

BASS & FLINDERS NEWS *February 2019*

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH CRONULLA BOWLING CLUB 9523 3401
www.southcronullabowling.com.au



From the Board of Directors

The club and Board welcome back members and employees for another good year of bowling and socialising at South Cronulla in 2019. A number of fun events were held at the club over the holiday period. The New Year's Eve get together was very successful and well patronised considering the relatively short notice. Some 60 members and their families enjoyed the informal opportunity to use the club on New Year's Eve for some casual bowling, a nice BBQ and seeing the 9 o'clock fireworks on TV. The Australia Day mixed bowls also attracted good numbers and friendly competition.



Sydney NYE Fireworks



South Cronulla BC Fireworks?

Thanks for your patience while number one green is being lowered for safety reasons. Phil Burns and his team are working hard and the green should be back in play by mid April, subject to receiving a good balance of warm sunshine and rain. The extension of the small green 'patio' has made the bowling area more user friendly. Thanks also to Phil and to bowling member Steve Heaps and their teams, for delivering such a useful and much more functional space for our bowlers and visitors.

Our Friday night bistro caterers have indicated that they are moving on, after 2 years at the club. We want to thank them for their association and for the fun times they have given the club members and our neighbours. The Board is well advanced in putting in place alternative arrangements and ideas for the Friday night catering. Finally, may I thank the many club function volunteers who assisted the club in holding numerous holiday season events at the club, resulting in a very good financial position for our club moving into 2019.

Garry Smith, Chairman

New Members. *We have three more new bowling members to boost our ever- growing ranks at South Cronulla. They are Sue Moss, Christina Townsend and John Selby, so a big welcome to all.*

Men's Club News. The Men's *Major Fours* is near its conclusion and following the results so far, Peter Bryant's team will meet the winner of the Simon Boylan v Geoff Bursill teams, who will play their semi-final on Saturday morning, 9th February. The final will then be played on the same day later in the afternoon, so good luck to each of the remaining teams.

Men's Pennants Competition 2019 is a major highlight of any bowls club calendar. Pennants trials commence on Saturday 16th February and the first round will commence on Saturday 9th March, so let's all be ready for some strong, flag- winning performances by our selected teams.

The Pennant Committee conducted an availability survey during November-December 2018 and a total of **61** players made themselves available for Pennants selection. With such a great response, we have decided to enter **three Sides in 2019: one in Grade 6 and two in Grade 7**. With 3 Fours Teams in each Side, we will have **36** players on the green each round, and **25** reserves eligible to be selected. These are extraordinarily good numbers for our club and includes a fine array of newer talent, blended with a strong base of well-experienced players. It surely adds up to a great season ahead for SCBC!

Women's Club News. *The Ladies Major Fours preliminary rounds have been played and in the latest results, the teams led by Faye Seddon and Candice Murphy have made it through. They will meet in the final, so best of luck to both teams on the day.*

We now have an additional four (4) female Umpires. Congratulations to Vilma Bollard, Jenny Bisset, Maria Bettini and Fay Berriman, who completed their umpires course on Saturday 12th January 2019.

Social Members Day for Seniors Week. With funding from the Department of Family and Community Services, our club is holding a **Social Members Day on Friday 15th February**, to celebrate Seniors Week. The event will start at **4.00 pm**.

There will be **no charge to bowling members or registered social members**. Any visitors who wish to participate are welcome to join as social members for just \$5 per annum. Please encourage any social members, friends and neighbours to come along for a fun filled evening of barefoot bowls. Beginners are most welcome and they will be paired with existing bowling club members. There will also be great prizes to the winning teams on the day. We encourage everyone to **register their interest on the form displayed on the club notice board** so that we have an idea of numbers. You can contact Director Peter Bryant if you need any additional information about the event. Please do your best to support this excellent initiative.

Camp Quality Donations currently total **\$8,654.40**, courtesy of our reliable "Wrong Bias Club".

Saturday Sausages Sizzle. Saturday players, don't forget at only **\$2** you can lunch the easy way!

New Club Treasurer. Following the recent retirement of Ian Gregory, the Board is pleased to announce the appointment, filling a casual vacancy, of Julie Grantham as our new Treasurer. We welcome Julie into this vital role for the club and wish her well. Again we thank Ian very much for his time and effort in temporarily returning to the position until this recent appointment was finalised.

Newsletter articles are required by 28th of each month. Email editor: geoffmoses@bigpond.com To get the newsletter monthly by email, send your email address to : bsymes@iprimus.com.au