



THE WHISPERING GULL

INVERLOCH BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Special Awards for Special Members



Both Mavis Parks and Norm West were awarded special services awards for their contribution to bowls spanning a period of 50 years or more. Norm received his 50 year certificate whilst Mavis was awarded both her 50 year certificate and a special services award for her ongoing contribution to lawn bowls. Both of these Inverloch Club Members hold outstanding records of achievement and members will be hard pressed to match them. Both Mavis and Norm have been long time workers for the club and held many positions between them. The award was attended by Bowls Victoria Creagh Bown, Councillor Jordan Crugnale and Ann Green of the SGBD.

Battle of Hastings

The yearly "Battle of Hastings" has been played and lost by the narrow margin of 1 shot over all rinks after 21 ends. As always, it was a great day and our visitors appreciated very much the hospitality provided by our club. We had 100 bowlers sit down for an enjoyable 2 course lunch and credit and thanks are due to all who helped provide the meal, afternoon tea and bar facilities.

From the President

The Pennant season is approaching fast. We have a lot to prove this season. Mainly that we were the best sides beaten last year. Last year was the first year that we hadn't won any premierships for a long time and it bothers me being president and missing out. Over the next few weeks we will be having many practice matches. The ladies play against Phillip Island and they have already practised amongst themselves with a bit of tuition. They are capable of winning three flags with last year's experience behind them. Come on!!! The men with the "Battle of Hastings" and the "Bunnurong Shield" Coming up, weather permitting, will try us out. Three flags is not out of the question. Let's all get behind the selectors and we all get the satisfaction of a great year.



2012-2013 Club Champions Lorraine Dowson and Kieran Gardiner were on hand to roll the kitty and the first bowl at our opening day on September 7th. We had a great turn out and although the weather wasn't the best early on, the rain held off and all enjoyed a great start to our season. Our ladies once again excelled and a bountiful afternoon tea was provided at the end of the day. Winners of our first match were Gary Hardy, Wayne Parks, Gail Burge and Gloria Growse.



Quote of the Month: "In the book of life, the answers aren't in the back". Charlie Brown

Club Contacts

President – Nic Van Grunsven
Vice President – Ron Burge
Secretary – Carol Waters
Treasurer – John Sutcliffe
Directors –
Ron Burge – Mens Section
Joyce Arnold- Catering
Bev Kurrle – Ladies Section
Neil Everitt – Sponsorship
Jack Miller – Social Director
Carol Waters – Communications
Mens Selectors
Graham Pope – Chairperson
Mick Coram
Mick Bowman
Trevor Scott
Tim Hancock
Ladies Selectors
Maureen Paynting
Pam Lawson
Cynthia Hensley
Shirley Cook
Joyce Arnold
Tournament Secretary
Ladies – Ivy Sheppard

MEMBERS DEAL



750ML BOTTLED WINE
WHEN YOU SHOW YOUR INVERLOCH BOWLS CLUB CARD AT THE MONACELLARS/DUNCANS DRIVE THRU WONTHAGGI
REAR OF WHALEBONE HOTEL
ACCESS VIA MURRAY ST. (03) 56 772 75!
Monacellars **DUNCANS**

Try Bowls Day
Sunday, 20th October - 11.00am

Help introduce our visitors to the joys of bowls. We need helpers to show them how it is done. We will also be having a sausage sizzle. Be part of the fun. Just add your name to the sheet in the clubhouse.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, Oct 5th – Pre pennant practice match against Wonthaggi for the Bunnurong Shield.

*** SOCIAL EVENTS – WHAT’S ON ***

BINGO

Bingo held every Thursday night. Ticket sales from 7.30pm, eyes down at 8.00pm. Helpers wanted, contact – **John Sutcliffe 5674 1057**

FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS

The club run a \$12.00 Meal deal. Starting at 6.30pm. Enjoy our Raffles - \$2.00 for 3 Tickets. Also our Spinning Wheel - \$2.00 per ticket. Names to be placed on chalkboard by midday on the day. See Board for dates. Any enquiries can be directed to either Pam or John Sutcliffe

CLUB BAR

Come along and enjoy a coldie or whatever your preference. Our club bar is open from 4.30pm, Tuesday's to Saturday's inc. Served with a smile at competitive prices. It would be great to see more members popping in.

Club Shirts and Jackets

Both Men's & Ladies Club polo shirts and jackets are available for sale. Regrettably, the price of the polo shirts for Men and Ladies is now \$75.00. This is due to the increased cost from the supplier, GST and freight. The price of jackets and baseball hats will not increase. The sale of club clothing is not a money making exercise for the Club. We charge this price to cover what it costs the club, no more. If you need a polo shirt, jacket or baseball hat, please see Carol or Nic.

Hospital Rules

Hospital regulations usually require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

Building Update

It is with much joy, relief and a sense of achievement to receive the news from the Bass Coast Shire that our plea to have the ground floor extensions all on one level approved. The building executive met with the Project Manager, Luis Castagna, on Monday 23rd September to plan the stages leading up to a hopeful start on the renovations by December 1st. Members will be notified of help required in the lead up to the renovations.

Some of the jobs will be removal and relocation of the shade cloth from the southern end of rink 2 to the western end of rink 1 and the demolition of the BBQ area and removal of materials. The bowls storeroom is being relocated into the room adjacent to the greenkeepers shed which means the shelves in the present bowls store room will need to be removed and rebuilt in the new room.

More news on all of this as we move closer to the starting date.

Board Meeting Snippets.

The installation of a 32 solar panel, 8kw electricity system will be started on Wednesday, Oct 2nd following the receipt of a \$5,000 grant from the Bass Coast Shire.

The club will pay the balance of the cost of the system which should be recovered within 4-5 years from the 8 cents/kwh rebate. The Board of Management decided on the installation of the solar system to help reduce the cost of electricity which is currently over \$5,000 per year.

The matter of correct footwear was discussed and it was decided to enforce the use of flat soles only to be worn on the green. It has been noted that over recent years inappropriate footwear is being worn in some cases, mainly by visitors and corporate bowlers.

A report from our greenkeeper Kieran was given to the Board.

The present arrangement of an employed chef (Diane,) for the fortnightly Friday night meal, will continue until further notice. This will allow Ladies President Bev to concentrate on her role and to allow her oversee the day to day catering within the club. Members are urged to support the fortnightly Friday night meal, 2 courses for \$12.

Due to a rise in wholesale liquor prices the Board have decided on a small increase in bar prices effective 1st October. Members will be notified of the increases by way of a notice on the Bar.

It has been decided to re-introduce a designated "presentation night" at the end of the season and to okay the selection committee's suggestion to introduce a new innovation by way of a trophy for the best lead, second, third and skip in pennant.

Bowls Exercise & Flexibility Workshop

Strength and Conditioning Coach Kallum Fidoe (from [I Choose Awesome](#)) will be presenting a **FREE 30 minutes interactive workshop** on how to improve your strength and flexibility for bowls. Be shown the Top 5 Exercises for bowlers. Practice at home with techniques shown in a handout. Come along on:

Monday, 14th Oct at 10.00am



Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?