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TUGGERANONG VIKINGS BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Message from the President

Ladies and Gents,

I feel honoured to have been elected as your President. Over the years both clubs have operated we have been fortunate to have had many capable volunteers on the committees. I believe as we journey forward as one club, this committee will afford the members the same levels of management as those before.

At the recent AGM I outlined briefly some areas I believe we as a committee and club need to operate under to ensure good governance and financial accountabilities are integral to our business model. The following are my considerations for direction(s) in areas I believe we as a committee need to examine, to provide the best stewardship to the club.

I believe if we are to achieve our goals, we must align the management of the club by the committee to identified objectives and strategies in a Strategic / Business Plan and complemented with sound financial records and reporting maintained by our treasurer. This is an important ingredient in growing our club and ensuring the Vikings Group continue to see us as a viable long-term investment in any of their future plans.

Primary to this is to identify against the structure created by the Interim Working Group (IWG) and have accountabilities aligned to President, VP's, Treasurer and Secretary, with sub-committees that directly report to the positions.

Part of achieving this we will need to identify opportunities develop a financial plan over a rolling 5 year period which will enhance our ability to plan activities to maintain a strong financial outlook for the club and its members.

The Strategic / Business Plan to be reviewed to reflect currency with the forward planning of the club and alignment to Vikings Group plans and priorities, with copies to be communicated to members via club notice board, and a copy maintained in the club office.

Committee meetings I envisage using the Strategic / Business Plan as a guidance tool to align club decisions to long and short-term club plans.

Whilst weekly communications are valuable to the members, I see the importance of ensuring minutes of committee meetings and any major approvals for financial transactions be made available to members to inform them of decisions being made on their behalf. Monthly newsletters to be continued.

The committee to maintain an active approach with Vikings Group in supporting a synthetic / indoor surface and conveying the importance and opportunities of being covered as part of the Town Centre upgrade. This is an opportunity that should not escape our club, or the Vikings group as it will be a game changer for the first club in Canberra to have such a facility. Opportunity exists for Vikings Bowls to be a Centre of excellence which should be afforded every opportunity.

Working closely with Town Centre Management with redevelopment and potentially longer term opportunities.

Increased effort directed to identify new sponsorship opportunities to fund events / obtaining a Pennant sponsor (as this potentially could reduce our club payments to Bowls ACT that are associated to playing).

Revenue from Barefoot / Corporate is an external windfall and I see this being as a potential source to offset the overhead for a contracted bowls development position / potential coordinator, a position that could be incentive based and potentially part funded by the Town Centre club via employment opportunities under the proposed redevelopment. Potentially, this position would also be to increase activity to promote the club in the community and identifying opportunities to garner new members.

We need to reinvigorate the weekend bowls and I note that Kathy Bourbon has organised for our first game on Saturday 23 July. I hope to keep the games going and the Committee has recently discussed ways of incentivising play on weekends. This could possibly be via something as a member only "Jackpot Saturday" with the club starting the jackpot at \$150.00 with 25% of entry fees going to the Jackpot Total. Each week a predetermined result for winning margin (but not announced until after all games are finished). Bar for game time and after games (this may be an area we may run under negotiation with Vikings Group).

I look forward to discussions / opportunities you as members see as important and that we as a committee can assess and where appropriate implement.



Tuggeranong Vikings Bowls Club

Mixed Sports Day Tuesday, 2 August 2022

Ladies, Men and Mixed Teams all welcome

3 Bowl Triples - \$30 per bowler - includes Morning Tea and Lunch

\$15 Morning Tea and Lunch only

Morning Tea : 9.00am

Cards Called : 9.50am

Entries close and payment to be received by Tuesday, 26 July 2022.

Prizes, Spider, Trading Table and

Nominations : See sheet on Club notice board or contact : Kathy Bourbon : kathybourbon0410@gmail.com

Raffles

Email Kathy with Lead, Second and Skip's names and contact details for Team Captain. Once registration has been processed, payment/bank details will be provided. Cancellations must be advised prior to Tuesday, 26 July 2022 to receive a refund.



Strength in the club will be led by the committee and what we represent to the members and the Vikings Group.

This has previously been 2 clubs that maintain the members as the primary focus, and going forward as one club, that focus will not change.

Regards

Dave

Committee News

The Committee held its first meeting on 12 July 2022.

A number of matters were discussed including financial accountabilities, bank accounts, proposed structure and roles and responsibilities of the Committee members, meetings with Vikings regarding the proposed renovations.

A copy of the minutes of the meeting will be made available for all members to peruse in due course.

Sports Day

Entries are still being accepted to the Sports Day which is to be held on Tuesday 2 August.

Hurry up and get your name in if you want to play in this very popular event.

Saturday Social Bowls is Back

Saturday socials is making a long-awaited return on 23 July.

The sign-up sheet for week one is on the board.

If you want bowls to continue to be available on Saturdays please ensure you get along and play, it's always a lot of fun.

Bowls Etiquette

Attached to this newsletter is a document which has been prepared by Jenny Clout which clearly and concisely sets out a list of rules and handy tips to assist you in displaying appropriate etiquette on the green.

I recommend you read this handy guide and put into practice the tips outlined.

John Southwell Perpetual Award

The trophy is awarded to the Most Improved Pennant Player. It has not been awarded for the past two years due to COVID.

The 2022 joint winners are Marg Argue and Garry Fisk.



Condolences

Club members were saddened to hear that Sally Winter's sister Pam passed away earlier this week.

Pam was also a member of the bowling community in Canberra.

Our sincere condolences to Sally and her family.

News from our members up north

Marilyn McInnes reported from the warmth of Coolum Beach that the Bowls Club has about 92 bowlers twice a day.

Dave and Annette Harris have also been enjoying the sun up north and the local bowls clubs. They are now on the homeward leg.



Born Australia School Macarthur Girls High (Parramatta) Post Graduate Canberra University

Profession Nurse/Midwife

Working in Neonatal Intensive Care for 35 years
Last 12 years I taught Post Graduate Studies in Neonatal Care
through Canberra Hospital and Australian Catholic University where I
was appointed an Adjunct Professor

Dog shows

My previous activities prior to bowling was dog showing. I still occasionally steward at shows.

One of my dogs, Libby, was featured on the "My Dog" products for 10 years.

Bowls

My love of bowls came from attending the Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast.

I then started through the over 55 club then attended Garry Goodman's Coaching clinic.

Interesting Aspect of my life

I lived in Darwin in 1974 the year of Cyclone Tracey and was in Darwin the night that Tracey hit. I remember well the noise and the wind. My husband and I managed to evacuate our accommodation but had to do so in the dark and pretty much feeling our way out of the unit and down the back stairs.

We stayed on for a couple of months following the cyclone. My husband helped with the cleanup and was amazed to see some of the houses had been built with only 3 or 4 nails in a wall. Now, the houses have to be built to a much higher standard.

There was 49 deaths and 16 missing, including one of my nurse friends. She and her partner owned the ferry that went from Darwin to Mandorrah, an entertainment area.

My friend left work at 9 the night of the cyclone to take the ferry across to Mandorrah to protect it from the cyclone. They never made it. They were in the missing numbers. The ferry was found a few years later but sadly they are still missing.

Our unit lost its roof and part of the walls. I went back a few years later and to my surprise the unit had been rebuilt and recently I looked up the unit on google and it is still standing.

Bowls Shop

The following items are available from our bowls store:

BOWLS REQUISITES – PRICE LIST (as at Jan 2022)

CRACK-A-JACK	\$10
GRIPPO	\$10
WILGRIP	\$10
BULLDOG GRIP	\$10
BETTS GRIP	\$10
GET-A-GRIP CLOTH	\$15
TOUCHA SPRAY (White or Lilac)	\$10
BOWLS MEASURE	\$45
CLUB CAPS (White or Red)	\$20
BUCKET HATS (White or Red) (S/M or L/XL)	\$20
BEANIES	\$20
UNIFORM SHIRTS (SHORT SLEEVE) (LONG SLEEVE)	\$45 \$50
UNIFORM PANTS	\$45
UNIFORM SHORTS	\$40
CLUB JACKETS	\$70
VESTS	\$35
SUN SLEEVES (pair)	\$10

Supporting our sponsors

A big thanks to the following businesses for their continued support of TVLBC: LDK, Tuggeranong Building Services (John Beaumont), A&A Contracting (Don Angel), Southlands Travel and Cruise, Fernwood Fitness, Coca Cola, Bennetts' Group, CJ Meats (Chisholm Butchery) and of course, our major sponsors, the Vikings Group.





LDK Greenway Views

Final Release Now Selling

The remaining two of our five buildings at Greenway Views is now under construction, with completion due soon – apartments are selling quickly, with over 50% already sold prior to launch.

Each home has been thoughtfully designed with liveability, flexibility and style in mind. They offer elegant, ample spaces to relax or entertain loved ones in comfort.

Enquire now about our Display Centre and don't miss out on the opportunity to make Greenway Views home.