Welcome to the website of the Keilor Bowls Club. This site has been set up in conjunction with Bowls Victoria, to enable current members and the community to easily access information about our Club. Keilor Bowls Club is a friendly and welcoming club with Pennant and Social Bowls played weekly on two excellent grass greens. New Bowlers or experienced players looking for a great place to embrace the great game of Lawn Bowls are all welcome at Keilor.

We invite you to surf through the site and discover what we have to offer.

We are reminding members that our new and improved website is up and running for the start of Pennant Season.

www.keilor.bowls.com.au - will provide you with an large amount of up date information regarding .

PENNANT GAMES THIS WEEK

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PENNANT FIXTURES & RESULTS

THIS WEEK’S PENNANT SIDES — Both Mid Week and Saturday, with the managers, and locations listed.

As well as these important links we have others such as History, News, Functions, Events, Membership, Sponsors etc.

So if you haven’t tried the new electronic tech. Website, do yourself a favour and see how easy and convenient it is to use.

Jimmy Matchett is back

To everyone’s surprise Jimmy walked into our clubroom last week and put his name up on the board. Jimmy and his wife Irene have been overseas in the UK catching up with family and friends. We are so pleased to hear about Irene’s improving health.

Please put your hand up to play Saturday Pennant

Due to a range of issues we are having trouble getting a full strength sixth side on the park. Unfortunately we have an unusual number of members who are or have been suffering illness or injury or unavoidably unable to play some weeks. We have a group of great new members into the club this year and they are experiencing Pennant competition for the first. If any members are able to assist the Saturday selectors and find time to play they would welcome your participation.

The club needs strong pennant sides in order to maintain and continue to improve the facilities of the club for all members to enjoy.

Saturday selections are on the web keilor.bowls.com.au on Thursday. Unavoidable changes to this side will be notified to the relevant players affected.
James loves his new sport

JAMES TOMELTY, an 18 year local youth who lives close by, played his first game of Pennant for Keilor in round one. It’s been an exciting three months of learning the game. James is being coached by Darren Cox, who has him playing with Henselite Classic Delux.

Although the bowl takes a lot of grass, Darren wants to see James become confident with line and length and is certain this is the way to go.

James has also been part of Wednesday Triples and had lots of encouragement from Joe Ghigo who was his opposite lead on the day, especially when James can bowl on both sides. But having school commitments James has to constrain his bowling and concentrate on exams at Copperfield College. James is the oldest of six, having four brothers and one sister — maybe we might see more Tomelty’s on the green soon.

James’ favourite band: “The Eagles” and why? “Because that is all Dad would play in the car when we went on holidays”.

Your Club needs Markers, Measurers and Umpires for both club and pennant games. Seminars to assist in your understanding of these positions and training will be commencing shortly.

Please see Bowls Secretary Lorraine for more information.

Midweek Pennant Players

In the week commencing Sunday 25th October there is Midweek Pennant on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th (in lieu of Cup Day).

Please Note!

- Midweek Pennant Selectors -

TRY A BOWLS DAY

A try bowls day has been organised for Sunday 25 October

For any interested new bowlers in the Keilor and surrounding areas. Any one able to assist in letter dropping a leaflet in their neighbourhood or able to help on the day, please let Lorraine or Maureen know.

Peter Keogh said it was his mother who taught him about religion. — "You’d better pray to god Peter that the stain comes out of the carpet before your father gets home!"
Midweek Pennant — Round 2

Round 2 of Midweek Pennant was played in extremely trying conditions weather wise. With mid 30’s temperature and extremely blustery conditions good bowling was more luck than expertise.

Of the sides playing at home two players had to retire due to heat exhaustion and others just made it to the finishing line. Congratulations to all players for surviving the day.

Side 1 won over St Albans 1 at Keilor 64 - 50 with Max Knights rink of John Hutton, Maureen Sutton and Cheryl Anthony carrying the day. Jennifer Knights rink had a draw 21 all and Lorraine Henneken’s rink lost by 2 shots 15 - 17.

Side 2 played at Gladstone Park in the gale force conditions and had a good win with Trevor Harmer’s rink of Leonie Wierzbowski, Margaret Hutton and Freddy Donaldson being the stars of the day with a 30-13 win. Gino Persico’s rink of Pat Black, Peter Fisher and Iggy Wierzbowski also won 22-13. Cecile’s rink did not have such a good day this week. The final score 68 - 54 in Keilor’s favour.

Side 3 played St Albans 2 at Keilor and lost by only 2 shots. Gary Munday’s rink lost by 2 shots and Allan Black’s by 8. Ron Brodtman’s rink of Alan Sutton, Glenys Batstone and Ken McLeod were the winning rink with 25 - 17. The Selectors wish to thank all players that filled in at the last moment. Their co-operation is very much appreciated.

Selection Committee — Midweek Pennant

It was great to see Doreen Treble back bowling at Keilor on Wednesday. Doreen was a member of KBC for a number of years but needed a hiatus due to ongoing health problems. No doubt she will be back in form shortly. Welcome back Doreen.

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Farewell to a favourite cap

Darren Cox has let a special old friend depart the scene. He has updated his Keilor Bowls cap. It has been a part of his make up for a very a long time. Even on the cloudy days Darren would have his cap on. It has seen many a tough win in all sorts of bowls competition. There is only one other person who loved his cap the way Darren does and that’s the former Aussie Cricket Capt. Steve Waugh and his baggy green cap.

Ken Ross read each edition of Without Bias while in the Middle East. Ken was so enthralled with Ray Canny’s stories of cruising that he decided to catch a holiday cruise back to Australia. Unfortunately it was over-booked but Ken is safely back amongst us now.

TO ALL MEMBERS

Regrettably, I have to inform you that David Odgers has resigned from the Keilor Bowls Club, effective immediately for personal reasons. The Club wishes to thank David for his efforts over the years and wish him well for the future.

Bob Duddington, - on behalf of the Board.
Winston recalls his most terrifying ordeal with a phantom snake

Winston Rizzo arrived in Australia as a teenager in the early 1960’s and lived in St. Albans, where Copper Head snakes were plentiful and outdoor dunnies the way of life.

One day while sitting on the “throne” he felt a shocking sharp pain inflicted right on his “privates”.

“I came screaming out of the toilet — no pants on in front of my nieces, nephews and sister — a snake has bitten me on my vegetables!”

To save my life I thought they would have to cut off my “privates” to get the poison out.

Then I saw my brother standing on the verandah holding a bamboo cane that he had managed to slip through a crack in the toilet door and flick me like a whip.

It was lucky for him I couldn’t run as fast, plus I had no pants on, I just wanted to kill him.” (truly).

THE WEDNESDAY JACKPOT

The numbers 1 to 29 inclusive are entered into the raffle machine.

The draw button is pressed.

The number shown denotes whether a losing or winning score is eligible for the jackpot.

If the number shown is between 1 – 14 inclusive it denotes a losing score.

If the number shown is between 15 – 29 inclusive it denotes a winning score.

The draw button is pressed again.

The number shown is for how many shots the winning or losing margin is.

For example:

First press is 17. Then this is a winning game. (If you lost or drew you can’t win the jackpot)

Second press is 6. This denotes the shots you must have won by.

If there is more than one winner the jackpot will be shared.

If the jackpot isn’t won it jackpots to the next week and so on until it is won.

It didn’t go off this week, the winning margin was 9 but unfortunately there were 3 teams on 8. Don’t miss out next Wednesday and make sure you have a member of your team present when the draw is made. That’s a requirement. If it goes off then we start over again.

The popularity of Wednesday Triples has been the success story of the year. Only for a mix up in the teams nominated both greens would have been full booked.

Club Championships are all notified on the board outside the Boardroom. First 2 rounds of singles will be played this Sunday, October 18 and Pairs entries close on October 17.

The greens are running well but the number 1 green will require further levelling over the next 18 months. A long term plan identifying future equipment requirements for the greens has been developed by Arthur Baker in order for the club to adequately prepare for these unavoidable eventualities. Doug Agnew reports he is happy with the greens but the hot days we are experiencing at this time of the year has kept him on the ball. We can all remember not that many years ago when the first five Saturday’s were washed out. That’s Melbourne weather.

The Northern Gateway Challenge is attracting entries from clubs and looks like it will be a classy event established by Keilor Bowls Club.

Why I like Retirement

What is a retirees biggest gripe?
Not enough time to get things done.

How many days in a week?
One Saturday, six Sundays.

When is a retirees bedtime?
Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Why don’t retirees mind being called Seniors?
It comes with a 10% discount.

What is the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?
If you cut class no one will call your parents.

Why are retirees so slow to clean their garage?
They know their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Why do retirees count 5 cent pieces?
They are the only ones who have the time.

What do you do all week?
Nothing Monday to Friday and Saturday and Sunday rest.

What is the common term for people who enjoy working and refuse to retire?
Nuts.

(The northern Gateway Challenge is attracting entries from clubs and looks like it will be a classy event established by Keilor Bowls Club. If you have a story or a photo that would be of interest to our many readers please pass it onto Fred Donaldson at the club or email him on freddonaldson@hotmail.com Ph 9366 1221)