



Newsletter

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Welcome to City Bows Club

The City of Geelong Bows Club has made significant progress in completing the final areas of work at the club but there is still plenty of work to do before it will be a fully completed project.

Many of these tasks get done with little fanfare on a weekly basis by a small band of members whose completed list of projects are starting to make life better for the rest of us.

Pekish commenced operations in late November after many months of getting prepared and negotiating through the maze of paperwork and jobs that had to be completed. These included the completion of the kitchen including a cold room storage, setting up of the lounge area and setting up the new systems for their staff. After a good first month with plenty of barefoot parties, January has been a little quiet as it will be once pennant season is over. They are a highly experienced group and although teething problems have been few, they know how to make a success of this venture and will continue to build. The club is already a better place to visit prior to their arrival and will continue to be.

Bowls News

Wednesday Triples has continued to grow with as many as 54 bowlers playing on some weeks. Since the start of the new year, the group of organisers has changed how it is run with all regular members now going on a roster to help out the small team of Russ, Terry and David. Les McNiece has joined the organiser's team with all 4 expected to take some time off during the year. Friday pairs on the other hand has struggled with numbers throughout the past months which is probably a reflection of many taking it easy before Saturday's pennant. Daryl and Allan are constantly chasing a team or a single. It should pickup



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Bowls News continued

Once the pennant season is over. There may be a chance that the club could run a Saturday event over the winter months but this will depend on the tournament committee and any volunteers to help run it. Bareena has been very successful running a Saturday comp with great food in the past and with our all weather facilities and Pekish, the opportunity is there.

The Tuesday night comp continues to run well and although our teams are struggling a little, all players are enjoying the warmer months. Lance and his major sponsor Trans Otway Travel have done a great job in getting this up and going and with the end of the pennant season not far away, it will be something to look forward to come April.



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With only a few rounds left to the end of the season, our midweek teams are all mid table so will have to come home strongly to all reach the finals. All 3 teams are locked in tight battles with teams above and below to make 4th position. Only Division 1 are in the 4 whereas Divisions 4 and 6 are just outside. There is also a request from one of the clubs struggling to get teams together to the GBR to return to the format of last year where teams were picked without ratios of women to men. This will be issued to members to gauge our club's views in the coming weeks. It will then be up to the GBR to make policy for next season.



The club is well placed this year to go deep into the finals series with 3 of their teams high on their ladders. Division 1 will play finals and only need to win 2 of their last 4 games to make top 2 and guarantee



the all important double chance. This will be significant come finals with the two grand finalists joining the 6 current Premier League Teams to form a new Geelong Top Division next year. Division 2 is also tracking well to play finals with some crucial matches coming up in the last 4 rounds. The final game of the season against Lara could be the game that decides their season with the winner likely to take the double chance. Division 4 is struggling and will have to win 2 of their last 4 to guarantee they don't get relegated.

Division 6 is also on track to play finals although will have to continue to win with several teams just behind them. They themselves are only a few points off second place with wins in 3 of their last 4 to guarantee finals with 4 wins guaranteeing them a top two finish. Division 8 and 9 have been struggling this season with both teams locked in a struggle to stay where they are on their ladders. Both are a fair way out of finals contention but are also locked in battles to stay out of the relegation zone.

The selectors have struggled to field full teams every week of this season and have only had to forfeit once (the Saturday prior to Christmas) when we had just 81 players to pick from when we required 88. It is very disappointing to just make the numbers most weeks with all teams affected but the bottom teams suffering the most as a result.

Club Events

Several of the club events have been decided with a couple more coming to a conclusion shortly. The club triples was completed prior to the season starting with club singles completed just prior to Christmas.

The club triples was won by John Phillips, Sam Irvine with Ruth Kulakauskas as skip. Runners up were Mick Hayes, Joe VanderWel and David Gunsser.

The club singles were decided on a windy Friday evening with both Ladies and Men's taking place at the same time. In the Ladies, Veronica Kelly made up for her loss last year by reversing the result in a close fought win over Kerry Gooley. They played a highly skilled game where it went down to the wire with Ronnie getting home just over Kerry.

The men's final was between first time finalist Russell Gray against an experienced campaigner in Jim Fitzpatrick who had twice before won a club championship. Russ jumped out of the blocks before Jimmy Fitz came back strongly. With the score at 14/13, it was anyone's game. From that point on, Russ steadied and took control in the difficult conditions to win.

Finals to be decided over the next month will be the Minor singles, Veteran singles and pairs. Of note was the club 4's team of R. Gray, L. Kelly, Z. Lugg & C. Elliott won the GBR 4's and will be off to Bendigo in April to compete in the state 4's. Also David Mallett was runner up in the GBR novice singles. Well done to all.

Other Bowls Club News

Pekish are in the final stages of setting up their new card printing machines so that all members will be issued with new membership cards. These will be able to be scanned to obtain club member's discounts for both meals and beverages. Once they are ready, members both full and social will be informed of times for coming along, getting your picture taken and being issued with your new card. This will go a long way towards the question of are you a member? being asked to those who visit the club now and then.

Social members who feel a little left out will then feel part of the club with many events directed at social members to hopefully get bigger over the coming year. These include barefoot bowls for social members and social nights for social members to come along and enjoy the club.

A trivia night is planned for Friday 29th March which is the Friday after the pennant season. All those who remember the last one will know what a fun night it was and the organisers are hopeful this will be even bigger and better with our catering partners Pekish getting right behind us to make it a great night. All members and social members interested in attending should start to get a table of 8 together and watch out for the organiser's notice on the notice board to enter a team. The cost is expected to be \$15 per head which includes supper.

As a final note the club wishes to thank those members involved in doing all the small jobs around the club to make it a better place for all. These include:

- *The pathway from the carpark to the 2nd Green.*
- *The commencement of the carpark plantings*
- *The Smoker's area complete with umbrella*
- *The new Glass Balustrade outside of the clubhouse*
- *The sheds for scoreboards and bowls gear*
- *The fitout of the Bowls Office with lockers and barefoot bowls racks and desks*
- *The completion of the seating and shades around Greens 1 and 2.*

Particular thanks must go to the Greens Team of Graham and Joe, the odd Jobs team of Tommy, Peter and Gordon, Zane and his team for the balustrades, Russ and Geoff Wane for the lockers, Dave Gunsser and the volunteers for the carpark.

Next main job to be commenced will be the landscaping of the beer garden area and new beer garden furniture and large umbrellas. The next newsletter will be in April.