



Ivanhoe Bowling Club Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 21st May 2023

Annual Report

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Chairperson: John Mehan

Secretary: Bronwyn Bannan

Treasurer: Pam McColl

Bowls Director: John Rose

Functions Director: Sue Evans

Membership Director: Colin Sutton

Property Director: Warrick Carbis

Tournaments: vacant (John Mehan)

LIFE MEMBERS

Recreation Association

1921 A. Ford
1922 H.W. Hacket
1992 H.A. Head
1995 C.N. Bull

Bowling Club

1989 E.C. Blackford
1989 I.G. Cleeland
1989 F.Tilson
1990 Mrs R. Cheldrick
1991 G.Taylor
1996 K.N.Macaulay
1997 Mrs B.L. Wood
1998 K.R.Hobba
2012 P.Mithen
2013 I.H.Penney
2013 F.D.Whillans
2014 D.Chesterton
2016 A.Clark
2016 R.Gilham
2017 D.Hingst

2022 Jim Gray , Warrick Carbis

Chairperson's Report

I am pleased to present my seventh and final report as Chairperson of the Ivanhoe Bowling Club for the year ending 31 March 2023.

It has been an honour to serve our great Club, which celebrated its 110th year with a community function, with representatives both the tennis and bowling Clubs attending.

The Club has finished the year in a strong financial position with cash reserves increasing from \$78 to \$92K, an increase of \$14K. The Club's profit doubled \$8K to \$16K. This increase was largely due to increased functions and Bunnings.

Prior to last year's State election our Local Member Anthony Carbines announced a \$350,000 grant for IBC Clubhouse renovations. This funding must be ratified in the upcoming State Budget scheduled for May 23, 2023.

Funding will be paid to the Banyule Council who will then manage the upgrade process in conjunction with the Sporting Precinct Plan which has been approved by Council. The Plan has scheduled any works in the medium term, which means a wait of 3 to 5 years.

Bowling

The Club completed a successful season with Finals success on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday competitions. The 1st Saturday has a tough year, but the Club is well positioned for next season with teams in Division 2, 3 and 4. Guy Spiden will continue as Coach.

During the year, the Selectors faced many challenges, and I would like to acknowledge their efforts. A special thanks to Tia for her assistance.

This year our Tournament program returned to normal with the major events, Cup Day and Good Friday very successful.

Our social bowls program has been strong. During Winter, with Frank Whillans as coordinator Tuesday and Thursday Pairs was popular. Our Wednesday Triples coordinated by Ray O'Halloran was well supported with strong fields including many players from surrounding clubs. Summer Monday Pairs also attracted good fields, coordinated by Alan Willocks. Thanks to both Frank, Alan, and Ray.

We should not forget the Umpires and a special mention to Bob Gilham for being available each Saturday.

Bowling Facilities

We have again enjoyed playing on a well prepared green and we acknowledge the efforts of Nathan Swincer and Greg Payne. Sectional finals were played at IBC. The Club will provide the equipment and green maintenance to ensure our major asset continually improves.

The Clubhouse and surrounds continue to be well maintained and presented.

I would like to acknowledge Warrick Carbis, Jim Gray and their team of helpers.

Engagement with Local Community

The Club continues to increase its profile in the community. Engagement with the local community covers a wide range of activities including sponsorship, membership, social membership, and interaction with our local neighbourhood.

Sponsorship is vital and we are fortunate to have retained most of our sponsors. Bendigo Bank remains our largest sponsor with \$4,000 being received. Where possible please consider Bendigo, whose support is based on our support of the Bank.

Finance Update

During the past year under Pam McColl's financial leadership our financial position improved

At the end of the financial year, we have \$92K in cash and we generated a surplus of \$16K.

During the year Council updated its Capital Works Program Guidelines. We have been advised that it is our responsibility to fund our Greens. We do this for the grass green, but we need funds for the eventual replacement of our synthetic green. We cannot assume that a Government grant will be available when our synthetic green is due for an upgrade.

The Club has held its membership fees at its current level for nine years and there will be no increase in the coming year. Match fees will remain at \$10.00 per game.

Succession Planning

As a Board and Club, we need to look to the future, encourage and identify our next generation of leadership. We are all volunteers and for the Club to prosper we need your help. It is pleasing to note that all Board vacancies will be filled at the AGM.

The positions that will become vacant at the AGM are:

Chair

Treasurer

Property

Tournaments

The remaining Directors are:

Secretary Bronwyn Bannan

Functions Sue Evans

Bowls John Rose

Membership Colin Sutton

In closing I would like to thank all Directors for their hard work and members for their support. We are a Club with a proud history and will continue to be an important sports club in our local community.

I wish the Club every success for the future.

John Mehan

Chairperson

May 1, 2023

SECRETARY REPORT

The 2022-2023 season was a challenging but rewarding one for our club.

We were able to conduct our scheduled events and activities, thanks to the cooperation and participation of our members and visitors.

Some of the highlights of the season include:

- 110 year celebration day working with the tennis club
- Finals participation
- Successful fundraising activities
- Presentation night

Our club also faced some challenges and areas for improvement, such as:

- Recruiting and retaining members, especially younger and female players.
- Maintaining and upgrading our greens and equipment, which require ongoing investment and maintenance.
- Dealing with complaints and disputes among members, which required mediation and resolution by the committee.
- Review of our code of conduct – the behaviour we expect from everyone during the season.
 - Display control and courtesy to all involved in our sport
 - Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
 - All participants are entitled to feel safe from any form of abuse or neglect
- Introducing the mandatory 11 standards for Child Safety (June 2022)
 - Promote cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
 - Public commitment to prioritise child safety (Risk Management Plan)
 - Empowerment of children to participate in decision making
 - Involve families and community in child safety and wellbeing
- Filling all director positions, which is essential for sharing the workload and ensuring continuity.

- Review of our Good Sport policies such as alcohol, smoking, safe transport, social media so that everyone is on the same page

I look forward to working with the committee and members to address these issues and achieve our goals for the next season.

I welcome feedback or suggestions on how to improve our club and its operations.

A reminder that Laws of the Sport of Bowls have been updated for our upcoming season and everyone will need to be aware of a couple of the significant changes. (eg Don't stop bowl going into ditch, ensure bowl has stopped before taking the mat). Crystal Mark 4th Edition has been purchased and will be in all Manager's pouches.

A big thanks to John Mehan as he steps down as Chairperson. The last couple of years have been very tough. John has steered the club through big situations such as: COVID restrictions, Sports Precinct Plan development, complaints His calm, professional directorship will be missed.

I would like to thank all our members for their support and loyalty to our club. I hope you have enjoyed this season as much as I have, and I wish you all the best for the next one.

Bronwyn

Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

This year we have made quite a lot of profit. This is due to a few factors, very successful Pennant season that increased our profit from bar and fees for playing, many successful functions and monthly fundraising through the Bunnings sausage sizzle.

There has also not been any substantial spending outside the normal running expenses of the club.

The increased income has placed us above the limit for registering for GST. To avoid the associated increase in fees, bar costs and other income items at the club, we have tried to keep below this figure. The auditors advised that we not register this financial year as it could be an exceptional year and income reduces back for 2023-24. We will continue to monitor this during the coming year.

I would like to thank the bar treasurer Anne Greening for keeping up to date with the figures from the cash register and eftpos. She has done an outstanding job and made my job so much easier.

As you can see from the report, we have money in an investment account which we will investigate possible interest rate increases.

During the pennant season I introduced the pre paying of pennant fees and a token system. Those that took up this system found it very easy and I would encourage more people to do this if they wish.

Fees are due and are not increasing for this year.

They stand at \$250 with a reduction to \$235 if paid before the 30th June. A notice will be sent out after the AGM.

I am retiring from my job as treasurer and give my best wishes to the next incumbent. I am always there if any questions or problems arise.

Pam McColl

Treasurer

Membership Director Report

This is my first Report for an AGM, having been elected at the last AGM. I would like to thank Alan Willocks who has assisted me in the take over of the Membership Director role.

Membership numbers

I would like to formally welcome all of the new players to the club. We attracted 6 new members this year. We received applications for 7 playing members and 11 social members. All were approved.

In season 2022/23 we have 108 members:

Bowling members - 86 Social members - 22

Two players transferred to other clubs.

The transfer process is now done online. A clearance form is no longer required to be processed. Intrastate clearances are triggered by the player's new club.

The club is always working to build its numbers of bowling and social members. Loss of players to relocation, transfers to other clubs or due to ill health means that we need to aim to get at least 10 new players every year. You can help with this by providing names to the Membership Director of people who you know who might be interested in talking about their options at Ivanhoe.

Recognition of members

Some members do an extraordinary amount of volunteer work for the club and their contribution is much appreciated. There is still plenty to do and I would encourage all members to volunteer to undertake activities in the next financial year.

Introducing people to Bowls

Ivanhoe Grammar trains at the club for their College team.

John Higgins again ran the 14th annual event Motor Neurone Tournament Fundraiser to raise awareness and funding for Motor Neurone Disease as well as raise people's awareness of the club. The event raised over \$3000 – a great effort.

Super Veteran bowlers

The Club is proud to acknowledge three bowlers who turned 80 years of age during the season. They are Lois Maguire, Bob Muir and Nada Grgic.

Membership fees:

The club is pleased to confirm that fees will remain the same for 2023/24 season.

Full bowling - \$250 (\$235 if paid by 30 June) Social bowling - \$160 Full
time student - \$145

Junior - \$55 Social (non bowling) - \$25 Indoor biased - \$50

Website and social media:

The club maintains a website www.ivanhoe.bowls.com.au hosted by Bowls Victoria. The site is regularly updated by Alan Willocks. The site has been revamped to have a modern look and to enable easier update of new content. A session with BV staff indicated that ours is a very good site.

The club is using TeamApp for everyday contact with members.

Our Facebook presence is managed by Tia Ballinger.

Healthy Living Program

The club has run a Healthy Living program through our sponsor Back In Motion. Sixteen people are participating in the program. The first 5 sessions have focused on diet, lifestyle and healthy eating. Participants are keeping track of their eating and exercise habits. A further follow up session will be held in September 2023.

We have also had one-off presentations about Osteoporosis, Bone Health, Osteoarthritis, Slips Trips and Falls.

Colin Sutton

Membership Director

Bowls Director Report

This season was arduous and long after 2 seasons interrupted and shortened by COVID.

Saturday highlights were strong with 2 out of 3 sides making the section finals. Both sides were promoted winning, with the 2nd side winning their section and going on to win a section final and finishing in the top 4 in the 4th Division.

The firsts after a slow start won some games and performed strongly but unfortunately could not avoid relegation. The fourth side struggled all season being out of their depth playing much stronger sides.

Tuesday pennant was also successful for the club with 3 sides making finals and the 3rd side winning their section.

The Thursday 7 a side had success making the semi finals in both mini seasons.

The Night pennant side won 2nd division flag.

Thanks to all the selectors on a challenging season which proved fruitful, 5 sides making finals.

Tournaments held during the season were well supported and very successful.

Thanks to all our umpires for their diligence and input during the season.

Social bowls was also well attended on Mondays, Wednesdays and winter Tuesday and Thursday, thanks to Alan, Ray and Frank.

This season we welcomed a new coach Guy Spiden also several new players joined the club. All fitted in well and enhanced our performances.

Guy will continue next season which is great for the club.

Thanks to all members for their effort and input.

A great season.

John Rose

Bowls Director

Tournament Report

The Motor Neurone Disease tournament was a major success again. Over the years this event has raised over \$36,000 and a great credit to John Higgins.

Our major sponsor Bendigo Bank are now supporting our two major tournaments.

The Ivanhoe Classic Fours was held on Good Friday, April 15th with 26 teams from over 10 different Clubs competing in a highly successful day.

On November 1, a full field competed in the Melbourne Cup Day tournament, another successful event.

Thanks to the coordinators and helpers.

John Mehan

Tuesday Night Pennant

Congratulation to the team on winning the section 2 premiership and thank you to all involved in Tuesday night pennant.

A special thanks to Tia for doing the bar and Laurel for doing the cooking and clean up at the games played at Ivanhoe. Max for acting as manager and doing the cards and results sheet each week. A special thanks to all who filled in when required.

The season was certainly a success because we also achieved the following.

- Over a \$1000.00 was generated in income for the club.
- Grant Donovan and Ian Wightman gained more experience and improved with each game they played.
- Max McGuire and David Purves had the experience of skipping and other players gained experience in playing in positions they do not normally play in.
- Rob Antrim continued to develop and when he finally joins Saturday pennant, he will become a very good player.
- John Higgins once again proved to be a very handy fill-in.

Please promote playing Tuesday Night pennant to anyone who may be interested in giving bowls a go. Beginners are very welcome. It is only a 9-week season plus finals.

Once again thank you to all who were involved. I trust you enjoyed the season as much as I enjoyed being involved and watching the development of players.

John Higgins

GREENS REPORT

Hi members, I will keep this brief.

The greens are doing well. The grass green is healthy and running well. No issues other than some ongoing disease scarring. (This is the straw coloured circles you may have noticed). I have been treating this and will continue to try to get on top of it. It is mostly a visual thing and has little effect on the bowls. I don't expect this will get any worse and hope to make improvements with this throughout the upcoming season. It should get better with time.

We didn't end up doing any major renovations last season and are planning to do so this coming season. We will likely scarify, core and laser level the grass green this Christmas break. That will require closing the green for as long as practical during Christmas break and during this time we will use the synthetic only. It may be slower than usual for the first couple of weeks after Christmas break but should be back running well for end of season/finals and onwards from then. This renovation work is necessary to maintain the levels and avoid runs in the green, among many other reasons.

As usual we have recently changed direction to east/west play from now until the beginning of next season. I hope everyone will be understanding and adhere to the board for direction of play and opening times.

It is important to play east/west through the winter for us as we can't do it through the season with the shape of our green. If we were to continue north/south throughout the off-season then the areas around northern ditch would become badly damaged very quickly.

Thanks again to the number one greens director (NOGD) Jim Gray. As always, he has done a great job and is the best greens director in the whole world!

Nathan Swincer- Greenkeeper

Nothing more I can add after receiving comments from bowlers from various Clubs that participated in the Yarra Region tournament and the Champion of Champions.

It is always a pleasure to receive these players praising our Grass green. These bowlers are particular about the surface they play on.

Our Greenkeeper, Nathan and Assistant Greg, deserves all the credit for their work.

The spots that have been spreading on the grass is a type of fungus: organism that develop and form their own areas. Many clubs with same type of grass has this problem. I named them "fungus 8"; as they form a figure 8 in various sizes. It

can cause problems with the "running of the green", however, Greenkeepers have it under control.

As of May, to early September, the direction of play will be EAST/WEST. I am aware this is not popular with some bowlers; but to maintain a green that is similar to the type we are familiar with, then this is what has to be done.

I am going to suggest to the Property Director, that a sign be placed at a certain point regarding some bowlers (particularly from other clubs) rolling bowls from the bank onto the green, as this can cause indentation near the edges.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR A MEMBER OR MEMBERS
TO CONSIDER TAKING ON THE ROLE OF AN ASSISTANT GREENS
DIRECTOR.

My use by date is about to expire. I have resigned 3 times, but continued with my role as I don't wish to let the club down. When I use the term "club." I don't mean the building or surrounds; I mean YOU, the members.

Every club has to have a GD, to liaise between the Board and the Greenkeepers. If you are interested, do speak to me about it. I'll be delighted to show you the "ropes" and before you know it, the Greenkeepers may give you letters after your name NOGD!!

5 Criteria for this role:

- (1) Retired (Preferably)
- (2) Live close by
- (3) Must be sober
- (4) Have a hide of a rhinoceros
- (5) Have selective hearing (don't listen to "expert" who will tell you how to manage the Green.)

THIS ROLE IS OPEN TO BOTH GENT and LADY MEMBERS.

Jim Gray NOGD

THE GARDENS

There has not been much garden done during the season, apart from Gerry Faulkner who turns up unannounced and did weeding and mowing the nature strip.

We had a small group that removed or rather chopped down trees that were over hanging the far shed beside Rink 1. Thanks to Warrick Carbis,

Wayne Fogarty, Bruce Trippett, Guy Wilson and Alene McCarty. (Anyone I missed out...my apology.)

The Garden Committee met one morning to discuss how to beautify the surroundings. It was decided that the geraniums covering the fence will be removed. It has been there for years and looking rather ordinary. The fence will remain bare for the time being and will decide later as to either remain that way or plant different type of creepers. (Jim Gray)

CLUB BBQ FUND RAISER

We have a great group of volunteers for our BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings Fairfield. Now that we no longer having 4 volunteers per shift, (back to 3), we can share the load, which means we can take a break each month.

This project is going well and a good source of income for the club, which will be used for improvements around the club for community use, such as purchasing rubberised bias bowls for kids to play with their parents on the synthetic green and also putting up railings between synthetic green and path way for safety.

Amount raised from January to December 2022 was \$10,000+

The committee: Sue Evans, May Irvine and myself, would like to thank ALL volunteers that were at the BBQ and those members that couldn't be there but made financial contribution and purchasing goods for the BBQ and work behind the scene. VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. Should any member wish to be on the volunteer list do approach Sue, May or myself.

Jim Gray

Property Director Report

Apart from general cleaning and maintenance there were no major projects requiring attention during the year.

During the year the Club was invited to participate in a project to install solar panels on our roof. The relevant information has been forwarded and we are waiting for a response. Any cost savings will be shared with Council, but the business model has not yet been released.

We have put some temporary barriers between the synthetic green and the shade blinds and will explore other options as Council will not fund this initiative.

It was pleasing to note that our many visitors for functions appreciated the standard of the clubrooms.

Thanks to Jim Gray, Cliff Lynch and Rob Waddell and the many helpers.

Warrick Carbis

FUNCTIONS

I have been in the role of Functions Director for a year. Taking on this role has put me way out of my comfort zone but as the year has gone by I have settled into the position with help from Pam McColl who held the position before me. She has been my go to person for many things, I can't thank her enough.

I would also like to thank Warrick Carbis who has been invaluable for the smooth running of functions. He is a tireless worker and nothing is too much trouble, he has helped me immensely.

To all the other helpers who have volunteered when asked, they are a great asset to the club and I thank them very much. It makes it so much easier when you have many hands to help.

We have a great year for Functions ranging from Family Reunions, Birthday Partys, and School Functions. A highlight was the 110 YEAR CELEBRATION for the Bowls Club and Tennis Club, the popcorn and fairy floss going down well. The Trivia Night helped organised by Ian Wightman was a great fundraiser for the club and lots of fun. Thank you Ian for your hard work in sourcing raffle prizes.

On a sad note, we have hosted wakes for members and families of members.

Another highlight of the year was hosting a wedding for the first time at the club, congratulations Adrian and Tia.

All in all, a very successful year.

Sue Evans

Functions Director

SAMPLE of HALL/GREEN FUNCTIONS

DATE	EVENT	GUESTS	Part profit
30/7/22	Family Reunion	75	\$350
20/8/22	6 th Birthday Party	40	\$150
26/8/22	Trivia Night	60	\$3,110
29/8/22	Wake	50	\$521
18/9/22	40 th Birthday Party	60	\$528
1/10/22	Fundraiser (Greens)	60	\$350
23/10/22	Memorial	80	\$1,250
4/11/22	Client Night	30	\$1,310
6/11/22	Birthday	20	\$744
19/11/22	40 th Birthday	70	\$2,313
25/11/22	Christmas Party(Austin ICU)	100	\$2,930
4/12/22	1 st /40 th Birthday Party's	50	\$942
5/12/22	Team Activity	30	\$889
21/12/22	50 th Birthday Party	65	\$670
23/12/22	Work break Up	50	\$1,437
2/1/23	Get together (Pre Wedding)	25	\$300
23/1/23	Wake	50	
19/3/23	Ivanhoe Primary	100	\$400
15/4/23	40 th Birthday	70	\$927
TOTAL			\$13,556