finals Weekend 1 will be held on Feb.24 & 25, Weekend 2 Mar.02 & 03 & Weekend 3 Mar.09 & 10. The dates of play for Tuesday pennant are from Oct.24 to Dec.19 & Jan.23 to Feb.20 - Tuesday finals will be held on Feb.27, Mar.05 & Mar.12. An information session is proposed to be held in September - date yet to be locked in. The Selection Committee will be meeting again in the next couple of weeks to finalize practice games and club competitions. Confirmation of all practice & club games shortly.

Regards,

Don.

The Greens Report.

The synthetic green is looking rather good, with the new logos now illuminating the clubhouse end corners, and it's playing quite well and appears to be a bit quicker, at least it seems so to me. The grass is coming along nicely, and the word is, it'll be very good by seasons start.

Sadly, for us, our green keeper, Fitzy, is moving on to greener pastures, literally,

he's moving up Kerang way to be a farmer. And we wish him all the best and thank him for all his work on the grass. *(See below: Ed.)*



Fitzy Farewell.

For members who may not be aware our greenskeeper, Andrew Fitzharris is taking up a fantastic opportunity at Capels Crossing, near Kerang. His last day with us will be on 31 August and we are having a farewell for him in the clubrooms on Friday, September 1, kicking off around 4pm.

I am sure he would like to see as many of our members as possible so if you can make it down to the club on the day that would be great.

We are hoping that our new greenkeeper, Geoff Hodgetts, will also be at the club on the 1st, he is hoping to meet as many members as possible and this would be a good way to introduce yourself.

Around The Club.

Members Draw.

At the time of writing, the jackpot was sitting at \$125. This is mainly due to the insistence of the board wanting the, then, \$250 jackpot drawn until a winner was found at the AGM *(A cheap gimmick to drag members to the meeting, in my view: Ed.)*. Anyway, Chappy went home with cash *(It's always good to see the elderly pick up a bit of cash)* and we had to start again. So, it's back to \$100 and you must be there to win it, and you must be a paid-up member as well. This is a very important detail. Good luck.

Table Tennis.

This hasn't grabbed the imagination of the punters quite as hoped but, it's still early days and when the warmer weather comes around people might venture forth from

their homes and come down to the club to see what all the fuss is about. We remain hopeful.

Functions/Events 2023.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

Well, we've now done two of these and they've both been quite successful. How successful you ask? Well, here's what the Club Secretary thinks: "Hi everyone.

Congratulations on another successful Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. We cooked up 624 sausages and grossed sales of around \$2,200. Final reconciliation has to be done by Scott; however, it will be over \$1,500.00.

Wonderful team effort!!!

I think Chappy may have to give up his day job and put on an apprentice, as well.

Kind regards,

Brian Eden – Secretary"

Now that's fairly successful, I would say. Next time, and there will be a next time, we could do with a few more hands on deck. It's not hard, it's only a couple of hours out your day to help the club. Please give it some thought. Notices will be sent out as soon as we know when the next one will be.



Socially Speaking.

Okay, so what's happened, not a lot. As we emerge from Winter, shivering slightly, our expectations begin to rise as we know the warmer weather will bring people back to the club, at least we hope it does.

Our weekly trade remains much the same with Friday nights still attracting a smallish but consistent crowd and the Saturday Social Bowls have continued to attract a good crowd, so we've had steady, if not huge, weekly income. Functions are beginning to increase, which is normal for this time of year, and we have a few bookings for this month, September, and October so far.

We have a couple of ladies who have joined our bar staff to gain some experience in bar work and procedures. Some of you may have already met Kim who has done a few

Friday nights, and Sophie, who helped Scott and Caes with a function on Saturday night. Also, Jaye-Ann is back with us and will be helping behind the bar from time to time in the coming months. Michele is also keen to get back to work as soon as possible.

Our Bar Committee is looking at improvements to the bar and there will be some minor changes being made over the next couple of months, nothing serious, just some small adjustments. The bar will continue to run like a well-oiled machine.

As it begins to get busier, it might be a good time for members to think about getting an RSA or renewing their current one. Sometimes we need people to jump in and help when it gets a bit busy. If you'd like to help, then you'll need a current RSA.

RSA Courses.

Good Sports are running several RSA courses during September (*for details refer to the email sent by Brian on Thursday August 17th or contact Brian: Ed*)

If any members are interested, the club will reimburse the fee (Of course there is an expectation that some volunteer work will be done behind the bar.)

So, that's all from me. See you around the club. Cheers.

Krushers Notes.

It's the business end of the season for Oakleigh Amateurs with the finals looming for the Men's teams with the last round being played this weekend against top team Glen Eira at Scammell Reserve. The Seniors are sitting second on the ladder and a win will give them the double chance, and the Reserves are in fourth spot and need the win to play in the finals. The U/19s are holding on to third spot with 2 rounds to play and a win or two guarantees a place in the finals. The women's team hosted the first semi-final at Scammell last weekend and, sadly, were no match for Ajax and slipped out of the race for the flag.

Last week, the men travelled to Kew and the seniors posted a 67point shellacking of the hapless Hawks with Aaron Cloke booting 10 goals and Luke Ashen adding 7. Cloke now has 67 goals for the season. The Reserves had a narrow win against Kew, sneaking home by 6 points in a nailbiter. The U/19s played host at the Krusherdome to Old Paradians and overcame some wayward kicking in front of goal to romp home by 43 points. The U/19s play fourth placed Therry Penola on Saturday in a likely dress rehearsal of the first semi-final. The young Oaks last home and away game the following week has them hosting Old Xaverians at the Krusherdome.

Get along and get behind the Krushers and maybe they'll be bringing home the bikkies.

GO KRUSHERS!!!



South Oakleigh Girl Guides Adventures.

2nd Sth Oakleigh Guides have had a varied program this term. We began with one of our Guides teaching the others how to knit and crochet – a skill that was very difficult to master; After that the Guides developed their skills by taking part in Science Experiments, making jewellery and a Masterchef night which was very interesting and quite a challenge. Our final night was to participate in August action and this year the Guides took action for animal welfare and made dog bikkies which they donated to an animal shelter.

1st South Oakleigh have really hit the ground running this term. Our Guide-led program has so far featured two nights run by our Guides themselves: one where we learnt how to make stickers and another where we got to make gingerbread for Christmas in July. We love seeing our Guides getting the chance to flex their leadership muscles and share their skills with peers. We have also been challenging ourselves with new skills by learning how to cross stitch. When we finish, we are going to proudly display our designs on fridge magnets. Last week we got to have our first movie night at SOBC. It was great to watch Camp Rock on the big projector in the bar.

Revolution Netball Club

To begin our report, we would like to thank South Oakleigh Bowls Club for their hospitality when we had some of our players visit the bowling club earlier this year.

Revolution Sports Club Inc. in our 10th year what a fantastic result from the 2023 Autumn season:

7 teams,

5 teams in Finals,

5 teams in Grand Finals,

3 Premierships (2 undefeated).

In the Saturday Duncan McKinnon competition our U13 Mixed team went undefeated in their first season together with Maddie French winning Best on Court. Our Opens battled hard all game but had a great season.

At GESAC the Revo Black girls also were undefeated champions with Monique Clancy Best on Court (Monique started in our U11's in 2015) and the Rev-Oldies couldn't keep up with a tough opponent but stuck at it all the way.

At Waverley the Opens came from fourth on the ladder in a nail-biter to claim their 4th premiership in a row, with Eleanor Andrew Best on Court, what an outstanding achievement from these amazing athletes.

Our Spring season has started strong, with our U13 Mixed team and U15 girls' team are undefeated. The U18 and Open teams are finding it tough at the moment with player availability but are giving it their best each week.

At GESAC the Revo Black team and the Rev-Oldies have wins under their belt and looking towards a great season.

At Waverley the Opens after winning their 4th premiership in a row, have moved to division one. So far going 3 wins from 5 games played.

Congratulations to all our teams, remember our motto '*We Either Win or Learn*'.

Viva la Revolution!

Celebrating our 10th year

Regards

Christopher Dent

Revolution Sports Club Inc. - President



Photo Gallery.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.





Fantastic Plastic.



Krushers.





The Wrap.

And that brings us to the end of another SOBC Newsletter...Well, almost. There's still a bit left, so keep reading. The start of a new bowls season is almost upon us, as is the warmer weather (*Yippee!!Ed.*). Warmer weather, of course, means more opportunities to get out on the green and play bowls...which is, after all, what we are here for. This means, get down to the club, get your bowls out and get practicing. Now is also a good time to get in touch with the coach and make a time for some coaching, if you haven't been playing or practicing over the Winter then you might be a bit rusty, and a coaching session might iron out some kinks before the season starts. Think about it, but not for too long.

If you have any questions regarding Pennant then get in touch with the Bowls Committee and have a chat about what's on your mind, I'm sure they'll be quite accommodating.

As you all are probably aware, this club is run by volunteers. Just about everything we do is done by volunteers and we need more. It's not compulsory for every member to volunteer to help out but it is appreciated when you do. We have a maintenance committee, a gardening committee, a social committee, a bar committee, and sometimes we just need some help, Bunnings sausage sizzle springs to mind. When something needs to be done, Brian generally sends out an email or notice of what's happening and asks for helpers, it doesn't take much, a simple yes would suffice, and it's usually only a couple of hours out of your day. More people helping means less work for everyone and less time taken to get it done. Think about it.

See you all around the club.

Cheers, Neil.



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 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 Partners

We are hopeful of attracting additional sponsors in the next few months. If any members can suggest businesses that may be able to provide sponsorship for the club, could they please contact Greg Telley on 0447 018 350 to pass on relevant details.

South Oakleigh Bowling Club Membership Structure

Full Membership	Social Bowling Membership	Junior Membership (Playing)	Social Membership (Non Playing)
\$180 ANNUALLY	\$100 ANNUALLY	\$80 ANNUALLY	\$40 ANNUALLY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 the club • Free Coaching • Free Club Playing Shirt for new members* • Discounted bar prices and offers • Eligible for weekly members draw • Discounted function room hire • Free BBQ hire (4 per year) • Access to club bowls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Discounted function room hire • Free BBQ hire (2 per year) • Receive communications and attend social events • Access to club bowls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 18 as @ 1st 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

