



## Queenscliff Bowling, Tennis & Croquet Club



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**Our Vision Statement:** To be an open, member based community club providing the best possible sporting and recreational facilities and services through partnerships in the region.

#### Chairman's Report...

We hope all members and friends had a very Merry Christmas and have a joyous and healthy New Year. The year to date has concluded with Council approving the relocation of the Net ball courts which should see the area back with us after September next. The Board has reviewed a number of alternatives with the priority being given to the Croquet Club with 2 new greens thereby freeing up Green 2. Croquet continues to be the fastest growing sports section by a long way and the movement will free up car parking and provide additional disabled spots. Proposed plans are now available on the notice board. Trading for the first six months has been lower than last year including a reduced attendance during the record Music festive although the talented musicians who appeared at the Club were greatly appreciated. We congratulate all those involved in the organisation of the GREEN day in November. It was disappointing that the attendance was poor but those who attended had a

very enjoyable time even though some odd actions were witnessed on the croquet green. Please enjoy the summer season and enjoy the Club facilities.

Bob Merriman  
Chairman

#### Bowls...

The 2016/17 Saturday Pennant season is now past half way with the Tuesday Pennant playing their 12th game of the season next Tuesday January 10th 2017. Premier Division is currently in 4th position with a hard-fought 4 shot win over Ocean Grove at the last Friday night Pennant game on December 16th 2016.

The Friday night Pennant matches are proving popular with another planned for Friday 3rd February against Webbconca which will commence at approximately 7.00pm. The following Friday 10th February will see another night pennant game against Lara which is planned to



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commence around 6.30pm. Division 1 continue to struggle with a lack of players due to illness and other commitments. Unavailable members are encouraged to assist where ever possible.

It is always difficult for our second side who have the majority of their games against the top sides of other clubs.

Our 3rd side continue to improve and are currently in 7th spot being only 1 point from 5th and 4 points from 4th and are now 28 points clear from relegation. As mentioned above with players returning they should continue to improve.

Midweek Pennant has two teams, Division 1 & Division 3. Division 1 are currently in 4th spot and with their season past half way should continue to improve.

Division 3 after a good win on December 6th against Lara unfortunately had a loss against Geelong RSL and are currently in 9th spot. They continue to improve and hopefully this will enable them to progress during the rest of the season.

A reminder of upcoming tournaments:

- Warren Pairs. No date

has been fixed although it is likely to be in February or March 2017.

- Benitos monthly triples is to be held on Thursday January 12, 2017

- Crayfish Triples is planned for February 5, 2017

- Couta Classic 15th and 16th February 2017

- Mountford Pairs is planned for Sunday 12th February 2017. Club is considering this be a night game commencing around 6.00pm after a BBQ.

Everyone is encouraged to put their entries in early as they are all enjoyable days with good prize money.

As this is our first newsletter of the New Year we wish all members and their families a healthy and safe 2017.

Peter Aldridge

### Tennis...

We have again entered a team in the Tuesday Ladies Mid-Week competition which is pleasing, with the season commencing early February.

Following our membership promotion leading up to Christmas and our social tennis on Tuesday mornings whilst we did not have a team playing we have managed to increase our membership including members who will be playing



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in our Ladies Mid-Week team. Whilst initially this has been somewhat modest we continue to look for new members of our section of the club. I wish our new team all the best for the coming season.  
Judith Spittle.

#### **Croquet...**

The Pennant season for golf croquet is over. Section 1 the 0-7 Handicap was won by Ann Drayton, Frank Starkey and Elvia Garward. Section 2 Handicap our team players Noel Nelson and John Barnett reached the semi finals. Congratulations to everyone. We have just held the Rip View Shield played over two days in excellent weather with Ann Drayton the winner and Gail Stocker the runner up. Thank you Andrew and Gabriel for your sponsorship.

We have made ongoing arrangements with U3A to run an "Introduction to Croquet" for the first term 2017. Our membership is continuing to grow and we have 50 playing members now. We recently welcomed John Franklin and Jean Badenhof as new members to our club. Anne Molloy was part of a four player association croquet team that recently represented Geelong in a competition with the Ballarat region. This competition started in 1936 and there'll be a return match in

February.

Our members thank Rod and all QBTC staff for their ongoing support and thank Barry for keeping our greens well maintained.  
Happy new year to all at QBTC.  
Gail Stocker.

#### **Other News...**

##### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Following the success of our first Premier League pennant game under lights, February will see the club host two more Premier fixtures under lights on Friday nights. On February 3rd we will take on Webbcona and the following Friday we take on Lara, both matches to be played at home under lights.

#### **Development plan on display**

During January the Board of Management endorsed a plan that has been developed which tackles the need for additional Croquet facilities along with a compliant and functional disabled parking solution. These plans are on display in the King St foyer and members are encouraged to have a look. Any questions can be directed to the Manager or any Board member.



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##### MEMBERS NIGHT -

Every Monday from 5:30pm There are four members cash jackpot draws every half hour along with a discount on your main meal in the bistro area. Our jackpot was won in the last week in January with a luck member walking away with \$820 just for coming along, it jackpots \$80 per week so it won't be long until the amount gets right up there again.

##### PREMIER BOWLS EVENTS THIS MONTH

February sees two of our major mens bowling events run with the Annual Crayfish Triples held on Sunday 5th and the two day Couta Classic Medley held on the

Raffles - Fridays from 5:30pm

We give away club vouchers and meat trays, along with some yummy bar snacks another great opportunity to enjoy your club.

##### INTRODUCTION TO CROQUET

Introduction to Croquet sessions will be conducted on Friday afternoons, 1.30pm – 3pm, 3rd Feb to 31st March.

Inquiries: Ann Drayton, 52783480 / 0411287233 or Gail Stocker, 52582270.

Equipment and afternoon tea provided. Please wear flat soled footwear.