

BASS & FLINDERS NEWS *8th May 2020*

Newsletter of South Cronulla Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd.

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Special Update News from the Board of Directors and the Club Presidents.

Your club was delighted to announce to members by email last Sunday, the start of a transition which commenced on Wednesday the 6th of May, out of the COVID-19 'hibernation' period. The club Presidents, in consultation with the Board, are arranging through their committees for practice bowls to be undertaken. This will be allowable for exercise purposes, with strict adherence to government and Bowls NSW health precautions. It is hoped that if member activities and government advice are favourable, then more formal bowls activities may be possible in the not too distant future.

Please note that COVID-19 infection risk prevention and member health protection remains our highest priority. Your club will therefore proceed with caution regarding bowling activities, so guidelines will be strictly enforced by the bowling committees and Board. We thank you all for respecting the recent closure of club and greens and your co-operation with adherence to guidelines.

Your Board of Directors has remained very active, regularly holding (remote) 2-weekly meetings to manage club affairs during this challenging economic period. Board activities have included, for example:

- Closure of the club and reconciliation of bar and other stocks.
- Security of staff employment.
- Kitchen cleaning.
- Dance-floor resurfacing.
- Cold-room and bar repairs and upgrades.
- Dialogue with the club Presidents regarding safe re-opening of the greens for practice.
- Pre-planning for the eventual re-opening of the club premises.

The whole Board has contributed during this period, with treasurer Julie Grantham, Billy Tuite overseeing the bar work and Candice Murphy in the kitchen, all being especially active. Presidents Ken English and Jenny Bisset have taken the lead on the practicalities of managing the re-opening of practice bowling. The club closure has provided an ideal opportunity for the current extensive repairs and improvement of the cool room and bar area for health and safety reasons and to encourage business when the club re-opens. This work was approved by the Board following close consideration of the club's trading position.

Membership Renewals Process: The club intends to proceed with renewals on the usual date starting June 2nd 2020 [PLEASE DO NOT RENEW UNTIL YOU RECEIVE YOUR FORMS] and will involve:

- Forms and envelope delivery to members' letterboxes by hand where possible otherwise mailed or emailed to members.
- Direct bank transfers (PREFERRED PLEASE!) to be monitored via online banking.
- Members paying by cheque or cash to contact Denny Turner to arrange collection.
- Informing members via newsletter, should COVID-19 circumstances change by June 1st.

The club will be using this year's renewals process to gauge member opinions on two important matters:

- ***The first question will be put to members regarding volunteering at the club.***

The Club has had no bowling and trading income since COVID-19 caused the closure of clubs and venues. Our running costs have been reduced wherever possible, but we still must maintain the greens and our facilities and pay our staff. When we re-open we will need to work together to generate income through functions etc. to get the club back on track financially, **so please consider the “yes” box to indicate that you would be able to volunteer to help out at functions.** We are asking each member to do just two functions per year. If we have a good response you may only be asked for to help at one function per year. We will follow up with a phone call to get your date/s preferences.

- ***The second question will be put to Men's Bowling Club members only,*** about maintaining the current afternoon tea service for social games on Wednesday afternoons, as arranged between the Men's Bowls Committee and the Board.

Please consider keeping in contact with other club members, especially with anyone who may be alone at this time. In particular, pass on a message about the contents of this newsletter to any member you may know, who does not receive our emails or newsletters via the internet.

Meanwhile, below are some COVID-19 window teddy images. Send some of your favourites to sthcronullabowl@optusnet.com.au and here's to the eventual return of bowling, trading and the friendship and competition we have traditionally enjoyed for over 65 years! With best wishes and thanks for your support!

**Garry Smith, Chairman
On behalf of the Board**

