



## **The 'Cliff Club News**

March 2009

Hello and Welcome to a new Newsletter of the Queenscliff Bowls, Tennis & Croquet Club!

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 the newsletter, in the bowls season to be issued every month or two, please put you news in an envelope and address it to “The Cliff Club News”, or email [newsletter@queenscliffbowling.com.au](mailto:newsletter@queenscliffbowling.com.au)

Wishing the members success on and off the greens, may the coming off-season be an entertaining time. Just because the Bowling slows down, doesn't mean the Club closes! For those traveling – safe return.

Looking forward to entertaining you in the coming seasons, if you have any comments or questions about the newsletter, please let me know. Best wishes and Good Bowling.  
Geoff Close, Editor.

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### **WEBSITE News:**

The Official Website of the Queenscliff Bowling, Tennis and Croquet Club is located at:

<http://www.queenscliffbowling.com.au>

This site will be added to and news updated regularly, with the assistance of our membership.

Current and past copies of our newsletter will also be available to download and read as a PDF document.

Keep looking at the website, for news and events coming up, and results of our players in Local, State and National events.

If you have some news for the website, please either:

- Email to: [admin@queenscliffbowling.com.au](mailto:admin@queenscliffbowling.com.au)–with the subject starting with “Webpage”  
or
- Drop off a copy of the news written or typed, with or without photos, to Manager Rod at the Office of the Club, addressed to “Webpage” on the envelope.

### BOWLS: Finals Results

Queenscliff Bowls Club has been successful this year in reaching the finals of many divisions of the GDBA and BDLBA Pennant.

#### BDLBA

In BDLBA Pennant, our A1 Side played Ocean Grove 1 at Drysdale in the Qualifying Final and had a narrow loss, bad luck ladies! We played Ocean Grove 2 in the Preliminary Final, and had a good win! Now we play Ocean Grove 1 again, at Drysdale next Tuesday (24/3/09) – go girls go!

Our Division A2 Side, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder, played a great game against Anglesea 2, and won. They then played Clifton Springs in the Qualifying Final last week, but lost. Congratulations Ladies, a great effort!

Supporters are encouraged to attend the Grand Final, to help lift our girls to victory in the finals – go Queenscliff go! The game is to be played at Drysdale Bowls Club at 10:30am next Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

#### GDBA

The Premier League Division side had success against Victoria Bowls Club in Ballarat in the Qualifying Final, and had the week off last week, Victoria Bowls Club played Sebastopol, and won in the Preliminary Final on Saturday.

At the time of going to press, we are due to play Victoria Bowls Club again. This will be played in Ballarat at the Ballarat Bowls Club. A supporter's bus will be run, so put your name on the list in the foyer.

Well done Men, for winning through to the Grand Final – go well in this one, only one more game to go!

In Division 4, our Queenscliff side, who were promoted from Division 5 last year after winning the Premiership, unfortunately lost to Belmont in the Elimination Final. The Division 4 side is to be congratulated on again performing well and reaching the Finals.

## Coming Events:

The Club calendar for March and April has a number of games and events due to be played.

Club matches are also being played during this time, and members are asked to keep these games moving along.

Keep looking on the website: <http://queenscliffbowling.com.au> to see what else is coming up, and the Club booklet.

### **March:**

25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Large Barefoot Bowls Competition (170 Army Personnel).  
28<sup>th</sup> Saturday After Pennant Competition - \$5.00 per player per week. Prizes for Winners and Runner Up each week..

### **April:**

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday After Pennant Competition - \$5.00 per player per week. Prizes for Winners and Runner Up each week..

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Daylight Saving Ends

9<sup>th</sup> Thursday Mens Benitos 2 Bowl Triples 9.30 am (\$21 per team BYO)

10<sup>th</sup> Friday Easter - Good Friday

11<sup>th</sup> Saturday After Pennant Competition - \$5.00 per player per week. Prizes for Winners and Runner Up each week..

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Winkey Wayth Medley 10am (\$21 per team BYO)

13<sup>th</sup> Monday Easter Monday

18<sup>th</sup> Saturday After Pennant Competition - \$5.00 per player per week. Prizes for Winners and Runner Up each week..Aggregate Final Day

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Presentation Afternoon. Mixed Bowls at 1.00pm, Afternoon Tea and Presentation of Trophies (Uniform)

Greens one and three closes on or around Wednesday 22nd April with green two following around two weeks later.

## **Board Chairman's Message – Robert Merriman.**

Another Summer season has nearly completed, in the lead up Easter, and our Bowling, Croquet and Tennis clubs have been busy in many and varied ways.

The Board has welcomed the decision if the Borough Council to put on hold, for further review, its recreation plan and this has given the Board confidence to invest in a new watering system for the greens and a long overdue resurfacing of the Tennis Courts with lighting.

The Board and the Association are still none the wiser as to the outcome and therefore the effect on our operations of the recently introduced gaming regulations. We, together with other clubs, are heavily reliant on our Parent Body, Clubs Victoria, in representing our Clubs interest, and trying to persuade our State Politicians to allow us to survive.

Against this background, your Board will need to take a conservative approach to expenditure, in an endeavor to protect our future. I ask all members to enjoy the Club's facilities. With very best wishes, Bob Merriman.

## **SOCIAL NEWS:**

- Footy Tips 2009 - \$30 Entry, Names down on the registration sheet in the Bar – First Game THURSDAY 26th March – Money by round three. The more involved the better the dividends. – Weekly prizes including pick the margin, pick 8 and beat the bar.

- Cards – Every Friday from 1.00 come along for a game of Crazy Whist.

- Win a BBQ feast with Huey Promotion – Sunday 29th March is your last chance to get your entries in for this promotion. Venue prizes are drawn 3.00pm Monday 30th March (1st BBQ and 27 piece BBQ set Valued @ \$574, 2nd BBQ food hamper valued @ \$55, 3rd Wine cooler bag and picnic rug valued @ \$25). Major network prize drawn Wednesday 8th April (Evedure Fitzroy Premium Classic/Modular BBQ valued @ \$2499 AND Ian Hewittson Comes to your place and cooks for you and 30 friends – all food and drink included).

- ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – The club is selling the entertainment books this year, \$10 from each book sold (\$50 each) goes to the club. These books are great value – check out the book at the Club from March 28th.

- Croquet Section Fundraiser - garage sale – If you have any items you want to get rid of bring them in for the croquet section garage sale to be held on Saturday 18th April between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

## Managers Report – Rod Wayth

### **WATER:**

Another year of drought has again put pressure on our ability to maintain our turf playing surfaces and at the outset I must congratulate our green keeper Barry Orvis for the tremendous job he has done this year in managing this situation so well. Our recently constructed water storages have been exhausted and we are still heavily reliant on our allocation from Barwon Water. To date we have used approximately 60% of that allocation. Let's all hope for some good winter rain to fill up our tanks again!

### **GAMING POST 2012:**

A “competitive process” for the allocation of gaming machine entitlements for venues will take place some time in 2010, this process is still to be detailed by the State Government. The Gambling Regulation Further Amendment (Licensing) Bill that was tabled in parliament recently unfortunately does not clarify this process or many other issues for that matter. Below are some of the proposed changes that are outlined in this document:

Progressive tax rates based on net machine revenue achieved at each venue per machine per month, eg: tax free up to \$2,666 per machine per month, 42.5% from \$2,667 to \$12,500 per machine per month and 50% from \$12,501 per machine per month onwards.

Up front payment of 20% of the cost of the gaming machine entitlements prior to the operation of those entitlements with the balance to be paid in quarterly instalments over the first four years of the ten year entitlement's life.

Various anti-speculation measures to prevent larger entities purchasing entitlements and holding on to them (putting them into storage).

There is a lot of information that is yet to be released to clubs regarding the arrangements for gaming in Victoria post 2012 and the issue remains somewhat of a concern for the club until such information is made public.

Managers Report – Rod Wayth (cont.)

**CAPITAL WORKS**

The club has two major projects on the agenda at present in the upgrading of the tennis court facilities and the installation of a watering system to service green one and possibly green two.

The tennis court upgrade is the first important step in the rebuilding of the tennis section of the club and of the sport in Queenscliff in general. This upgrade involves the installation of low level lighting on two of the four remaining courts to allow for evening play and competition, as well as the repair and resurface of all four courts with a single layer acrylic re-surfacer that will restore the courts to a surface that is well suited to tennis. This project is estimated to cost in excess of \$50,000 and is planned for completion within the next month. There are however already delays in the project with local planning approval still pending.

As alluded to earlier, a decision has been taken to install automated watering systems to service greens one and two subject to costs being affordable. This will ease what has become a tremendous workload for Barry and assist him in maintaining the very high standard surfaces that he has been able to achieve in his short time at the club.

**GENERAL**

I must say how pleased I am to see a newsletter being produced again and I thank Geoff Close for volunteering his time and energies to this. Other members have been trying new things as well recently with the Community Bowls on Wednesday nights getting a good start and a cross sectional activity on four Monday nights being trialed for the first time. Both of these activities could easily build to larger scale events and I urge all members to support these initiatives.

**BOWLS: Men's Section News:**

**Easter Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> April – Winkie Wayth Triples Medley.**

The Memorial Winkie Wayth Triples Medley competition, held annually, will take place on Sunday, April 12, 2009, at Queenscliff Bowls Club.

The Medley competition is a great day on the annual Calendar, looked forward to by many, as a way of reflecting on the great contribution made by “Winkie” Wayth to put Queenscliff Bowls Club on the map.

Entries are currently being taken for the day, and all members are encouraged and asked to put their names down if available.

Look forward to a great day of bowls, with good company and great weather! When has it rained on a Sunday of late??

Hope to see you on the greens on Easter Sunday.

**Blue Trousers Uniform** – the recent vote taken has endorsed the wearing of Blue Slacks in Pennant Bowls Competition, for the Top 2 Sides of GDBA Pennant.

If you haven't ordered your slacks yet for the Men's uniform, or if you have a question about this matter, please speak to Dennis Arthur, our resident expert on all things coloured, regarding sizes. Dennis has a range of Sizes for fitting purposes.

Please – support your Club and get with the program – it would be wonderful if we could take to the greens, looking like a uniformed strike force – striking fear by our uniform into the hearts of our opposition! We need to act now, to be ready for next season!

**Future Events:**

RVBA Fours – Steve Sullivan and his team of Kevin Coltish, Alan Dunn & Ray Lawrence are playing off in the Last 16 of the State on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2009 at a Bairnsdale Club.

RVBA Over 60's Pairs – Barrie Close & Dennis Arthur are playing off in the Last 16 of the State, at Rochester Bowls Club on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2009.

RVBA Open Pairs – Barrie Close & Dennis Arthur are also playing off in the Last 16 of the State, at Essendon Bowls Club, on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2009.

We wish all these winners success.

**BOWLS: Ladies Section News:**

26<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – Group 2 Fours Section of State Fours, being played at Highton Bowls Club. Congratulations to our girls (Sue Jennings (Skip), Barbara Lawrence, Bernice Thorn & Denise Love) who won the Bellarine District. They will play the Winner of Colac & Geelong in the Final at 1pm.

The Annual Monahan Pairs Competition is to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, 2009. Put your name on the list.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009 – Bring a Friend to Bowls Day. Bring a friend, family, enemies, anyone who would like to try bowls at our Friendly, happy club!

**Blue Clothes**

**The Ladies Blue Clothing Items are available at the Geelong Bowls Shop.**

**Note: All Lady Pennant Players are NOT required to wear the new coloured pants in Pennant.**

**BOWLS: AFTER PENNANT COMPETITION**

Saturday: March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

Prizes for Winners and Runner Up each week.

Points awarded for turning up each week, winners, runners-up, ditch to ditch and best shots up each game. Prize for Grand winner after four weeks (the more weeks you play, the better the chance of winning and accruing points).

Casual Wear/Mufti. \$5.00 each week per player.

You can choose who you would prefer to play against – men against men, mixed team, or lady against lady.

Please place your name in the category you would prefer, on the notice on the board in the foyer.

**BOWLS: PRESENTATION AFTERNOON**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.

Mixed Bowls, commencing at 1.00pm.

Afternoon Tea & Presentations.

(Uniform).

Come along and enjoy a last game of bowls before the greens are closed.

Please add your name to the list on the board in the foyer.

## BOWLS: RVBA & VLBA Unification News

Belmont Bowls Club hosted a meeting of interested parties, to hear the latest update and developments in the Unification Process of RVBA & VLBA, on March 18, 2009.

The process of voting, that 75% of all Clubs in the RVBA and VLBA that are present at the Special General Meeting to be called to consider the Motions to Unify, need to approve the motions, before unification can occur.

There will be NO CHANGE to the 2009/2010 Bowls Season arrangements or plans, this will still be run as RVBA and VLBA.

There are no plans at this stage to alter these arrangements for the 2010/2011 season either, as it will take a period for the consolidation of and implementation of new Constitution and Regions.

The Current planned changes to District/Group boundaries are only PROPOSED, nothing is set in concrete. Feedback is being received from the Groups/Districts, and this will be assessed in due course, before any firm decisions are made on any changes to Club playing groups or Group/District boundaries, as laid out in the current plan on the BowlsVIC website: <http://www.bowlsvic.org.au>

The Website is the best place to keep up to date with the unification process and news and updates on progress being made, thoughts on the process, etc.

All Councillors have received printed copies of the planned changes, this information is also located at the Bowlsvic Website.

Queenscliff Bowling Club will have One Vote at each of the VLBA and RVBA Special General Meetings, to consider the Unification Motions.

Prior to holding these State Special Meetings, Queenscliff will be required to hold separate RVBA and VLBA Club Meetings, where affiliated members only may vote on the motions, to give their representative direction on how the Club should vote at the State Meeting later.

## BOWLS: RVBA & VLBA Unification News (Cont.)

Currently, RVBA and VLBA affiliated members (Men and Women) may, if selected, play in RVBA or VLBA Pennant competitions.

This right (of men playing VLBA and ladies playing RVBA, if affiliated with that Section), will NOT change, with Unification. The only thing that will change, is that there will only be ONE BowlsVIC affiliation fee, instead of two separate fees (both VLBA and RVBA if you wish to be selected in both).

This RIGHT is laid down by the GENERAL LAWS of Victoria. Nothing will change this in the near future, except a change in the law (unlikely to occur due to our Equal Opportunity Laws).

It will be recommended that, following Unification (if it occurs), Queenscliff Bowls Club (and other Clubs) should adopt a new “recommended” Constitution – currently being designed and drawn up by legal experts in this field.

These specialists have drawn up the current version of the proposed BOWLSVIC Constitution (as shown on the website – version 7).

The purpose of this change, is to reflect the newer style of writing the document, with more “nitty gritty” details being left to Regulations, and General statements included in the Constitution.

It is expected that if Unification goes ahead, there will be a great saving of money in the Management costs and delivery of the planning of Lawn Bowls Activities in Victoria, to about 10% - 25% of current costs (over \$3 million a year). Sponsorships should increase also, as only one body is to be dealt with, and government prefers to deal only with one body, not two.

If you have any questions on the unification process – look for the April edition of Bowls in Focus, with a large article on the current process and steps taken so far.

Other questions can be directed to your Club Secretaries and Delegates, who will take up these matters for you with the Councillors.

Sponsor Profile:



Bar & Bistro

Queenscliff Bowling Tennis & Croquet Club  
Hesse Street  
Queenscliff.

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Have you ever wanted a succulent steak, or fresh garlic prawns, or mixed grill (a specialty)?

Then come on down and visit the Ripview Bar & Bistro, located upstairs in the Queenscliff Bowling, Tennis and Croquet Club, in Hesse Street, Queenscliff.

During Monday to Friday, diners can enjoy a succulent relaxing two course lunch for only \$12!!

Members of the Queenscliff Bowling, Tennis and Croquet Club receive a special 10% discount off their full price, for meals on Monday evenings.

Denise and her willing crew of staff make your visit a pleasurable and enjoyable one – one that you will want to repeat over and over!

So come on down, give RipView Bar & Bistro a go, you will be surprised at the fantastic quality and range (Check out the Specials Board – anything from Curry to a Lamb Shank) and affordable prices, while you sit back and enjoy the best view of the Rip through the special windows.

Go on, give it a try! You won't be disappointed!