

# ***BREAKING NEWS***

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**25/2/2021**

## **Congratulations to Christine and Norm**

The Club Singles Championships have now been run and won.

Norm Whitehead got an early jump and was able to maintain that lead over a fighting Steve Castle to take out the men's singles title.

On the adjacent rink both Christine Battersby and Evelyn Martin fought out an intriguing contest in very trying conditions which eventually saw Christine come out on top.

It was a great spectacle to watch the side by side championship event which was a credit to all four participants.

Congratulations to Christine and Norm in becoming the 2021 club singles champions!

Thanks to all spectators and to Sue Miller and Trevor Ellis as Markets for tonight's event.

## **Monday Twilight**

Monday Twilight only four Twilight games left till end of season. Come on down and enjoy an evening of social bowls starting @6pm. Bookings essential, place your name on the form on the notice board or ring Di Quigley on 0499 192 549. See you Monday.

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**21/2/2021**

## **Eastern Ranges Novice Final**

The Novice Final is being held on Wednesday 10th March at Berwick Bowls Club. Start time is 6pm.

Our bowler, Christine Battersby, has made it through to the Womens final. It would be good to see a large contingent of Mulgrave bowlers go along and give her support.

The winner of this final will represent Eastern Ranges in the State Finals being held at Mulgrave on Sunday 18th April.

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**12/2/2021**

**Guidelines For Markers**

The “Guidelines For Markers” document has been updated, and can be found in the “Coaching” section of the website. Anyone new to marking in a singles match, or who is unsure of the requirements should read this document.

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**29/1/2021**

**Tea or Coffee anyone?**

On a day befitting a hot cup of tea or coffee, I am pleased to advise that as of tomorrow, Saturday 30th January, tea and coffee will be available on arrival, prior to Pennant and Social Bowls days for both bowlers and visitors.

It is a condition of having tea and coffee available that it IS NOT on a self serve basis, in line with advice around Covid safety. To that end, and I apologise for the relatively late notice, but it will now form part of the duties of each of the designated duty rinks on the day, to serve the tea and coffee from the kitchen area inside the members lounge. I imagine between around 11.30 until 12.30. As for Social Bowls days, the Convenors will coordinate people to serve tea and coffee each event day. Disposable cups will be used for the moment. There is no requirement to set up tables or numbers.

Biscuits have been ordered and will also be available in the not too distant future.

Tomorrow's duty rink is Colin Perry's rink and I am sure they would be happy to have some assistance if others are available to help, particularly given the late notice here.

The duty rink duties list(s) will be updated in due course, but for now, please ensure that if you are on duty, that you make up tea and coffee pots and source fresh milk from the bar if not already in the kitchen fridge.

Thanks to Kerry for her assistance here.

Also, the Committee has decided to continue until further notice, the policy of 'playing through' for Pennant games, whilst leaving it to the respective managers of each team to liaise with opposition teams around short breaks on the green if required, rather than traditional lunch breaks, as has been the case this season. Therefore, duty rinks will only be required to serve tea and coffee PRIOR to Pennant and Social Bowls.

Thanks for your understanding and I'm sure the above will be somewhat welcome news.

P.S I just checked out the greens. They're understandably closed at the moment, but they are all holding up extremely well considering the rain we have had overnight and today. Well done Jason, Michael and Staffy.

Happy bowling all!  
Shane McCluskey.

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**30/11/2020**

**Unacceptable Behaviour Towards Club Staff**

It is quite disappointing to have to write this message to bowls members, but from reports back from the weekend of bowls, it appears essential.

I received a report from club management that there were a number of bowlers who weren't wearing a mask whilst moving around inside the club and some even after being asked to do so a number of times. Even more concerning was the alleged abuse of club staff when they were merely carrying out their duties in asking people to adhere to mask rules.

Regardless of any individual philosophy or opinion on the wearing and usefulness, or otherwise, of face masks in relation to Covid, no staff member should be subject to abuse and inappropriate behaviour from anyone, let alone bowls members, for simply doing their job.

Of course, club management will deal with such behaviour under their established powers and the role they play in keeping the club and its members Covid safe, but as a Bowls Section it is incumbent on us all to not only adhere to the laws around the wearing of face masks, but also show due respect to all people in and around the club, including all staff.

In keeping with Covid restrictions, please ensure you wear a mask at all times where you are moving around inside the club. Once seated, masks are able to be removed and whilst eating and drinking, but they must be worn when moving to the bathroom, bar etc. No one enjoys the wearing of masks but it is something we all must do (except where an exemption has been issued) in obeying the current laws, helping keep us all safe and also to keep us all bowling.

Thank you to the vast majority of bowlers who are acting responsibly and respectfully.  
Shane McCluskey

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