



Welcome to the Inverloch Bowling Club

Congratulations on your decision to join the Inverloch Bowling Club. Please enjoy the benefits of membership and become actively involved in the many activities that the club offers. If you are new to the game of bowls, you have now taken the first step. Enjoy participating and developing your game proficiency in your new sport.

The Club was established in 1961 and has remained an integral part of the community since its inception. The traditions established by the founding members survive and prosper today through community contributions and budding friendships.

Contact Details

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Structure of the Club

It is helpful to know a little about the way we operate the Club. For its successful administration, various committees have been formed:

Board of Management comprises 9 Directors elected/nominated from the Affiliated members.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer are defined positions with certain responsibilities. The other six Directors have been assigned portfolios covering these responsibilities:

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| ⊙ Facilities | ⊙ Greens |
| ⊙ Catering & Events | ⊙ Membership & Seasonal Bowls |
| ⊙ Sponsorship | ⊙ Bar |
| ⊙ Bowling Activities | ⊙ Social/Fundraising |

The Board meets each month to discuss any issues and handle the business of the club. It also calls an Annual General Meeting each year, usually in May. At this meeting the Directors for the coming year are named and an update of the year is given to the members. Other items of business concerning the club are also discussed.



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Bowling Committee -encompasses 2 main bowling functions:

Match Committees which organises and handles:

- ⊙ social bowls
- ⊙ tournaments
- ⊙ event days
- ⊙ club championships

Selection Committees are responsible for:

- ⊙ pennant selection for Midweek or Saturday Pennant.

Other Committees coordinate various functions:

- ⊙ Bar
- ⊙ Catering
- ⊙ Membership
- ⊙ Corporate Bowls
- ⊙ Cleaning
- ⊙ Fundraising
- ⊙ Gardening
- ⊙ Summer Bowls
- ⊙ Barefoot Bowls

Fees & Affiliations

Each member pays **Club Membership** and **Affiliation fees** yearly. Only 1 invoice is generated to cover these charges.

Club Membership

The Club Membership fee is set at the Annual General Meeting by the Directors. An invoice for these fees is usually sent in July for immediate payment.

New bowlers are offered **Provisional membership** which is half the full Club membership fee. A provisional membership allows the new bowler to be an active participant in all Club affairs but it does not include voting rights at the Annual meetings.

Casual Bowler is a type of membership available for a social bowler that does not play Pennant. They may play Corporate Bowls. They are not eligible to play in tournaments, monthly triples, or club championship events. They may only play social games at Inverloch.

Fees (1st July - 30th June) for new members are Pro-rata after 1st January.

Club Membership cards are available when members pay their fees.

Social Membership

The Club also offers social membership for non-bowlers. This allows people to have the enjoyment of belonging to a club for an annual fee of \$12.00. Social Members are included in our Member's Night Draw and are most welcome at all our functions.

Affiliations



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Bowlers are affiliated with **Bowls Victoria** if they wish to play Pennant or participate in tournaments, club championships and events of this nature. This organisation sets its fee and this is collected from every bowler in Victoria. Some of the money is provided to Bowls Australia and World Bowls organisations. **Strzelecki Region** covers South & West Gippsland. The Strzelecki Region sets an affiliation fee as well.

Bowling Season

Our Bowling season is divided into:

Summer Season runs from the 1st week in September to the end of April. During this time, both greens are usually open for play.

- ⊙ Monday - Greens are closed in morning for maintenance
- ⊙ Tuesday - Midweek Pennant
- ⊙ Wednesday - Nominated Triples (3rd & 5th Wednesday of the month)
- ⊙ Thursday - Mixed Social Bowls
- ⊙ Saturday - Saturday Pennant

Special events are occasionally programmed on Friday & Sunday. Be sure to check the Noticeboard for upcoming events.

The greens are available for practice roll-ups after scheduled events. A sandwich-board will indicate which green, rinks and direction of play.

Winter Season covers May to August.

- ⊙ Thursday - Mixed Social Bowls
- ⊙ Sunday - Mixed Social Bowls

Getting Started

Buddy to New Members

The Club runs a buddy system for new members to help them become familiar with the various aspects of the club, introduce them to other club members and get them started with their bowling.

You can contact a 'buddy' who will help settle you into our Club.

Buddies: Rob Howard - 5674 1022/0407 539 654 and Carol Hughes 0431 355 776

Equipment

Bowls - If you are brand new to the game, the Club has 'loan bowls' that can be used to help you decide on the correct size and weight. All bowls are not created



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equally and there are many different brands with their own characteristics, so it is wise to 'try before you buy'.

Bowling Arms - If you would like to try a bowling arm to assist with your delivery, the Club has 2 types of 'loan bowling arms' for tryout. Please contact the Secretary if interested.

Clothing - during the Summer Season, a dress code applies:

Ladies

Social Bowls - 'Mufti' unless otherwise notified on the booking sheet..

Pennant - Club shirt & navy blue long/cropped pants or shorts with the Bowls Australia logo

Men

Social Bowls - 'Mufti' unless otherwise notified on the booking sheet.

Pennant - Club shirt & white/navy pants with Bowls Australia logo

Club shirts for both men and ladies are available from the Secretary.

Club caps are also available.

During the Winter Season, 'mufti' is acceptable for all games.

Shoes - flat bottomed shoes are required on the greens at all times.

Name Tag - available from Milkins Funerals or Cargill's Sport Store both located in Wonthaggi.

Coaching

For a new bowler, it is essential to learn the fundamentals and participate in organised skill sessions. A coach will provide consistent information and assistance, helping you achieve a desired level of competence and confidence. The basic rules and etiquette of the game are covered, as these aspects are as necessary as developing skills.

Being coached is not only for new bowlers. Experienced bowlers can benefit from the expertise of coaches as well. Whether a habit needs to be changed, refined or eliminated, a coach can help you. Coaching is available by arrangement.

Sign up for a Social game by:

© writing your name on the clipboard sheet near the bar or Noticeboard for special events

© phoning the Club before the time indicated on sign up sheet on the morning of the game



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Obtain a Key to the front gate and main door from the Secretary. There is a \$5.00 charge that is refunded when the key is returned.

Other Club Activities:

Evening Meals are available every second Friday night. It is a 2 course meal (usually a roast) for \$14.00. The meal starts about 6.00 pm. There is always good food, good company and a raffle or two. If you wish to attend, write your name on the white board outside the Club room's main door.

Member's Night Draw - alternating with the Friday Night Meals, a social Member's Night is held. It is open to all members and their guests. A Members Draw is conducted based on your membership number. You must be present to win. There are raffles. Nibbles provided free of charge by the Club.

Club Bar is open for drinks generally from Monday to Saturday from 4.30 pm.

Fundraisers are frequent throughout the year, which brings all sorts of talent to be enjoyed. Watch the noticeboard for upcoming events.

Your Responsibilities

Despite the many committees handling the business of the Club, volunteers are still a necessary part. You may be asked to assist with an array of duties. If you can, please offer to help. Many volunteers share the workload and lighten the duty of the committee members. Remember the Club belongs to every member.

Helpful Resources

If you are new to bowls, there are 2 booklets available from the Secretary at no cost:

- 'Guidance for New Bowlers'
- 'In the Groove - Advanced Bowling & Tactics'

Website:

Be sure to have a look at our website: www.invybowls.org.au for more Club events and up-to-date information.