

Morley Bowling Club Inc.



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WE NEED YOU

President's Report

Time moves quickly and I haven't commented on the **Volunteers night** held back in December.

I was very pleased to see such a strong representation of our members who willingly and freely give us their support through time and effort. It was a great evening and a pleasure to host this night for all involved.

In contrast to this I am disappointed that there are still those who are **intent on undermining our work and destroying this great club.**

On a much happier note I must say from all the feedback I've received the **New Year's Eve night was a resounding success.**

The well attended night was a happy and lively evening and it was great to see members getting involved and enjoying themselves.

I have no doubt that the night will be a prototype of future events held at the club.

Our **half yearly general members meeting** is scheduled for Sunday 20th February at 10.00 am so earmark this on your calendar.

Unfortunately we have just had another **Federal Government excise duty increase in drinks across the board** and we must pass this on to our members.



President
John Payne

The price increase will be effective from March.

I remain disappointed in the results of Mens Bowls however with the improved results in Ladies Bowls I must commend them for a great effort.

The **Morley Darts Club is beginning to gear up for the start of the winter season** so we all look forward to a great year from this sector.

Coming Events:

Sunday 20th February - General half yearly meeting for all club members

Friday 25th February - A Fun Quiz Night—Morley Bowling Club

Sunday 28th August - Annual AGM for all club members

Website Address: The club's newsletter is available on our website. To access the website go to the very top address bar of your browser and enter: mnrc.com.au. This will take you direct to the club's homepage.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome the following NEW members this month:

Steve Page

John Litherland

Jay Cardy

Bob Pickard

Michard Sheridan

Patrick Scanlan

Kevin Moore

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Discover how the “GRASS” at a CORPORATE BOWLS event affected Nigel Liddington.

Maureen’s life took a dramatic turn on a hot, steamy Noranda summer evening in February 2003.

Maureen was playing on B Green and it was a Corporate Bowls event at the club that attracted about 170 registered players from the surrounding districts.

Evidently Maureen was playing somewhere below her best and this had not gone unnoticed by her good mate and buddy Nigel who was watching the game nearby.

Then **as if the grass had got hold of him** and knowing his sweetheart “had it in her to play better” Nigel was overcome by the need to call out to Maureen and offer her his unwavering support.

So in front of 170 startled spectators in a loud and daring pledge Nigel called out **“Come on Maureen Waters you can play better than that.....if you get within a foot of the jack.....I’ll marry you”.**

Momentarily bowled over Maureen quickly recovered and gripping her bowl with all the composure and stamina of a true professional she thought “I’ll show him”.

As the story goes.....**Maureen summoned up every last drop of her first year’s Corporate**



Maureen & Nigel Liddington

Bowls experience and delivered the bowl of her life.....yes very close to the mark as we understand it.

Well Maureen had no doubt that what she heard was a long time coming so as if to re-affirm the proposal she wasted no time when she got home that night to phone Nigel’s sisters in New Zealand and then contact her family.

Maureen and Nigel have now been together for 12 years after first meeting at the club in 1999.

The happy couple will be celebrating their seventh wedding anniversary on 17th April 2011.



A Fun Quiz Night

A great social event planned for with all proceeds going to the Morley Bowling Club. Bring your own snacks. Friday night 25th February.

Start: 7.00pm for 7.30 start. Quizmaster: Vic Street

Prizes and raffles. Entry: \$10.00 or \$60.00 for table of 6

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Morley City Football Club

Morley City Football Club is on the lookout for players in the 2011 season.

All football players are invited to join our family friendly club.

Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome and encouraged to come and have a talk to us about joining.

Our club comprises four senior teams as follows:-

Sunday Amateur Division 5

Sunday Amateur Reserves Division 5

Sunday Socials Division 3

Sunday Masters (over 35s) Division 2

We already have players with age levels from 17 to 62 so no-one should feel unwelcome.

Starting: Pre-season training will commence on 22nd February at 6.30 pm.

Venue: Noranda Sporting Complex, McGilvray Avenue, Noranda.



Marc Shedden
Vice-President

Please contact Marc Shedden on 0417 446 591 or enquiries@morleycityfc.com for further information.

We look forward to seeing you at the club.

Our brand new website is also now up and running www.morleycityfc.com so have a look and let us know what you think.

Snippets

Practising technique



Hilton Dembo



Ross Dunstan

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Morley Bowling Club members.....

WE NEED YOU...NOW

It saddens and frustrates me that this season has been amongst the worst in the last 25 year history of the Morley Bowling Club.

We can't single out any one weakness that stands out but indeed a combination of factors so my impassioned plea to all players is to tell you how much WE NEED YOU.

WE NEED YOU to set a new challenge and re-focus for the remainder of the pennant season.

If you are a relatively new member **WE NEED YOU** to "stay the distance", "learn the trade" and "improve your experience and skills".

We want to encourage you to allow yourself time to be "nursed" during the time you are "learning the trade" and not be too hasty to move to the next level. Moving up to a new level before you've had the appropriate experience may prove counter-productive and unhelpful to you and/or your team members.

A gem from Sherro

Antidisestablishmentarianism

This defines a political position that originated in 19th century Britain in opposition to proposals for the disestablishment of the Church of England, that is, to remove the Anglican Church's status as the state church of England, Ireland and Wales. Those who wish to continue the establishment of the Church of England are referred to as Antidisestablishmentarians.

This is one of the longest words in the Oxford English Dictionary and is commonly believed to be the longest word in English.

Thanks John Sheridan for sharing this with us....and yes.....for pointing out that when you're unable to spell the word "it's time to go home"



Les Spinks

President, Morley Bowling Club

If you are a skipper of lower divisions **WE NEED YOU** to nurture those players at lower levels. **Your experience and patience is highly regarded and appreciated.**

To seasoned and higher level players **WE NEED YOU** to re-focus on your bowling skills and **"START A NEW CHALLENGE"** to improve your game.

Let's all support and encourage each other and don't allow complacency to take hold.



Snippets



Kathy Tomich & Maryann Darby
Good friends and social club members



4th Division bowls player Greg Cole enjoying a relaxing drink at the club.



Maryann Darby & Lawrence Sinfield. Friends enjoying Sunday afternoon at the club

New Year's Eve 2010 was a huge success. Thanks to the support of these gorgeous bar staff with their costumes and make-up.



Jess Alexander



Kathryn Head

What's on at Brumbie Country Music Club

Morley Noranda Recreation Club

Meets every Sunday

3.00 pm to 6.30 pm

February Bands

6th - Bad Hearts 13th - Frisco

20th - Hayfever 27th - Flames

Huge dance floor and everyone's welcome

\$5.00 cover charge

From the archives



Who were the players ?

When was the photo taken ?

Who were the Skippers ?

What did Thommo propose ?

Who won the game ?

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Bill & May Urquhart and the gold locket that was the start of their romantic journey to Perth.



Bill Urquhart still remembers the day on 13th April 1962 when he gave his sweetheart, May, a gold locket on her 21st birthday.

May came from a family of seven children born in New Pitsligo, a small village in Aberdeen Shire, Scotland.

Bill was born in the parish of Udney just 36 miles from Aberdeen Shire. Common for that era they were both at home births.

So, it's not difficult to conclude that the happily married couple were always destined to meet.

They still have vivid memories of the Clydesdale horses doing the farm work in their respective villages where the day-time temperatures were minus 9 degrees.

The young couple married on 27th June 1964 just 26 months after they first met and with uncanny co-incidence took the migrant ship, Fairstar, nicknamed "Fairstar the fun ship", to Perth arriving at Fremantle exactly

five years later on 27th June 1969. At this time the migrant trade to Australia was booming with British and European migrants given assisted passage, having to pay only ten pounds with the balance paid by the Federal Government, to settle in Australia.

Bill's foray into bowls was unusual in that he only joined the Morley Bowling Club after youngest son Bruce got a job in the club as apprentice greenkeeper in 1993. Bill has been playing bowls at division one white level for many years though he has also played in Scotland for nine years when



Perth city when Bill & May Arrived in 1969.



The troop carrier, Oxfordshire, refitted as a passenger liner and renamed Fairstar in 1964.

he and May returned for a short stay.

Bill and May Urquhart arrived in Perth as Scottish migrants in 1969. Bill supported the young family working in the construction industry most of his working life. They have three sons Robert, David and Bruce and two grandsons who are all living in Perth .

Club a breeding ground for romance

Bowls player Eddie McGrath had a dilemma.

It was 3rd December 1995 and he knew the end of year Christmas function was fast approaching. Partners were invited and he had no-one in mind that he wanted to invite to the year end work wind up.

So he did what all good club members do when faced with a dilemma.....talk to a friend at the club.

So in passing conversation he mentioned to friend Tracey Driscoll that he was “cautiously” looking for someone to accompany him to the work Christmas party.

Well.....as the story goes Eddie had hardly finished his sentence when Tracey retorted with “.....I know just the person”.

Before Eddie had time to retract his comments and consider the hazards and risks of a “blind date” Tracey was on the phone to good friend Kathy Tomich and as they do, the women exchanged notes and Eddie’s life was never going to be the same.....ever again.

The chemistry between the two at the party must have flowed as freely as did the champagne and the sizzling prawns because they remember the day like it was yesterday.



Eddie McGrath & Kathy Tomich getting married

However Kathy distinctly remembers Eddie’s grim pronouncement during one of their first encounters”no strings attached and no commitments”.

We don’t know how you did it Kathy and we must admire you for your tenacity after 15 years togetherto publicly announce your proposed wedding day must have earmarked a huge tick in your diary.

The marriage will be held at Hyde Park on Sunday 17th April 2011 with the reception being held at the club’s Snug room.....**from all of us we’re delighted for you both.**



“Someday we’ll find it, that rainbow connection, the lovers, the dreamers and me.”

Kermit the frog

John Sheridan on “Etiquette in Bowls”

It's easy for John Sheridan's sharp wit and quick commentary to mask the gems of wisdomunless you're prepared to be patient and probe a bit.

So it was all worthwhile and what a journey.

Sherro's one of the club's more colourful characters even more so when wearing the yellow Bowls WA jacket and he's evidently widely respected for his skills as a division 1 bowls player.

In another life the former truck driver may well have cultivated a passionate and scholarly study of English literature as he often tests his “way with words” with anyone willing to debate him.

Searching for a story on his many achievements over 29 years playing bowls one quickly learns he reservedly receives little satisfaction on revisiting these successes. Indeed he remains emphatic that whatever his achievements they were accomplished through team



John Sheridan (Sherro)

efforts and pure sportsmanship.

So that takes us to a subject which he is only too willing to discussthat of etiquette in bowls.

While Sherro expresses his dismay that much of the etiquette of days gone by are lost today he is nevertheless at ease knowing that the game of lawn bowls still retains many well recognized protocols and decorums.

Always mindful of the merits of shaking hands with his opponents before and after a game he insists his one motive above all else is to make the game enjoyable for himself, his team and yes, his opponents.

He is careful that any comments he makes during the course of a game are not personal or derogatory in any way and in particular he is mindful that the use of vernacular (the language of a particular group) may not be appropriate in some situations. He respects an individual's own customs and code of behaviour.

Even with his reticence to talk about his personal successes there's little doubt Sherro thoroughly enjoys bowls and stridently continues to aim for better performances at every game.

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Delivering the jack to your opponent is one of the many traditions of etiquette starting to fade away. Some bowlers are happy to see the end of this tradition while others are sorry.

Club Volunteers

Trevor Smith has been a member of the Recreation Club for 31 years after first joining in 1980.

He vividly recalls the early 1980's when there were no paid staff and the club survived only because of the support of volunteers.

Trevor, together with other helpers, formed a roster to ensure the bar was open for patrons. On Sundays the bar was open in two sessions from 11-1 pm and 5-7 pm.

He worked at the club every 4th Sunday as well as his rostered day off when he was Assistant Bank Manager for the Commonwealth Bank.

To ensure the bar work was undertaken under best practice conditions of the period, in his own time Trevor enrolled in a bar training course with the Swan Brewery. These days of course bar managers and staff undertake mandatory training at specialized training centres.

The training taught him how to run a bar, how to "keg" up, cleaning and purging beer lines as well as other staffing and customer relationship issues.

The first paid bar manager was Peter Rigoll who was engaged in the mid-1980's.

Throughout the 1980's revenue raising was paramount to keep the club operating so there were a lot more social functions and family oriented events regularly held.

He recalls the popular monthly Friday night roast dinner nights called "Bruce and the Boys" (named after club President Bruce Walter).

Another popular fund raiser was the annual pantomime shows which ran for five or six years until the 1990's. Trevor was amongst a core group of talented members who rehearsed once a week for three months prior to a show.

Trevor's interest in the club includes both darts and bowls.



Trevor Smith

Between 1983 and 1993, after being elected an inaugural committee member of the Mens Dart Club, he served 10 years on the Morley Dart Club committee and 4 years as President of the Dart Club.

He was Darts Club Team Captain for many years taking the team through to winning a number of Grand Finals.

In 1995 he became the first Morley Darts Club player to play 200 games in one competition—The Inter Bowling Club Dart Competition.

In February 2001 he was awarded a Life Membership of the Morley Dart Club, a well deserved recognition given his many years sponsoring inter alia, the Summer Dart Competition and of course his relentless work in the club.

He joined the Morley Bowling Club in 1987 and had no hesitation in supporting the club by helping in the gardens, mowing the banks and assisting the greenkeepers.

Trevor continues running his own business and work in the club he clearly loves currently serving as Morley Bowling Club Mens Club Captain, Chairman of the Mens Match committee and representative to the Bowling Club Committee.

Trevor attributes so much of his involvement in the club to his very patient and supportive wife of 42 years, Barbara.

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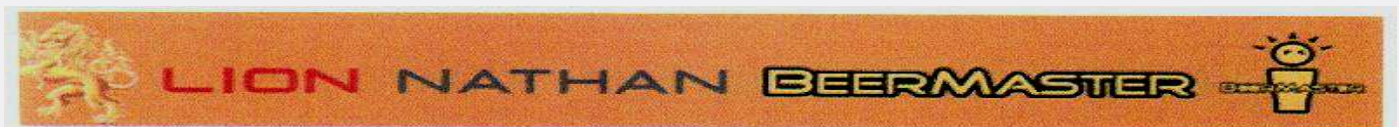


Graham Marion
Treasurer



Ewen Apps
Secretary

With infinite passion and diligence members willingly donate their time and effort in club services and improvements, a task they do because to quote Mohandas Gandhi : **"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"**.



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