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FROM THE PRESIDENT

A few items I would like everyone to consider for the Club as we approach the end of year functions.

This year the patrons making enquiries for booking because of coronavirus are willing to book other days than the usual Fridays and Thursdays some even to Tuesday and currently one is considering Monday.

The 3 main restrictions that we will need to monitor are that patrons are recorded as attending [tracing procedures], seated to both eat and drink, the club will have plenty of seating to cater for this. As regards food, again restrictions for serving such requires the use of gloves, tongs and strictly no communal eating eg; self-serve buffet, because of this patrons have been encouraged to BYO food for which we will need to monitor that all conditions are been followed, this together with the supervision of the bare foot bowlers will require a big input from members.

The Club would like to encourage as many members as possible to volunteer for these duties, there will be a sheet available for members to record their names after which you will be contacted when required in a way to try and even the load.

Please give a lot of consideration to this request. A quick reminder of the working bee on Wed 4/12/20

Cheers
Geoff McKay

The club's AGM will be held on Sunday 29th November. Further information will be emailed to member when details have been confirmed.

Congratulations

ACT Men's CoCC

Congratulations to James Reynolds on taking out the ACT Men's Champion of Club Champions on Sunday, 11th October, at QRSLM Bowling Club. After a great Semi-Final against Belconnen's John Brice, James started the Final against Weston Creek's Jeff Bradley a bit behind after the first couple of ends but then started to find the speed of the green. The game displayed the full range of shots. Great draw bowling, on-shots, and drives. Making it very entertaining for the spectators. Well done James. Another well-deserved notch to your belt. Chloe Morrison, from Tuggeranong Vikings, took out this year's Women's CoCC. Congratulations Chloe. James and Chloe will represent the ACT in the National CoCC next year. Best of luck to both players.



Finalists: J. Freeman and J. Bradley



These dates are subject to change due to COVID-19

CBC Women's Bowls Program 2020

PLAY, SUBSTITUTE, OR FORFEIT

- Women's Minor Singles** – TBA
- Women's Triples** – Cancelled
- Women's Minor Pairs** – TBA
- Helen Dengate Consistency** – TBA
- Women's Fours** – TBA
- Open Singles** – TBA
- Mixed Pairs** – TBA
- Minor Triples** – TBA
- Mixed Fours** – TBA
- Prestige Pairs** – Cancelled

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.

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CBC Men's Bowls Program 2020

PLAY, SUBSTITUTE, OR FORFEIT

- Men's Minor Singles** – TBA
- Open Singles** – TBA
- Mixed Pairs** – TBA
- Mixed Fours** – TBA
- Men's Minor Pairs** – TBA
- Lightning Triples** – 14th, 15th 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'



Bugsy's Tech Notes

This month is basically a reminder to members on scam warnings that have grown exponentially with the covid crisis. Not only with online scams and unwanted phone call fraud. There was another interesting one from a fellow member at our club regarding the QR code with Covid which is openly on display in shops and restaurants these days at the entrance or near the cash register. This is code that you scan with your smartphone camera and the purpose of it to quickly register that you visited the premises in case of an outbreak in that area. However scammers have been active with this too, possibly replacing a legitimate sticker code with their own without the business being aware. This would be very easy to do in fast food places where there is a lot of foot traffic before someone woke up to it. The idea behind rogue QR codes is to direct you to a site that steals security and financial information from your phone. This is why the government issued COVIDSafe app is a far better option installed on your phone rather than scanning QR codes. Although recent experience as a visitor to a patient in hospital the front desk staff insisted a QR scan to register my visit and my first thought was not everyone has a smartphone to do this. Not only this I also have the COVIDSafe app installed on my phone, which seem to be ignored. So I hope non phone users were also considered in their policy although I never tested it personally.

Plus also another reminder about buying things online, the safest option is to use a PayPal account. I prefer to link it to a credit card rather than my bank account as it just gives another layer of protection by putting on credit limits. But you could also use a Travel card or a prepaid Visa card that you could recharge as needed. The idea behind PayPal is like the Bank for the internet where no vendor ever sees any of your personal financial details on anything you buy. Only Paypal have that information, plus if you use that on Ebay for example it provides an insurance on your purchase. So if a dodgy seller takes your money and doesn't send the goods after the due date, then you can make a claim and you will get a refund. Amazon has their own system as they consider PayPal a competitor so they will require a card to be stored on your account to

make a purchase. However the same deal applies with Amazon, vendors do not see your financial details. But I can't be sure on how they police rogue sellers who do not supply the goods.

Also another query regarding the Trend anti-virus software which uses extensions that embed themselves into your browsers.

Sometimes when Trend does a program update it includes these extensions as well and you have to give it permission again to install in your browser. Don't be concerned about it, as this is normal practice. The idea behind these pieces of software is to protect you from rogue sites before they do any harm should you click on one of those links. The trend tool will prevent the site from loading unless you override it. It's a gatekeeper if you like just in case you click on a link in an email that you thought was to claim your prize in a winning lottery that you never bought a ticket in. These extensions prevent the site from loading if they detect something suspicious. So let's just say it's not a good idea to ever override any warning sign that a site might be dangerous. I have included links to instructions on how to install these tools into your browsers.

For Google Chrome

<https://helpcenter.trendmicro.com/en-us/article/tmka-09628>

For Microsoft Edge.

<https://helpcenter.trendmicro.com/en-us/article/tmka-01170>

Scamwatch is run by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). It provides information to consumers and small businesses about how to recognise, avoid, and report scams.

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>

Greg Bourke (Bugsy)



A couple of reminders for members to make note of:

Both Tuesday and Thursday (old Friday) bowls sessions have moved to the new start time of 10.00 am. Both changes will remain in place until January 2021.

As all are aware these changes are to allow for end of year Functions.

Wednesday's Social Bowls sessions are to stay at 10.00 am start. Saturday's sessions are going to be decided this weekend. This countermands the earlier email sent out to members. An email will be sent to confirm these times next week.



Test Your Knowledge

Q1. Skip A nominates her Second as the Measurer for their team. When it comes time to measure Third A asks the Second to measure and stays in the head to help. Is this allowed?

Q2. (a) Which end do you replay from when an end is declared dead? (b) How are bowls transferred to the appropriate end?

Q3. Player A on Rink 2 delivered their bowl which went wide into the adjacent Rink 3. The bowl was on the correct bias and would have come back into the rink in play. A player at the head of Rink 3 stopped the bowl before it came to rest. Player B on Rink 2

delivered their bowl before anyone could assess the situation. Should Player A have their bowl back to replay?

Q4. Is it permissible to use a cloth/duster to measure before the end is declared?

Q5. Lead A delivers their bowl failing to remove a toucher mark. What should happen?

A1. *No. Once the Second was called to measure they take over and the Third must move away from the head after indicating which bowls need measuring. When a decision has been made the Second informs the Third who then declares the head.*

A2. (a) *Law 20.2 states 'A dead end must be replayed in the same direction unless the Skips or opponents in Singles agree to play it in the opposite direction.'*

(b) *If the jack and bowls need to be transferred to the opposite end of the rink they must be transferred in a way which avoids distracting players on neighbouring rinks. i.e. carry them*

A3. *Yes. Player A gets their bowl back to replay. In this instance both Skips and Player B on Rink 2 should have been aware of the situation and Player B should not have played their bowl.*

However, as Player B had played their bowl, and had "played out of turn" then Law 29 would come into play. Skip A would have the choice depending on whether Player B's bowl didn't (Law 29.1.2) or did (Law 29.1.3) disturb the head.

A4. *No. The use of any equipment or other fixed-length object placed between the jack and bowls to decide which bowls are shot would constitute "measuring". The use of such equipment or objects during an end would be in breach of Law 23.3.*

A5. *The opposing Skip, i.e. Skip B, should remove the mark once the bowl has come to rest. Law 15.5.*

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