

# South Oakleigh Bowling Club

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# South Oakleigh News.

## The Intro.

Hello. This is Newsletter number 8 for 2023. It's now October and Pennant season is only a few weeks away. If you haven't done so already, get your bowls gear organised and get down to the club and start practicing. The weather is fine, the greens are running well and, if needed, the lights work, so there's no real reason not to get some practice in.

I'd like to welcome some new bowlers to the South Oakleigh Pennant teams; Susan, Graeme, Dean, Damian, Vicki, Roger, Liz, Millie and Tony are back and James Schaw, who has played night pennant, is joining the Saturday pennant. Welcome everyone and I hope you all have a great season. If I've missed anyone, I apologise.

It's going to get busy at the club over the next few months with Barefoot bowls, functions, Jack Attack, Sunday Pairs, Pennant on Tuesdays, Tuesday nights and Saturdays along with the ongoing maintenance, repairs and improvements to the club that seem to go on every year, so it would be nice if all our members could offer some assistance where needed. If you have some spare time and you'd like to help, then let us know.

To find out more about what's happening around the club, read on.

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## What's On.

**Every Friday Night:  
Members Draw.  
Every Sunday: Rotary  
Market in Oakleigh.**

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**October 7<sup>th</sup>: Club  
Practice Match.  
October 10<sup>th</sup>:  
Practice match.  
October 14<sup>th</sup>: Club  
Season Opening.  
October 21<sup>st</sup>: First  
Round of Pennant.**

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## Chairs Message.

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to a great period of bowls and associated social activity at the club in the coming months.

You will see from the reports below that we have a lot planned in the lead up to Christmas and beyond, really hope to see as many of you at the club over the next month or so.

Looking ahead next year is our 70th anniversary as a club. We hope to have a few special events to celebrate this achievement.

One of the things the Board is looking at is an updated uniform and other types of apparel.

The colours will stay the same, but we will be looking at a new design. Members will be consulted on this, and we will take consideration of all views before making a final decision.

Members will need to pay for the uniform, but it will be subsidised by the club.

Besides a new playing uniform, we are looking at having a range of other products such as a non-playing polo, hoodies, scarves, beanies, gloves etc

That is all for now.

Take care all. GT.



## The Bowls Report.

Hello everyone.

The pennant season is just around the corner, and so far, we have had 2 practice games, the 1st against Karingal that we won and the 2nd against Bennetswood which we lost. Unfortunately, we have had a big number of bowlers unavailable which has made selection a bit difficult. We did get to welcome back Millie and welcome to our newest bowler Vicki. Unfortunately, we received news on Saturday that Koo Wee Rup were

unable to field a side on the 7th of October and have pulled out of our practice game. Fortunately, Moorabbin have stepped in to play instead.

Chadstone have asked for a Tuesday (day) practice match that we have agreed on. The game will take place on 10th October at 10am. We hope that any bowler who indicated that they would take part in the Tuesday pennant will be available. Our opening day will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October from 11am with a BBQ lunch for starters followed by the official part of the day and finishing off with some bowling. On Thursday 19th we are having a pie night as a club get-together prior to the pennant starting on the 21st. A reminder that practice is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays - all bowlers are reminded that practice is required for everyone. Coaching is available - please contact Peter Chapman or maybe he may contact you.

Don Boyd

Chair Selection Committee

## The Greens Report.

The grass green is open for play, and it would probably be good for the green, and all players, to spend time using it. Both greens will improve with use, so try and spread your practice across both the grass and synthetic surfaces. Your bowls may also improve by spending time playing on both greens.



## Around The Club.

### Members Draw.

The jackpot has hit \$275 this week. Woohoo! Don't forget, you must be there to win it. So, get along on Friday nights and join in the fun. The draw is usually held around 7 pm.

## Functions/Events 2023.

### Jack Attack.

Jack Attack starts on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and continues each Friday through November. At the time of writing, there were 6 teams confirmed for the competition and a few more 'maybes'. This has been running for a couple of years now and is a lot of fun and it's a great way to introduce people to the game and the club. On the night we need some volunteer as markers/umpires, there's no real experience necessary, you just keep score and answer questions. If anyone is interested, let Scottie know.

### Friday Night Socials.

With daylight saving starting this weekend, there's an opportunity for some Friday night social bowls before Jack Attack starts and after it finishes. If it's a fine night why not come on down to the club and have a bit of fun playing social bowls and relaxing with some music, food, and drinks? Given there's not much on TV now the footy season is over, it makes sense.



## Socially Speaking.

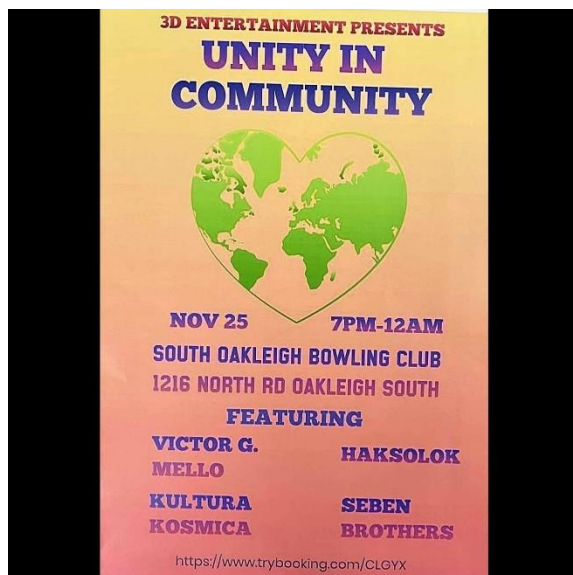
It's that time of year when we start heading into functions season so we can expect the club to get a bit busier. We've already had a couple of good turns with our friends from the Krushers being here on the last two Sundays. The Senior men were here two weeks ago for their vote count and then last week we had the U/19s for a post Grand Final drink. There's more about the Grand Finals in the Krusher Notes below.

In the coming weeks, we have some barefoot bowls functions happening, they're small groups and short functions, but on October 29<sup>th</sup> we have a big one with 120 people in attendance for a Revolution Netball Club event. We could need some help with this one.

On a more serious note, the container deposit scheme comes into effect on the first of November. This is scheme that pays 10 cents per item for the return of bottles and cans. The cost of this will be passed on by the breweries and soft drink manufacturers to their customers, SOBC being one of them. We're not sure, at this stage, if this will impact our current pricing but we hope to be able to absorb it, for now. We do try to keep our

drinks prices to a reasonable level. It can be difficult, at times, with rising costs across the board. We'll keep you informed of what's happening in this area. It could also mean a change in how we recycle our empty bottles and cans.

Don't forget the "Unity in Community" music night on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1111991>. This should be a great night and may well lead to some more live music events at the club, so get behind it. It's only \$30 a head.



## Krushers Notes.

Well, the footy season has been run and won and the Krushers had a pretty good year with all five teams making the finals. Sadly, no team got to bring home any silverware.

The Senior womens team had an excellent season and made it into the first semi-final where they encountered a red-hot Ajax and, sadly, were bundled out of the premiership race early. The O/35s, or Masters if you like, also reached the play-offs which, given there were only four teams in the competition, wasn't all that hard. The hard bit was making the Grand Final and the Mature Krushers fell short by 9 points to eventual Premiers, De La Salle in the second final. The reserves made the finals for the first time in quite a while and got through to the preliminary where they succumbed to a fired-up Kew by 27 points.

The U/19s made it to the big one and were holding the advantage until late in the third term when late rally by PEGS saw them grab a 12-point lead going into the last quarter. The Young Krushers then lost their momentum and went down by 28 points. The Senior mens team also got through to the Grand Final after a great showing in the second semi-final but seemed a bit flat, the week off may not have helped, and were up against Glen Eira, who had a point to prove and a bone to pick and were just too good on the day.

It wasn't all sad news, though. Luke Ashen won the D1 competition Best & Fairest and Aaron Cloke topped the goalkicking. Congratulations to both players on a fantastic season.

Despite the lack of finals success, the season overall was a huge boost for the club. Having all teams in the finals was a great result and just shows that the footy club is heading in the right direction and has a strong future with the current crop of fantastic people who make the club what it is today.

Congratulations on a great year everyone. And bring on 2024!

**GO KRUSHERS!!!**



## Photo Gallery.

### Rd.1 Sunday Pairs.





### Karingal Practice Match.



# Krushers.







## The Wrap.

And that, my friends, brings us to this spot. This is the end of the newsletter, well almost. There are some important bits just below this piece which you need to read, so please do.

Pennant starts in a few weeks so I hope everyone is ready, primed, keen, eager, itching to get out there, can't wait, champing at the bit, bowls polished, uniform pressed, pencil sharpened, polishing cloths washed and ironed, shoes cleaned, a hat and sunscreen and rulebook at the ready, and an unquenchable desire to get out on the green and bowl like a superstar. I'm sure the selectors would be happy if everyone was just "ready".

We're looking at having a good season this year, in all teams; Saturday Pennant, Mid-week Pennant and Night Pennant. To do that the players need some level of commitment, preferably a strong level of commitment. To be able to play well it helps to

be relaxed and enjoying yourself, if you're not enjoying it then why would you do it? It can't be for the money. If you're not having a good time playing bowls, then find out why and try and fix it. Playing sport is meant to be relaxing, recreational and fun. Don't let something get you down and spoil your enjoyment of the game and being with your friends. If anyone does have some issues that are getting in the way of enjoyment, then maybe have a chat to someone and get them sorted so you can get on with enjoying life.

Here's to a good, enjoyable bowls season.

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)
<b>\$180 ANNUALLY</b>	<b>\$100 ANNUALLY</b>	<b>\$80 ANNUALLY</b>	<b>\$40 ANNUALLY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection into all Pennant and Club Competitions</li> <li>• Able to play Bowls Victoria affiliated tournaments</li> <li>• Unlimited Green Access</li> <li>• Voting rights at club meetings and AGM</li> <li>• Entitled to hold an office within the club</li> <li>• Free Coaching</li> <li>• Free Club Playing Shirt for new members*</li> <li>• Discounted bar prices and offers</li> <li>• Eligible for weekly members draw</li> <li>• Discounted function room hire</li> <li>• Free BBQ hire (4 per year)</li> <li>• Access to club bowls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection for Tuesday night Pennant and club competitions.</li> <li>• Up to 4 games of Saturday Pennant</li> <li>• Able to play Bowls Victoria affiliated tournaments</li> <li>• Unlimited Green Access</li> <li>• Free Coaching</li> <li>• Discounted bar prices and offers</li> <li>• Eligible for weekly members draw</li> <li>• Discounted function room hire</li> <li>• Free BBQ hire (2 per year)</li> <li>• Receive communications and attend social events</li> <li>• Access to club bowls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under 18 as @ 1<sup>st</sup> October</li> <li>• Selection into all Pennant and Club Competitions</li> <li>• Able to play Bowls Victoria affiliated tournaments</li> <li>• Unlimited Green Access</li> <li>• Free Coaching</li> <li>• Discounted function room hire</li> <li>• Free BBQ hire (4 per year)</li> <li>• Access to club bowls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discounted bar prices and offers</li> <li>• Eligible for weekly members draw</li> <li>• Discounted function room hire</li> <li>• Free BBQ hire (1 per year)</li> <li>• Receive communications and attend social events</li> </ul>

