



# THE WHISPERING GULL

## INVERLOCH BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### **Recent robberies and Security.**

As most members would be aware of we have had two unlawful entries into our club rooms in one week. On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 5.50am a person or persons unknown, entered the building by removing a window in the ladies room. A loss of \$45 in cash from the ladies office area occurred along with the removal of a privately owned lap top computer from the office. Entry in to the bar area occurred but no loss of money was involved. Again, on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, at 4.10am, the clubrooms were illegally entered, by the same method, removal of a window, with the bar being the target. Fortunately, no cash was taken as it was in a secure place, however, an unknown quantity of alcohol was stolen. On both occasions the police attended and fingerprinting etc was carried out in attempt to identify the offender(s). You could say we got out of it relatively lightly both times, however, the mess and damage to the office and bar was an inconvenience and leaves us with some expense and cleaning up we didn't need. The alarm system was activated and Bass Security contacted Bar Manager Bob Pritchard to attend. Bob responded accordingly by going to the clubrooms in the early hours. This is very much appreciated, however no member should be put in a "risk" situation such as this. As a result of the robberies the Board has met and instigated the purchase and installation of a security upgrade to include the latest technology available to monitor and alarm our clubrooms. Once the new security system is in place the process of entry and exit from the clubrooms will change, with "after dark" hours involving a new method of alarming the building of which members will be advised accordingly. Members are reminded at all times to be security conscious and make sure green fees, bar takings, raffle money and other club funds collected be secured in the safe manner required. Also, when leaving the clubrooms and grounds, be sure that all doors, windows and gates are locked and where applicable the alarm system turned on. Chairman and Directors IBC.

### **What's happening in the corner?**

I am pleased to announce that Inverloch Bowling Club has been successful in its application to host a Broadband for Seniors kiosk (BFS) The Australian Government has committed \$15 million over three years (2008-2011) for the provision of 2000 internet kiosks to organisations that support seniors and want to host a Broadband for Seniors Kiosk and participate in this project. The Government has extended this project into Phase 2 ending in 30 June 2013 with a limited number of BFS kiosks available. And we were successful! The project aims are to provide seniors with free access to Broadband for Seniors Kiosks, help them gain confidence using computer technology, and to build community participation and social inclusion amongst older Australians. It benefits organisations that want to complement their facilities with new technology to support their seniors with free access to the Internet, computers and basic training. It benefits seniors who feel threatened by new technology and the Internet. It will enable seniors to learn for free how to use a computer, access the Internet and communicate with friends and family via email. At no cost to the Club, it has received 2 desks, 3 tutor chairs & 2 desktop computers with keyboards, mouse & web cameras from NEC and Officeworks. Rebate \$30 per month for the cost of our existing internet connection will also be available. The software on the computers will allow for members to learn email, internet & word processing. The Host Administrator is **Rob Huntley**. He is the contact point for the day to day kiosk administration & communication between NEC. The Host Contact is **Carol Waters**. She is the overall contact point between NEC and the Club. Volunteer tutors are **Gail Burge, Rob Huntley & Carol Waters**. We envisage the BFS Kiosk to be operating 5 days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday) in split 2 x 2 hours shifts - one shift in the morning, another in the afternoon. The Kiosk will be open by **Appointment Only** during these shift times. Members may just come in and use the computers or tutoring will be available if requested. We are urgently looking for 'Kiosk Supervisors' to help man the shifts. If you have a couple of hours to spare & have some computer knowledge, we would love to hear from you. Further Training will be provided. Please contact **Rob Huntley** [webmaster@inverloch-bowling.org.au](mailto:webmaster@inverloch-bowling.org.au) Watch out for 'Opening Night' details.

### **Club Contacts**

**President** – *Nic Van Grunsven*  
**Vice President** – *Ron Burge*  
**Secretary** – *Carol Waters*  
**Treasurer** – *John Sutcliffe*  
**Directors** –  
*Ron Burge – Mens Section*  
*Joyce Arnold- Ladies Section*  
*Ron Kee – Facilities Director*  
*Bev Kurrle – Catering*  
*Neil Everitt – Sponsorship*  
*Jack Miller – Social Director*  
*Carol Waters – Communications*  
**Mens Selectors**  
*Ron Burge – Chairperson*  
*Norm West*  
*Ray Gostling*  
*Trevor Scott*  
*Ron Kee*  
**Ladies Selectors**  
*Maureen Paynting - Chairperson*  
*Nellie Martin*  
*Carol Baines*  
*Pam Sutcliffe*  
*Joyce Arnold*  
**Tournament Secretary**  
**Ladies** - *Margaret Flett*

### **Mens Events**

**Nominated Triples 15<sup>th</sup> November –**  
**Sponsored by Stockdale & Leggo**  
**Nominated Triples 29<sup>th</sup> November –**  
**Sponsored by Coldon Homes**

### **Ladies Events** **Guest Day**

Will be held on 9th November, see board for more details. This event is sponsored by Earth Art Studios. More teams are needed to please, if you can get a team together let the match committee know as soon as possible

**Congratulations to Ron Burge, Ron Lawson, Chas Buccilli and Norm West on a greatly contested win in the SGBD Bowls Division of the Victorian State Fours. Runners up were Mick Coram, Mick Bowman, Graeme Pope and Kieran Gardener. Ron's team got up by 1 shot. It was great to see two Inverloch teams contesting the final.**

# \*\*\* SOCIAL EVENTS – WHAT’S ON \*\*\*

## BINGO

Bingo held every Thursday night. Ticket sales from 7.30pm, eyes down at 8.00pm. Helpers wanted, contact – **John Sutcliffe 5674 1057**

## FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS

Every First and Third Friday of the month the club run a \$12.00 Meal deal. Starting at 6.30pm. Enjoy our Raffles - \$2.00 for 3 Tickets. Also our Spinning Wheel - \$2.00 per ticket. Names to be placed on chalkboard by midday on the day.

## CLUB BAR

Come along and enjoy a coldie or whatever your preference. Our club bar is open from 4.30pm, Tuesday's to Saturday's inc. Served with a smile at competitive prices.

## INVERLOCH BOWLS CLUB WEBSITE

**Looking for news and updates on what's happening? Well just log on to our website! Rob Huntley and his team keep it updated with all upcoming events, news and items of interest**  
[www.inverloch-bowling.org.au](http://www.inverloch-bowling.org.au)

*Please ensure you check our notice board for State and Club events along with other items of interest.*

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

In 'Inverloch Bowls Club' a well known skip was having a hard time from the other three in his team who had failed to contribute anything throughout the game.

At the last end the third walked down to the mat to play his first bowl and pausing, shouted back up the rink. "Where's our nearest bowl?".  
 "In yer \*\*\*\*\* hand!", answered the skip.

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On their honeymoon a husband confesses a secret to his new wife. "Darling, I'm a bowls fanatic," he says. "You'll never see me at the weekends and all our holidays will be at bowls tournaments." "I've got a confession too," replies his new wife. "I'm a hooker." "That's ok," replies the husband. "Just concentrate on your aiming point and take a bit more grass."

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ron Burge – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Ron Kee – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Harry Rybalka – 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Carole Baines – 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Ray Gostling – 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Alan Easterbrook – 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Maureen Paynting – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Gavin Butler – 30<sup>th</sup>

## Twilight Bowls

Unfortunately due to inclement weather conditions our last two Twilight Bowls nights have had to be cancelled. Never fear, your dedicated Match Committee representatives have not given up and we will endeavour to get another night up and running. Let's just hope and pray that the weather is kind to us for the next one to be held on November 23rd. Due to our Guest Day being held on the 9<sup>th</sup> there will be no Twilight Bowls that week. Bowls Victoria have kindly donated a box of goodies which will be handed out as prizes to lucky bowlers on our Twilight Bowls Nights. So don't miss out!

## Membership Cards

There are still Club Membership Cards waiting to be collected. See the Mens or Ladies Noticeboards for yours if you haven't already got yours.

## Bowling Belles Ladies Luncheon

**A great luncheon was enjoyed by all this month at the Esplanade Hotel. It was great to see some new faces joining us. Our next luncheon will be held Monday November 26<sup>th</sup> At the Esplanade Hotel (by popular vote.) For more information contact either Gail Burge or Rhonda Davies.**

Want to support our club? You can apply for a foodworks card and allocate your nominated points to the Inverloch Bowling Club.

## Get Well Wishes

Nellie Martin  
 Phyllis Peterson

*Well done to both Mick Coram and Gloria Growse for their fabulous write-ups in our local papers. Great job guys! It looks like a few new nic-names will be floating around the club after some of Mick's great adlibs.*

Good to see our Club Championship matches being played in such great spirit of the game. Congratulations to those winners so far and good luck to those still to play.

**Congratulations to Mick Bowman and his lovely partner Jan on their Marriage Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. We wish them all the best!**

**Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.**

**All members are encouraged to contribute items to this newsletter. See Carol Waters or Gail Burge**

**Just remember! You wouldn't have won if we'd beaten you**