

News and Views

BE A PROMPT PAYER AND GET A FREE MEAL!

It's that time of year again, when annual membership fees are due, and your Committee members are glad to be able to report that all fees are to remain the same as last year! The actual amounts due are listed below.

Prompt payers, who renew their full membership before the end of August, will once again receive a free bistro meal voucher worth \$20.00. Remember, this award is only available to full members who pay their \$30.00 before the end of August, so make sure you don't miss out!

Full Members	\$30.00
Social Members	\$5.00
Bowls, Men	\$100.00
Bowls Juniors	\$25.00
Bowls, Ladies	\$100.00
Tennis Seniors	\$70.00
Tennis Juniors	\$25.00
Premium (Additional)	\$200.00



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Midway through the year already, seems we just had Christmas. It has been a busy few months so far with quite a few positive things happening. We have made the first payment of \$80,000 towards the total cost of purchasing 37 gaming machines in 2012, this being the number we have now in our gaming room.

Our relief chef Leonie Whelan and our second year apprentice Danielle Smith are in the finals of the Clubs Victoria's "Chefs Table", with the winner to be announced on 22nd June. The two girls presented the judges and invited guests with a magnificent three course gourmet meal, prepared from scratch under the eagle eye of a William Angliss Chef. Good luck Leonie and Danielle.

We still have our Friday night raffles and following that the

full members' draw, which starts at \$1000 and increases by \$50 each week until it is won. Catch is you have to be present to win it so why not call in for what may well be a profitable as well as enjoyable night. And don't forget our courtesy bus runs on Friday and Saturday nights (within a 20km radius) to take the worry out of driving.

As many of you already know, Wayne Lynch, a committee member and bowls section member had a serious health scare recently. We are happy to say Wayne is on the mend, albeit slowly, and we all wish him the best with his recovery.

Your committee is always open to suggestions and ways to improve your club, so if you have any thoughts on these please put pen to paper so it can be raised at our next meeting.

We have three committee members retiring / up for re-election in September, so if you feel you can contribute to and actively take a part in the future of the Club now is the time to start thinking about it.

I thank all the members for their support of their Club and hope you will continue to do the same.

Colin Ogden
Club Chairman

Bowls Successes this Year, and News Good For The Coming Year

The Men's Bowls Section has experienced a most successful and enjoyable year, winning two out of three Grand Finals of the North Gippsland Pennant Competition, and appreciating the hospitality of the Country Club with drinks and bar snacks on their return to Yarram.

Financially the Section returned an increase of 10.10% in gross income compared to the previous year, which of course would flow on to greater use of the Country Club's other facilities.

The two front greens have been prepared extremely well throughout the season with the Tifdwarf green now a pleasure to play on. Members of the section are conducting working bee's on the synthetic green in an endeavor to prolong its life, even though it is well past its use-by date. However, it is currently in good shape for bowls.

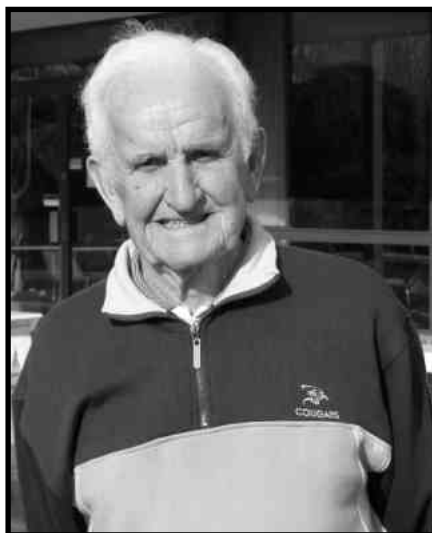
A new, enthusiastic committee, elected this year has already placed on record a number of fresh ideas to

improve the Club's exposure in the public arena, with a view to considerably improve membership and use of the Club's many facilities.

The section would also like to convey its sincere appreciation to the board of the Country Club for their generous support in sponsoring a significant number of activities throughout the year, which without doubt, has a tremendous impact on numbers participating in these events.

In conclusion, the Men's Section would also like to convey its sincere appreciation to the Management and Staff of the Country Club for their cooperation and willingness to attend to the many requests from the section, some of which are at very short notice.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead!



L.H. Wood
President, Men's Bowls
Section

The Ladies Bowls Section are doing well too, but more members would help!

On May 3rd we held our Annual Meeting with our President Enid Bacon being re-elected for 2010-2011. Janice Smith is Secretary and Lorretta Vardy is Treasurer.

We have had a financially good year. Our special days were all very successful, played in good friendship and beautiful weather.

Unfortunately we have had only two new members join us this year. We hope to have a beginner's day at the start of the coming season, a date yet to be set, so come along and have a go. You will be most welcome.

Bowlers, we will still be bowling on Tuesdays and Thursdays over the winter season. To all of our bowlers who are heading north for the winter season, a safe and happy trip.

Janice Smith
Secretary

Tennis Section Completes Another Successful Season

Trevor Mallett, Chairman.

The summer tennis season finished in March after a successful season. The Saturday pennant saw smaller numbers but still fierce competition. This year saw the competition change to sets based. This made for a much more even system. The standard of play improved at all levels due to the evenness of the play.

Winter pennants are well under way. Tuesday ladies are winding up with finals being played. Their new sea-



son starts in July.

The night competitions are popular with numbers increasing. Many players are enjoying the atmosphere and social aspects of a night competition.

Neil Jeremiah is still coaching on Monday nights. He is available to help anyone

no matter their age or ability.

Thanks to all the organizers for running each competition so well. Without their time and effort the tennis would not run smoothly.

We have had our courts upgraded over the summer period. These changes made the tennis better for everyone and hopefully more enjoyable.

A reminder to all players to please take care and look after our facilities. Make sure the Club Rooms are kept clean and tidy, ready for the next group to use. Also our annual general meeting is coming up in late August and I encourage all players to come along and have their say on how their club is run.

Happy Volleying!



Water, Water, Everywhere!

During the past year, members may be aware that we had four new, **very large**, water tanks installed at the rear of the artificial bowling green. We were fortunate enough to receive a very generous grant from the federal government towards the cost of buying and installing these tanks, which means we can now save the rain water that runs off the roof of the Club and use that, instead of tap water, to keep the bowling greens and tennis courts in good condition during summer drought conditions.

One of the reasons why our bowling greens are now in such good condition, coupled to the fact that they are also cared for by professional green keepers.

Bingo Report:

Once again another financial year comes to a closure. Bingo once more has proved a very successful year for the Yarram Country Club. May I add at this point that our payouts are well above the recommended percentage as prescribed by the Bingo Commission.

Over the past year we have lost quite a few of our players for different reasons. These people are sadly missed, but as the saying goes, there is a light at the end of every tunnel with lots of new faces becoming regular players. Bingo remains a pleasant outing for all those who attend.

Bingo sessions are held every Monday night at 7.30pm and every Friday afternoon at 1.30pm. Why not come along and enjoy yourself.

In conclusion may I convey my sincere thanks to all the willing volunteers who help out each session.

Good luck all, luv-ya-heaps.

Don Maxwell

Bingo Supervisor.

A FEW INTERESTING INTERNATIONAL SIGNS....

● *Cocktail Lounge, Norway:*
'LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.'

● *Doctor's office, Rome:*
'SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES.'

● *Dry cleaners, Bangkok:*
'DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS.'

● *In a Nairobi restaurant:*
'CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER.'

● *In a City restaurant :*
'OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WEEKENDS.'

● *A notice seen on an automatic restroom hand dryer:*
'DO NOT ACTIVATE WITH WET HANDS.'

● *In a cemetery:*
'PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES.'

● *The menu of a Swiss Cafe*
'OUR WINES LEAVE YOU NOTHING TO HOPE FOR'

Changes at the Top



Sadly, our present Manager, Barry Levy will be leaving us at the end of June. Barry feels he has done all he can for the Club and has handed in his resignation in order to follow new adventures of his own. We all wish Barry and Dotty the best of luck and hope we shall still see them both around the place, as ordinary members.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Don't forget - membership subscriptions are due on the 1st of July