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Newsletter



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VERMONT SOUTH CLUB

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.

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- Embracing equality of opportunity
- Being financially prudent & delivering value for money
- Seeking continuous improvement
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Water Saving

The installation of our water recycling systems has now been completed. We now collect water from the roof of the lower clubhouse and from both bowling greens. We store the water in two steel tanks with a total capacity of 150,000 litres. From the tanks, the water can then be pumped to all tennis courts and to automatic sprinkler systems on both bowling greens. A good proportion of the water used on the greens will find it's way back to the tanks again.

This project was completed with the assistance of a \$50,000 government grant and an investment by the Club of nearly \$19,000. Although it is very difficult to estimate, we believe we will save a mega litre of mains water per year. But, more importantly, we have provided a way to protect the Club and keep it running should more drastic water restrictions be imposed.

Thanks to the many members who worked on this project with special mentions to Kevin Donovan and Gary Simmons. Kevin did the initial research followed by a detailed report to the VSC Committee of Management. Gary did the legwork to secure the grant.

Website

We are in the process of developing a new Club website which will allow much better and more immediate communication with members. We expect that it will also help the Club to save on printing/ mailing costs, recruit new members and generate additional sponsorship through increased community exposure. Any member without internet access will continue to receive newsletters in the mail, so no-one will be disadvantaged. Keep an eye on www.vermontsouthclub.com.au and stay tuned for more news in the coming months.

Tennis Administration

The tennis section is comprised of several fairly independent groups such as mid-week ladies, night tennis, week-end comp, juniors and social players. Each group is generally well managed by relevant

committees or convenors but they operate on their own without much contact with the other groups. Unfortunately, this means there is no overall cohesion and a lack of forward planning by the Tennis Section as a whole.

Our Tennis Chairperson, Flick Nolan, has been trying to rectify this situation for some time now but is getting only limited support from within. It's time for a change. We need members to step up and take on some responsibility. We've heard all the excuses about busy workload, study commitments etcetera, but frankly we believe most of those excuses are just an easy way to avoid responsibility. For the most part, the Club is looking for a contribution of just a few hours per month – a small amount of time which I'm sure most people could easily find.

Flick and I will be meeting with all groups within the Club during this month to seek your support. Please, please give this serious consideration as the future of the Tennis Section is at stake. If this lack of involvement continues our clubhouse and court facilities will deteriorate, there will be fewer organised tennis competitions and opportunities for a game will be diminished. We can't let that happen.

Don't wait to be asked. If you can volunteer your time/skills/effort, please call Flick or myself immediately.

Break-in

I am disappointed to report that in the early hours of Saturday 28-Feb the Club was burgled. The thieves cut through the perimeter fence, damaged our new clubhouse and stole liquor and cash. Although insured, we will suffer a financial loss. We are taking immediate steps to deter future break-ins.

Sickies

A few members have suffered serious health problems and some have undergone major surgery in recent times. Our thoughts are with you all for a complete and speedy recovery.

Member Survey

So that we can better understand the current and future needs of our members, we will be sending out a questionnaire with membership renewal notices. The responses to these questions will help us to plan for implementation of appropriate facilities, events and services. You can influence the future direction of your Club so, we implore you to give deep consideration to the survey questions and then return your completed form.

Bill Bowie plaque

In the next few weeks we will be installing a plaque to recognise the enormous support received from the late Bill Bowie. He was a strong advocate of the Club and was pivotal in getting get our development project and funding accepted by the City Council. The plaque will be placed prominently on a rock in the garden bed between the clubhouse and new green.

Finals

Congratulations to all Vermont South tennis and bowls teams that have made it to the finals. I hope you can bring home some flags. We are certainly having a very successful year on and off the field. Well done to all

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Temple".

John Temple

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OUTDOOR BOWLS

We are nearing the end of the Summer Pennant season and the Club has had an excellent season. The men's section fielded five sides in the RVBA competition with the following results:

Div 1 finished 7th

3 finished 5th

5 finished 1st & won section playoff.

7 finished 2nd

7 finished 1st & won section playoff.

Section 5 and both section 7 will be promoted next season.

Both Div5 & Div7 are playing off for the Division Championship. Division 7 lost in the quarter finals and Division 5 is to play in the Grand Final on Saturday 14th March. Good luck guys.

We also fielded two side in the night competition and both sides finished well up but did not make the finals.

The Ladies section fielded three sides in the Tuesday Pennant with the following results:

A1 Finished 6th

B1 finished 1st

B1 finished 5th

The second side is playing in the quarter finals of their Division on Tuesday 10th March. Good luck girls..

We also fielded two sides in the Saturday Pennant with the following results:

Div 1 sec 4 finished 5th

2 sec 4 finished 4th

We again held Try Bowls Evenings on the first three Friday nights in February with some 57 people attending. Geoff Bryant did an excellent job of organizing these nights with many members coming along to help. Thanks everyone.

Lino Cagnato has made us a weather vain so that we can tell where the wind is coming from and also modified the rope fittings on the new flag pole to make them easier to operate.. Thanks Lino.

The Social Committee has organized a Charity Day for the bush fire survivors on Sunday 22nd March and would like to see both greens full. All money raised will go the Bush Fire Appeal.

Now that the fence has been put around the Water tanks thanks to Mike Emery John Mead Mal Walker & John Temple planning is underway for the completion of this area.

Would bowlers please note the change of the date of the **AGM's to Friday 24th April.**

BARRIE BROWN



David Perry, Oscar Setyana & Gavin Gow entertaining us at the Bowls Christmas break-up.

Wednesday Social Bowls

So far this season a total of 71 bowlers have taken part in our Wednesday night social bowls.

Average nightly attendances have steadily grown from a moderate 18 at the beginning in September to a healthy figure in the mid 30's.

Of the 71, 13 are first year bowlers and their regular attendance is a reflection of their enjoyment and their obvious improvement.

It has been good to see the ongoing support of so many experienced members whose encouragement and support they offer to the new bowlers is so important.

Ian Oxley and Bob Cowled
Conveners

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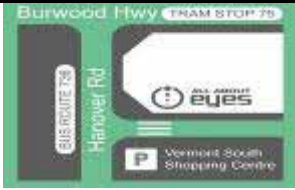
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BOWLS SECTION CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Since our last Newsletter we have a number of results in our Club events, we are still waiting on some to finish.

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner Dennis Youngs Runner-Up David Knight

LADIES SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner Viv. Bennett Runner-Up Pat Andrew

LADIES PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners Cynthia Archbold & Judy Bartle

Runners-Up Ronda Benetti & Joy Smith

MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners Dennis Youngs & Bev Cohen

Runner-Up Oska Setyana & Jean Walter

MENS TRIPLES

Winners Dennis Youngs, Russell Covell & Daryl Hausler

Runners Up Ron Knight, Brian Sampson & Don McLaren

MEN'S 100 UP

Winner Oska Setyana Runner Up Brian Sampson

MEN'S PRESIDENT HANDICAP

Winner Mel Walker Runner Up Alan Lamb

NOVICE SINGLES

Winner Alan Lamb Runner Up Phil Staley

The Ladies still have a couple of events to finish.

A reminder to all that Presentation for all Events will be held on Sunday 19th April after our BBQ

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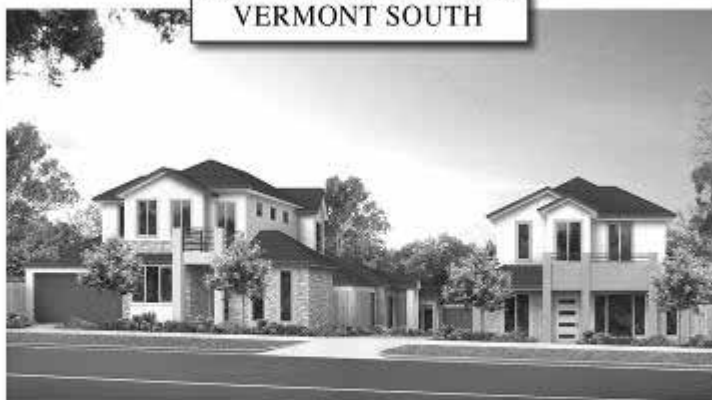
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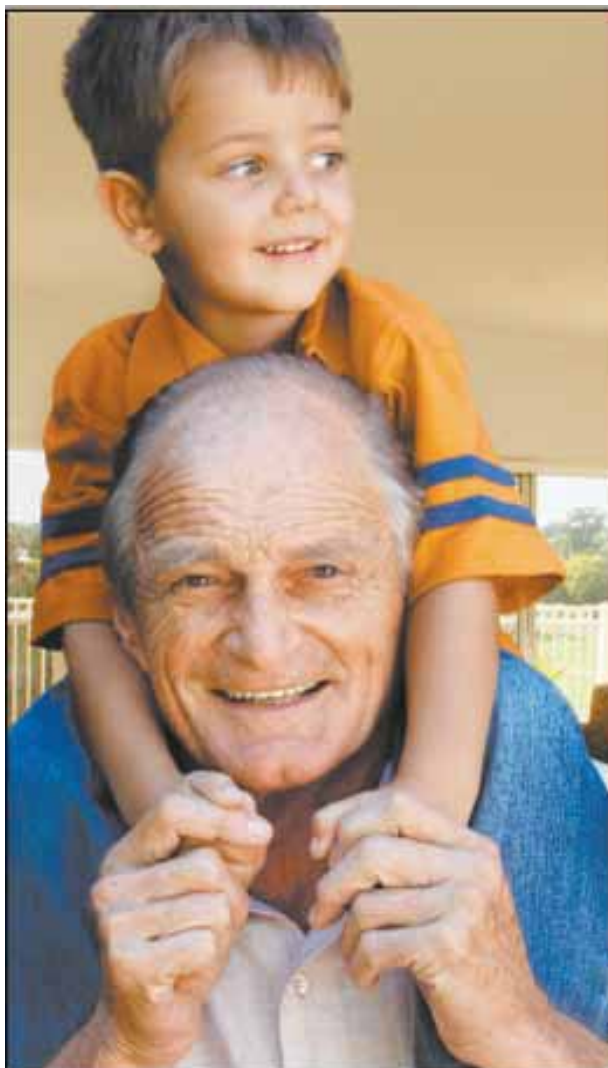
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Bowls Coaching Panel

The Coaching Panel recently welcomed Pat Andrews to its number on gaining her Accreditation and with David Perry now makes a panel of eight. We are always pleased to assist you at any time.

The Panel is very busy at the moment as a result of the “Try Bowls” night with over 50 people attending and nearly 40 people to contact. Thanks to all the members who assisted us on those nights.

Monday morning “Skills Sessions” have been very well attended throughout the Season, with many of the newer bowlers making use of them. They will continue throughout March with the last session being on Monday 30th March. For members who haven’t tried these sessions, it can be a pleasant 1 – 1:1/2 :Hrs, which can make a difference to your bowling.

My thanks go to all the Club Coaches for their efforts during the year.

Remember the Basics: Grip, Stance and Delivery

Ian Heatley
Chairperson

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JUNIOR TENNIS

The summer 08-09 season is drawing to a close and, with one round to go, Vermont South should have seven of eight Saturday teams, and three of six Sunday teams contesting the finals – a really good result. A number of players, some in their first season of competition, have had outstanding results and will be awarded certificates in recognition of their achievements. They are as follows:

<i>Saturday Teams:</i>	<i>Richard Kovacs</i>	<i>B Spec 1 Boys</i>
	<i>Leslie Ching</i>	<i>C 4 Boys</i>
	<i>Brad De Franceschi</i>	<i>C 4 Boys</i>
	<i>Elliott Lawson</i>	<i>C 4 Boys</i>
	<i>Alex Yuferov</i>	<i>C Spec 1 Mixed</i>
	<i>Kimberley Landis</i>	<i>D Spec 1 Girls</i>
	<i>Vicky Bishop</i>	<i>D Spec 1 Mixed (Red)</i>
	<i>Stephen Burton</i>	<i>D Spec 1 Mixed (Red)</i>
	<i>Marissa Sivanandam</i>	<i>D Spec 1 Mixed (Blue)</i>
	<i>Daniel Meyer</i>	<i>D Spec 1 Mixed (Blue)</i>
	<i>Ryan James</i>	<i>D Spec 1 Mixed (Blue)</i>
	<i>Reed Wekenborg</i>	<i>D Spec 1 Mixed (Blue)</i>
	<i>Alexander Mayes</i>	<i>D Spec 5 Boys</i>
<i>Sunday Teams</i>	<i>Najee Imam</i>	<i>C Spec 2 Triples</i>
	<i>Lloyd Iaccarino</i>	<i>C Spec 2 Triples</i>
	<i>Lawrence Yeung</i>	<i>D 1 Triples</i>

Congratulations to these juniors for their excellent scores in singles and doubles, and well done to all team members for a well contested season!

The winter season entries have already been submitted, and preparations will soon be starting for matches which commence on May 2 and 3.

Bob Rendall
Junior Tennis Convenor



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TENNIS COACHING

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COACHING TIP

To get the best performance from your tennis racquet the strings need to be replaced every 12 months. Strings even when not being used stretch and the loss of tension can effect performance.

COURT MAINTENANCE

The tennis courts have been treated with magnesium chloride which assists with water retention during this time of drought. For this product to work and to maintain our courts the courts **MUST** be watered for at least 8 minutes before you commence play.

This allows the water to penetrate – a light sprinkle is not enough. If you give the court a thorough soaking it will remain damp for at least an hour and the playing surface and the bounce will be more even.

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

We have a new Senior Club Champion – Steven Bellinger who defeated Robert Lawson in the final – congratulations to Steven your name will now be displayed on the Honour Board as the winner for 2008.

The doubles title was won by Steven Bellinger and Robert Lawson who defeated Ozkan Mehmetoglu and Satoshi Suda.

Unfortunately there was no ladies event this year. Hopefully more members will enter the senior events for the 2009 which will commence in November.

Ian Strong
9803 2125

TENNIS SECTIONS REPORT

Unfortunately my appeal for volunteer watering over January did not result in any people ringing me, however if it wasn't for the mid-week ladies, weekend juniors and seniors, night people and a handful of loyal people (and some of their families) the courts would be totally unplayable. And of course our own coach Ian who is married to watering!!! A big thank you to all those people and you all know who you are.

We are wondering whether any mixed groups (unisex) and wanting to play socially on a Thursday night as that night comp has been abandoned. Ask some of your friends and maybe after Easter we could start up a regular couple of hours, socially or if enough interest we could run a comp.

Tuesday nights are wanting some more men (4 - 6) to play in a B grade comp. Any interested people should ring Jeremy O'Meara on 0414 631 701 as soon as possible.

Also any junior parents who would be willing to help out on committee need to get in touch with Bob Rendall on 9803 5124 as soon as possible.

Most people should now be aware that we have 2 rainwater tanks that have about 75,000 litres of water in them. So we have our fingers crossed that we can fill them with RAIN soon and that will help the state of the courts. Please be dutiful with heavy watering before playing as that will help the treatment work. Yarra Valley Water are very pleased with us being so good.

Flick Nolan
Tennis Chairperson.
9720 8370

MIDWEEK LADIES REPORT

We are back in full swing with comp, our social tennis over the holiday period being very limited owing to the excessive heat. Finally we have broken our premiership drought with Thursday's Section 2 team holding up our honour with a great win in the grand final last season, beating Legend Park (who were on top all season) by three games. Congratulations to Chris, Kay, Carolyn and Glennis for a great effort. Two games down going into the last two sets, Chris and Glennis set up a photo finish with an 8-1 win and Carolyn and Kay came from behind to get them over the line. Of course this couldn't have been done without expert coaching from Jill and Noela on the sideline. Well done to all concerned. Our Section 3 girls also made the grand final but Whites Lane were too good on the day.

Tuesdays finals will be all over by the time you read this but hopefully our A6 and "youngies" teams can prevail. We welcome Helen McConnell back to the fold next season after a long absence – good to have you back.

It would be remiss not to thank Flick for the tireless work she does around the club, a lot of which goes unnoticed. We probably only notice her presence when the trusty calendar comes out for the watering roster or when she is mulling over which table to join for lunch (the one with the best food of course).

Now if you suffer from travel sickness as does Julie, do not undertake a long drive with the Major. We took the scenic route to Warrandyte via the Adelaide Hills eventually arriving miraculously on time. However, on return after admiring the scenery for about 15 mins we arrived back at the very place we had started out from. Finally got back to Vermont Sth via Ringwood.

Picture this. Lynnee takes to the court, stands at the net doing her customary jiggle looking the consummate professional - having to go back for her racquet spoilt the image somewhat.

Finally, as the footy season is about to commence I wish all your teams well unless they are playing the Dees

Prediction between 14th and 16th!!!

Carol Forster

INDOOR BOWLS

2008-2009 Pennant season, at Huntingtower School, has been most enjoyable with two teams entered. Huntingtower venue has 8 mats - 64 players making it a very sociable night.

At the time of writing this report, one team is at the top of the ladder with 6 points up, finals to be played on the 11th and 18th March.

Indoor bowls will resume at VSC on Friday 13th March at 9.30am to 11.30am.

Newcomers most welcome.

Cynthia Archbold **9887 4895**
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