



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2025

Once again, a New Year has begun. Best wishes to all!! We're back in our bowling routine but only for a couple more weeks when our Pennant seasons finish. Of course, then there will be social bowls and Championship matches for us all to participate in. **There will be news of an after-pennant get together coming up. Keep your eyes and ears open**

BIRTHDAYS AND WELL WISHES: Firstly, belated birthday wishes to our January birthday people. I hope you all had memorable celebrations – Carolyn Dick, Chris Hoare, Bev Isbel, Maggie Rourke, Di Tombs and Helen Vercoulen.

Now for February: Ross Dick, Frank Myring (both Maggie and Frank born in 1936), Dana Podlena, Maurie Susnig and me, myself, I. Happy days to all!!

During our time away Darryl Couch had a fall in the shower and sustained some injuries. The good news is he's back!!

Maggie had a wee hiccup but she is now cruising to Singapore with her daughter. More good news!!

Stuart Kitto had major surgery last year but he's now back golfing, which is really, really good news!!

Bill Jack had an operation on his bowling hand so he is out of action for the time being. Helen has had to take on all chores plus nurse maid and chauffeur.

Cathy Sheppard has had an operation to remove her appendix. I hear she's home again but will need our last Saturday Pennant match off. A speedy recovery to you Cathy.

CONDOLENCES: Sadly, we farewelled Nola Ryan in late January. Nola hadn't bowled for some time but always kept up with the bowling news. *Vale Nola.*

NEW MEMBERS: We've recently had 4 new members join our club and they have taken to bowls like ducks to water, social bowls, Men's Pairs and Saturday Pennant. Welcome to Pam and Peter Beaver, Andrew Nixon and Wayne Prest.

DAD'S ARMY: We've had a few very hot days so physical work has been minimal, but everything is looking good as usual. Amazingly, the weeds don't stop growing. Apart from Greg replacing the rubbers on the bowls rakes there aren't any major projects at the moment, just keeping things ship shape. I must also mention Len, not only our "ideas" man but our "doer". He has been cleaning the toilets each week and also emptying the bins. Thank you, Len.

CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Pairs Championship matches are well underway – both male and female. Please be sure you let Greg know when you wish to schedule your match so he can ensure the green is available. Next up will be the Mixed Pairs – watch the noticeboard for the nomination sheets.

SPONSOR OF THE MONTH: Carolyn has chosen Michael Sukkar, the Federal Member for Deakin as our sponsor for this month, a long-time supporter of Lawn Bowls and Eastwood Golf Bowls Club.



TOURNAMENT: Our annual Triples Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19th. Julie is doing a fine job getting things underway. Invitations have been sent out and she has four responses so far. We need 16 teams altogether. We fill as many positions as possible with visitors and then fill the remainder with our members. Think about getting a team together in readiness for spaces.



UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A): Maurie, in consultation with Tracy and Carolyn organised U3A members from Croydon and Yarra Ranges to come to our club to experience lawn bowling. This is happening each Wednesday afternoon at 1pm this term. We've had two weeks so far and those who have attended have enjoyed.

We're hoping we may be able to welcome new members in the future!! Two of our visitors are thinking about coming to social bowls on a Thursday which is encouraging.

BISTRO: This month saw the return of our monthly Friday night dinners in the bistro. There were about 20 happy diners with a couple of raffle winners. You'd never have guessed that Marilyn would be one of them???

Also, Trish Laidlaw was another lucky recipient.

BUNNINGS: We had a Bunnings BBQ on January 26th – Australia Day. As usual it was a great success with a profit of \$2000+. Of course, this isn't possible without dedicated helpers so thank you to all who have volunteered their time.

Our next Bunnings BBQ will be later in the year. There will be plenty of notice given, so please let Maria know if you could also be a volunteer.

SOCIAL: The Social Committee has been busy getting a calendar of events together for the next few months.

- Thursday, February 20th - 6:30 – Chinese dinner @ Diamond Pavilion,
- March (no date yet) – Picnic in the Park,
- Thursday, April 17th – Morning tea @ Eastwood,
- Wednesday, May 28th – High Tea,
- June (no date yet) – Pot and Parma plus Music Trivia @ Eastwood,
- Friday, July 25th – Christmas in July @ Rose Cottage,

Thank you all for your efforts.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS for 2025/26: Maria will be displaying nomination forms for **all** Committee positions on March 1st. They are only displayed for 14 days, so there's another thing to think about. You may like to nominate for a position or you may like to ask another member if they would consider a position on a committee. Give it some thought!!

BOTTLES: Len our "bottle-o" (a man with many titles) is very happy with all our drinkers who have deposited cans and bottles. So far this year we have collected \$340.

A big thank you from Len.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday, February 20th 6:30pm Diamond Pavilion Dinner BYO Wine,
- March 1st - Nominations for committee positions,
- Plus, all the Social Committee dates,

Best wishes to all Nan T and Maurie S