

South Oakleigh Bowling Club

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South Oakleigh News.

The Intro.

Happy New Year to everyone, and welcome to the “25” portion of Season 24/25. It seems like only last month that the newsletter graced your inboxes, and that was last year! My, how time flies. Anyway, the remainder of Pennant is on in earnest and all but the Div.2 team started off the new year with a win. Good going and well done. We’re on track to achieve the goals set out prior to the season.

The club has been busy over the Christmas/New Year break with a couple of big functions and a number of barefoot bowls parties keeping us on our toes. Things are getting back to normal now with the members draw back on Friday nights and our regulars dropping in.

It’s going to get busier soon with Jack Attack looming in February, along Superbowl (*Are we allowed to say that? Ed.*). Apparently, the NFL are a bit touchy when it comes to people using their trademarks. More on that later.

Okay, it may be 2 months away but, if you’d like to play in Autumn Leaves, get your team together and entered asap. It’s on April 5th. If not, then we need volunteers.

On a less than happy note, the bi-annual excise increases kick in on Feb.3rd. This means that prices of alcohol rise yet again. As always, we’ll try to do our best to keep prices down. There’s better news to be had below, so read on...

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What's On.

**Every Friday Night:
Members Draw.**

**Every Sunday: Rotary
Market in Oakleigh.**

**Feb.7th, 14th, 21st,
28th: Jack Attack.**

Feb 10th: Superbowl.

**Feb.13th: Opel
Information Night.**

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Chairs Report

I hope all members and their family and friends have had a great Christmas and New Year.

The club remained quite active during the break (Kim does such a great job) and will be throughout January and February.

Thanks to all members and their guests for being patient when we have had private functions at the club. The Board acknowledges this can sometimes cause a level of inconvenience to some of our members, but these functions are an important source of additional income to the club as well as exposing our club to more people.

It has been personally pleasing to see both so many of our current members coming to the club on a regular basis and that we continue to attract new members. It is also great that we have such an active barefoot bowling program.

Our pennant sides are all back in action and we are hoping all 5 sides will make finals. This would be a fantastic achievement.

Discussions with Council will now see work start in March/April to remove the evaporative cooling unit in the bar area as well as some significant plumbing upgrades - thanks to Mark Chapple for all his work on this.

We are still looking at the new shelters but just need to make sure the requirements from Council are going to be cost effective. Graeme and Mark Kidd have done lots of work on this and we hope to have Council approval to install at a cost we can afford in the near future. Also, a big thank you to Graeme and Roger, and helpers, for the installation of the fence and garden at the entrance from Jack McAllister Ave - looks great.

The club is finally being offered a 10 year lease from Council, discussions will begin soon on clarifications on some of the clauses, we will not sign until we think the club's and member's best interests are being served.

On behalf of all at the club I would also like to pass on our condolences to Scott for the loss of his father just prior to Christmas.

As you will find further on in the newsletter there is a fair bit planned for the next few months, hope to as many of you as possible at the club

Take care

Greg T



The Bowls Report.

Pennant.

Hi bowlers,

After a great start to the 2nd half of the season last week our Saturday Div. 3 And Div.7 sides both had losses that they thought that they could win. In the first week back, Div. 3 struggled down at Cheltenham, the top side, eventually going down 64 shots to Cheltenham 88. They then played Benteigh at home on Saturday and battled hard before eventually going down by 3 shots, 70 to Benteigh 73, but, they still retain 4th place on their ladder. Next week we venture down to Hampton Bayside who are presently 2nd on the ladder.

In Rd.10, Div. 7 didn't have their own way defeating a stubborn Clayton side by 12 shots 83 to Clayton 71. On Saturday, they struggled all day against a much better side in Sandringham, being beaten by 32 shots, SOBC 67 to Sandringham 99, but we still kept our 2nd place on the ladder by 6 points. The next game is a quick trip to Coatesville who are 5th on the ladder.

Tuesday day Div. 5 had a reasonably easy win against Glen Waverley 70 shots to Glen Waverley 34 to maintain 3rd place on their ladder. They travel to Glen Eira McKinnon for their next game.

Tuesday night Div. 2 had a great win against Moorabbin, winning by 16 shots 51 shots to Moorabbin 35 shots to claim the top spot on their ladder. Their next game is against EEBC at South Oakleigh.

Tuesday night Div. 5 had a 29 shot win down at Edithvale 62 shots to Edithvale 33 and retained 3rd place on their ladder. They will be tested in their next game as they host top side Mount Waverley.

Good bowling everyone.

Regards,

Don

Club Championships.

The men's singles have progressed to the semi-final stage with one game to go to decide the finalists. Shane is through to the final after a heart stopping 1 shot win over

Adam on Thursday. We now await the result of the clash between Ron and Chris.

Also on Thursday, Sue and Linda played their women's singles match with Sue emerging victorious after a tough encounter. Thursday turned out to be an entertaining evening after practice. Marcus and Mark played their game in the Minor singles with Marcus holding off a late charge to win. And James proved too strong for Sal in another Minor singles match. Well done to all the competitors on the night, it was great to watch.

The Pairs Championship is being drawn on Tuesday night. If you haven't put your name down for the pairs, there's still time. But hurry. Let Don and/or Sue know asap.

The Greens Report.

The grass green has had the north/south ends top-dressed again to try and get rid of the low spots at the ditches and is looking and playing beautifully again, thanks to our greenkeeper Jeff. The synthetic is running very well, as usual, and thanks to Mark and the boys for their work on it.



Around The Club.

Jack Attack.

Don't forget! Jack Attack in February. Starting on Feb 7th. Get your teams in. It's gunna be HUGE! The weather is perfect and, if we can get the lights on the green working, conditions should be perfect for some scintillating bowls. Anyone who is not bowling and would like to help out with running the show, are more than welcome to jump in and give a hand to the organisers. To enter your teams contact Scott Taylor - scotttaylor@gmail.com or 0417862582. If you'd like to volunteer to help out just let someone behind the bar know and we'll point you in the right direction.

Maintenance Report.

The maintenance team has been busy this month. We have been able to get our sprinklers working and our own control box to water the synthetic surface.

Graeme and Rodger have done a fantastic job erecting a new fence and garden to hide the bins, well done guys. The money raised from the last Bunnings BBQ funded this project.

The new bowling sheds are in limbo currently. The finer details are still being worked out. Thanks to all the maintenance team, and Kenny, for keeping all the grass areas looking Smicko.

Cheers Mark.

Blue Cross/Opal.

Opal, formally Blue Cross, are one of our sponsors and we will be holding an information night on 13/2 (starting at 6.30pm) on the many nuances and requirements of residential care.

Our membership base is very broad but if you are not personally looking at residential care in the near future the chances are you will have family members or friends that may need to look at this option for themselves or for relatives and friends.

There is a complexity in the process that Opal will be able to explain that can only be of benefit to you if you are likely to be involved in looking at residential care options in the future.

Light refreshments will be supplied on the night.

Signing In.

This is important, so please take notice. Can all members please ensure that their guests and other visitors to the club are signed in correctly.

Thank you.

Members Draw.

The Members Draw continues with number#175 greeting the judges last week. Sadly, the owner of that number was not on site so, the jackpot is now \$400. Remember! You must be there to win.

New Uniforms.

If anyone hasn't got their new playing shirt, then why not? They're available now. See Susan to get yours. We also have some new hats, wide brim and caps, Susan also has these, if you're interested.

Container Return.

If anyone wants to get rid of their empty bottles and cans at home, then you can bring them to the club to be returned to the collection centre with proceeds going to the club.

Membership Note.

Subject to approval from Graeme (the Treasurer), for rest of financial year we are offering \$10 social membership for partners of existing members.

Socially Speaking.

We've started the New Year off well, off the green at least, with some big functions, some barefoot bowls and some lovely weather to bring the people out and about and dropping into the club for some light refreshments and to catch with the latest gossip. On the green, well, it could've gone a bit better. Still, there's 4 games to go and anything can happen.

The western entrance has been enhanced with a new fence, and matching garden bed, having been installed as part of the ongoing beautification project we've had in place for some time now. Once again, a Bunnings BBQ has given us an opportunity to brighten the place up a bit and it shows how these BBQs help the club. Something to think about when volunteers are asked for.

Jack Attack is around the corner and this one could be the best yet. Hopefully the weather will play nice for us. As always, these nights take a fair bit of organising and we need plenty of help on each night of the four weeks. If you'd like to help out in some way, then please let someone know that you're available.

Superbowl is also getting closer. Check out the notice below for details of that. It's always a good day and a lot of fun.

Autumn Leaves, our annual tournament, is happening on April 5th. Start getting your teams together for that. We'll need a lot of volunteers on the day for that one also. The details will be released shortly. Also on the calendar, the Trivia Night, set down for May 16th and the Presentation Night and 70th birthday celebrations. There'll be more news about these as they get closer.

The Federal Government have introduced the first of this years excise increases, which take effect on Feb.3rd and the club have done their best to keep the flow-on price rises to a minimum for members. You'll find a small increase in bar prices shortly. It's not something we want to do but we simply have to. So, apologies.

So, we have a busy time ahead which is great for the club and we hope that everyone, members and friends, will get involved.

Emmanuel South
Oakleigh Cricket Club

Trivia Night

BYO food

\$10 per person

Saturday
FEBRUARY | 22
7:00 PM

Organise a team or join one on the night
10 ppl teams max
Prize \$\$ for winning team

Scammell Reserve
Jack McAllister Ave,
Oakleigh South

@krushers.com
@instagram.com/krushers

SUPERBOWL MONDAY

FEBRUARY 10TH

DOORS OPEN 8AM

\$25 Members
\$30 Non Members

Includes a complimentary
beer, wine or soft drink,
drinks at member's prices,
food, lawn bowls
and door prize

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT CONTACT:
GREG TELLEY 0447 018 350 OR
SCOTT TAYLOR 0417 862 582

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Live Music.

It's a bit quiet on the music front at the moment. Apart from Shane, Sam and the boys and Patrick and the band, Kunjani Heita Afrika, who have been having rehearsals, there's been very little in the way of live music happening. Something we'll need to fix. Even karaoke has been quiet.

Community Bank

Pinewood



Krushers Notes.

Hi all,

Welcome to the start of the 2025 Season at Oakleigh Amateur F.C.

I hope everyone had a good break and enjoyed the festivities!

Tonight the 2025 season starts and we leave behind all the issues associated with 2024 (Injuries and too many losses)

2025 will be very different with new coaches led by Chris Worner and a few players opting to leave the Krushers and chase \$\$ but the club is bigger than any individuals and we will rebound!!!

Prior to Xmas the Men's and Women's teams were training the house down and working hard on the track which is extremely positive to see!

The women's team will be bolstered by youth with the inclusion of girls from the Oakleigh Dragons U18 team (who can all play!) which are now eligible for senior football .The ladies group have continued to work hard during the holiday period and should hit the track in good form tonight!

The Seniors, Reserves and Development squad are young, fast and fit with a couple of potential new players who are training with the club!

I haven't seen the boys work this hard for a few seasons and not one complaint but also very supportive of the new coach Chris Worner.

Chris brings a no nonsense approach but also respects and listens to the players thoughts and ideas and they are forming a very important bond. Well done Chris and boys.

**Congratulations to the men and women who completed 100x 100 spirits prior to Xmas.
Great effort!**

**We are still waiting on the 2025 fixture to be released which effects a lot of planning
behind the season but here are a few dates to keep in mind.**

-Pre-season training has started, 6pm at Scammell Reserve, Mondays and Wednesdays.

-Krusher season launch is on January 30th in the South Oakleigh Bowling Club.

**-Training camp will be Saturday the 22nd of February down at Phillip Island with more
details to follow.**

**-Practice matches 22nd and 29th of March against Donvale and waiting to confirm the
second club to be played at Parkdale School (Brilliant surface) due to late finish to cricket
season.**

-Round 1 -Saturday April 5th

-Round 2 Saturday the 12th

-Everyone has a Bye for Easter Saturday

-Round 3 Saturday the 26th

200 Club memberships can be paid now!

**Our target is still 100 members which I'm positive we can achieve this, the 200 club is
slowly growing and what a better club/place to watch football with a schooner in hand!**

72 members in 2024 start recruiting to hit our target!!

The 200 club is vital to the club and we need this to reach the ton for many reasons.

Banking details are

BSB -633 000

Account Number-148181779

Leave your name.

The Krusher Kommittee



Photo Gallery.



SOBC V Murrumbeena Park.

RayWhite



The Fence (and those who built it).



The Garden.



Linda and Sue.



James and Sal.



Adam and Shane





Yoga.

Yoga will begin again on March 15th. More details will follow once times are set.

Sign up to Yoga sessions at SOBC. Casual entry: \$5 for South Oakleigh Bowling Club members and \$10 for non members. For more details or to book, call Gaurav on 0412 274 947 or email mypranayogaforlife@gmail.com.

Please note that Gaurav will be going on holiday and there'll be no yoga classes until March 15th.



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The Wrap.

That's the first one done. The first for 2025. Hopefully, you found it informative, even mildly entertaining. If not, er...sorry.

Anyway, we have a few games left and then finals. There's a good chance that all teams will feature in the finals, which would be huge for the club. All we need to do is win a few games....How hard could it be?

There's a lot coming up in the months ahead and help will be needed to get through it all. So, if you have some spare time and lend a hand with anything that needs to be done, let it be known.

Keep your eye on the club championships, it's getting to the business end of the singles and those involved could use a bit of support when they take to the green. The pairs will be drawn in a couple of days so, if haven't put your name in for this tournament, please give it a go. But be quick.

And that's it. The end. See you next time.

Cheers, Neil.

Sponsors.

We would ask all members to support our Sponsors wherever possible. This can be as simple as going to the Oakleigh Market on Sundays, or speaking positively about MTK Constructions, Blue Cross, Ray White, Bendigo Bank in Pinewood, LJ Plan Management, Just Cuts for Men (and using all of them whenever possible) as well as Steve Dimopoulos and Clare O'Neil.

We are always on the look out for new sponsors, big and new, if you have any

suggestions please let Greg, Scott or Josie know.

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.



Quote Of The Month: I worry about ridiculous things, you know, how does a guy who drives a snowplough get to work in the morning. ... That can keep me awake for days.

Bonus Quote: Never trust a man, who when left alone with a tea cosey... Doesn't try it on.

Billy Connolly

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
• 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	• 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	• 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	• 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



