



# Victoria Park Bowls Club Incorporated

## Newsletter *number 1*

Welcome to our First Newsletter!!

The aim of writing this newsletter is to inform all members about what is going on in the club and to keep you updated throughout the year. I have been thinking about a newsletter for a while but wondered how I would go about it. Now that I have taken on the position of Secretary I should have a better idea of what is happening in the Club.

It is your newsletter though, so if you wish to write an article, put in an ad, share your bowling day etc, you can! The best way to do this will probably be via email. "Newsletter" as the subject and Attention Marlene. Or just write out/print a copy and give it to me.

I want to get this first newsletter out as soon as possible so I will ok it with our President, but all future newsletters including all articles, ads, photo's etc will be passed through at the monthly meeting before being printed or emailed.

My aim is to get a newsletter out at least quarterly during the year, but I make no promises! However if there is lots going on or you send me lots of your own stories then it might be more often. Hope you enjoy it. Marlene.



**Ray and Fred winners of District Pairs playoff.**

All positions were filled at our Annual Meeting and seven people volunteered as Committee Members. A huge Thankyou to the previous team and Goodluck to the new team! Without people giving up their valuable time and volunteering for positions and committees we would not have a club. So once again **THANKYOU.**

A full list will be available in the minutes from the meeting. A Minutes Book will be placed under the notice board and once the minutes have been passed as true and correct they will be placed in the book for members' perusal.

### Volunteers

All positions at the club are voluntary. All the time and effort put into the running of the club, it's games and events is voluntary.

And lets be serious -  
**TIME IS PRECIOUS!**

We all have busy lives and families to love and care for. We are also all human, we try our best and give what we can, but sometimes things don't go to plan, sometimes we make a mistake or something goes wrong. This doesn't happen on purpose, no-one is perfect! But we learn from our mistakes and when things go wrong we try to do things differently next time.

That's Life!

But in the whole scheme of things many, many things work out and most things run smoothly and are enjoyed by all. Instead of people's mistakes, I challenge all members to take note of all the things that work, run smoothly and are enjoyed by all.

We are all different and unique but remember we all have one thing in common, we are all bowlers and come together to leave our stressful lives at home and enjoy a game of bowls with friends.

# Merry Christmas

Our Christmas party is coming up soon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

It is \$25 per person - for this you will eat a beautiful 2 course meal and have some free drinks. We have also organised some live music with the "Soul Sisters". (I think I have the name right!)

The Multi-Draw raffle will be drawn during the evening. We are hoping all members will donate a prize. Last year there was close to fifty prizes to be won so please buy some tickets as this is a great fundraiser for the club.

Hope you can all come along for a Merry Evening.



This years Mixed and Open Competitions are nearly finished, but we still have a few Singles games to get through. Our Games Director will endeavour to get these finished by the end of the year!

We will probably have the Presentation of Trophies - Mens, Open and Mixed Games, on Saturday afternoon the 17<sup>th</sup> December. The decision will be made at the December Meeting, so just watch the Notice Board.

Don't forget Social Bowls every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. Much Enjoyment is had by all!

Green Fees for 2017 will remain at \$8  
However membership will go up by \$5

It was agreed at the last meeting that no member shall receive payment for work behind the bar or in the kitchen. All work behind the bar and in the kitchen is voluntary.

All members are asked to please fill in a **membership update form**. This is to make sure we have a true and correct list of all our members. You will also notice there is a space for your email address. If you supply an email address then this newsletter and other items can be sent to you via email. This saves on paper and ink costs and ensures you are receiving all club information.



Col Heath, our new President.

Nomination Forms for 2017 Competitions - Mens, Open and Mixed, will be available after the December Meeting. Please be aware when you enter these competitions that they are played throughout the entire year. Games Directors have a tough job navigating through the games and accommodating bowlers work commitments, holiday arrangements, CQ and other Bowls Club Events and personal life commitments too. They try to the best of their ability to be fair while still getting the games played. Priority in the first half of the year must be given to the games that require a winner to represent VPBC at the playoffs between other clubs. Therefore Club games, Open and Mixed are more likely to be played during the second half of the year.



VPBC Mens Pennant Team Winners are Grinners.. Well Done Everyone

**COMPETITION**  
Can you think of a name for our newsletter?

Let me know your ideas.

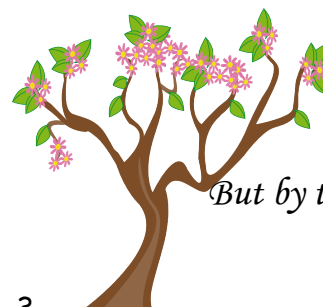
If you come up with the winning name your green fees will be waived for ONE game of bowls and you will receive a free drink!

### Monthly Meetings

All members are welcome to attend our monthly meeting held on the first Monday of each month at 6pm. However if you have an issue you wish to be discussed it must be on the Agenda. A blank Agenda form will be placed on the Notice Board at the end of each meeting for you to state any issue you wish to discuss. This form will be removed 10 days prior to the next meeting. (I need this time to have the agenda written for the meeting.) There may be a time when a Closed Meeting is called and this will be for the Management Committee Only.

### Garage Sale

One of our members has had an idea of a garage sale for a fundraiser. Members and their friends would donate items to be sold. We would then advertise our Garage Sale in the paper for one Saturday Morning. ALL money collected will go to VPBC. Please let me know your ideas on this and if you would have items to donate. If there is enough interest and items then it might turn into a great fundraiser.



*Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,  
But by the number of moments that take our breath away.*