



# BUCKINGHAM BOWLS CLUB INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year – we hope that you have had a safe and relaxing break and are ready to get back on the green to enable Bucks to finish the pennant seasons strongly.

### **New COVID-19 Requirements – Masks Required Indoors**

Effective from midnight 20 December 2021 until further notice, everyone aged 12 and over is required to wear a mask in all public indoor spaces as an additional layer of protection against COVID-19. This includes workplaces, shops, restaurants, pubs and bowls clubs and public transport.

There are some exceptions. You **do not** need to wear a mask when:

- Outdoors – unless attending a large event.
- In your home or when visiting the home of someone else.
- Consuming food, drink or medicine – you may remove your mask briefly to eat or drink inside but must put it back on immediately afterwards.
- Travelling in a vehicle alone, or only with someone who normally lives with you.
- Doing intense physical exercise – lawn bowls is not deemed to be intense physical exercise.
- An exemption or exception is provided by the Director of Public Health (or delegate).

Children aged under 12 years are exempt from wearing masks indoors.

For more information go to the following website <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/>.

### **Entries closing 27 January 2022 for Club Pairs Championships**

Just a reminder that entries in the Club's Open, B Grade and Mixed Pairs Championships will close on Thursday 27 January 2022. Don't miss out.

### **New Toilets**

The in-house project of the refurbished women's toilets and the new handicapped toilet has now been almost completed and looks great. There are just a few cosmetic jobs that need to be done to finish the project.

A huge thank you to Dennis Silver, Dennis Emmett, Romun Zapotocky and Phil Klye who donated their time so generously. Others responsible in one way or another included Robbie Stringer for introducing us to a good plumber, James Howell who worked for "mates-rates" and Todd Brown for expertly laying the vinyl and working around our Christmas functions – and not forgetting the demolition crew who commenced the project in Noel Sargent and Brian George.

The upgrade of the toilets is due to a Federal Government Stronger Communities grant of \$15,000 which was obtained through Andrew Wilkie who is a great supporter of the Club – thank you Andrew.

### **DATES FOR YOUR NEW DIARY**

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- Tuesday 4 January – Bar re-opens.
- Saturday 9 January – Bingo resumes.
- Wednesday 12 January – First day of Midweek Pennant in the New Year.
- Friday 14 January – Snack Meals.
- Thursday 13 January – First day of Women's Pennant in the New Year.
- Saturday 15 January - First day of Saturday Pennant in the New Year.
- Thursday 27 January – Close of entries for Club Men's and Women's Open and B Grade and Mixed Pairs.
- Friday 28 January – Snack Meals.
- Sunday 27 February – McKay Timbers \$6,000 Open and B Grade Pairs Gala Day.

### McKay Timber Classic Pairs

Entries open soon for the McKay Timber Classic Pairs with \$6,000 in prize money. There are separate Open and B Grade events. Make sure that you get your entry in early as the event will fill up.

The Club greatly appreciates the support of McKay Timbers without which one of the highlight events on the bowls calendar in Southern Tasmania could not go ahead.

## McKay Timber

### Grant for Synthetic Surrounds Green One

The Club has been very successful in obtaining grants in the past two years – this time \$33,232 from the Tasmanian Government's Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation 2021-22 Improving the Playing Field (Small) Grants Program to install synthetic green around Green One. This will eliminate the manual work of mowing around Green One and will alleviate a major problem of the grass clippings and at times dirt and mud that are walked on to the synthetic green. In turn this should result in less vacuuming and deep cleaning of the green.

### Doug Cole's Coaching Tips

Have you by chance or design, seen the position of our top three sides in Saturday pennant competition? It's the worst in the club's history.

What's the answer? Don't tell me it's 'more practice' as that's only consolidating any faults or weaknesses your action has.

If I say "Stare Spot", most of you will say, "That's what I do". But do you? An aiming point on the far bank is only the first step. Your Stare Spot (there are actually four of them – two each end one for forehand, one for backhand) is from 4 to 6 metres in front of you on the mat depending whether your stance is a crouching or an upstanding one. Once found **NEVER** take your eyes off it until your bowl passes over it for every bowl. This applies no matter what your action is. It steadies your body movement during your delivery action. Use a thin washer(best), a CD(wind blowable) or coin(bit thick) to bowl over. Your improvement in line control could be as much as 50%.

### Practice Before Club Championship Games

For the benefit of new members, you are not permitted to practice on the green you are playing a Club championship game that day.

### Reserved Parking

Members are reminder that some parking spots at the front of the Club are reserved for our hard-working officials, our Bar Manager and Bowls Shop staff. On many occasions they are carrying supplies and the like that has to be brought into the Club. It is very frustrating for them to find that other members are parked in their reserved space or across the spot and they have to park elsewhere, sometimes well up St. John's Avenue. Please do not park in someone else's reserved parking spot – the best way to get one of the reserved spots is to put your hand up at the coming Annual General Meeting and stand for a position that has a parking spot attached to it.

### Be COVID Safe

All members are reminded that the Club is a COVID safe Club but can only remain so, and operate as such, if members continue to sanitise their hands on arrival and keep the required distance from each other, which includes spacing when sitting at the tables. Do not come to the Club if you are not feeling perfectly well. You must sign in to the Club either on the sheets at the front door or via the Check-In TAS app.

### Thank You

The Club would like to acknowledge the financial and other support that is provided to it from the following sponsors. Club Members are encouraged to support our sponsors if at all possible:

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