

South Oakleigh Bowling Club

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South Oakleigh News.

The Intro.

And we're back for issue number 2 of 2024. The bowls season is over and done for 23/24 and it wasn't a bad year at all for SOBC. Four teams playing in Saturday and Tuesday pennant competitions and three of them played off in Grand Finals. We may not have won a flag but making the final and getting promoted was the main aim and, in that regard, it was mission accomplished.

Off the green, we were very busy. The new tables and benches were finally installed, complete with bright orange umbrellas, and rumour has it that they've been spotted by a low-orbit satellite. That's yet to be confirmed. Many thanks to everyone involved in that project. They look great and come in handy with Jack Attack and the many barefoot bowls functions we've had over Summer.

Coming up, we have our annual tournament, the Jim Keena Memorial Autumn Leaves Fours, on April 6th. Also, the club presentation is on March 23rd, starting at 4pm. There's a list on the wall next to the bar, put your name down, if you plan to attend. If you can't do that then contact Brian Eden to confirm. Winter bowls will start on April 20th, at this stage. So, if you're looking for something to do on Saturdays, come down and have a roll.

More details are in the newsletter, so read on.

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What's On.

**Every Friday Night:
Members Draw.**

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

**March 23rd:
Presentation Day.**

**April 6th: Autumn
Leaves**

**April 20th: Winter
Bowls.**

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Chairs Report.

Pennant has finished and I want to congratulate all involved in what has been a very successful season both on and off the green.

Three runners-up has its inherent disappointment but does take away the fact that as a club we performed exceptionally well on the greens this season.

Off the green the club is continuing to grow and evolve. The Board is committed to providing its members and their guests the best experience possible when they are at SOBC.

We continue to try and work with Monash Council to lock in some building improvements (this will take time). Suggestions from members on how we can continue to improve our also welcome.

Work has started on a design for an updated uniform, members will be consulted as this progresses.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at our presentation day.

Take care

GT.



The Bowls Report.

Congratulations to all bowlers for their efforts during a frustrating season as we had many weeks where we struggled to field the Division 7 side. A Special thank you for all bowlers who put their hands up to assist the regular bowlers to enable us to have a team.

Division 4 Section 7: An enormous effort all year and eventually finished on the top of the ladder. Unfortunately after defeating Bentleigh in the semi-final, SOBC went down by 13 shots in the Grand Final to Bentleigh.

Division 7 Division 1: A mighty effort by everyone who played in this side. They were always under pressure to field a team. They had a very slim chance to make the finals but unfortunately lost an important game to Oakleigh that made the hill too steep to climb.

SOBC proved that they were good enough as in the last round we had a full team and defeated the top team Murrumbeena by 21 shots.

Tuesday (day) Division 6 Section 7: An great effort for SOBC's venture into the day pennant. We finished Second on the ladder behind Middle Park. Unfortunately, after defeating Middle Park in the semi-final, Middle Park reversed the result to run out winners over SOBC by 3 shots Grand Final.

Tuesday (night) Division 2: Another good season for SOBC as we continued to be very competitive. We finished Second on the ladder behind Clayton with one win each through the home and away season. Unfortunately in the Grand Final Clayton proved too strong to end up winners by 13 shots.

All Teams are eligible for promotion next season. Congratulations everyone.

All of our Club Championships have been run and won with 3 of the four games having come from behind winners and the other one a very close tussle all the way. The results are:

Mens Club Singles Championship

Shane McLachlan defeated Greg Telley

Ladies Club Singles Championship

Susan Luxford defeated Linda Gemmell

Club Pairs Championship

Shane McLachlan and Scott Taylor defeated Neil Nicholas and Shaun Williams

Minor Championship

Don Boyd defeated James Gardner

Don Boyd

Bowls Committee Chair.

The Greens Report.

The grass green, which wasn't used for Pennant this season, has had it's main problem, that's the steel plinth that runs along the ditch at each end, repaired and the areas along the ditch that were affected, have been top-dressed and are coming along nicely. Hopefully the green will be in good nick for Autumn Leaves and be a pleasure to play on. The synthetic continues to improve and is gradually quickening up. It's a slow process, this quickening up. Anyway, the green is still running beautifully. We do, however, need to keep spreading the wear by following the "Directions of Play" rules and by using different rinks when practicing. Try not to use the same rink each time.

Still no word on the sprinkler system as yet.



Around The Club.

The new tables and benches have now been painted, and look fabulous. Thanks to Mark Kidd and Roger Martini for their work on that. Just a word of warning regarding the umbrellas. Be careful when putting them up, some members have lost small pieces of fingers in recent times. There's a small trick to it involving a sleeve on the lower section of the umbrella pole. If you're wondering what it is, talk to Neil Smith. There is now a pool table residing in the hall. This is on loan from Chris and Mark Telley in honour of their grandfather, and thank you for that. As yet, it hasn't been set up properly. It still needs to be positioned and levelled correctly so, although it can be used, we ask that you do so sparingly until it can be set up. There will, of course, be some rules and regulations drawn up covering the use of the table and equipment and it's expected that the members and their guests will abide by those. Also, if anyone has any unwanted accessories for pool, snooker or billiards, I'm sure the club could be interested in putting them to use. Possibly even pay for them, if the price is right.

Signing In. Can all members please ensure that their guests and other visitors to the club are signed in correctly.

Members Draw.

The jackpot is sitting on \$200. It did reach \$500 a few weeks ago and went off on Jack Attack Grand Final night in a double draw. It's drawn every Friday night around 7pm so, come down and see if you get lucky.

Functions/Events

Presentation Evening. This has been slotted in for March 23rd. This is on at 4pm. All members are welcome. Full members get in free, social members are \$10, and non-members are \$15. Put your name on the list in the bar or contact Brian Eden to confirm your attendance.

Live Music. We've got another night of live music happening on April 27th. All the details are on the flyer on page 16. \$30. Book online or pay on the night. Come along and enjoy some great music.

Trivia Night. We have Trivia Night coming up on May 17th. Start getting a team together. More details later.

Autumn Leaves.

At the time of writing all places have been filled for this tournament but we could need an emergency rink or two, just in case of a late withdrawal. If anyone is interested in that then please let Brian, Don or Scott know asap.



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Jim Keena Memorial Autumn Leaves Fours

Entry Fee:
\$120 per team

Contact:
Don Boyd

Mobile:
0414254499

Email:
sobcsec@gmail.com

\$30 Deposit to secure entry

Payments can be made to:
South Oakleigh Bowling Club
BSB: 063-159
ACC: 10083753

*Please reference -
Autumn Leaves and Name,
Club, email/mobile*

Saturday 6th April 2024
Total Prize Money:

\$3,000.00 Prize Money

1st: \$1400 2nd: \$800 3rd: \$500

\$120 Best game winners each round

9:30am start

Lunch Provided
(All drinks at members prices)

3 games x 11 ends

Bacon & Egg rolls on sale for breakfast. Proudly provided by Rotary Club of Oakleigh/Clayton/Huntingdale.

Entries close 22nd March or when full
Address: 1216 North Rd, Oakleigh South VIC 3167

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Socially Speaking.

It's been a busy few months and things are starting to quieten down a bit. Now that the season is over business will ease off a bit, functions will become fewer and smaller and, with the exception of Autumn Leaves, the number of people around the

club will drop off. This happens every year and it's expected. There'll still be social bowls, particularly on Saturdays. The Tuesday social bowls will start up again. There'll be a few barefoot bowls functions and a couple of bigger functions but, for the most part the club will be quiet. That makes it a good time to do some work around the place. So, if you get a notice about a working bee, or hear about something that is getting done at the club, don't be shy. Come on down and lend a hand. The club doesn't close down over the off season. And there's always something to do.

This brings me to volunteering. We need to have a regular group of volunteers to work the bar. We have a number of members who have an RSA but who don't really work the bar. There's plans being put in place to start up a bar roster again. And we need people willing to spend a couple of hours working the bar per day. It might involve opening, or closing, working on one day per week or more. A notice will be going up on the board in the bar detailing the roster and those who are interested can put their names down. Please think about it.

Krushers Notes.

Hi all, sorry it a long one !!

After a fantastic pre season which was well supported by players and coaches we had our first practice matches last Saturday against Donvale.

The next is Oakleigh Vs Ferntree Gully @ Ferntree Gully and we will send out details mid next week once all confirmed.

Season dates.

6th of April the U/19s and our new 3rds team will start their season and we need everyone get behind these teams.

13th of April we have the Seniors ,reserves, women's and the over 35s start their season , the seniors & reserves play Hampton at the Trevor Barker oval.

The women and over 35s fixture has not been released yet but expecting very soon.

FYI: This season the senior boys play 6 home games out of the first 9 games at Scammell Reserve.

200 Club.

200 Club memberships are now due and we are still aiming for 100 members which I'm positive we can achieve.

69 members in 2023 start recruiting to hit our target !!

Banking details are

BsB -633 000

Account Number-148181779

Leave your name

With the first half of the draw heavily stack with home games take advantage of your 200 club membership.

Reunions.

Lock in Saturday the 27th of April for the reunions and spread the word !!

12 noon start time at Scammell Reserve Guest Rd, South Oakleigh

Finger food served

Drinks at Bar prices (which are Cheap)

Oakleigh Sacred Heart 1974 U/15s, (Big Joey's team and his birthday on the same day !)

Oakleigh Sacred Heart 1974 U/17s, (apparently 6 or 7 players went on to play VFL / AFL)

Oakleigh Sacred Heart 1974 Reserves (Famous game that got cancelled due to the coach Jack Callanan (senior) passing away during the game)

Oakleigh Sacred Heart 1984 Seniors (Some huge names in this team)

Oakleigh Amateur F.C, 1994 Reserves (Stories there with the Taylors ?)

Oakleigh Amateur F.C. 1999 Seniors 25th year (Bloody Good team)

Oakleigh Amateur F.C. 2004 Seniors (Gun team full of young blokes)

This will be a brilliant day for all Oakleigh people and everyone is welcome to celebrate these massive occasions !!

Krusher Lotto.

Those who bought a ticket the draw starts this Saturday with the weekly \$200 re draw but you must be paid up to win the \$\$\$\$

The big draw is on Saturday the 20th with \$2500k up for grabs

Krusher Sponsors for 2024.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for 2024

McDonalds (Clayton and Chadstone)

South Oakleigh Bowling Club

Rotary (Oakleigh ,Clayton and Huntingdale)

Just Conveyancing

Kwik Kopy (Richard May)

Bobbies drink

Harcourts Real Estate

Magic Brothers Pizza

Gillard Electrics

Woodard's Real Estate

Elegance Tiles

Steve Dimopoulos MP

Clare O'Neil MP

See you all next Saturday

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The Krusher Kommittee

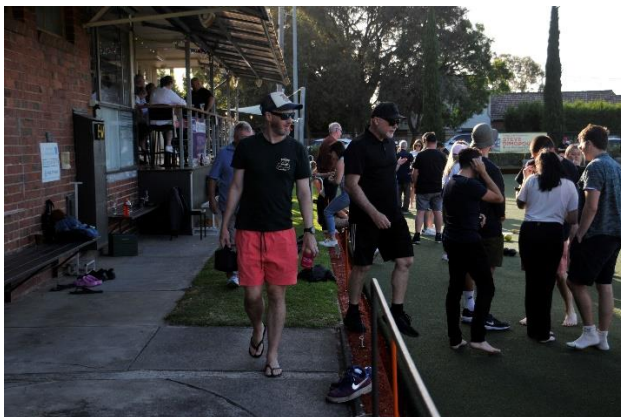
GO KRUSHERS!!!



Photo Gallery.



Rotary  Oakleigh
Clayton
Huntingdale







The Wrap.

That brings us to the end, or very near it, of March issue of the 2024 edition of the newsletter. I don't know what happened to the February issue, it appears to have gotten through unnoticed. Never mind. There's always next year.

Anyway, season 2023/24 turned out to be quite a good season for the club. Perhaps with a little bit of luck it might have been a great season. However, given that the choice was made to get back into 3rd Division in Saturday Pennant after being relegated the previous season, I think we did exceptionally well. There seemed to be a flow-on effect with the Tuesday teams which may have helped with their success over the season, as well. The 7th Division team showed promise but fell victim to player shortages once again which all but ruined what could have been a very season.

Off the field, the club continues to improve. Our commitment to Jack Attack has started to show dividends with James Gardner now playing Pennant, and did a fantastic job getting to the Minor Final in his first attempt and just missing out on the win in what was a great game of bowls, congratulations to both James and Don, who finally broke through. There's also interest from some more people from Jack Attack in playing next season. This is what the club needs, more people playing the game. That's where Pennant

players come from. Every bowler started the same way, as novices, and those stuck with it now enjoy a sport they can play for the rest of their lives.

Don't forget. Presentation Day, this Saturday, 4pm. Let Brian know if you're coming along. Autumn Leaves. We'll need plenty of helpers on the day. If you're not playing, then come along and help out. There's plenty to do. Trivia Night. Get a team together.

That's all, folks.

Cheers, Neil.

This month's quote: "A sense of humor is a measurement of the extent to which we realize that we are trapped in a world almost totally devoid of reason. Laughter is how we express the anxiety we feel at this knowledge." Dave Barry.



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

A Bit Of Fun.

These are notes from an inexperienced chili taster named FRANK, who was visiting Texas from New Jersey ...

Recently I was lucky enough to be the 10,000th attendee at the State Fair in Texas and was asked to fill in to be a judge at a chili cook-off. Apparently the original Judge #3 called in sick at the last moment, and I happened to be standing there when the call came in. I was assured by the other two judges (Native Texans) that it would be a fun event and a truetaste of Texas hospitality. They assured me that the chili wouldn't be all that spicy, and besides, they told me I could have free beer during the tasting, so I accepted.

Here are the scorecards from the event:

*****Chili # 1: Mike's Maniac Mobster Monster Chili

JUDGE ONE: A little too heavy on tomato. Amusing kick.

JUDGE TWO: Nice, smooth tomato flavor. Very mild.

FRANK: Holy s***, what the hell is this stuff? You could remove dried paint from your driveway with it. Took me two beers to put the flames out. Hope that's the worst one. These Texans are crazy.

*******Chili # 2: Arthur's Afterburner Chili**

JUDGE ONE: Smoky, with a hint of pork. Slight Jalapeno tang.

JUDGE TWO: Exciting BBQ flavor, needs more peppers to be taken seriously.

FRANK: Keep this out of reach of children! I'm not sure what I am supposed to taste besides pain. I had to wave off two people who wanted to give me the Heimlich maneuver. They had to walkie-talkie in three extra beers when they saw the look on my face.

*******Chili # 3: Fred's Famous Burn Down the Barn Chili**

JUDGE ONE: Excellent firehouse chili! Great kick. Needs more beans.

JUDGE TWO: A beanless chili, a bit salty, good use of red peppers.

FRANK: Call the EPA, I've located a uranium spill. My nose feels like I have been snorting Drano. Everyone knows the routine by now. Barmaid pounded me on the back; now my backbone is in the front part of my chest. I'm also getting s***-faced.

*******Chili # 4: Bubba's Black Magic**

JUDGE ONE: Black bean chili with almost no spice. Disappointing.

JUDGE TWO: Hint of lime in the black beans. Good side dish for fish or other mild foods, not much of a chili.

FRANK: I felt something scraping across my tongue, but was unable to taste it. Sally, the bar maid, was standing behind me with fresh refills; that 300 lb. broad is starting to look HOT, just like this nuclear-waste I'm eating.

*******Chili # 5: Linda's Legal Lip Remover**

JUDGE ONE: Meaty, strong chili. Cayenne peppers freshly ground, adding considerable kick. Very impressive.

JUDGE TWO: Chili using shredded beef; could use more tomato. Must admit the cayenne peppers make a strong statement.

FRANK: My ears are ringing, and I can no longer focus my eyes. I farted and four people behind me burst into flames. The contestant seemed offended when I told her that her chili had given me brain damage. Sally saved my tongue from bleeding by pouring beer directly on it from a pitcher. It really ticks me off that the other judges asked me to stop screaming. Screw those rednecks!

*******Chili # 6: Vera's Very Vegetarian Variety**

JUDGE ONE: Thin yet bold vegetarian variety chili. Good balance of spice and peppers.

JUDGE TWO: The best yet. Aggressive use of peppers, onions, and garlic. Superb.

FRANK: My intestines are now a straight pipe filled with gaseous, sulfuric flames. No one seems inclined to stand behind me except that broad Sally. I need to wipe my butt with a snow cone!

*******Chili # 7: Susan's Screaming Sensation Chili**

JUDGE ONE: A mediocre chili with too much reliance on canned peppers.

JUDGE TWO: Ho Hum, tastes as if the chef literally threw in a can of chili peppers at the last moment. I should note that I am worried about Judge Number 3. He appears to be in a bit of distress as he is cursing uncontrollably.

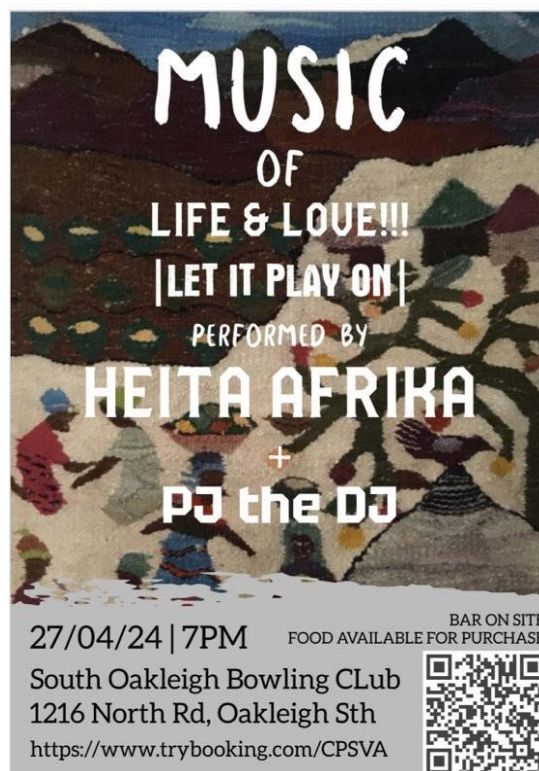
FRANK: You could put a grenade in my mouth, pull the pin, and I wouldn't feel a damn thing. I've lost the sight in one eye, and the world sounds like it is made of rushing water. My shirt is covered with chili which slid unnoticed out of my mouth. My pants are full of lava-like s*** to match my damn shirt. At least during the autopsy they'll know what killed me. I've decided to stop breathing, it's too painful. Screw it, I'm not getting any oxygen anyway. If I need air, I'll just suck it in through the 4 inch hole in my stomach.

*******Chili # 8: Helen's Mount Saint Chili**

JUDGE ONE: A perfect ending...this is a nice blend chili, safe for all, not too bold but spicy enough to declare its existence.

JUDGE TWO: This final entry is a good, balanced chili, neither mild nor hot. Sorry to see that most of it was lost when Judge Number 3 passed out, fell and pulled the chili pot on top of himself. Not sure if he's going to make it. Poor Yank.

FRANK: -----(editor's note: Judge #3 was unable to report)



Live music. Come and have a dance to some great rhythms. Book online or pay at the door.