



The Whispering Gull

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Presidents' Reports

Presidents Veronica and John wish all members and friends and families a safe and happy Christmas.

The pennant season in both the ladies and men's competitions has, so far, been as expected, successful. Most teams are becoming settled and in positions on their respective ladders to be competitive in the coming final's race. When it is considered that there are several senior players not available for pennant, due to a variety of reasons the club has been able to put teams together that have been truly representative of Inverloch. With four matches to go before the finals, Inverloch with a bit of luck and the total support of its members, could not only be competitive but also play a major role in deciding the final pennant winners.

The social aspect of the club has been exceptional, with all functions being well attended and enjoyed by all that participated. The fortnightly dinners continue to be almost full houses whilst the Xmas dinner was a great success. The ladies and men, under the auspices of President Veronica have continued to excel in the catering aspect for all the social functions and special occasions. They are an extraordinary group of people.

President Veronica says, "The club is travelling along nicely with many new members being coached and helping out whenever they are needed. The atmosphere and good humour is great which only leads to success".

To all members return after your Xmas break refreshed and ready to take the club into the second half of the season.

Veronica and John.

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Treasures of Inverloch Bowling Club.

On a cold winter's day in January 1921 a bonny lassie by the name of Edna was born in Lancashire England. Around the same time, a similar thing was happening in East Melbourne where Norma was born, later Mary was born locally. The youngest of our foursome, Yvonne was born in Toorak. They all came to live and play bowls at Inverloch some 30 years ago, and hence began a love affair between our bowling club and these ladies.

These long term residents of the district are familiar faces at most of our club functions. Edna, Mary, Yvonne and Norma have, in the past played bowls but as they reached a senior status, playing bowls became harder. However, they retained their connection with the club and continue to be involved, with the organising of the fortnightly evening dinners. Collecting the evening dinner monies, selling raffle tickets, the running of same, and preparation of dining tables are just some of the tasks that these treasured members perform. All this is done with a smile on their faces, even when the grumpy men come to dinner.

Should you want to be entertained during the evening meal, get onto their table, it is very entertaining. They are continually having fun and delight in retelling stories of past days.

Mind you, the serious side of the money collection is so good that I bet there are never any shortfalls in their books.

We, all members and friends, hope their health continues and they are able to make this commitment to the club of which the club is immensely proud. The club embraces these members who are an essential part of the Inverloch's club life.



Norma, Yvonne, Mary, Edna

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Inverloch does it again

For the sixth time in succession, Ron Burge and his team of Ron Lawson, Chas. Buccilli and Norm West have won the South Gippsland Association fours title.

I believe this is some record for a club in winning this title.

Twice this team has been able to go on and play of in the state titles.



With any luck, Inverloch could easily add to this title with wins in the singles, Pairs and Triples Association titles, we have representatives in all semi finals of the various sections

VALE

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Max Armand. He was a life member of both this club and the S.G.B.A. Max held many positions within the administration and was an integral part of the club Nothing can be added but to say, he was a **GOOD BLOKE**.

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Jack's Jokes

A swagman who had tramped many kilometres along an outback track came to a small pub named "Saint George and the Dragon" and made his way round to the back in search of a handout. Before he had time to ask, the publican's wife came on the scene and gave the tramp the greatest verbal thrashing of his life. She called him a lazy good for nothing loafer and added if he was hoping to get even a crust of bread, he could forget it.

The tramp heard her out in silence, then just stood there.

"well," she snapped,, "now what is it you want?"

"I was wondering" said the man, "if I could have a word with George

The scene is the old age pensioner's club of Inverloch.

The members of the club are boarding the bus for their annual trip to the seaside at Cowes. As the last old chap is walking along the aisle to his seat, the coach lurches into motion. He stumbles and lands in the lap of an octagenarian. During the ensuing struggle his elbow pokes the elderly lady in the left breast.

Back on his feet, he says "I'm sorry my dear but if your heart is as soft as your breast, I'll see you in heaven"

To which she replies: "if your dick is as hard as your elbow, I'll see you in Cowes".

Herb's Recipe

Winter Comforter.

1 medium red onion peeled
1 clove garlic peeled
1 bird's eye chilli or like small hot pepper.
6cm piece of ginger, peeled and cut into chunks
2 tbsp canola oil
1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 1/2 teaspoons ground tumeric
3 cardamom seeds lightly crushed.
500 grams assorted vegetables cut into 1-2 cm cubes. (sweet potatoes, potatoes, carrots, beans)
1 cup of coconut milk
1 tbsp of tamarind paste
2 cups of hot chicken or vegetable stock
2 cups of canned or cooked chickpeas.
1 1/2 tbsp chopped coriander
cooked rice for serving.

METHOD

In a food processor, combine onions, garlic, chilli and ginger. Pulse until finely chopped. Place oil in a large saucepan over a medium low heat. Add chopped onion mixture and sauté until softened, about 4 minutes.

Add ground coriander, cumin, tumeric and cardamom pods and salt.

Add assorted vegetables and stir well until covered in spices. Stir in coconut milk.

Dissolve tamarind paste in hot stock and add to pan. Bring to boil, then reduce heat and simmer, partially covered until vegetables are just tender, about 20 minutes.

Add chickpeas and simmer until heated through, about 4 minutes

Transfer to a warmed bowl and sprinkle with chopped coriander. Serve with desired with rice.

This serves 4 people and is great reheated later on.

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Kieran Gardiner (Greenkeeper)

The Inverloch Committee is to be congratulated in their choice of greenkeeper, Kieran Gardiner.

It would appear that they have made an excellent choice, for not only does he have excellent greenkeeping qualifications, he is a more than handy bowler.

Kieran comes to Inverloch with a background in green management that leaves nothing to be desired. His apprenticeship was completed in Sydney at the Toongabbi club where Kieran stayed for 12 years. He then moved on to Mooroopna where his experience in tiff dwarf greens was further enhanced; preparing greens for the Australian Open.

During this time Kieran was able to play bowls and he won many tournaments including several club championships, group 5 singles, under 30 singles. Pairs and triples as well as being a member of the Goulburn Valley district representative side.

Kieran and his wife Debbie are the proud parents of a baby girl (Jemma) who happens to be the first child in 16 years born to a playing member. I'm sure Jemma will have many pseudo grandparents within the club.

It is to be hoped that Kieran and Debbie decide to make Inverloch their home for years to come, the club and its members will, I'm sure embrace them as part of our community.

They are just nice people.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES — BINGO

Thursday is Bingo night at the Club house. It opens 7.30 pm with eyes down at 8.00 pm

Good Prizes - All Welcome

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