



VERMONT SOUTH CLUB



Vermont South Club Inc., Livingstone Road, Vermont South



MISSION STATEMENT

VISION

The Vermont South Club seeks to occupy a position as the most recognisable and respected sporting club in the district.

MISSION

The Vermont South Club serves the community through the provision of healthy and competitive sporting activities and provides, for its members, excellent sporting facilities within a warm and friendly atmosphere.

We adhere to a fundamental belief that a healthy lifestyle and positive community spirit is enhanced by the provision of social and competitive sport for people of all ages and abilities at an affordable price.

VALUES

We will turn our vision into reality by:

- Focusing on participation rather than winning at all costs
- Fostering a sense of fair play and sportsmanship
- Embracing equality of opportunity
- Being financially prudent & delivering value for money
- Seeking continuous improvement
- Conducting our activities with integrity
- Planning for the future: being open to the challenge of new ideas
- Working constructively with our sporting partners
- Acknowledging people who succeed & contribute to the Club
- Building links to our community





PRESIDENTS REPORT

I recently had the privilege of presenting **Meritorious Service Awards** to members who distinguished themselves through outstanding service to our Club. They were:

Matt Petruccelli has been a member for 35 years, served on Committees (including as Club VP), convened tennis, organized significant social events, raised plenty of money, was Club Liquor Licensee, initiated darts and continues as convener.

Ross Borden served industriously as Bar Manager, Selector, Bowls Committee, RVBA Delegate, Greens maintenance and Greens Director. Ross did many of these roles concurrently over a 15 year period.

Flick Nolan joined in 1980 and instantly became involved in tennis committees particularly with juniors, mid-week ladies and later at district level. Flick was active in organising social events and continues today as chairperson of the tennis section even though she is no longer a player.

Nancy & Colin Evans joined in 1994 as new bowls members and quickly got involved in Club affairs. Both have served on Committees, worked tirelessly on our gardens and have raised considerable funds for the Club through craft stalls, embroidering names on shirts and selling home-made jams & pickles.

We thank these members for their wonderful contributions to our Club over many years and congratulate them on their well-deserved awards, For various reasons including overseas travel, I regret that we have not been able to find a suitable occasion to physically present Nancy & Colin with their MSA plaque. We will make it happen sometime soon.

Prior to the election in November Kirstie Marshall announced that our grant application for replacement of the East Green was approved (with no strings attached). However, on 7th January we were informed that our application was unsuccessful. This saga is extremely disappointing to say the least. I feel disillusioned, let down and annoyed. Now our challenge is to find alternate ways to get this critical project funded/delivered in an acceptable timeframe.

The very wet winter and spring has been fantastic for our reservoirs and has boosted growth of lawns and gardens across the State. I'm sure you'll agree





that the Club's gardens have never looked better. However this rain has not been so good for our revenue. Rained out tennis and bowls events have been very costly particularly at a time when we are trying to grow our cash reserves to pay for upcoming major projects.

On a brighter note, we have gained excellent new revenue streams through the booking of corporate bowls days. We also ran a very successful bowls tournament early in January. These events give the Club extra exposure throughout the local community and the revenue has helped to make up (at least partially) for the thousands of dollars lost to rain. Nevertheless, we may still be forced to limit our near term spending.

We received many entries into our recent logo design competition. After careful deliberation, we have now made our selection which we think is attractive and appropriate for the Club going forward. We hope you like it too. The new design symbolically represents the three sports offered by our Club by emulating the flight path of a dart, the trajectory of a tennis ball and the bias of a bowl. This is set on a rectangular background that represents the shape of a tennis court and bowling rink.

In last year's Annual Report I mentioned the importance of volunteers. Indeed volunteers are critical for most Clubs. There are plenty of our members who put up their hand and work for the Club on an elected basis and others who help in a less formal way. Unfortunately there are many more that just sit back and rely on the good will and efforts of others. You know who are – we know too. It is time to change this situation. We need to share the load more evenly. Without the good work of volunteers our Club would not survive so, if not already involved, I encourage you to get aboard and participate in the running of the Club. **Take the initiative**, talk to a Committee person about your skills and interests and find out where we have vacancies. This equally applies to parents of juniors as they also have a role to play. With more people helping we will not burn out the willing workers. I know that you will get personal satisfaction from volunteering no matter whether on a regular or ad-hoc basis. Try it!

On February 4th and 11th we are opening our Club to the general community with the clear aim of promoting the whole Club and recruiting new members.





Please make a conscious effort to invite your neighbours, family and friends as there is nothing better than a personal recommendation from a happy member. Help us share the news about our great Club.

I hope you enjoyed Christmas and that 2011 brings good health, happiness and prosperity to all.

John Temple



Flick Nolan receives Meritorious Service Award



WEDNESDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Our competition this Spring was absolute disaster, I know the rains have been most welcome, but it would have been appreciated if they had fallen some other time than Wednesday nights.

Five of the first six nights of the season were washed out, and a total of nine nights out of an eighteen week season were cancelled. We even organized a BBQ to end the season, and that was washed out too. Ah well, we are sports people and like the Aussie Cricket Team, we have our ups and downs.

We will start (try) our Autumn Season in early February. Hopefully if the rains continue, they will wash out some other night than Wednesday.

Mike Emery



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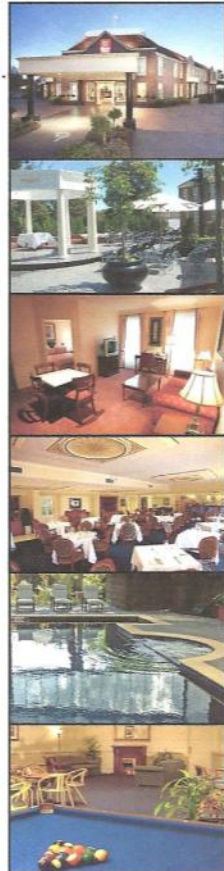
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In Deepest Sympathy...

We were saddened to hear from Chris Moule, who was this Club's inaugural President (1977-9) and a Life Member, that his former wife Jenny passed away on 7th November 2010.

Jenny was a driving force in getting this Club started. She campaigned for community and Council support and was effectively our Club Secretary in the years leading up to official formation. She did several years hard work which included preparation of numerous submissions to Council for access to parkland and for planning and building permits.

Our Club is lucky to have had such an enthusiastic and capable person in those early days. We thank you Jenny. Rest In Peace.





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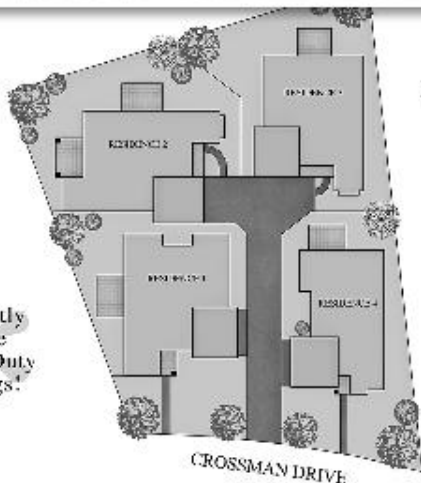


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JUNIOR TENNIS

Hi All,

Our Summer 2010/2011 season began on 9th October 2010. We have 10 Saturday teams and 7 Sunday teams.

Although this is our 'Summer' season, we have been a little unfortunate to have had 4 washouts out of 8 in our Saturday competition!!! Sunday teams have managed a few more games but I think the drought has well and truly broken!!!

After Round 8 we have 6 of our Saturday teams in the top 4, and 5 of our Sunday teams in the top 4. Go Vermont South!!

I would like to welcome all the new players to our Junior tennis competition and hope they are enjoying their tennis. With the unusually high number of washouts some children have only played one or two games so I hope their enthusiasm hasn't been dampened too much and that we will have a drier second half of the season.

Julie Morris

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DARTS REPORT

Darts finished the year strongly with some good attendances on the final couple of weeks. 2011 looks good with some new members and few ex's returning. Thanks to Neil who organizes our paperwork, and Dom who stashes our finances. Great work boys, thanks also to Ray who is always early and sets up the lights etc.

We were delighted to see a social group who hired our facilities to play bowls, enjoy playing darts when the weather turned nasty. It is great we can offer groups something else to do if required. There are always darts in one of the cupboards, and all members are welcome to play at anytime. Well looking forward to the new season. Good throwing.

Mike Emery



TENNIS SECTIONS REPORT

After years of constant nagging to get volunteers to water the courts over summer, who would think that this year would produce what it has. The rainwater tanks have been a fantastic asset to say the least !!

The refurbishment of the toilets has been a constant positive with members and visitors. We are now looking forward to the kitchen being started.

Membership across some of our sections is dwindling, however the spirit is still high. We hope this is just a phase hopefully being experienced by many other clubs as well. I have been told that it is an Australian wide situation, and Grass Roots Tennis has been introduced to hopefully remedy this problem.

We have open days in February 2011 which will be advertised shortly in the clubrooms.

And again don't forget to use our website – www.vermontsouthclub.com.au and when shopping at Rebel Sports in Knox, take your membership card with you, as any purchase gives the club points, allowing purchases of goods etc.

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TENNIS SECTION

Senior Club Championships

Eight players participated this year and the winner was Akira Suda. Akira beat Anton Claridad (also runner up last year) 6-7, 6-4, 7-6. It was a close match lasting almost 3 hours. Congratulations to Akira your name will now appear in gold letters on the championship board in the clubhouse for the first time! Well done.

Court Maintenance

Hot and windy weather means we need to take extra care of our courts. It is very important that ALL MEMBERS using the courts water before and after play. The minimum time for watering a court – especially on windy days is about 8 minutes. So please do your part to keep the courts in good condition.



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BOWLS REPORT

Happy New Year to all members, their families and friends. The last six months have been extremely rewarding with many new developments underway.

Such as:

The Rules Committee Chaired by Lizzie Boucher and Secretary Gary Simmons completing various stages of the proposed new Club Rules which will be submitted to the VSC Board and Bowls members for comment.

The work undertaken by the Corporate Bowls and 40/Forty Committee which so far have run 6 Corporate Bowls events and are developing the 40/Forty Competition which will be run over six weeks in February and March. This group comprising of Clive Wilson, Allan Lamb, Michael Summers, Michael Keel and Neil Cameron, Lizzie Boucher and Pauline Cullen have already held meetings with Bowls Victoria and distributed over 150 letters to Schools, Local Businesses, Sponsors and other Sporting and Social Clubs within the City of Whitehorse.

Junior Bowls purchasing two sets of Bowls for juniors and developing a holiday program on Monday mornings during the school holidays. Thanks to the Junior Committee of Lloyd Iaccarino, Barrie & Barbara Brown, Christine Holland, Lizzie Boucher, Ian Oxley & David Perry. If you have grand children between the ages of 7 and 17 who may be looking for an activity please contact one of the committee.

There will be two whole of Club Open Days on the 4th and 11th February with the Bowls Section running the try bowls evenings between 5.30 and 8.00pm. If you are able to assist please contact Ronda Benetti or Andrew Ross.

The appointment of Geoff Bryant as Secretary of the Men's Section and the Board has also been a great plus for the Club. Thanks Geoff we knew you hadn't retired!!

Melbourne's unpredictable weather has been frustrating for all bowlers with 5 Saturday pennant games, one Tuesday pennant game, along with numerous mid week social games cut short or abandoned due to the weather.





Consequently numerous sides have not been able to show their true form as their home games have been washed out.

Congratulations to Viv Bennett and John Temple for winning their singles championship events against very strong competition from Barbara Brown and Ed Benetti. It was pleasing to see such a large number of spectators on the day and thanks to the Tournament Committee for the Sausage Sizzle and a well run day.

Thanks to the Social Committee who have done it again, by turning on another fantastic Christmas party. The decorations, table layout, food, music and atmosphere were all first class. Many thanks to all of you for a wonderful and enjoyable night.

Good Bowling everyone,

Andrew Ross

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A good year was enjoyed by midweek ladies especially in the MEMRLTA department. In the winter season of last year both our A3 and A4 teams brought home the premiership so we must congratulate Cath, Helen, Kaye, Sherilyn, Jill and Peta from A3 - Sue, Libby, Pam, Angela, Laurice and Lynnee from A4. Unfortunately as I had the absolutely pleasure of having to umpire on that day I can't give a blow by blow description of every magnificent shot but the girls tell me they were absolutely brilliant and who am I to argue with that. If anyone wants to have a look and admire this bevy of beauties it has been posted on our VSC website. It was very unfortunate that our B4 team had to forfeit their first final as they could not field a team. These three teams are once again doing exceptionally well this season and hopefully will do well in the finals. A10 is looking for a big improvement in the 2nd half!!



Mid-week ladies celebrate two A-Grade premierships A3&A4



Probably not worth mentioning what happened in WDTA – too depressing but I believe Pauline is organizing early morning boot camp for us to try and finish a little closer to the top this coming season.

On the social side Angela once again did our Xmas dinner and thanks go to her and to Kaye and Jill for making the salads. It was a good night and a good time was had by all.

Most of you would probably know that Sue has sort of taken on an apprenticeship with Ange in her macaroon business and I must admit she has come a very long way. Before she started her idea of separating eggs was to have three on one side of the plate and three on the other but now her expertise has spread so much that the business is absolutely booming.

No doubt we will all be back on the court late January inspired by the heroics from the Australian Open. Good hitting and good luck for the coming year.

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BOWLS TOURNAMENT

Our Mixed Medley sponsored by Australian Unity (Victoria Grange Retirement Living) finally took place on Saturday 8th January 2011; the day was forecast to be 36c with thunder storms about lunchtime. We welcomed 84 players with representatives from Mitcham, Boronia, Mulgrave CC, Box Hill RSL, Blackburn, Heathmont and Glen Waverley and of course Vermont South.

The day started with Ladies pairs being played on the east green and Open fours on the west green, conditions became very trying very quickly, with intense heat and a strong north wind. Lunch was held at 12.30 where all enjoyed a very nice meal of cold meat and various salads, together with a Chocolate Bavarian and ice cream sweet.

Our sponsors were welcomed by John Comte as were the visitors, both sponsors present gave a short address to all players present. Russell Covell thanked the ladies for preparing such a nice meal, also his tournament committee, greens committee, bar staff and all other members who helped organise the day.

The game continued after lunch with a reduced number of ends being played as a number of ladies had to pull out due to the very trying conditions. We were lucky we had a lot of helpers on the day as four stood in for the ladies who retired , thank you to each of those members.

After the fourth game due to the change in the number of ends being played we had a 20 min break with cold drinks available to enable all to recover prior to starting the last game.

As luck would have it a cool change arrived soon after and conditions became quite pleasant, all in all a great day was had by everybody who attended.

Our Drawmaker computer software together with our new white board made the day very professional, results were readily available for all to see after each game.

Our eventual winners were visitors with a combined team from Box Hill RSL and

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Blackburn. The winning team of Jim Phillips, Ted Fowler, Vic Tatnall, Ron Hayes, Ruth Phillips and Leslie Hayes, thanked Vermont South Bowls Club for conducting such a well run event, also our sponsors, without them these events could not happen.

The Runner Up was a team from Vermont South comprising John Temple, Robert Temple, Barrie Brown, Clive Wilson, Barbara Brown and Pauline Wilson.

Prizes were also awarded to:-

Keith Horlock's combined team being the best first game winner.

Trevor Bartle's team being the best second game winner.

Robin Shaw's combined team from Mitcham and Boronia,
best third game winner.

Brian Sampson's team being the best fourth game winner.

David Perry's team being the best fifth game winner.

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