



## News in a Nutshell

### **Spring Newsletter**

**Time now for the “Spring” club newsletter.** Not that it has been great days for bowls with many days cancelled due to inclement weather. Hopefully we are able to get some practice matches and tournaments before the pennant season starts.

A big thank you to Jim Brennan who stepped up into the Secretaries position. He also withdrew from other positions to take up this demanding position on the board.

The club booklet will be out shortly with all the details for members re board members, committees and sub committees etc.

### **New members and returning members at our club are:**

New members: Eloise Seymour, Terry Kelly, Fiona Symmons, Dorothy Edwards. Returning: Jason Matthews and Peter O’Connor. Please note these members and welcome them to our club.

Farewell to: John Rothaker, Ross Smith, John Pastenak and Wes McCumber. Who have transferred to other clubs. We wish them well. Good bowling fellas.

**The ladies exercise group** is still going strong with good attendance. More so with most back from holidays. Some money has been put back into the club and over \$1000 has been forwarded to Dementia Australia. Sometimes it is not all about the money but the wellbeing of those participating. Sandra is happy to continue on when bowls start for those interested.

### **Club Activities**

The men under the guidance of Peter, Frank and Des have been busy with working bees to improve the outdoor areas and thanks go to those who have supported them.

Thanks for Bob and his team for organizing the BBQ at Bunnings recently. Although it was a quiet day any funds for the club are a help.

**The Friday night “happy hour”** has been a great opportunity to catch up during the long winter and is still continuing. Bob is doing a great job organizing raffles etc., along with Mary providing nibbles and thanks to those supporting her. Please feel free to offer to make or help in some way that will make it easier for everyone and share the load.

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## **Pennant Practice**

Recently some 24 midweek pennant players travelled to Rochester for a practice game on a fine sunny day (cheers). A lovely time was enjoyed with our hosts providing a delicious lunch after play. Many thanks to Aileen Fiedler for organizing the day.

Weekend pennant players travelled to Birchip by bus and car to have a practice at Birchip. The welcome was great, the food was great, the play that we got was great but the weather was atrocious. Birchip has synthetic greens so we did get some ends in. The trip was well worth it, hoping to make it an annual event.

Keep an eye out for upcoming tournaments and practice matches to hone in your skills for pennant season. Unfortunately due to the weather Woodbury game was called off but Marong went ahead and a good hit bout was achieved.

## **Club Events:**

Also get your entries for our club events in so the match committee can get the draw sorted and aren't under any pressure.

Our club hosted bowlers from Gowanbrae Bowls Club, Melbourne recently with over 50 all up playing on the social day. We provided a lovely afternoon tea and had positive feedback from the visitors.

**Open day Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – BBQ lunch 12 noon. Bring a plate for afternoon tea and wear full uniform.

**Purchase of uniforms** please see Annie Churchill or Marg Baldwin as they are in charge of this area.

## **New Veranda:**

Although we were hoping that our new veranda would be ready for the start of bowls season the permit is not quite through yet. Will be trying to have the veranda finished well before Christmas. The shades from next to the old veranda have been relocated to the Bosquet St., side. Hopefully a grant will be forthcoming to offset the cost.

**Footy Tipping:** Winners were 1<sup>st</sup> prize Mary Shawyer \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geoff Austin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob & Mary Parmenter. Thanks, Mary, for organizing and running this competition

**New sponsors:** We have several new businesses supporting the White Hill Bowls Club.

**Huntly Hotel** (vouchers for their courtesy bus), **Meat Matters White Hills** (meat raffles),

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**Cartridge Universe Golden Square, Rosiland Carpets Eaglehawk, Red Lantern** restaurant White Hills (vouchers), **Snap Fitness Epsom, Butterfly Audiology Bendigo, Secure Indoors Huntly**. If you visit these sponsors, please mention that you are a member of White Hills Bowls Club. It will help in future seasons for support. This is equal to having another 20-30 members financially.

#### **From the Board:**

From the recent board meeting the decision was made not to field a Div 8 team in weekend pennant. Also to buy 6 new kitties so we have spares for practice. Investigating a more user friendly phone for the club house. Hoping to secure vouchers from Huntly Hotel for best rinks each week in midweek and weekend pennant. Recently vandals caused damage and carpet burns so now investigating an insurance claim. On Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 pm there will be a meeting for all members, any items or matters to be discussed must be raised with Jim Brennan by the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Only items raised prior to the meeting will be discussed at the meeting

#### **Tribute to Glenda Jones:**

We were all saddened and shocked to hear of the sudden passing of our own Glenda. The next day those who were around gathered at the bowls club to share their grief and memories of her. Some were able to write down their own thoughts of Glenda which were forwarded John. A beautiful funeral service held reflected perfectly Glenda's wonderful life and she would have been overwhelmed by the numbers who attended. The WHBC members farewelled her in a guard of honor as she departed for the last time. Since joining to the club some of her achievements were, 2016-17 the Des Cole Memorial encouragement award and 2020-2021 was successful winning the following. Div 2 midweek pennant, Div 5 weekend pennant and Ladies champion pairs with Liz Tangey (got her name in gold at the club house a wish she had).

Memories from Liz: Since coming to the club some 10 years ago she was welcomed by friendly faces which suited her bright and bubbly outlook and proved her dedication to bowls and the bowls club. She was very competitive within herself but very encouraging to new members and to all who she played with. She attended many tournaments in the district and will be sadly missed not only within our club but also the Bendigo bowling community. Glenda was always first to put her hand up when it came to dressing up and her love of music and dancing was evident.

Think of Glenda and come along to the Pink day and encourage bowlers from other clubs to attend.

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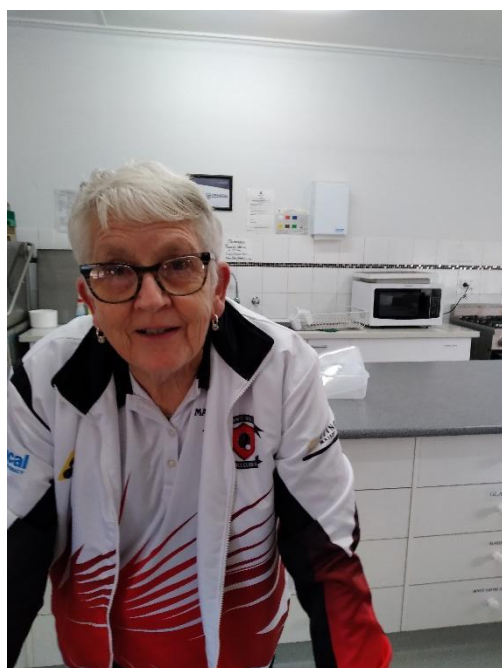
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**Pink day** on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 1 pm \$10.00 members bring afternoon tea and put your name down at the club. Drawn teams. Donation towards the raffle and prizes gratefully accepted. All proceeds to Otis.

### **Club member Profile: Mary Sawyer**

I was born in Ballarat, was the 3<sup>rd</sup> child in my family. I have 2 older brothers and 1 younger sister. We lived in Horsham at the time, my parents were dairy farmers. We



moved to Yarra Glen where I started school at Lilydale Collage. I finished school in year 9, again we moved to Swan Hill to another dairy farm and started in the work force at a clothing store in Swan Hill. I married in 1974 and we moved to Bendigo where we started our family, we had 4 children, 3 girls and 1 boy.

We built a house in California Gully when the kids started school at St Liborius, we then built a house out at Maiden Gully. As the Children got heavily involved in sport, I decide to start coaching Basketball, which ended up being a big part of our life, coaching several Bendigo squads with success, also was involved in state coaching as well. I returned to work as the children started school working in different hospitality areas cooking etc. I ended up working at the Bendigo stadium for 20 years running the

canteen, where we did lots of big catering functions. From there I started to slow down and worked at Victory College running the canteen for 3 years. That was when I started bowling at White Hills.

I still have a lot to learn re bowls but I am loving it, the best part is the community connection, feeling part of a club and getting involved is just so important.

Footnote: Mary always encouraging others to go to tournaments and where would we be without her expertise in the kitchen. Also she is very “crafty” and displays her wares at many markets. In 2019 Mary and Ben Wakefield won the mixed pairs championships.