



The 'Cliff Club News

April 2010

Hello and Welcome to the Queenscliff Bowling, Tennis & Croquet Club latest newsletter.

This Newsletter intends to inform members of current news and people, past history of the Club, and other pieces of interest to you – the member.

If you would like to submit an article for inclusion in future newsletters, please put your news in an envelope and address it to “The Cliff Club News”, or email newsletter@queenscliffbowling.com.au

Wishing members success on and off the greens & courts! Go Cousta's Go!

Board Chairman's Message – Robert Merriman.

As the Summer draws to an end, our curator has acted very quickly in the all important work to be completed, in the re-establishment of our #1 green. The contract for the #3 green has been signed, the work is due to commence during April, and the Mens Bowls Section have announced a Winter season, with June 20th being the opening of the new Green, and we await the program from the ladies.

The Annual Meeting will be held late May, the Board has accepted resignations from Andrew Kidd, and Yvonne Crofts has advised due to her relocation she will not be standing for reappointment. I acknowledge the outstanding contribution that Yvonne has made not just to the Croquet Section, but the Board in particular and we look forward to her future visits.

The question of cabins is still on your Board's agenda, and hopefully an updated report will be available at the Annual Meeting.

We urge all members to attend our Annual Meeting and their Sectional Annual Meetings, to ensure that we have a very vibrant Association not only now but in the future.

Yours,

Bob Merriman
Board Chairman

Member Profile: - Bernadette O'Dea



Bernadette used to be an Office worker, but is now retired. She commenced Bowling in 1990, and plays as a Lead, something she enjoys and is good at. In this period, Bernadette has been a member of the Victorian Pennant Premiership side that Played Off for the State titles, and been Runner-Up in the Club Singles Championship.

Bernadette's ambition in bowls is to meet lots of people, and enjoys the friendships made through Bowls. In the past, she has been President, Tournament Committee and General Committee member, and in the Tennis was Secretary and Co-ordinated the Junior tennis.

The best part of the sporting time, has been the many friendships made.

Bernadette is married to Bernie, and they have 3 children: Matthew, Rebecca and David.

MANAGERS REPORT APRIL 2010

As we come to the conclusion of our peak season we say goodbye to the warmer weather and daylight savings and with this unfortunately we also say goodbye to a number of our visitors that patronise the club during this peak time.

Whilst the club has traded well through the summer period, we have continued to see a decline in patronage and revenue in comparison to the corresponding periods last year. This trend is a concern and it is one area that club management is keen to rectify. Our bar trade continues to be our main area of concern. Whilst there are a range of factors that contribute to the decline we will be endeavouring to maximise our patronage through the winter period and create some growth leading towards the next summer season.

One area where we are hopeful of making improvements in is the lack of activity around the club through the winter months. This is a traditionally quiet time for the club and this year we will have two fantastic new winter facilities open that we hope will create some activity over the winter. A winter bowls schedule has been developed and there are entry sheets on the main noticeboard for some of these events already, including the grand opening of the new green on June 20. There are plans in place for an evening winter tennis competition under lights in late May early June as well so keep an eye out for further details regarding this event.

Whilst we had been planning to have our synthetic green open early May it is now likely that it will be available for play mid to late May this year. The first bowling event to be held on this new green is the grand opening scheduled for Sunday June 20 and there will be regular events run throughout the entire winter period, just keep checking the main notice board and club website for new events.

An item of great importance to the club is the new gaming environment due to commence in August 2012. As this date draws ever so closer there are increasing movements within the gaming market across all areas from service provision and pricing to monitoring and compliance issues. As all of this new information comes to light it will be reviewed and assessed before any decisions are made. The club will be looking to formulate a path through the complexities of the new gaming era that will provide for a stable future in the new gaming environment. There are risks as well as opportunities associated with this brave new world of gaming in Victoria, in particular for smaller Clubs it is imperative that good decisions are made to take hold of these opportunities without over exposing the club to the associated risks.

Queenscliff Mens Bowling Club Section

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The bowling season is nearly finished and fortunately all club games are now complete with a minimum of haste.

The presentations will take place on Friday April 16 at 7pm after the regular raffles. This is different to other years but has been brought about by the results of previous years. We have tried a number of different ideas for the presentations but none have been successful. The members as a whole will not attend. I think it is almost certain that in the future presentations will take place immediately on completion of the games.

The renovations on No 1 green are completed and we hope for a good strike from the seed before winter. The planned carpet green is progressing and with encouragement from Chairman Bob we have scheduled some bowls in anticipation from June onwards. Preparations are in hand for the A G M to be held on May 14 and notices to members will be delivered shortly. There are vacancies on all committees and I urge members to think about standing so as to spread the work and help our club function for everyone's benefit.

The Agenda for the Association general meeting is to hand and any member can view same at any time.

Hopefully members will still make use of the facilities during the winter months.

KeithWayth
President

Put it on Points! :

You can now spend your Club Reward Points on just about anything – drinks, snacks, Keno, cash back, you name it you can do it!

Ask our Friendly Bar Staff for details on how you can earn, and redeem, your points. The more points you earn, the more you can spend – so have fun in the Clubrooms, and enjoy yourself!

Croquet Club News:

Over the long weekend we had the Geelong Golf Croquet Open Championships... This event was played at three venues through our region the Section 0-5 was held at Belmont Croquet Club, the Section 6-8 at Drysdale Croquet Club and the Section 9-12 was held at Queenscliff. We had a wonderful days play Saturday at Queenscliff, and managed to complete all our matches on the Saturday, before the rain arrived which was very much appreciated by all players. Other venues had a little rain to contend with as they ran through the Sunday also.

Winners of the various sections are as follows

Section 0-5 was won by Judy Evans from Sandringam Croquet Club, runner up was Jim Saunders from Drysdale Croquet Club.

Section 6-8 was won by Paul Worsnop from Brighton Croquet Club, runner up was Val Saunders from Drysdale Croquet Club

Section 9-12 was won by Norma Brown from Drysdale Croquet Club, with runner up being Gail Hendry from Queenscliff Croquet Club



Roger Richmond about to Play a Jump Shot at Belmont Croquet Club

Queenscliff Ladies Bowls Committee:

19/3/2010: Ballarat/Bellarine Shield at Clifton Springs:
9 Queenscliff ladies in Division A in Ballarat – winners again for Bellarine!
6 Queenscliff ladies in Division B at Clifton Springs – not quite good enough.
The Queenscliff Ladies Bowling Summer Season is drawing to a close.

12/4/2010 Presidents Day 12 Noon BBQ, 1:30pm Bowling, a good day had by all.



16/3/2010: Pennant Grand Final: Our #1 Team (A1 Division) Defeated Ocean Grove!
Congratulations to all sides, 3 sides in Final 4, was a great effort. Celebrations were held back at our Club.



16/4/2010 BDLBA District Singles Grand Final – Di Price Won the Final!
Well done to all who represented Queenscliff, many in Finals play offs.

16/4/2010: Presentation Evening – Ladies and Mens 6pm – 8pm, Nibbles and Refreshments in bar area, please make an effort to come.

NOTICES:

Ladies A. G. M. 3rd May 11am, General Meeting 1pm.

Nominations forms on Ladies board – it is most important to have all positions filled for our Club's Harmony and Continence.

Sincere thanks for all Ladies support this season.

God Bless

Betty Springall
(President, Ladies Section)

Tennis Club News

The Summer of Tennis 09/10

Junior Tennis at Queenscliff saw the club submit two teams into the summer competition with Geelong Junior Tennis Association and we were very pleased with the outcome.

Our Section 7 team of Josh and Simone Collins, Will Knuckey, Eddie Griffiths and just missed out on the finals and acquitted themselves very well considering they stepped up to a higher level.

The Section 30 team did a great job in taking out the final and winning they section competition with Margaret and Oscar Nitz, Jane Xu and Nick Jenkins with Katherine Nitz filling in. You may well have seen their team photo in the Geelong Advertiser a couple of weeks ago.

The courts were very well received by the visiting teams. Thanks to the mums and dads that help out during the season.

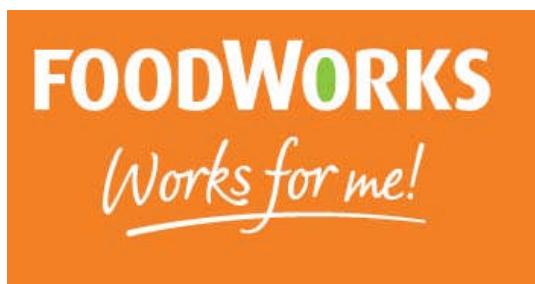
Our other great adventure for the summer was Couta's Tennis. This was an initiative too get young kids involved in tennis and we had 4 weeks of coaching, 4 weeks on games and play before Christmas with a 4 week session in February to complete the development program.

**We had 34 kids enrol from 4 to 8 year olds that enjoyed a fun and active tennis program. It was great to see all the kids on the court. We will definitely do it next year with a big thanks to all those involved and again to the parents that came down to assist and enjoy.
From this program we hope to add more junior teams to the 10/11 summer competition.**

All the best.

Andrew Kidd

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Try them – we know you will be back time and time again!