



WERRIBEE BOWLS CLUB Inc.

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Welcome as a member of the Werribee Bowls Club. We hope you enjoy your membership of the Club, and enjoy the friendship, facilities, and wide choice of social and competitive bowls offered. This document is designed for the information and guidance of new bowlers, but hopefully contains something for all members.

Categories of membership include social (access to Club facilities and participation in social games only), junior and affiliated (access to Club facilities as well as metropolitan pennant selection, social games, tournaments and Club Competitions).

The Werribee Bowls Club Inc is managed by a board of management, plus a Bowls Committee with responsibility for all components of bowls activities. These include:

- Pennant competition (October to March)
- Social games including
 - Wednesday Turkey Triples
 - Wednesday evening Twilight bowls during summer
 - Saturday Social bowls during winter.
- Club Championships
- Annual Tournaments (Tournaments board)
- Special Events (eg dinner dance, Presentation Night, Christmas functions, etc)
- Selection committees for pennant competition Saturday and Tuesday
- Club Coaches and Umpires
- Provision of Club Uniform
- Barefoot bowls programs for visitors, local schools and community groups

All members should regularly acquaint themselves with the Club noticeboard which is kept updated with a variety of information. Communication with members is in the first instance through notices on the noticeboard. A Tournaments noticeboard gives members an opportunity to nominate to participate in upcoming events etc.

Each year members are provided with an updated Bowls Program which provides much needed information including details for Board of Management and Bowls Committee, volunteer groups, list of sponsors, Club Dress Code, Calendar of events, Saturday and Midweek pennant draw, member list, Club locations, etc.

As with all such clubs, administration is performed by volunteers who maintain the operational standard that is required. As well as being a bowls member, at some future date it would be of great benefit to the Club if you made yourself available to assist.

The greens are an area where you will spend quite a lot of time and it is well to remember that all members use this facility and there are particular members (volunteers) responsible for its maintenance and upkeep. Always be aware that damage can occur to greens if abused. There are two main surfaces, two grass greens (bent and tif dwarf) and one synthetic carpet green. These greens take specialised care and maintenance so that surfaces are kept at high levels of acceptance for all games.

Code of Conduct

Werribee Bowls Club - Members, Guests and Visitors have a right to:

- Be treated equitably and with respect
- Participate in an environment free from all forms of harassment and discrimination
- Have their privacy and confidentiality treated lawfully and with respect
- Submit their views to the President or a member of the WBC Board of Management in an appropriate manner.
- All members and visitors are asked to maintain a neat, tidy appearance at all times while at the Club. Offensive slogans on clothing is discouraged.
- The courtesy of removing hats / caps would be appreciated upon entry into the Club.

Breaches to Code of Conduct – Reporting and Resolution

- Breaches of the Code of Conduct are to be reported to a member of the WBC Board of Management and will be resolved calmly, with honesty, dignity and confidentially.
- The WBC Board of Management reserves the right to make decisions and enforce fair and appropriate measures to resolve a Code of Conduct breach.
- Where and when required the WBC Board of Management will investigate, discuss and action the breach in accordance with the Club's Constitution 2014.

Smoking

The Werribee Bowls Club has established smoking corners on each green for the use of smokers, both members and visitors. All are requested to only use these facilities.

Lastly ...

Bowls is a science, the study of a lifetime, in which you may exhaust yourself but not the subject. It is a contest, a duel, calling for courage, skill and self-control. It is a test of temperament, a trial of honour, a revealer of character.

It is a cure for care, an antidote for worry. It includes companionship with friends, sociability and opportunities for courtesy, kindness, generosity to an opponent. It also provides, not only physical health but moral force.

May you have many years of enjoyment in this great game with the number of life-long friends you will make. Enjoy the game, and always be gracious in defeat and humble in victory, because the result could be reversed the next time you play.

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