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The Club Committee would firstly like to thank and congratulate everyone for their cooperation in helping the Club to open the greens. First to roll-up and then social competition. The 2 steps to the reopening of Club house without your adherence to the Club and Government guidelines, would not have been possible, particularly as the restrictions were changing quite frequently. It goes without saying that restrictions still in place must be followed to avoid any reintroduction of previous restrictions. There was a lot of time and effort that went on behind the scenes from the beginning of COV-19. Both ACT and Federal Governments offered financial assistance to staff wages. Both of these wage subsidies schemes involved large amounts of data collection and paper work. The ACT Gov. subsidies funds were distributed from the Diversification and Sustainably Support Fund, [DSSF] which was set up as a result of the Pathway to 4000, whereby funds from Poker machines [EGMs] were allocated as a portion of the tax Clubs paid. The allocation we received was \$11,760.

The procedure to enrol and register for the Federal Gov. Jobkeeper subsidy was more complex. Committee members and Jenny together, put in many hours. One problem was that certain documents when found and researched, which were important to the application, were found to have names of committee members who had passed away and others who were no longer office bearers. Once all this was overcome we qualified for the subsidy of \$1500 per fortnight and happy to report we have commenced to receive these monies. These subsidies have been instrumental in allowing us to reopen the Club as the restrictions eased.

The ACT Gov. has given extra assistance in other areas, namely waiving liquor licences for 1 year together with rebates to water usage and land rates.

The Club closure has resulted in some Club Championship events being cancelled. The bowls organisers have concentrated on the major events in both women's and men's, Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours. Compounding this problem is the ACT events, including Pennants, that are currently being looked at as to how they can be played or completed in the reduced time frame.

The committee would also like thank our bar staff and greenkeepers who kindly reduced their earnings whilst the club was not generating any income. Also the cleaning and waste collection contractors who agreed to cancel their charges during this period. And the breweries showed good customer service by crediting the Club for all unopened kegs.

Members may have noticed the P.A. system has been vastly improved. Many thanks to Ken Derbyshire and Greg Bourke for their expertise in these areas.

The Committee would like to pass on the progress re the relocation of the Club We have engaged a lobbyist who has presented a timely process to follow, to navigate the many areas of regulations required to achieve our objective.

We had a valuer assess the site and his estimated value, as with all consultants, was conservative at [in round figures] \$7.5 million. This price then had the effect of the Lease Variation Charge being \$5.5 million. This is the amount the purchaser would have to pay to change the L.V.C. The figure is currently calculated at 75% of the market value. Previously it was 50% up to a few years ago. This increase will have an effect on the sale price. The lobbyist has advised that with the coming ACT election, it would be best to wait until after the election, when the result is known. In the meantime some research into the processes undertaken by other sporting clubs that have been down this path could be beneficial.

The other item that will most likely have some influence will be the release of the enquiry into The Future of Lawn Bowls in the ACT. This was originally planned for release in December last year, at this stage there is no indication as to when the Review will be released.

### CBC Committee



### Women's Major Pairs Championship

The resumption of the Women's Pairs has been scheduled for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. With C. Thompson and M. Lillicrap to play B. Fardell (sub for S. Vezina) and G. Young. The Final to be played Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July between the winner 1<sup>st</sup> July's game and L. Waters and M. Bannerman. Roll-up at 9.5am. Play to commence 10.00 am on both days.

**These dates are subject to change due to COVID-19**

### CBC Women's Bowls Program 2020

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- Women's Minor Singles – TBA
- Women's Major Pairs – Underway
- Women's Triples – TBA
- Women's Minor Pairs – TBA
- Helen Dengate Consistency – TBA
- Women's Fours – TBA
- Open Singles – TBA
- Mixed Pairs – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> August
- Sports Day – 26<sup>th</sup> August
- Minor Triples – 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Mixed Fours – 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> September
- Prestige Pairs – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> September

All events will commence on the dates advised above. Follow on play will be within the next week. For example, the winners of the first round of singles played on Wed, 29 Jan 20, will have to complete their next match (2nd round) by EOD Wed, 5 Feb 20, 3rd round by EOD Wed, 12 Feb 20, and so on. This applies to all events.

### Men's Major Singles Championships

The Men's Singles games, all but the Final, were played over the weekend 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> June. Time and temperature didn't permit the conclusion of the Championship.

**The Final will be played at the club next Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. ROLL-UP 9.45 am, play to start 10.00 am.**

Going by the quality of the earlier games, spectators are in for an entertaining and very exciting morning. So come along and enjoy some great bowling when we see James Reynolds and Richard Lawson playing for the title for 2020.

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### CBC Men's Bowls Program 2020

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- Men's Minor Singles – TBA
- Men's Major Singles – *Final 4<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00 am*
- Men's Major Pairs – 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> July
- Open Singles – TBA
- Mixed Pairs – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> August
- Mixed Fours – 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> September
- Men's Triples – 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> October
- Men's Fours – 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> October
- Men's Minor Pairs – TBA
- Lightning Triples – 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> November*

As each game is played, the results are not only updated on the Notice Board but on our Club website too, under 'Bowling Program'

I wonder why we are so so obsessed with trying to find intelligent life on other planets, when we can't even find intelligent life here?





## Bugsy's Tech Notes

Keeping in the theme of smaller crowd sizes and basically all things scaled down such as celebration parties and the like I thought I'd talk about webcams. As this is possibly going to be one of the things which becomes the new normal when communicating with family and friends. In my view there are two major points to consider when buying a webcam. Firstly is auto focus and secondly is high definition. Don't be fooled by cheap webcams, these will work but only at a very low resolution. While this may be good enough sitting at a computer in a fixed position it's not good enough for anything else. Besides that, for people at the other end of the call it's like looking through the window in a snow storm. The camera will have to be continually adjusted for focus by hand should you move or want to show an object. Hardly suitable for an event or birthday party going around the room. You can get an auto focus high definition (HD) web camera for under \$150 on eBay these days but brand names will be more expensive than that. However the ease of use with these types of cameras for video conferencing is you can move it anywhere to show any object and it will focus automatically as it goes. The same as a good smartphone or Tablet which of course is the obvious alternative but this is assuming that you prefer a computer to communicate with using programs like Skype as it comes preinstalled with windows. Not only that, with the latest version of Skype providing your computer is not too vintage. You can hide an untidy room in your house with a background like a library or be sitting under a palm tree on a beach somewhere while you video chat the grandkids.

Next is another question from a member about their computer slowing down. This could be a result of a number of things, sometimes with a windows update that went bad or some other software that was installed but is not closing down properly or stuck in a loop. As a virus checker only looks for code that compromises your system, it can't locate or isolate bad software. That small piece of code or even an active windows update running in the background has the potential to lock up all your systems resources. A little known piece of software that Microsoft puts out is called Process explorer. If you put that in Google, it

will be the first link that comes up. Yes, it's more for the advanced windows user but it can show all the processes running in Windows and how resources are being used. It also allows an easy way of spotting a rogue application which can be closed. Read up on the links the web site provides and it would be a good idea to watch the video tutorial as well. Another decent piece of software for sorting out system problems which is free for the most part is called Glary Utilities, which once again a google search will present the most relevant link right at the top of the list. Go to the download link on their page and install the software which allows automatic repairs on your system without the need of too much knowledge. Especially with errors in the registry and replacing system files that might have been corrupted.

Finally another question which relates to free stuff on the net. Let's just clear this up for good, there is nothing free if a commercial enterprise is offering a service without some sort of comeback.

That usually means email and possibly address details. So it just depends on how much you value the service they provide as to whether you are prepared to offer this information. As I have mentioned before many times, for this purpose alone it is much better if you create a junk email (or secondary email) address to register with these types of sites. Unless it's part of a group or cause you personally interact with and have a good idea of whom you are dealing with. But apart from that, a junk email is the best alternative which allows you to police all the spam email advertising in bulk without the fear of ever deleting a personal message that is buried in amongst it. These junk email accounts might be good for telling you that you have won lotto every week or come into a huge inheritance providing you just send in your Bank details. But in reality you don't want this type of stuff cluttering up your personal email box when there is an easy alternative.

Finally this month's links are related to another major Windows 10 update coming. Both the good and the bad. So it might be safer to delay it a bit longer until it's been proven to be reliable.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/438830/whats-new-in-windows-10s-20h1-update-arriving-spring-2020/>

<https://www.tomsguide.com/news/windows-10-may-update-is-officially-a-disaster>

*Greg Bourke (Bugsy)*

A reminder that the revised Bowls ACT Calendar has been circulated. The ACT Men's Singles will resume at CBC on the weekend 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August.



**My doctor has given me three days to give up drinking. I've picked the 5th of June, July 17th and October 9th!!**

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