

Portland RSL Memorial Bowling Club News Report Friday 8th September 2023

As the 2023/24 season is appearing over the horizon of calendar months, activities at the club are heating up.

Throughout the month of August, Portland Secondary College and Bayview College have been partaking in bowls activities at the club. The green's have seen a range of bowling activities taking place, all designed to introduce the game of bowls to the teens, enhance skill level and challenge their ability to take on board the tactical elements of the game. A big thankyou to the wonderful volunteers who have provided support in undertaking these sessions with enthusiasm. All sessions have been very rewarding. At this point it is pertinent that I take the opportunity to thank Victoria Sports and Recreation who assisted us in obtaining a Wray to Go Coaching Kit through the provision of a grant. The equipment and suggested coaching tasks has been invaluable in the provision of engaging activities for the students and will also be involved in Coaching sessions held at the club on Monday evenings and also Drill Sessions soon be started.

Wednesday the 30th of August was the club's opening day, with 32 bowlers, existing, returned and new hitting the rinks. In between a predominantly sunny day were some intermittent showers and cold winds, which meant the club environs were welcome at the end of the day. The greens were declared open with a new and up and coming bowler by the name of Kelly Banks-Mena, combined with Life Member Des Pitts, taking the honors.

Winners of the social bowls Open Day were Brian Spalding and Tink Imbi with 3 wins plus 34 shots. Following closely were the Runners up Peter Fasoli and Peter Serat with also 3 wins and their shots up being 15. Well done to the winners on the day.

There was also a Jackpot Target competition run on the day. The winner was Brian Spalding once again, followed by Peter Serat coming second and Col Churton following in third place. Thanks to the Social Committee for organising the successful Opening Day and sponsors of the day.

Last Saturday at Social Bowls the club welcomed all new & returning bowlers. Prior to the start of the bowls competition a photo was taken acknowledging all. We hope that their time at the club will be filled with quality competition, enjoyable moments and a sense of belonging. Once again we must thank Victoria Sports and Recreation for the provision of a grant for Club Polos to be purchased for the use by new bowlers.

Winners on the day were Clayton Holcombe and Peter Pevitt, sharing a love of the black and yellow. In Runners up position was Peter Fasoli and June Leahy.

At the moment there are many tournaments of many varying formats being advertised in the local area and further afield. All the best to those members who have, or, are taking part in these competitions, honing their skills in readiness for the up and coming pennant team.

Also all the best to the Mixed Pairs teams who have entered the Playing Area Competition which is to be played at Grangeburn. September the 10th is sectional and knockout is October 1st.

Season 2023/24 Midweek Pennant resumes on Tuesday 3rd October, whilst Weekend Pennant will be hitting the greens on Saturday 7th October.

Coaching sessions on Monday's began last week. For those interested take yourself to the RSL Memorial Bowling Club on the afore mentioned day at 5:00pm. Sessions run for an hour and go for

the entirety of the bowls season. This service is run by qualified coaches at no cost and all equipment is provided free of charge.

Don't forget Social Bowls being held every Wednesday and Saturday. Names in by 12:30 ready for a 1:00pm start. All bowlers, new bowlers and visiting bowlers welcome. Equipment provided at no cost. Contact Graeme and Norm on 55237155.