



THE WHISPERING GULL

INVERLOCH BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to 2015/2016 Season.

This winter we saw record numbers joining in both our social and game events. Our club is going ahead in leaps and bounds thanks to the enthusiasm and support of our members. Thanks to everyone who put their hand up to help, whether assisting in the kitchen with Friday night meals, working bees, or allocated jobs. Our success is largely due to the volunteers who support our projects. Congratulations also to Wayne Parks who ran a very successful open pairs event. This very well may be a regular on our next winter calendar. There is still a lot of ongoing work to be done during the coming season, so don't lose your enthusiasm to attend upcoming working bees. We need all the hands we can get. We are slowly working down a prioritised list of works and if any members wish to add an item please notify our board members for consideration. I wish everyone good luck and good bowling for the season, and let's see if we can bring home the flags this year (Tuesday and Saturday Pennant Teams)

CLUB CONTACTS

President – Ron Burge
Vice President – Brian Humphris
Secretary – Carol Waters
Treasurer – John Sutcliffe
Directors –
 Brian Humphris – Men's Section
 Gary Hardy – Greens Director
 Bev Kurrle – Ladies Section
 Marg Flett –
 Neil Everitt – Sponsorship
 Terry Seaward –
 Carol Waters – Communications
Mens Selectors –
 Graeme Pope – Chairperson
 Brian Hensley
 Ross Gabb
 Harry Rybalka
 Trevor Scott
Ladies Selectors –
 Pam Lawson - Chairperson
 Anne Tschiderer
 Yvonne Kee
 Pam Sutcliffe
 Nellie Martin
Tournament Secretary
Ladies – Ivy Sheppard
 Marg Flett - assistant

DATES TO REMEMBER

MEN

September 12 – Inv V Hastings – at Inverloch 12.45pm start
 September 19 – Inv V Yarra Glenn – Bus 9.00am depart
 September 26 – Inv V Wonthaggi - at Inverloch 12.45pm start

LADIES

September 22 – Inv V Corinella at Inverloch
 September 15 – Inv V Phillip Island at Phillip Island

Winter bowls

Thanks to the hard work of our match committees, our winter bowls on Wednesdays and Sundays were a huge success, with numbers far outweighing those of past years. This is due in part to our new synthetic green but also to the innovative workers and helpers. It was great to see other clubs joining in on these events and the addition of soup and bread being made available was a welcome treat for all during the colder weather.

IBC Major Sponsor

Inverloch & District
Community Bank® Branch



LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED

Mavis Parks will be presented with a life membership award on opening day to mark years of wonderful service to both the Inverloch Bowling Club and South Gippsland Bowls. The list of Mavis's achievements just goes on and on both on and off the green. She has been the Inverloch Ladies Club Champion a total of 12 times along with many other championship titles. Mavis was also our clubs first lady President when the club opened October 13th, 1967. She has many other achievements too numerous to mention.



Club President Ron Burge pictured with Deputy Mayor Jordan Crugnale and MP Brian Paynter as they discuss the success of the new Synthetic Green

OPENING DAY SEPTEMBER 5TH

A new season is now upon us and opening day will see our Men and Ladies club champions roll the first bowl and kitty. A game will be played so get your names in. A sheet will be up on the board at clubhouse.



**You don't know jack...
 Unless you lawn bowl!**

*** SOCIAL EVENTS – WHAT’S ON ***

BINGO

Every Thursday night – 30 games
10 games for \$2.00
\$200 Jackpot. Instant Bingo
tickets
-prizes to \$100. Come along and
join in the fun. **Contact John
Sutcliffe 56741057**

FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Club run a \$14.00 Meal Deal. Starting at 6.30pm
every second Friday night. Enjoy our Raffles - \$2.00
for 3 tickets. Also our Spinning Wheel - \$2.00 per
ticket. Names to be placed on chalkboard by 10am
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. Members draw
every second Friday. Members must be
present to win. Includes Raffle Draw

Grant applications help fund improvements.....

For the 12 months leading up to last year's opening day the Board
had been successful in applying for grants totalling \$17,413 to
help fund many of the improvements around the club.

In the past 12 months grant applications have been lodged with
success for the following;

Zip Boil hot water unit (Bass Coast Shire Community Grant)

\$1,000

New tables (14) & new chairs (112) (Dept Veteran Affairs Grant)

\$6,800

Water drinking fountain (Bass Coast Shire Community Grant)

\$ 645

Aluminium seating (3) (Bass Coast Community Grant)

\$1,000

Bowls pushers – for both greens (Bass Coast Community Grant)

\$1,000

Part Funding new synthetic green (Sport & Recreation Victoria)

\$50,000

Part Funding new synthetic green (Bendigo Bank – major
sponsorship) \$25,000

Total \$85,445

In just under two years the total grants/funding has reached over
\$100,000, money that has not come out of club funds and has
helped to provide the many improvements and upgrades within
the club.

An expression of interest has been lodged with Federal
Member for McMillan, Russell Broadbent with a view to applying
for a "Stronger Communities Programme"

grant. If we are selected as being eligible, an application for
funding will be lodged to provide some new shelters.

Your Board of Directors have taken a positive stance in applying
where possible for any grant money which may be available from
Local, State or Federal Government.

Board Meeting Snippets – August 2015

- Refresher training for defibrillator and CPR to be arranged.
- Roster prepared for synthetic green maintenance.
- Further works required to complete 'big screen' installation.
- Bendigo Bank now our MAJOR SPONSOR for next five years.
- 'Try Bowls' day' Sunday 18th October.
- Grant letter to Russell Broadbent for new shelters.
- Annual Statement lodged with Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- 3 new sponsors – TNT prints, Metricon, Chapman's Meats.
- Donor bricks have arrived. To go on east wall BBQ area.
- New receptacle for receipt of money etc now in office door.
- Volunteer (job list) to be reviewed and re-printed.
- Smoking policy to be printed and put on display.
- No alcohol, soft drinks on green – on surrounds okay.
- Community funding grant \$1,000 received for new 'pushers'
- Outstanding jobs to complete Stage 1 of renovations to be finalised – comprehensive list being prepared and prioritised.

MEMBER DRAW AND MEAL NIGHTS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

It's great to see so many attending
our Friday night meals and our
Member Draw each second Friday.
The atmosphere at the club due to
the wonderful attendance has been
terrific. Raffles are drawing in great
revenue with many winners going
home happy.

Welcome to our new Friday night
cook. We're sure everyone is
enjoying the tasty meals being
served up. Thanks to all members
who work and contribute on these
nights.

MEMBERS DEAL



**WHEN YOU SHOW YOUR
INVERLOCH BOWLS CLUB CARD
AT THE MONACELLARS/DUNCANS
DRIVE THRU WONTHAGGI
REAR OF WHALEBONE HOTEL
ACCESS VIA MURRAY ST. (03) 56 772 755**

Monacellars **DUNCANS**

BOWLS

Mysterious and ancient
game played by people old
enough to know better using
balls carefully designed to go
in the wrong direction – *Judy
Parker*



...well it works for the tennis players!

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of
calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered
from bad breath. This made him (Oh, dude, this is so bad, it's good) a super callused fragile mystic hexed by
halitosis.

Historical evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers (known as
lawn bowling at the time). However, all the league records were unfortunately lost to antiquity.
Thus we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.