

TORQUAY BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of the 2014/15 season Torquay Bowls Club newsletter. It is anticipated a monthly edition will be produced and placed on the club's new Website. In addition a limited number of printed copies will be made available each month for collection at the club for those members who do not have access to the web.

Any club member with a story to tell or an item of interest should direct this information to the Publicity Officer for inclusion in the club newsletter and where appropriate, in the fortnightly Surf Cost Times club report.

Twilight Report

Daylight saving is almost here, the sun is shining and the temperature is warming up, the greens are in fantastic condition, the view is glorious and Twilight Bowls is almost upon us.

The new season of Twilight Bowls will start on Wednesday 15th October with the largest number of players and teams who are getting themselves ready for battle! The highly desirable trophies are being prepared - who wouldn't want one of those rings!

Twilight bowls is proving to be very popular with locals. For the first time since its inception, the twilight bowls comp has had more requests for team places than we have been able to accommodate, proving the popularity of the evening informal game.

Thirty teams will compete in the Wednesday night competition, with another twenty-eight teams competing in the Thursday night comp. Some 275 people have signed up to play Twilight for 2014-15.

Midweek Pennant Report

Midweek pennant commenced on 23rd of September with the club entering 4 sides. For the first time in the combined Geelong Bowls Region competition, the TBC again has a side in Division 1. In addition the club has sides playing in Divisions 3, 6 and 7. Based on the first couple of rounds all teams appear to be competitive in their divisions, so let's hope they can hold form and be in the mix when it comes to finals time.

A reminder that practice for midweek players is on Monday afternoons between 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm.

Friday's Happy Hour

Every Friday evening the club has a happy hour(s) between 4.30pm and 6.30pm, with reduced drink prices for all members.

At around 6.00 pm the club membership draw happens, you've got to be there to collect if your number is drawn out, so don't be late, see you there Friday evenings.

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WEBSITE

The club's website is now complete and will be available to be accessed shortly.

The site will give access to a wide range of information, including key contact details, event timetables, pennant teams and game results. In addition the website will enable members to access Board of Management and key subcommittee meetings via publicised minutes as well as general news via the monthly newsletter.

The website will be the main source of information flow for club members. Members will be encouraged to use the website to keep up to date with team selections, bowls events and generally what's happening around the club.

website address

www.torquaybowlsclub.com

Saturday Pennant Report

The club will field 6 sides in the Geelong Bowls Region Saturday pennant competition for 2014/15

The club will field a side in sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10. The selected teams each week will be supported by a strong group of bankers which should ensure we have the required numbers each week.

Practise for the Saturday pennant players is held Thursday evening's between 3.30 pm and 6.00pm

HELP WANTED

If you love gardening, Clair Crameri is looking for volunteers to help maintain the Club gardens. A

Working-B will be held on the first Monday morning of every month, commencing at approx. 9am. It's a fun morning, so get your gardening gear on and come on down.

Positions Vacant

The Board still has a number of duty positions available. Anyone interested and available to assist should contact Des Bruhn or Ian Gribble.

Board of Management

News

The Board of Management and its sub committees have been working relentlessly over the winter break to ensure all is in place for the start of the 2014/15 season. It has been a monumental job finalising the building restructure, getting everything back in to the club rooms and finalising our arrangements with the tenants. The Directors wish to thank all those members who contributed to ensure this work was completed on time.

The Board recognises it is a major change for members with the arrangements now in place, but with a dose of goodwill the Board is confident any further settling-in issues can be resolved without fuss or inconvenience to club members.

The Board will continue to review all aspects of the transition into the new expanded club rooms to ensure things continue to go smoothly.

With the bulk of work on the refurbishment now behind us the Board is now beginning a process of planning for the future. The Board has commenced a strategic review of all aspects of the Club's activities with a view to develop/update the club's 5 year strategic plan. Following an analysis of its current operation and position, the Board has identified a number of Key Objectives to ensure the future viability of the club.

The Board intends to undertake a consultation process with members before finalising the 5 year strategic plan.

FOR SALE

The Board has approved the sale of selected sets of bowls from the club loan bowls.

Interested purchasers should contact David McKenzie.

Members who wish to privately sell their old bowls should also see David re advertising these on the club notice Boards. At present no extra postings can be accepted because of lack of space. As a number of members have notified of Bowls for sale, a list will be placed to allow for advertising

Club Fixture Books

The Club 2014/15 fixture books are now available. Handy to have one regardless of what bowls section you participate in as it has all the key dates and contact details available. To obtain a fixture book see your bowls section secretary.

Junior Coaching Squad

The Board and Bowls Committee have resolved to encourage juniors to take up bowls.

It is the intention to form a junior coaching squad. Any club member who has a child or grandchild of 12 years or older who would like to try bowls this will be a great chance to get them started.

For further information or forwarding names contact David McKenzie.

Pennant Notice Board

The Board has approved to have the PENNANT NOTICE BOARDS located under the greenside shelter in the south-west corner of the top green. This will enable players to view team selection without having to come right up to the club house.

Further once the Club's Website is fully up and running, members will be able to view team selections and bowls results via the Web.

Upcoming Social Events

The rock classic night, 1st November

Tickets are going fast so book now.

New Year's Eve - "Glamor on the Green"

DJ already booked. Should be a blast so get you table organised.

Contact Bernie Convery for tickets or further details

TBC General Meeting

The Board has rescheduled the planned September General Meeting.

The General meeting will now be held:

Monday 27th October 2014 at 7.30 pm