

PORT CITY WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB



Newsletter - August 2020

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT from Kim Stewart

I would like to welcome our new Committee members and welcome back those returning for another year. We look forward to managing the affairs of the Club for the benefit of all our members.

As I outlined after our Annual General Meeting, I am a big believer in communication and feedback and I would like the Management Committee members to engage with the membership as openly and as often as possible. From speaking to long term members, past Presidents and other Executive Officer holders and Committee members, championship and social bowlers, I know there is a lot of love for this Club and its proud history and traditions. So many members have great expectations, ideas and visions for what they want to achieve and how the Club should go about its business. These coupled with the diverse skills, knowledge, qualifications and experience we all bring from our personal lives, reassure me that any answers I may need in my new role are readily available. I actively encourage you to share any views, feedback and/or suggestions you may have with me at any time - they will be appreciated!

I think we are all aware we are in unusual times. The Welfare of our members must be our first priority and we need to ensure we are following all necessary Covid 19 instructions, rules and restrictions. This is not only to protect our members but also the Port City Bowling Club Ltd who are required to comply with NSW Government

rules and regulations. We are all responsible for following these and setting a good example to members of the public visiting our Club.

At our first Management Committee meeting on 17 August, I asked all Committee members to work as a team and to ensure that all members of each sub-Committee are trained and ready to go in case any of us are required to self isolate due to contact with the Covid Virus. Whilst I hope this never happens I think we can all agree based on current events that it may at any time. I would therefore like to see the Management Committee, the sub-Committees and the Club membership adopt an “all hands on deck” approach to all our activities. We will be much more successful if we work together.

I look forward to working for and with you all over the following year.

Kim

SELECTORS' REPORT Chairperson, Kylie Hardy

Thanks to the girls who have volunteered as COVID-19 Safe Hygiene Marshals. The marshal is responsible for ensuring all aspects of the COVID-19 Safety Plan are being maintained. These include hygiene and safety, physical distancing and recording contact details of our members and are responsible for the wellbeing of all of us.

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT from Jan Opitz

Another bowls year begins with the added complication of Covid 19. After lock down on March 17 (remember the day well as it was the first and last game of pennant played), the ladies Tuesday bowls resumed on 23rd June albeit with different rules and regulations in accordance with our new way of life. Rolling up did happen during the lock down period with the brave venturing out to keep their skills up.

Club singles has been played with Kylie defeating Judy Scholz in a very competitive game, a great game to watch. Congratulations to Kylie on yet another win in that category. Club pairs is open at the moment, closing on 1st September, the first game being played on 15th September (2 games to be played on that day).

Our Club has done very well in the Regional play off with Kylie and Carol being runners up in the pairs to Forster, this game could have gone either way, again a

great game to watch. Our congratulations go to our Regional Triples Team of Sonny Willis, Karen McFarlane and Kylie Hardy, these girls did bring home the "bacon" and a hat off to them, considering the game was played on synthetic. These girls will go onto play in the State, hopefully, after travel restrictions are lifted.

We have welcomed new members from other clubs but would like to acknowledge two new umpires that are now members of our Club, they are Anne Hughes and Betty Whiting. After a short period for them to become familiar with all our members, they will boost our dwindling umpire numbers. It was great to see Jenny Wallis back on the bowling green last Saturday and hopefully we will see her too, wearing the pink shirt again in the not too distant future!!

It is proposed a Club Major/Minor Comp. will be announced soon, with a number of options being considered, this will be a great opportunity to bring the new bowlers out of their comfort zone and just give it a go!! And lastly, in these crazy times, in a world where you can be anything, be kind.



L.O.L! 😊 😊 😊

The Bowlers own language and how to translate

The Sport of Bowls has its very own language which can totally mystify anyone who hears it, but hasn't had the pleasure of throwing a bowl in fun or earnest. For the information of the uninitiated, here are a few terms translated into Standard English.

"Good weight!" = lousy line

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"Good back bowl" = you were lucky you didn't put it in the ditch

"That's in their way" = that's in my way

"That could be useful up there" = that bowl is closer to you than it is to the jack

"Get it next time" = you sure didn't get it this time

"He's surprisingly good" = you're surprised he ever makes a shot

Retirement

"When I retired I had time to spare, things to do, what was out there?

I have an allotment that was good, it gives me exercise and food.

But it wasn't enough to fill the space, created by this dreaded rat race.

Then I came upon a card, Ring the bowls club, that wasn't hard.

I spoke to Phil, he said OK come and see me on Tuesday.

Three Bowls he gave to me, how I tried. Unfortunately they all went wide.

I was surprised when he said hooray, you can start today!

The game was fun, the people too. I am no longer looking for things to do."

Happy bowling everyone,
Jill Curtis
Publicity Officer.