



VERMONT SOUTH BOWLING CLUB

A Section of the Vermont South Club Inc. (ABN 60 896 828 957)

29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & Reports

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Apologies.
2. Confirmation of 28th (2022) AGM Minutes
3. Presentation & acceptance of Annual Reports
4. Election of Office Bearers
5. Sub committees (Handout List)
6. General Business
7. Date for 2024 - 30th AGM.

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Greens	John Ispanovic	
Tournament	Mal Walker	
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Social Bowls	Chris Holland	
Corporate	Mike Petty	
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Diane Agius – Bowls Section Chairperson

My 2-year term is up and it certainly has been an experience to remember. There have been many challenges along the way but I feel very proud of what the club has been able to achieve.

There are many in the bowls community that rate the success of their club on the number of premierships they win, but I see it differently. Yes success in the competitive section (Pennant) of the club is very important but you cannot have it alone without the comradeship, the friendships, the social culture, the inclusiveness and the willingness to help others in need. We have it all in this club, evident every week in the happy atmosphere after games both socially and competitively and the overwhelming support provided to members struggling with health or personal issues. We are the friendly club.

The bowls committee has been very appreciative of the support they have received over the past 2 years. We must remember that we are representatives of all members of the club. We undertook to consult, listen, communicate and be transparent. We did exactly that!

I want to thank all the volunteers. The backbone of our club and the reason we are still here. We need you to maintain our viability, to be competitive, to run our social bowls program and to secure the future of the club. We recognise the enormous contributions you make and the endless amount of time you devote to getting things done for everyone's enjoyment. However, we need more members to get involved, there are endless opportunities which will help our existing volunteers and the club, so hopefully when we are at the AGM we will have all positions filled.

We have recruited well again this year with 19 new members so far to add to the 18 last year. We are just starting to see the potential of last year's group of new members coming through and with this year's group, it looks like a very promising future. We will certainly see them moving through the ranks of our pennant team's next season. Our Jack Attack program, Try Bowls and Barefoot Bowls remain our current strategies for recruitment. We have seen the introduction of Bec's Barefoot Bowls each month over Summer and Jack Attack continues to grow in its success. It's time to work over the winter and into our pre-season with a strong coaching and development program to further progress the potential of our players and to develop a set of goals and strategies as we move forward together as a club. John Strybosch has been re-appointed as Head Coach for the upcoming season and we thank him for the time and effort he put in to the club last year. You can be left in no doubt about how much John cares about this club and its members.

Our Action Plan has been distributed and details our achievements over the past two years. This is now up for review by the new bowls committee and a new 2 year of actions will be determined to continue taking our club forward.

Well done to all of our players in our Pennant section, we improved our achievements, on last year: our 6th team made finals on Saturday; and three teams made finals on Tuesday. Two seasons of our Thursday competition were run, one before xmas where we had two teams making the grand final but unfortunately were runners up on the day. In the second season after xmas our three teams made finals with Team 2 having to beat Team 3 to make the grand final, but again it wasn't our day. It must be recognised that in this comp, we are playing in first division and playing first division players from other clubs so these results are major achievements for our club. Our 2 teams in the night Pennant competition finished 9th and 10th of the 11 teams. Everyone is to be congratulated on your participation year and the way you represented our club in Pennant competition. The Bowls Committee and I want to thank all of our Selection Panels who undertake a very difficult task and all of those members that take up roles that enable us to be able to compete on the green each week.

Our Social Bowls program has been reviewed and all expenditure has been approved by the VSC. A program flyer of all social bowls days and their details has been produced and distributed far and wide. Again, the bowls committee thanks all of those members that have volunteered their time to convene our social bowls days. Apart from the usual Monday with Mal, Thursday with Ray and Saturday with Rob and

Paul, we have the Friday Ladies returning with new members Leanne Bourke and Sue Morgan volunteering to convene the morning's activities. We will also see the introduction of the inaugural trophy in the Balmoral Cup 10-week competition on Wednesdays led by John Strybosch.

The Bowls Committee and myself, congratulate all those that entered our Club, Region and State Championships. A special acknowledgement to those that competed in our own Club Championships displaying high quality bowling.

Thank you to all of our sub-committees (their reports will follow): The Greens team led by John Ispanovic, The Tournament committee led by Mal Walker; the Pennant selection panels led by John Strybosch, Derek Hale and Ron Short; the garden gnomes led by Trevor Holland, the social committee led by Faye Blundell, the housekeeping team – Anne Staley and Loretta Benson; Jack Attack convenors led by John Temple; Corporate led by Mike Petty; the catering and pennant rostering team led by Pam Barnhill; the many social convenors, Our wellbeing angel, Val Weight and now Pam Janssen; the coaches; umpires; Deb Banner, new member taking responsibility for uniforms and of course the Bar, run by Alex Blundell. There are not enough words that can express the gratitude and respect for the endless efforts you make to the running of our club.

A special thank you to John Temple for his excellent production of our weekly newsletter Enews which enables us to get a lot of our information to you, the members and I know you look forward to receiving it each week. A further acknowledgement must go to the VSC sponsorship committee led by Spiro Agius who have raised nearly \$50,000 in one year. I asked Spiro to provide us with some information for our AGM, he provided the following:

Since June of 2022, the VSC Sponsorship sub- committee have secured 29 sponsors contributing \$48,825.00 to the club. Approximately 7% of this amount has been provided as goods in kind which have been provided directly to members. The sub-committee continue to work with these sponsors in providing them with advertising exposure across various platforms and custom directly to their businesses I.e., Wantirna Hill Club, Dandenong Club etc. It is very important that whenever a member visits / uses any of our sponsors that they let the sponsor know they are from our club which provides the sponsor with a quantifiable assessment of their support for our club.

To my committee – who have worked tirelessly for the past two years and enabled us to achieve so much, especially with our communication to members via the Committee's minutes, our action plan, Enews and the running sheets of information for both social and pennant convenors: John Ispanovic (Secretary); Mike Petty (Vice Chair); Keith Horlock, Mal Walker, Pat Buntrock, Chris Holland, Pam Barnhill, John Strybosch and special acknowledgements for their support to the committee to Pam Janssen (social media and membership), Gail Pearson (membership administration), Ray Evans (cash banking reports) and Graeme Durrant (CCO). We have streamlined the structure of the committee with some of the heads of sub-committees being on the Bowls Committee now, which has enabled us to be more efficient in our decision making and eliminating layers of communication. I thank you for your support hard work and contribution to our two years together. Your integrity, efforts and dedication are of the highest order and an example to others.

Our renovations are about to get underway and that will present some challenges for us all but we will get through them as we always do and will be back bigger and better by the end of the year.

Thank you to everyone for having me as your chairperson.

Di Agius

Membership Information – Season 2022-23 by Graeme Durrant

During the year we welcomed the following bowlers who transferred from other bowls clubs – John Benson, Warren Strybosch, David Strybosch and Reg Poulton (on permit from Queensland). We have also welcomed another 19 new bowlers to our club this year, coming from our Try-Bowls efforts, our Barefoot bowls on Wednesday evenings, our Jack Attack program and also some personal references.

During the year we farewelled the following bowler who transferred to another club – Michael McFarlane. We thanked him for his time and contribution to us (over 20 years on various committees) and wished him well at his new club.

Sadly, two of our bowls members passed away, Joe Panetta and Susan Blanchard.

Two bowls members elected to maintain contact with the club by electing to become “Friends of Vermont South” members rather than full affiliated members. Twelve bowls members did not renew their membership with the club this year.

This year a new membership category was introduced – Social Bowler (for those not wishing to play pennant), and we have 34 members in this category.

With the membership non-renewals, clearances and transfers to the “FOVS” category, our current bowls membership is now at 190 affiliated bowlers, up from the 187 affiliates at the previous AGM in April 2022.

A total of 120 members bowled in Weekend pennant and a total of 78 members bowled in Midweek pennant. These figures are slightly up from the previous year, even though the number of teams entered was identical, and we thank all of those emergencies who filled in during the year. We also had a total of 29 members who bowled in the increasingly popular 7-a-side Thursday morning competition run by Bowls Victoria. A total of 51 members did not play either weekend or midweek pennant, but 3 or 4 of these played in the Tuesday night pennant teams.

The following long-term members did not renew their affiliated membership this year, but all have given valuable service to our club over 20 years or so. We thank them for their wonderful contributions to our bowls club.

Leon Kleeberger : Leon joined the bowls club on 1/5/1994 (foundation member) and he played 344 Saturday pennant games. He served on the Tournament committee for two years.

Peter Meggs : Peter joined the bowls club on 1/7/1994 (foundation member) and he played 335 Saturday pennant games. He served as the RVBA (men’s section) and VSC Bowls board secretary for four years, and he served as a member on the RVBA committee for a further two years.

Reg Howell : Reg joined the bowls club on 1/11/1994 (foundation member) and he played 262 Saturday pennant games.

John Bennett : John joined the bowls club on 29/12/2011 and he played 115 Saturday pennant games. He was a member of the green’s maintenance team for six years.

Colin Lawson : Colin joined the bowls club on 31/8/2011 and he played 242 Tuesday and Saturday pennant games.

Audrey Mullett : Audrey joined the bowls club on 1/11/1994 (foundation member) and she played 374 Tuesday pennant games. She also played in the Bowls Vic. ladies' competition on Saturday afternoons during the early to mid 2000's in the eastern region, but these games were not counted towards pennant games played, so she has probably played over 400 games. When unification started in 2011_12 these Saturday afternoon ladies' competitions became obsolete. She served on the LVBA (women's section) and VSC bowls Board as treasurer for five years and she served on the Board and LVBA committees for another four years. She also served on the social committee for two years.

Marj Pugh : Marj joined the bowls club on 3/7/2012 and she played 183 pennant games, mostly on Tuesdays.

Pat Russell : Pat joined the bowls club on 9/8/2006 and she played 197 Tuesday pennant games. She became a club coach and served as a coach for seven years. She also assisted her husband David in co-ordinating Tuesday winter social bowls for many years.

Pat Vogele : Pat joined the bowls club on 17/9/1998 and she played 437 Tuesday and Saturday pennant games. She also played in the Bowls Vic. ladies' competition on Saturday afternoons during the early to mid 2000's in the eastern region, but these games were not counted towards pennant games played, so she has probably played over 500 games. She served on the Tuesday selection committee for the LVBA (women's section) for five years, another five years doing the housekeeping tasks, also two years on the social committee , as well as serving on the tournament committee and the LVBA committee.

Neil Cameron : Neil joined the bowls club on 1/10/2009 and he played 16 Saturday pennant games as well as many social bowls games. He served on the bowls committee and the VSC committee taking on the sponsorship role for six years.

Peter Byrne : Peter joined the bowls club on 10/4/2013 and he played 9 Tuesday pennant games, filling as one of the emergencies. He also regularly in our summer and winter social bowls games.

Milestone Games achieved during 2022_23 season

The following milestone games were celebrated during the season

600 games – Barbara Brown, Oska Setyana

400 games – Viv Bennett

300 games – Jim Cull, Mary Farley, Pam Peverelle, Bob Peverelle, Denis Quintal, Gordon Russell, Carole Simmons, Gerry Trenker

200 games – Diane Agius, Martin Haines, Gillian Horlock, Geoff Parry

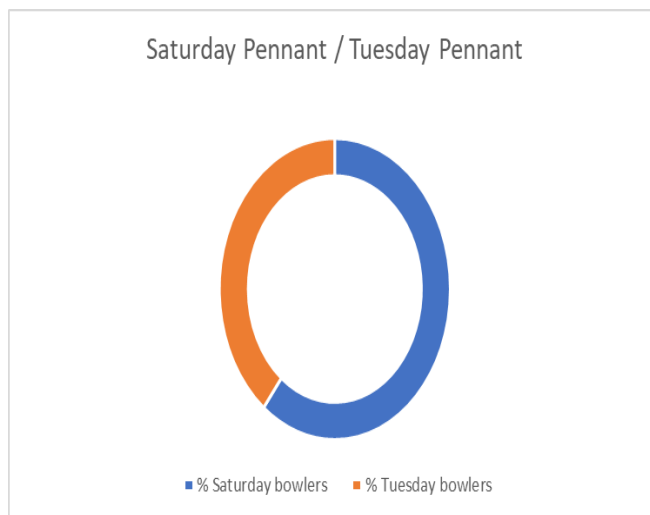
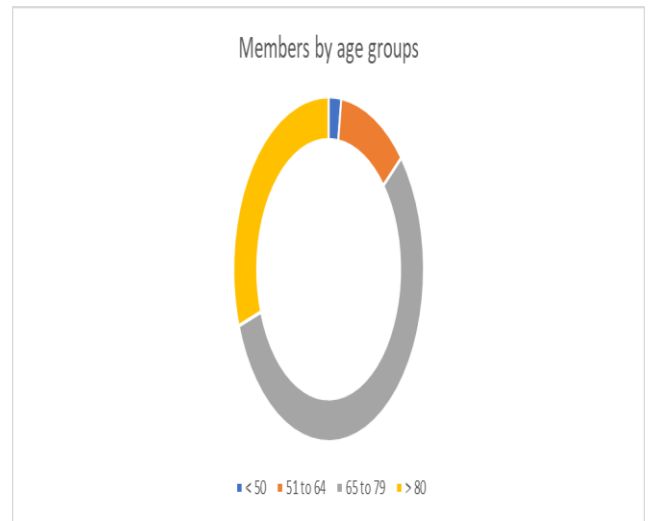
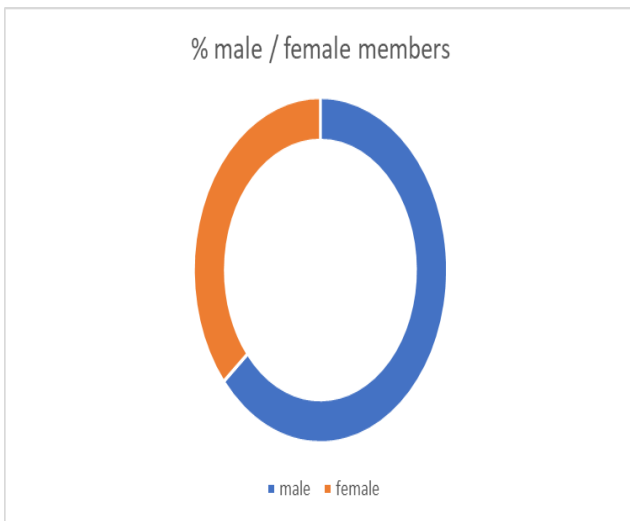
MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

Considerable effort is required to ensure our bowling numbers are maintained at high levels. Many clubs have suffered a decline in recent years with a general reduction in interest from the community for all organised sports. Our major recruiting efforts include the annual “Try Bowls” period, our barefoot bowls program on Wednesday evenings and the continuing “Jack Attack” series which now has 20 competing teams. These events depend on the willing assistance of a regular band of volunteers.

With the membership non-renewals and transfers to the “FOVS” category, our current bowls membership is now at 190 affiliated bowlers.

Of these members, 36% are female bowlers and 30% are over 80 years of age (our veterans membership category).

See graphs below for a pictorial representation of our memberships



Coaching and Weekend Pennant Bowls - John Strybosch

(Head Coach & Chairperson)

Prior to the beginning of this season, I implemented a comprehensive strategy and program of coaching, incorporating the physical and mental aspects of our game of Lawn bowls, which included many hours of coaching, training, practice, workshops and weekly articles.

It was a pleasure to see that the members, especially the new bowlers, who availed themselves of this program, have improved their skills and knowledge of the game.

Irrespective where we sit in regards to our abilities and desires, there is one common truth. We all like to win. Therefore, it's not enough to just **know** about the physical and mental aspect of the game; the knowledge must also be put into practice, which requires commitment and discipline, thereby improving our chances of winning. By all means, enjoy your fellowship and social bowls, but for all things Pennant and for the Club we must all strive to do better.

GOING FORWARD, TOGETHER.

Our Strategy and program for next season will be similar to last season, except, we as coaches and members must strive to be more professional. A full coaching strategy and program will be developed prior to the commencement of next season. This may include some of the following:

- Recognise players who are genuinely prepared to work towards achieving our Club goals.
- That within each team, the players are genuinely committed to each other, playing **for** their team and not just **with** the team.
- Every player needs to improve their technical skills.
- Every player needs to improve their positional skills.
- Back-end players need to enhance their tactical & communication skills.
- Roster for coaches to support the practical sessions of the training.

Finally, many thanks to all our Club coaches, especially to the Co-ordinator of club coaches, Geoff Bryant, who worked tirelessly every week in running the Monday morning skill and drills program, and ensuring all new bowlers were allocated a coach. Well done, everyone.

SATURDAY SELECTION

Unfortunately, our season's goals were not achieved, with only the 6th side making it to the finals, which was, however, a great achievement for the 6ths.

Nevertheless, there were some positives. All our new bowlers showed considerable promise and a desire to improve and get up higher in the rankings. Also, the standard of play displayed by our 6th side in the Final was amazing. All Pennant results, both Saturday and Tuesday, are tabled below.

Selection is made more difficult every season due to the many outs every week, and this will most probably get worse due to our aging membership. So, I urge every member to become recruitment officers. All of you have friends, relatives, sons, daughters, grandkids that you can talk to and hopefully coax into becoming members and take up this great game. This season the number of players used in each side were: Side 1 – 27, Side 2 – 37, Side 3 – 38, Side 4 – 37, Side 5 – 47, Side 6 – 37.

Some members may consider it has been a disastrous season and yes, results on the green were not great, but the Club as a whole is still very strong, and the attitude and the spirit of the members is great.

Let me give you a further perspective as to where we sit as a Club.

Saturday Pennant Teams in the Melbourne Metropolitan area:

1 Club has 8 teams playing Saturday Pennant		
4 Clubs have 7 teams	"	"
15 Clubs have 6 teams	"	" (and that includes Vermont South)
14 Clubs have 5 teams	"	"
27 Clubs have 4 teams	"	"
32 Clubs have 3 teams	"	"
44 Clubs have 2 teams	"	"
15 Clubs have 1 team	"	"

Premier Div. to Div. 7 417 teams x 16 players total 6672 players
Div. 8 to 9 86 teams x 12 players total 1032 players.

There are 32 Clubs in the Eastern Ranges Bowls region and currently we are second in numbers of affiliated members to Bowls Victoria. Berwick is first.

As you can see, we are still a strong and vibrant Club and if we all keep working together for each other and for the Club, success on the green will ultimately come.

GOING FORWARD, TOGETHER

In conclusion, I wish to thank my fellow selectors, Mary Farley, Denis Quintal, Spiro Agius, Robert Graham and Derek Hale, for their excellent efforts, week by week, under somewhat difficult circumstances. Well done one and all. Next season, I'm standing down from Chair of Selectors and the new Selection Committee, once selected, will determine selection policy and goals for the new season. I will, in my capacity as Head Coach, continue to act as an ex-officio selector on all pennant selection panels.

Stay Safe and God Bless

Midweek Pennant Bowls - Tuesday - Derek Hale (Chairperson)

This season Vermont South Bowling Club were again able to enter 5 teams for midweek pennant.

This was a selection challenge at times but having an excellent emergency list enabled selectors to fill teams each week. So, a special thank you to all those players involved, it was greatly appreciated. Towards the finals selectors were required to rotate several players while we qualified players eligibility.

This year has been both pleasing and highly successful with 3 teams reaching Finals. Our Second, Third and Fourth teams all reaching and playing finals is an excellent outcome. Our First team finished the season and had an outside chance of reaching finals finishing 6th overall and are likely to maintain their position in division one next season. The Second team came up against a very strong Heathmont in the Preliminary Final and fought very hard before going down in the later stages of the game. Our Third team played the Preliminary Final against top team Heatherdale at Ringwood and were in the game at the break. Sadly, they were outplayed in the second half despite some very fine efforts by our players.

The fourths were beaten in the Semi Final after having a fine playing effort all season. Congratulations on reaching the finals. You should all be proud. The Fifth team did their best all season and are likely to face being relegated. There were many changes of players during the season which challenged their efforts for team success.

Both the feeling and attitude in the club was very good all season as selectors tried to keep teams consistent wherever possible. Despite players being unavailable for games we were still able to develop good positive team harmony. Thank you once again for supporting the selection team. It was evident that all bowlers enjoyed the season of challenge and friendship and had a good time while bowling weekly and we look forward to seeing you back bowling next season. The selectors are anticipating that our newer bowlers are likely to be playing in higher teams next season as our coaches continue assisting these players in reaching their potential.

A huge thank you to all those groups that support the club to be able to field teams in Pennant competition: the greens staff, the coaches, umpires, measurers, kitchen staff, bar staff, Covid Marshalls, weekly duty rinks, bowls link and team managers. Your support and contribution are so vital for our teams in their effort to achieve success.

Finally, a special thank you to our selection team, Gillian Horlock John Deegan and Graeme Buntrock for all their support and hard work on game day and at the selection table each week.

Midweek Pennant Bowls – Thursday – Di Agius

The Thursday Pennant comp was divided into two, 6-week seasons with finals – one before xmas and one after xmas. In the first season we had a team in first division and one in second division. Both teams made the grand final but unfortunately were runners up on the day.

In the Summer season we had more interest from members and we had 3 teams, all in first division. All 3 teams made the semi-final. However, because we had team 2 and team 3 in the same section they had to play off in the semi final to make the grand final. Team 3 played Camberwell Central in the Grand Final but unfortunately it was not our day and we came home runners up.

This competition has only been introduced since we came out of covid restrictions and we have performed extremely well representing our club. It is more informal than the regular Pennant comps but is growing quite quickly. The first division players we have been playing against are regulars in their top teams on Saturday and Tuesdays so as a collective group we are very proud of what we have been able to achieve.

WEEKEND & MIDWEEK PENNANT SUMMARY 2022_23 SEASON

Saturday Team 1 – Div2. Section 4	Won 6 Lost 8 - Finished 6 th
Saturday Team 2 – Div3. Section 5	Won 3 Lost 9, Washout 1, Draw 1 – Finished 7 th
Saturday Team 3 – Div4. Section 4	Won 3 Lost 11 – Finished 7 th
Saturday Team 4 – Div5. Section 5	Won 1 Lost 12, Washout 1 - Finished 8 th
Saturday Team 5 – Div6. Section 8	Won 3 Lost 9, Heat out 1, Washout 1 - Finished 6 th
Saturday Team 6 – Div8. Section 7 – 12-a-side team	Won 7 Lost 7 - Finished 4 th , lost Sectional Semi-final 1 to Mulgrave CC 6

Tuesday Team 1 – Div1. Section 3	Won 5 Lost 9 - Finished 6 th
Tuesday Team 2 – Div3. Section 4	Won 8 Lost 6 - Finished 4 th , won Sectional semi-final 1 against Chirnside Park 1, lost Sectional preliminary final to Heathmont 3
Tuesday Team 3 – Div4. Section 4	Won 8 Lost 5, Draw 1 – Finished 2 nd , lost sectional semi-final 2 to Lilydale 2, lost sectional preliminary final to Heatherdale 2
Tuesday Team 4 – Div5. Section 4	Won 7 Lost 5, Byes 2 - Finished 3 rd , lost sectional semi-final to MCC 4 th
Tuesday Team 5 – Div. 6 Section 6	Won 5 Lost 6, Byes 2, Draw 1 – Finished 6 th

Thursday 7-a-side Team 1 , Pre Christmas – Div1. Section 3	Won 5 Lost 1, Washout 1 - Finished 1 st , won by walkover in semi-final, lost final to Mitcham 1
Thursday 7-a-side Team 2 , Pre Christmas – Div1. Section 9	Won 4 Lost 1, Washout 1 - Finished 2 nd , won semi-final against Camberwell Central 1, lost final to Ashburton 1

Thursday 7-a-side Team 1 , Post Christmas – Div1. Section 4	Won 0 Lost 6, - Finished 4 th , lost semi-final against Mulgrave CC 1
Thursday 7-a-side Team 2 , Post Christmas – Div1. Section 3	Won 5 Lost 1, - Finished 1 st , won semi-final against Vermont South 3, lost final against Camberwell Central 1
Thursday 7-a-side Team 3 , Post Christmas – Div1. Section 3	Won 2 Lost 4, - Finished 4 th , lost semi-final against Vermont South 2

Greens Report - John Ispanovic (Greens Director)

Well done fellows, without your support and willingness to share your good-natured banter the prospect of those early morning starts twice a week is much less appealing. The primary goal of the team is to minimise wear and tear of the greens surfaces and maintain their longevity to the highest standard set by Bowls Victoria.

This year we were in a position to consolidate some “no longer required” greens keeping maintenance equipment. With the revenue generated VSBC was in the fortunate position to make a long-term investment in a motorised greens sprayer for the on-going scheduled year-round mold and weed suppression on both greens.

I'd like to encourage any member to consider joining the greens keeping team for one if not two days a week. Like any task around the Club many hands make light work.

Some of these tasks include:

- grooming of the surface of both greens to remove microscopic debris and lift the weave
- bi-annual scarification of both greens to provide a deeper clean and restore the surface in preparation for the pennant season
- surface line making maintenance
- irrigation and drainage maintenance
- greens surrounds maintenance and repairs
- spraying for fungus and mold and weed suppression

The East Green

The existing surface will require replacing in a 3–5-year timeline, this project will require a dedicated budget which needs to include a revised drainage plan.

East and West Greens

The matter of adequate weather protection during the summer/winter remains a high priority.

Tournament Report - Mal Walker – (Tournament Director)

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

It was great to see the improvement in numbers entering our Club Championships although more entries would be welcome next year.

The bowling across the rinks during the Championships was of a high standard and many matches went down to the wire. 10 entered the Novice event and the highlight was the final being square before the ultimate end with the final score being one shot up. Congratulations to all the winners of the 7 events played.

Event	2023 Club Champion	2023 Runner Up
M Pairs	Gary Simmons/John Temple	Warren & John Strybosch
W Pairs	Di Agius/Pat Andrew	Mary Farley/Barbara Carroll
Mixed Pairs	Ron Short/Elaine Kendler	Warren Strybosch/Gillian Horlock
M Singles	John Temple	Denis Quintal
W Singles	Mary Farley	Chris Holland
Novice	Peter Morgan	Leanne Bourke
100 Up	TBA	



2023 Club Champions

VIC LEVERETT VERMONT SOUTH/MULGRAVE CHALLENGE:

This annual event in its 22nd year took place at the Mulgrave Country Club with 60 of our members representing our Club. Although this time we lost by 65 shots to our hosts, we expect next year to turn the table with the event back on our greens!

UP COMING EVENTS;

Due to the Covid 19 outbreak we have been restricted in running our annual events although our Super 4's Tournament sponsored by KCL Sports is set down to be run on 22nd April and later in the year we have scheduled to run a Women's only event.

A big thank you must go out to all who have helped during the year but please remember, we need the involvement of more members to ensure all our tournament events are successful.

Eastern Ranges Region Championships Entries 2022-23

Event	Players
Mens 60+ Pairs	R. Short / J. Temple- round 2; J. Ispanovic / B. Hockham- round 1
Mens 60+ Singles	J. Strybosch- round 2; B. Hockham- round 1; R. Short – quarter finals O. Setyana – round 1
Mixed Pairs	J. Strybosch / D. Agius – round 2
Women’s Pairs	D. Agius / M. Farley – round 1
Mens Pairs	J. Cull / D. Quintal – round 2
Mens Singles	R. Short- round 3; J. Strybosch- round 2
Mens Fours	O. Setyana / G. Jackson / R. Carver / K. Barnhill – semi finals
Mens Champ/Champ	J. Temple – round 1
Women’s Champ/Champ	M. Farley – quarter finals

Bowls Vic. – Victorian Open entries November 2022

Event	Players
Women’s Pairs	M. Farley / T. Bowden – round robin
Mens Singles	R. Short – won round robin, progressed to last 64 (round 3) B. Hockham – round robin
Mens Pairs	R. Short / B. Hockham – won round robin – progressed to round 2 R. Carver / K. Barnhill – won round robin – progressed to last 16 (round 4)
Mixed Pairs	R. Short / T. Bowden – won round robin – progressed to round 2 B. Hockham / Lady from Howitt Park – round robin R. Carver / Lady from Numurkah – won round robin – progressed to round 1
Mens Triples	B. Hockham / men from Kyabram & Phillip Island – round robin R. Carver / K. Barnhill / man from Anglesea – round robin

SOCIAL BOWLS PROGRAM – Chris Holland

Vermont South bowlers are so fortunate!! Social bowls is available many times each week, the whole year round.

The 2022 winter season was busy – seven times a week, in a variety of formats, the greens were used by social players, pennant players, new members and visitors from neighbouring clubs. It was a fun time after the demands of pennant and thoroughly enjoyed by 2640 bowlers over 94 days. The weather restricted play on Tuesdays and Fridays however, the other days were busy. We thank the convenors Mal Walker, Peter Ballam, Alan Rolfe, Denis Quintal, Ken George, Mike Petty, Ray Spelman, Jan Daphne, Pat Gow, Rob Graham and Paul Drew. Their interest and enthusiasm enabled this great involvement.

During the summer season Wednesday Triples, Wednesday Night Bowls and Thursday Mixed maintained the opportunity for social bowling. Numbers attending these events varied and at times were low due to excessive heat, the increased numbers who were unwell or injured, the extra pennant game on a Thursday and the increased need for emergencies on pennant days. Again, we thank the convenors for their diligence and willingness in running these events.

Suggestions from the recent Social Bowls Survey were discussed by committee and ideas will be implemented in the new 2023 winter season. Hopefully, the new game formats and minor adjustments will create another “off season” that all bowlers will embrace and enjoy. A promotional flyer of our social bowls program has been developed and distributed inside and outside of the club as well as being publicised on social media.

A final special mention and thank you is for David Russell who convened the Tuesday winter game for many years. The committee and the Tuesday bowlers acknowledge his time and his commitment over so many seasons.

Jack Attack – John Temple

Jack Attack is going from strength to strength. We now have 20 teams comprising around 70 regular players per season. We conduct two 6-week seasons per year using both greens. With floodlights on only one green, our seasons are limited to daylight savings times of the year.

Jack Attack is a team-based, 2-bowl triples competition with some interesting variations:

- The game consists of 2 x 5-end “sets” with a tie-breaker if needed,
- The jack is placed, not rolled
- In each set, one end can be nominated as a “power-play” to double the shots scored
- Players can swap positions
- Teams can use substitute players off the bench
- Team handicaps are applied (this is a VSC innovation).

Teams come from many different backgrounds. They comprise mainly new bowlers but one registered bowler per team is allowed to encourage multi-generational teams of which we now have several. Other teams are made up of friends, neighbours, workmates, VSC sponsors, golfers, tennis and darts players to name just a few. Ages range from teenagers to eighty-year-olds with a fairly even gender mix.

The atmosphere is lively with music playing and enthusiastic players enjoying refreshments and nibbles greenside. There is plenty of positive interaction between players. Pizzas are enjoyed after the game over a few more drinks along with passionate discussions about the match just completed. The camaraderie amongst players is excellent.

Jack Attack generates significant profits for our Club, it introduces bowls to new people and it provides great community exposure for our Club.

Since Jack Attack began back in 2017, we have had a loyal team of volunteers delivering this great product. I wish to recognise in particular Mary Farley, Trevor Holland, Elaine Kendler, Alan Rolfe and Mal Walker. Thank you all for making our Jack Attack program so successful.

CORPORATE and FUNCTION HIRE ACTIVITIES – Mike Petty

This year corporate and private hire demand was strong. Availability of our club facilities (clubroom and green) for corporate and private hire, was stronger than last year, mainly due to the absence of lockdowns. Enquiries were strong in December as usual, with many enquiries for bookings on the same nights late in December.

This year we produced a professional promotion flyer and reviewed what we charge for these hires.

A decision was made to increase what we charge to hire our Room and Green for a private event. When we call on our volunteers to run these hires, we want a fair return for their time and energy and passion.

With our clubrooms closed for renovation for much of this year, there will be inevitably be a negative impact on our appeal to host hire events until that work is completed. Then, it is envisaged with an updated brochure showcasing our new clubroom, corporate hires will rebound stronger than seen before.

Once again I would like to thank our volunteers who help run these hire events and make them so successful. Their energy, hard work and dedication is for the betterment of our great club and is very gratefully acknowledged.

Catering – Pam Barnhill

I would like to thank all volunteers who have helped in so many different ways.

Special thanks to the volunteers who gave so willingly of their time on pennant days. This included looking after the kitchen for lunch on Tuesdays and afternoon teas on Saturdays. Well done everybody.

We served afternoon teas on several occasions including Ladies Tournament, Opening of the Greens and Our Mega raffle afternoon. We have also had a series of sausage sizzles for various functions. These include: After the singles finals, try Bowls and for the Deakin Cup evenings and Grand Final Day.

We will face a few different challenges this year with our clubhouse being closed while the renovations proceed. I'm sure we can rely on our volunteers and all club members to be resilient and flexible during this time. Thanks again for all your hard work. It is very much appreciated by all at the club.

Gardens – Trevor Holland

Our gardens have continued to be kept at a high standard with much support from Gillian and Keith Horlock. We have been blessed with enthusiastic member assistance for the ten monthly garden sessions. Without this monthly help we would be unable to maintain our gardens.

Members are encouraged to consider assisting as we do have convivial fun sessions with tasks to suit everyone.

We also gave our greenhouse yet another revamp with external painting and extra storage cupboards installed to enable members to keep the facility organised and tidy. Our thanks to Kim Fox, Peter Morgan and John Molloy for their time and talent.

Social Committee – Faye Blundell

Social Committee events held from April 2022 - the Social Committee is not a fund-raising committee our aim is to cover costs but we generally make a profit which is passed on to the club

Biggest Morning Tea and the Christmas Party were very successful, the other events drew only small numbers and made a small profit.

24th May Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea

17th June Movie Night & Sausage Sizzle

27th August Whitehorse Performing Arts

13th November Movie Night & Sausage Sizzle

4th December Christmas Party Knox Club

11th Dec Movie Night & Sausage Sizzle

This year's planning was impacted by the anticipated renovations which were due to start in July but are only going to be starting nearly 9 months later. This will mean our planning will also be impacted for most of this year but the committee will look at ways we might be able to hold functions, events or trips while the renovations are being completed.