



## MEMBERS UPDATE 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

Dear Member,

We have some dates to put in your diaries.

- Our Women's Club Singles Champion Corry Hooiveld will play in the GBR Champion of Champions on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February (at Geelong BC-tba) and Men's Club Singles Champion Daryl Kitchin will play Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February (at Drysdale BC-tba). Go along and support them if you can. We can confirm venues when the draw is done.
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7.00pm will be a **Members General Meeting**. This had been postponed due to COVID, but we can now accommodate a number of members in the clubhouse up to our restriction limits. Please remember to social distance and wear a mask inside. It will be a good opportunity to inform members how the club is going as we emerge from the previous hard lockdown restrictions. Any questions to the Board of Management should be submitted in writing up to 1 week prior to: secretary@torquaybowlsclub.com
- Also on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, from 5.30pm prior to the meeting, we will be inviting the members who give up their time to volunteer for the club to a thank-you function. Particularly this past year in these very different times, we have had a number of members who have gone above and beyond, including those who have worked on the synthetic green project. I hope everyone knows how much their contribution is appreciated and indeed essential for the club to run.
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 5.00pm. Members of the Government and Surf Coast Council have been invited to attend our official opening of the new synthetic green. Come along and be part of the celebration of this fantastic new facility in our club.
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February. We have introduced a Tournament to provide opportunity for our Pennant and Twilight players to combine in a Fours game. Online entry to play will open on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> for players to enter as a Twilight player or a Pennant player. The Tournament Committee will assemble (select) the teams with each team having a mix from both as well as male/female. Thanks to our sponsor, there is good prize money for the overall winner and runner-up as well as to best winning game in each round. Check out the website home page for more info and to enter. Make sure you join in the fun!

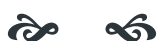


The 100-up Handicap Singles Championship is drawn and about to get underway. We have a couple of new winners in Tim Humphries who took out the Minor Singles Championship – well done! and Alan Sampson who won the Men's Veterans Singles. Congratulations.

Don't forget to enter the Club Mixed Pairs Championship via online entry or the list in the outside notice board. This closes on 20<sup>th</sup> February and is open to all affiliated members. Entry fee of \$10 per person is to be paid before closing date. Thanks.

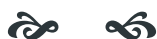


For Saturday Pennant players, it has been agreed that the Lou Crameri medal will not be awarded this year as our season has been effectively halved and compromised. COVID again!



Twilight Social Bowlers are 4 weeks into their “half” season with only one team out of all the divisions winning all four games. Don’t forget the progressive ladders are available weekly on the Twilight page on the website.

Some teams are looking for players to fill-in each week; let the Twilight committee know if you are interested in playing. Email: [twilight@torquaybowlsclub.com](mailto:twilight@torquaybowlsclub.com)



The Board of Management and Bowls Committee wish to thank members during what has been a very challenging year. We certainly haven’t invented the COVID restrictions and requirements but it has been our responsibility to ensure that each and every one of our members remains as safe as possible. We must all remember that we have been extremely fortunate to be able to, in the most, continue enjoying our sport, albeit with a few tweaks.

I know all of us just want to go back to normal. It is very tempting while we are in the enviable global situation of no community cases. However, every time there is a small outbreak, we must be reminded that all is not normal and we need to be mindful of this a bit longer. That next outbreak could just as easily be in our midst.

Please don’t shake hands, it is just not worth it, the elbow bump is just as effective. Be vigilant in keeping 1.5m distance from others, it is not more difficult than standing close to someone.

In games where it is possible, i.e. social bowls including Twilight, keep to the one mat. This is the easiest way to prevent several people all touching the mat and jack.

In games where this is not possible, i.e. pennant, tournaments and championships, we should be sanitising hands every time the mat/jack changes from one player to the other.



The club’s financial year is coming to a close and vacant committee positions will be advertised soon. Keep an eye out for the information, both in the clubhouse and website. Consider what you can contribute to the club; being part of a committee is often an enjoyable and fulfilling role. Nominations close Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Contact Peter Hirth (Board Secretary) for detailed criteria of positions and Nomination forms.

We call on every member to consider how you can contribute to the club which we all enjoy. We rely on people taking up the numerous roles any club has, to continue providing opportunity to play bowls.

There is also opportunity to nominate a member for Life Membership and/or Distinguished Service, as well as Club Recognition Award. Nominations for these close Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Keep well,  
TBC Communications