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# Newsletter



November 2009

# **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.

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**

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- 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

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

The cold and gloomy winter days are gone and summer is upon us so we can now enjoy the outdoor activities at our great Club in bright and warm conditions. I really hope all members take maximum advantage of the events and resources available to them at our Club over the summer months. There's nothing better than playing bowls or tennis on a balmy summer night.

You may be interested to know that, over the last 8 months, the VSC Committee of Management has been compiling a wish list of projects and capital investments that will either improve our facilities or assist in the running of the Club. The list is comprehensive and despite a desire to do them all, the Club simply cannot afford to. So we prioritised our requirements and we have settled on the following projects as the first in line to be implemented.

| Project   | Time frame   |
|---|--------------|
| Provide recycled tank water (hose & sprinkler) to net line of tennis courts       | Dec 2009     |
| Install drip irrigation system in garden beds surrounding West Green (tank water) | Dec 2009     |
| Replace lamps in tennis court floodlights   | Jan 2010     |
| Install piped natural gas BBQ on paved area adjacent to West Green                | Feb 2010     |
| Refurbish male & female toilets in Upper Clubhouse                                | May-Jul 2010 |

In addition, we anticipate that we will have to replace the East Green within a 3-5 year timeframe. As you might expect, this will be at a significant cost in excess of \$200,000 so we are already working on our financial strategies including how we can obtain Government assistance for the project. We are also allocating funds to an Asset Replacement Account.

Everyone will be aware the Government is tightening liquor licensing laws as a response to alcohol-fueled violence in the community. We are not immune to this and we have been warned to expect close scrutiny from Dept of Justice inspectors. Penalties for indiscretions are severe and potentially crippling to a Club like ours. We have

sought advice from various sources and as a result we will be putting in place a range of measures to protect the Club and our members. Some of the new rules may not be popular but it is important that we comply or we can be heavily fined and/or lose our license.

I was very pleased to present **Clive Wilson** with Life Membership at the AGM in September as he has contributed immensely to our Club. Clive was Club President for a record equalling seven terms during which time he used his management and leadership skills to steer the club away from a fragile financial position into a position of strength and stability. He played a key role in the planning and delivery of the new bowling green and the magnificent clubhouse redevelopment.

Over 140 members responded to our Membership Survey conducted last July. We were able to get valuable feedback and excellent suggestions regarding a wide range of issues. In general, the survey confirmed that members are very satisfied with most aspects of the Club. Of course we are following up those areas that our members say need to be improved or adjusted. Survey results can be downloaded from our website.

I continue to be impressed with the enthusiasm and creativity shown by three of our junior tennis members after their attendance at the Future Leaders Camp last June. **Tess Giannaros, Richard Kovaks,** and **Lloyd Iaccarino**, have worked together to organise many successful events including Club Championship tournaments, a junior sleep-over and a bowls night. They tell me they have bigger and better plans for next year.

A very successful Corporate Bowls day was held at the Club in November. Hewlett Packard hired our facilities and thoroughly enjoyed their bowls experience even with rain interruptions. Hopefully this is the forerunner of many more similar events. Although a minor inconvenience to members, these events add to our income streams and provide recruiting opportunities so there are benefits. Thanks to the members who offered their time to make the day a success and in particular to **Geoff Bryant** for the overall organisation.

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Usage statistics show that our website continues to get solid use. I often get positive feedback from members and outsiders. Nevertheless I would like more contributions from members to keep the content fresh and interesting. I would be very pleased to hear from you if you can contribute a news article, either one-off or on a regular basis.

After nine years as Greens Director, **Ross Borden** has decided it is time to retire from the position. Ross will be hard to replace as he has done a fabulous job, has a vast knowledge of our greens and leads his team from the front. Ross, we thank you for a job well done.

Best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year. I hope you have an enjoyable and safe festive season.



## HAVE YOU VISITED THE CLUB'S WEBSITE ?

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## **NEW LIQUOR LICENSING RULES**

Due to new laws that will be strictly policed by Government inspectors, we must insist that the following rules be followed without fail. Non-compliance could result in severe penalties which could cripple our Club e.g. fines, increased fees or cancellation of our liquor license.

### **“Red-line” area.**

Alcohol may only be consumed within this area which encompasses:

inside both clubhouses,  
upper clubhouse verandah and  
lower clubhouse deck area.

There are diagrams showing the red-line boundaries displayed in both Clubhouses. Under no circumstances should alcoholic drinks be consumed outside of the designated area.

### **Trading hours**

Alcoholic drinks can only be sold &/or consumed on Club premises within the following trading hours:

|           |                     |
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| Mon – Fri | 11:30am to 11:30pm  |
| Sat       | 11:30am to midnight |
| Sun       | 12 noon to 10:00pm  |

Drinks cannot be sold after the times shown BUT patrons are allowed a further 30 minutes to consume drinks previously purchased. No drinking is allowed on the deck area of the lower clubhouse after 8pm on any night. Trading is not permitted on Good Friday or Christmas Day or before 12 noon on Anzac Day.

### **Visitors must sign-in**

All guests to the Club must sign one of our visitors books which are located at the front door of the lower Clubhouse and in the upper Clubhouse.

The only exceptions are visiting competitors, parents of junior players and hall-hire guests.

**Responsible serving**

The Club follows responsible serving of alcohol principles meaning we will not sell or serve alcoholic drinks to any person suspected of being intoxicated.

**Take-away**

Packaged drinks purchased for take-away must not be consumed on Club grounds, in the car-park or adjacent parkland.

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*Committee of Management  
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## OUTDOOR BOWLS

The pennant season is now half way through and at this time we have 4 sides in the RVBA Saturday competition on top of the ladder with the other two sides sitting in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> spot. The VLBA Tuesday competition after ten games has VSC sides in 9<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> spot.

The results reflect the depth of the Club, in recruiting, encouraging and promoting new bowlers to take up the sport and in providing them with an excellent base to develop their skills thanks to the great work of our coaches and experienced bowlers. This season it is the lower sides that are performing extremely well against their opponents, winning games at home and away on both grass and artificial surfaces. The top sides are under pressure each week with very strong competition from the likes of Glen-Eira - Mc Kinnon, Richmond Union, Coatesville and Clayton making life tough at the top.

This year we could have 6 out of 10 sides playing in the finals. It is imperative that we keep up the great work and continue with the training regime that was instituted prior to the start of the season. An improvement of only 5% - 10%...(3 to 5 bowls per person per game) would mean wins for Vermont South, that's how close the margin is between winning and losing.

Tuesday night pennant is underway with some early wins recorded and the Saturday Ladies are also performing well particularly the Division 2 Side with 6 wins and sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> spot.

Other highlights include;

\*Bowls night for the Tennis players organised by the Junior Tennis section leaders (Lloyd, Tess and Richard) a great success with about 25 tennis players learning the basics of bowls, enjoying a sausage sizzle and then coming out and playing a game of bowls.. Some potential members out of this lot particularly the mid week ladies.....and Lloyd's mum.

\*Hewlett Packard had a social bowls afternoon at the club 60+ staff attended, 15 of our members assisted to make this a most successful venture into Corporate bowls. Very hot afternoon 38+ degrees, meant the bar also had a good work out particularly the Crown Larger. Well done to all particularly Geoff Bryant through his persistence the day came to fruition.

\*The success of the new Wednesday 2 Bowl Triples Competition is fantastic

with the game open to all members to join in. Some surprising performances have been recorded with the prize money being spread around and no team dominating the competition. The last day before the Christmas break 16<sup>th</sup> December is “White Pants and Bright Shirt Day” a prize will be given for the best dressed team courtesy of Russell Covell and some other prizes given out. If you would like to join in on this day, please contact Russell on 9873 4704.

\*Gala Day this year was again a successful day with many players from other clubs attending as well as men and women from our club. The weather was kind, at least until close to the end of play when the heavens opened up with rain, thunder and lightning followed quickly by the greens being flooded.

\*Voting for Unification of bowls into one administration “Bowls Victoria” is scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The members of Vermont South Club have voted overwhelmingly in the affirmative for unification. The working party reviewing the Club Rules and Constitution has met on three occasions and currently are reviewing the format of the New Board and job descriptions for Board Members. If the unification vote is carried on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be provided with a draft copy of a Club Constitution by Bowls Victoria which will assist us in finalising our draft copy.

\*Thanks to our Wednesday Morning volunteers who look after the disabled bowlers who come each week. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by each and every one of them. The careers have told us on numerous occasions that coming to bowls is the highlight of the week for most of their charges. The support, good humor and encouragement given by our volunteers is wonderful to see and be part of. Thank you for supporting this aspect of our club.

\*We also record here our thanks to Ross Borden for the great work and service he has given so generously to this Club over the last 14 years as a member of the Greens Committee and most particularly the last 9 years as Greens Director. Ross is stepping down at the end of December and looks forward to “grooming” the new Greens Director into shape. Thanks from all of us Ross a great job well done. Watch this space for the Positions Vacant Notice, all candidates will be interviewed by 236 members.

\*At this time of year with Christmas upon us shortly our thoughts turn to our families, loved ones and our dear close friends. To each of our members who are on the sick list may this festive season bring each of you peace and joy and maybe a nice cold drink or two.

Merry Christmas everyone.

**ANDREW ROSS**



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***The Blackburn South branch has a strong relationship with the Vermont South Club and is very keen to take this relationship to the next level. When members, friends, or family next have a borrowing need, please have them consider meeting with Peter or his assistant manager, Gavin Duffy. Any loans approved can result in further sponsorship for the Vermont South Club.***

***For day to day Banking needs, Peter's staff would be delighted to assisting the valued members of the Vermont South Club.***

## **DARTS REPORT**

The darts section has had a successful and enjoyable 2009. Our numbers have remained steady, and we have six teams currently battling for bragging rights.

The weekend to Yarrawonga in July was well attended. A good time was had by all, in no small measure due to Dom, Matt and those who helped organize the trip.

Our Club Champion this year was again David Sheehan (Stumpy) congratulations to Stumpy and runner up David Waterford. Our Country Champion was Hans Jasiak who had a good win over Lennie. Well done Hans.

With a couple of weeks to go the season is not quite decided so good luck to those teams still with a chance.

Unfortunately just recently Rick Fisher tragically lost his Daughter, and our thoughts and prayers are with Rick, his Family and Friends.

As we move in to the festive season we wish you all a Safe and Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**MIKE EMERY**

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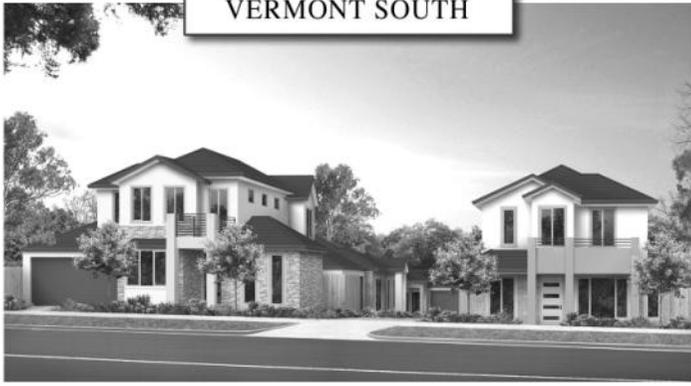
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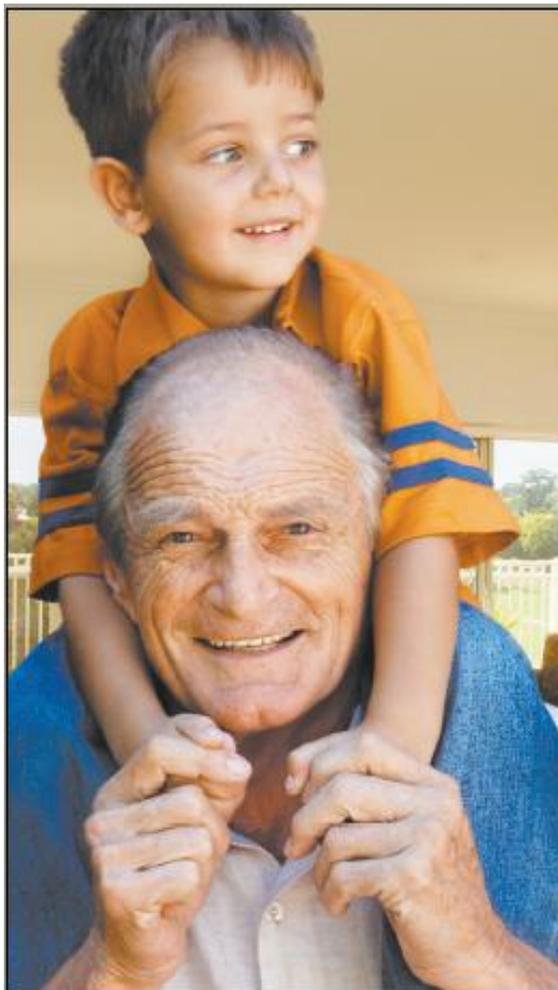
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Once again, we had a very successful Open Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> October. We had 24 people attend on the day and two more who have contacted us since then. A number of these are in the process of being coached. We have five names on the board who have already been passed and have applied to become members of our Club so it is great to see the club still growing.

Barrie is coaching a few school boys and anyone with grandchildren 10 or over who are interested in trying bowls may contact Barrie Brown or Lloyd Iaccarino.

David Jones is now holding a training session 3.30 to 4.00 p.m. on a Thursday afternoon and all are welcome. We would like to see some of the ladies attend these sessions.

We are still getting good numbers at the training session on a Monday morning and we are grateful to Clive Smith for setting up and giving us a variety of shots to challenge us each week.

Thanks to all the coaches for the long hours they are putting in at the moment.

**MARGARET BORDEN - COACHING CO-ORDINATOR.**

### **Under 18 Bowlers.**

We currently have four junior Bowlers being coached and would like to make up a junior competition on a Monday afternoon from 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

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## **JUNIOR TENNIS**

*Hi All,*

*My name is Julie Morris and I am part of the new committee that has taken over from Bob Rendall in the running of the Junior Tennis Club. On behalf of the committee can I just say a big THANK-YOU to Bob for his assistance during our transition period (which was a bit scary at times). There are 8 of us and we have no idea how Bob did it on his own!!! Also a big thank you to Ian Strong and Flick Nolan. They have been very helpful and patient.*

*We have had a great start to the 2009/2010 season. All 16 junior teams are doing very well after Round 6, with quite a few on top of the ladder. More importantly, everyone is having fun.*

*On the social side of things we have had a number of very successful events thanks to Tess, Lloyd and Richard. Back in August we had the Fast Tennis with Emma Fergusson and Ryan James winners on the day.*

*The Sleepover night was fantastic with movies, pizza and pancakes all round and some 'Tired Tennis' the next morning. Not sure if 'sleep' featured on the agenda!!! A big thank you to the parent supervisors who also went without much (or any) sleep.*

*The Junior Tennis Tournament was another great day with Julia Giannaros, Jayden Oakes, Elliott Lawson, Tess Giannaros, John Le and Natsumi Iwamoto taking home medals on the day.*

*We have also had an evening of 'blending' where our junior tennis players were able to gain some insight into the world of bowls. Some of our juniors have been very inspired!*

*On behalf of the committee we wish everyone a very safe and Happy Christmas.*

**Julie Morris**  
**Junior Tennis Convener**



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## **NIGHT TENNIS – PLAYERS WANTED**

A new season of night tennis starts in February and we can accommodate more players in either Tuesday or Wednesday night comps.

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If you are interested in playing,  
please call Mike Emery on **9802 0207** ASAP.

The logo for Subway Vermont South. The word "SUBWAY" is written in a large, bold, italicized font. "SUB" is white with a white arrow pointing left from the 'S', and "WAY" is yellow with a yellow arrow pointing right from the 'Y'. Below "SUBWAY", the words "VERMONT SOUTH" are written in a smaller, bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a dark green background.

**SUBWAY**  
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## TENNIS SECTIONS REPORT

Tennis Victoria are still trying to promote all different levels of tennis within clubs and is getting varied responses. We are doing better than a lot in our areas, even though some of them have social programs and not competition, and many are really still struggling, except with juniors. Unfortunately some are even folding which I am sure will never happen here!!! Even though our numbers are not great, the enthusiasm will never go away from this fabulous club. I am a perfect example, as injuries have now taken me away from tennis for over 2 years, but my heart will always be here, as I started with the tin shed days being our club house!!!! AND an outside loo!!!!

The next phase will be a refurbish of our clubhouse, which is very needed, and then hopefully all our grandchildren will start to play tennis, bowls and darts.

I am hoping that the tanks will be connected to a watering system for this summer, otherwise I will have to get in touch with the many loyal ones to keep going with the watering.

Please remember to wear your tags when playing - no tag - no play.

The enthusiasm from our future leaders still remains a very positive part of the tennis side and I thank them very much. Season's Greetings to all members and all the best for 2010.

**FLICK NOLAN**  
**9729 8370**  
**mobile 0417511139**



## MIDWEEK LADIES REPORT

The Festive Season is with us yet again and another year rolls on and our tennis rocks along with it. Our WDTA season has concluded and two of our three teams - Section 3 and 6 finished on top of the ladder. Unfortunately Section 6 were knocked out in a cut throat finals series but it was a great season nevertheless. Section 3 have once again made it through to the grand final and our hopes are with them for bringing us another pennant. Congratulations to Sherilyn, Sue, Laurice, Pat, Lynnee and Wendy, notwithstanding Wendy played all her tennis from behind the fence while recovering from that broken finger.

Our Tuesday girls are just into the 2nd round. A3 and B5 are doing particularly well, both teams being in the four, A4 are going along quite steadily and my own team A9, well we are just hoping for a better 2nd half. Must be suffering from a finals hangover from last season.

Our annual Christmas party is to be held on 3rd December in the club rooms and Angela is doing the catering this year. A big thanks to you Ange, we know a lot of time, effort and planning has gone into this and I know a good time will be had by all and the night will be a big success. Little Sue offered to help with the cooking but for some reason Ange didn't take up the offer!!!

Picture this. Lynnee is down playing at Willison Park and says to Pat "oh, I must have left my handbag inside". Pat very kindly offers to go back and get it for her. Comes back and says, it's not there, someone must have picked it up. Lynnee's eyes widen in fright and then a huge sigh of relief - it was actually hanging over her shoulder. Her influence is catching though. Sue is in the carpark ready to go to tennis in Libby's car and walks over with her umbrella tucked under her arm instead of her racquet. Must have been preparing to play in the rain. Now Sherilyn has been a little miffed about the attention Wendy has been getting with her broken finger so decided to take a slips catch at tennis and managed to break her own finger. Must have been very

Sore as she went to bed one night with the wrong one bandaged.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year and just watch out for the Dees in 2010 - big improvers!!!

**Carol Forster**

### Vale.

It is with much sadness that we heard that Beryl Hogarth had passed away. Beryl was a wonderful club member and for many years was the Almoner visiting sick members, keeping in contact by visiting them at home or hospital followed by a phone call or card and always with a smile and a great sense of humor particularly related to the medical profession.

### **WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS**

#### **BOWLS:**

Kenneth & Pam Barnhill. Anthony & Betty Bennett, Lynette & Karen Bryant, Michael Chan, Alan Flaherty, Damien & David Jones, Patricia Kerr, Noel & Lyn Kiefel, Adrian Kubik, John McKerchar, Charles Oxenborough, Albert Pilcher, Ian Proctor, Andrew Thompson, Leslie & Cheryl Thompson, Andrew Trevenna & Ron Wilson

#### **TENNIS:**

Vidip Arora, Cameron Brimelow, Qinglin Chen, Andrew & Neil Cooper, Geoffrey Cowen, Chris Harding, Michael Kenny, Martin Kuchmar, Richard Miller, Daryl Moss, Jeremy O'Meara, Stephen & Luke Petering, Danielle Tomisich, Robert Tynan, Frank Van West, Xi Yi Wang, Chaoming Wang & Haipeng Wang.

**VERMONT SOUTH CLUB**  
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**CONVENORS - TENNIS**

|                           |                  |              |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|
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| Wednesday:                | Mike Emery       | 9802 0207    |
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**BOWLS - Phone: 9886 3322**

**COMMITTEE**

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**NIGHT BOWLS**

|                |             |           |
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| NIGHT PENNANT: | Jock Halley | 9802 3272 |
| BAR CONVENOR:  | Jock Halley | 9802 3272 |
| TENNIS COACH : | Ian Strong  | 9803 2125 |

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