



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KITCHEN

## ***From the President***

Hi fellow picklers, and welcome to our 1st newsletter for 2024.

We aim to put out a newsletter three times a year and keep you up to date in between with emails.

We would love some help with the newsletter, so if you feel you could assist then please get in touch with Viv.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

As our club moves through its second year, we have a lot of members coming up for annual membership renewal. This will occur at the 12-month mark of your membership. It is important to look out for an email from Pickleball Victoria (PV). Do not disregard as it will give you instructions on how to renew your membership

The process is similar to when you first joined up, but there are a couple of things you need to look out for. The following is some information that has come from PV to help us:

*Please note that the Member Registration wording on the PV website has just been updated at <https://www.pickleballvictoria.org/registration> This addresses 3 key issues:*

- 1. When registering members are asked 'I agree to the terms and conditions of Pickleball Australia Association Ltd (displayed on the registration page)' \* These are now clear.*
- 2. Members are required to acknowledge they've read and understood the PAA Code of Conduct.*
- 3. Wording focus changed to club foremost to ameliorate the issue whereby small numbers of members are choosing their club on the first dropdown and then selecting Active Senior/Adult (with no affiliated club) on the 2nd dropdown, thereby not paying the relevant club fees.*

Every month PV send us the \$25 that you pay for your membership with DCS. We do not send out invoices to our Primary Members.

I would like to remind you that we have introduced another class of membership that we call Secondary membership. This is where we have people who wish to play with us but are already Pickleball Victoria members and belong to another club.

A Secondary membership of our club requires the person to pay \$25 per year on top of whatever they pay to play elsewhere. That then gives them access to all that we have to offer. As previously advised, this takes over from the Reciprocal membership that we originally had.

If you have any questions about membership, please ask one of the committee or send an email

## **CHILD SAFE COMMITTEE**

Our Child Safe Committee has been formed and after a couple of false starts has just held it's first meeting. The government requires sporting clubs to undertake a lot of work to set up a club that offers sport to children and young people. We have been waiting for PV to provide some guidance on this matter. As yet we are still to receive it however we are going to push ahead.

## SPONSORSHIP

Fiona Bond manages Publicity and Sponsorship for our club and has worked hard to identify and sign up our current sponsors, who in turn are helping us to develop and grow our club. We are so appreciative of their support and hope you can support them in return. They include:

### 1. Neville Richards Real Estate.

With branches in Drysdale, Portarlington and St Leonards, they can help you with free valuations of your house, or to buy or sell a house.

### 2. Bellarine Community Bank (Bendigo Bank).

This is now the only bank left in Drysdale that can give personal service and is widely involved in local community activities.

### 3. Dillicious Pickles.

This gourmet style pickle company, based in Cheltenham, uses all Australian ingredients. They have given us our own discount code, to purchase their delicious pickles online at 25% discount. The code is DRYSDALE25.

### 4. Mortimer Petroleum.

Long term Drysdale family-owned petrol station, that offers a number of services, located in HighStreet.

### 5. Keiser.

A physio, rehab and strength training clinic located in Kingston Estate, Ocean Grove. They have offered our members \$10 off physiotherapy treatment and \$10 off their weekly membership.

### 6. Drysdale Clinic.

Serving the community for over 30 years with a variety of medical services.

As our club is growing and we would like to enhance our outdoor club to have a more permanent setup, we are looking for additional sponsors or a benefactor to generate the funds we need. We are currently negotiating with other local businesses however if you know of a potential sponsor, or you own or work for a business who may be interested, please let us know.



## TOURNAMENTS

Club members have participated in a number of tournaments and inter-club competitions already this year. For many members it was their first time participating. It is always a great learning experience and a good way to improve your play. The 'Bellarine Big Bash' was the first tournament run by our club, and it was a great success. People came from all over Victoria to play in a teams event on our new outdoor courts. Everyone was impressed with what we had to offer and are keen to come back to do it all again.

The annual Peninsula Cup was played by a combined team from DCS and Queenscliff against Sorrento and other Mornington clubs. In very windy conditions at Queenscliff, the Bellarine managed to retain the cup.

We also have a regular challenge against the Torquay Club, and once again we were victors and took out the Challenge Cup. Unfortunately, Susie Struth broke her wrist in the initial stages of the match and had to be rushed to hospital. We wish Susie the best while she is recuperating.

A large group of us travelled to and stayed in Warrnambool in February, to play in the Warrnambool Open. It was a very well-run tournament with over 200 players, it was in a great stadium and our club members won many medals.

On the March long weekend, in extreme heat, the Victorian Open was held at Werribee. Over 450 players from all over Australia took part. Once again, we had a large contingent and excelled in the medal tally.

On Good Friday we had our annual round robin team challenge between the Bunnies and the Bilbies, on a beautiful Autumn day. 46 members played and the Bilbies narrowly won the day.

The NSW Open was recently held and we had a few members who travelled to Sydney to compete. Congratulations to all players and well done to Jordie, Lisa, Patrick, Margaret and Julie who all won medals.

Congratulations to all players who are just getting better and better. It is so good to see people enjoying their pickleball. We as a committee are always trying to work on options that offer competitive and fun pickleball.

We are aware of how difficult it is to get into some of the sessions offered and wish that we could have more nights at our indoor courts. We have tried various session times at the outdoor courts and have not had the take up that we had hoped for. If you would like to play on particular days at the outdoor courts, please let us know.



## SOCIAL EVENTS

We had a great get-together at McGlashan's Winery in March, with over 50 members and friends attending. The club provided a large array of delicious pizzas, and there were terrific lucky door prizes. It was a good opportunity to catch up with everyone, out of our pickleball gear.

After the Good Friday competition, we kicked on with hot cross buns and drinks, drew our Easter Raffle with the two main prizes being the Hustle Pickleball Bag, and an Engage Paddle. The winners were Alison Lugg and Linda Goven. We raised \$991 that went to the Good Friday Appeal. What a great result! Thank you to everyone for contributing.

In April we held 'Picklebowl' as a joint activity between our club and the Bowling Club, where they tried pickleball and we tried bowls. We enjoyed a BBQ and drinks in the clubrooms providing a wonderful opportunity to debate the benefits of each sport.

We are forming a Social Committee to suggest ideas for other social activities. Let us know if you have any suggestions, and/ or would like to join this group.

Recently members from our club, Ocean Grove and Leopold clubs attended the Lifestyle Village at Leopold where we heard from Tes Lapham about her PB journey so far. Tes is the Captain of the NPL team called the Woods. The weather was not the best, but a few got out onto the PB court and hotly contested the winning of some prizes on offer. Lifestyle Communities also put on drinks and nibbles which was a generous gesture.



## PUBLICITY

We have regular articles in the Springdale Messenger (the local Drysdale Community magazine) and it is surprising how many people read it and discover pickleball as a result. If you haven't already, take a look at our Facebook page, we have a great following and even have people from overseas commenting on it. It is a great opportunity to see what we have been up to and check out all the great photos and commentary from Sue Shannon. She is recording our club's history.

Thanks to Patrick Dockhorn who has been working with us to develop a website which will soon be up and running and hopefully very user friendly and full of info.

## COACHING

Congratulations to the members of our club who completed the Level 2 coaching course offered by Pickleball Global. It's such an asset to our club to have members at this level.

It was pleasing to see a good turnout for the coaching offered by Aaron Blitz earlier this month. We also ran some DUPR sessions with a view to getting people getting a rating. We hope to offer more of these sessions in the future.

Mal Williams has also created a Facebook page called "Team Pickleball 5.0". This page will provide tips and drills for us all to use. The attached link will take you there.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558357326211>

As part of Mal's coaching program, he has offered to run training and playing sessions for Intermediate 2&3 players. This format will be the same as the Intermediate 3/Advanced group held on Tuesday nights and the Advanced group held on Thursday nights at Matthew Flinders High School, however it will be at Drysdale.

Individuals will have the opportunity to play against similar skilled players, practice their drills, learn new skills. This will also be a great time to practise with your partner or even find a partner to enter competitions with.

In order to put this in place we know need to find a time that suits. We have Sat afternoons 3-5pm or Sunday afternoons 1-3pm. We have sent out a question on Spond so please let us know what you would like.



## BITS AND PIECES

The use of the outdoor courts had been pretty low. It is just beautiful there at this time of year so we would like to remind you that you can hire a court if you want or if there are any days or times you would like to play, please let us know via the poll on Spond. If you want to hire a court and are not sure how then please ask one of the Committee.

If you have ideas on any aspect of the club, we would love to hear them.

Remember to recognise and appreciate your partner. Often, they have set up the point for your winning shot. Keep coaching to yourself - only provide coaching when asked. Beware off offering advice on the pickleball court as they may not want to hear any unsolicited advice.

Have a look at Youtube to watch the \$1million slam #2 in Las Vegas with McEnroe and Sharapova versus Agassi and Graf. It is great fun.

Try saying this new rhyme. "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers while playing pickleball. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers while playing pickleball, where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?"

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please contact Fiona Bond (0429 066 441) with any snippets you would like included in the next edition of "Whats Happening in the Kitchen".