



**GEELONG BOWLS REGION 10th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,
Monday 24th MAY, 2021. Commencing at 7-30 pm sharp
GEELONG BOWLS CLUB, Sommers Street, Belmont
AGENDA**

- 1** Welcome & Apologies & Silent Tribute.
- 2** Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM – 14th Dec 2020.
- 3** Correspondence
- 4** Reports: -
 - Presidents
 - Financial Audit 2020-21 CIRCULATED
 - Secretary's CIRCULATED
 - Championships CIRCULATED
 - Pennant CIRCULATED
 - Selection (Womens) CIRCULATED
 - Umpires
 - Greens
 - Coaches
 - U 18 Dev / Juniors
- 5** Nominations Board & Sub Committee's
- 5.1** Election of Board Directors.
- 5.2** GBR Committee's
- 6** General Business
- 6.1** Notices of Motion – Club votes Yes / No
- 6.2** Pennant Team Entry Fee
- 6.3** GBR Member Affiliation Fee
- 6.4** Other
- 7** Closure – Meeting Closed - -
 - Open Forum
- 8** Closure – Open Forum

Jim Millar GBR SECRETARY

17 May 2021
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Brett Anderson -
Director

To: The Board & Members of the Geelong Bowls Region Inc. (GBR)

I have examined the Receipts & Payments presented to me along with the Statement of Revenue & Expenditure and Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet for the Financial Year Period end 30 April 2021 for GBR

To the best of my knowledge and belief, and in accordance with the information provided, they have been properly prepared from the Accounting Records (Xero Online Accounting) of the Association.

These represent a true and fair view of the financial position of GBR AS AT 30 April 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brett Anderson', written in a cursive style.

Brett Anderson
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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021 AGM – Corrected 20/5/21

Thank you to all for your conscientious support to get this disrupted and different season out of the way smoothly.

New Web site: - Managed by Karen Harrington.

www.geelongbowlsregion.bowls.com.au

The contact email address is web@geelongregionbowls.org.au

New Facebook Page: - Geelong Bowls Region

The contact email address is media@geelongregionbowls.org.au

Use these Social Media Platforms to advertise and promote your Club Events and to catch up with News, results and Pictures. Share any Club news items.

GBR will not be producing a Handbook in the future.

New Email addresses will be set up for: - Secretary & Treasurer operational now.

Secretary Jim, secretary@geelongregionbowls.org.au

Treasure Maureen, accounts@geelongregionbowls.org.au

Pennant Chair, pennant@geelongregionbowls.org.au

Championship's chair, champs@geelongregionbowls.org.au

We are moving away from Catcha and our old domain @geelongbowlsregion.com.au

Club Contacts – don't forget after your AGM to provide update office bearers and contacts

Weather Stations – ALL clubs will be required to provide test results for weather stations.

Team App will continue to be used

BowlsLink Log In for results – Users must have their own personnel log in password to enter results and manage teams going forward. Don't leave this until Pennant season, start on it now. I can help you through this.

Questions....

Regards

Jim Millar

GBR SECRETARY



CHAMPIONSHIP ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2021

I must say this has been a season that we hope we never have again. Thank you to all clubs who have hosted events. A special thank you to all Clubs that have hosted Singles events, where they have also had to provide markers therefore contributing to the smooth running of these events. Our volunteers at our clubs are so important and we thank them for their dedication and continued support.

It was a very difficult year for the Championship Committee but we finally got all the events finished. We look forward to a more successful 2021/22 season.

565 entries were received for season 2020/21, a total of 1033 players, 412 women and 621 males. The largest number of entries were the Men's Pairs 65 & Mixed Pairs 58.

Congratulations to our Gold Medal Winners Men's Fours Craig Rippon, Cal Hanna, Mick West & Matt Flapper also our Men's Triples Ray Butler, Ben Russell & Steve Sullivan and all players who competed at Championship week in Bendigo.

Thanks to Margaret Reing and her Umpires who are always ready to reach out and help clubs in need of umpires. The umpires committee also supplies umpires for all the events finals.

A special thanks to the GBR Board for their support during this disrupted season.

The Committee hopes everyone has a happy and safe winter.

Championship Committee

Wendy Ballentine

Margaret Reing

Bev Weir

Jacqueline McLaren



CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS - BOWLS VICTORIA and GEELONG BOWLS REGION 2020-21

Event	Winners	Runners Up
Men's Over 60 Singles	Lance Kelly---City of Geelong	Peter Fisk---Clifton Springs
Women's Over 60 Singles	Jo Whitehead---Ocean Grove	Veronica Kelly - City of Geelong
Men's Over 60 Pairs	Steven Parry & Brian Smith (S)---Ocean Grove	Steve Sullivan & Craig Elliott (S)---Comp
Women's Over 60 Pairs	Di Price & Di Roberts (S)---Queenscliff	Sue Collins & Di Monk (S)---Comp
Men's Triples	Ray Butler--Ben Russell & Steve Sullivan (S)---Queenscliff	Nick Craven-Troy Thompson & Brad Prior (S) City of Geelong
Women's Triples	Murial Williams-- Pat Virtue & Faye Richardson (S) Ocean Grove -- Sub Marg Carroll	Adele Ryan--Carol Howarth & Lorraine Kirk (S) Ocean Grove
Men's Novice Singles	Fred Clayson---Bell Post Hill	Wayne Ward---St Leonards
Women's Novice Singles	Dawn Moloney---Highton	Natashia Treiguts---Geelong
Men's State Fours	Craig Rippon--Cal Hanna--Mick West & Matt Flapper (S) Ocean Grove	Luke James--Jackson Reilly--Sheldon Miles & John Monahan (S)---Drysdale
Women's State Fours	Tonia Doyle--Barbara Lewis--Coral Milligan & Kaye Robison (S)Comp	Marg Carroll--Maureen Harris--Jenny Keep & Faye Richardson (S)--Ocean Grove
Men's State Pairs	Matt Flapper & Peter Loe (S)---Ocean Grove	Brandon Anderson & Ben Wilding (S)---Bareena
Women's State Pairs	Tonia Doyle & Di Roberts (S)---Comp	Marg Carroll & Faye Richardson (S)---Ocean Grove
Mixed Pairs	Eileen Williams & Adam Martin (S)---Eastern Park	Helene Gilmore & Glen Slattery (S)---Comp
Men's State Singles	Steve Sullivan---Queenscliff	Brian Smith---Ocean Grove
Women's State Singles	Veronica Kelly---City Of Geelong	Effie Wake---Torquay
Men's C of Champion	Brendan Umbers---Lara	Darryl Kitchin ---Torquay
Women's C of Champion	Faye Richardson---Ocean Grove	Karina Van Weel---St Leonards
GBR Women's Veteran Singles	Jo Whitehead---Ocean Grove	Lyn Cunningham---St Leonards
GBR Men's Veterans Singles	Kevin Steen--- Drysdale	John Hyde---Cement
GBR Under 18 Singles	Cooper Heer-Eastern Park	Harry Coleman-Inverleigh

- Unfortunately, the season was cut short due to the COVID pan(dem)ic.
- Congratulations to all grand final winners.
- The recording system has been simplified and is much easier to use.
- Pennant has recommended that division 7 remain as a 3 side, 4 team division. (12 players).
- Reminder that there is no promotion/relegation from last season.
- Reminder that from next season only one side will be promoted, usually the winner of the grand final, subject to the application of rule 3.10.1. Also, one side only will be relegated.
- At this point of time Pennant is unsure if Clubs will be invited to submit a 'wish list'.
- Since there is no promotion/relegation, Pennant may use the same draw as last season. If a Club has issues with this in terms of player numbers and/or sides they should make their views known to Pennant at their earliest convenience. Should a new draw be necessary it will be done.
- Finals will probably revert to the Paige/M^cIntyre system next season. However, the model used last season of the higher placed side hosting their semi- final could be a matter for the next Pennant to consider.
- Practice before finals remains a vexed question and may need further clarification.
- There have been a number of significant changes to Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play which the Board and Pennant may consider adopting.

Men's Selection Committee Report

Trials for the Men's GBR Regional Sides were conducted over two sessions involving eighteen players in total. Thanks to the generous support of the Highton Bowling Club and City of Geelong Bowling for the use of their facilities. It would be fair to say that the quality of the trials was less than desired and these trials were the sole measure in selecting the representative squad. Once the squad of thirteen were ultimately selected, three more sessions were then conducted including a hit out against members of the Highton B.C premiers team.

Regional's were played in Shepparton over three venues which utilised both carpet and couch greens from Friday through to Sunday, seven games in total. Interestingly this year the decision was to run the female completion in conjunction with the males. Both male and female played in rinks side by side allowed additional support for both teams. It would be fair to say that this format was successful and the camaraderie of the GBR representatives was definitely a plus.

The games were as follows:

Bendigo	Loss	28/33
Eastern Ranges	Loss	31/37
West Coast	Loss	29/34
Yarra	Win	38/25
Metro West	Loss	31/39
Strezlecki	Win	50/19
Wimmera	Draw	42/42

The highlight of the weekend was the defeat of Yarra who were widely tipped to play off and win the title. With the exception of the game against the Eastern Ranges we were more than competitive. Bendigo jumped us early and got to 18 shots in front our fight back gave us a chance of success but to Bendigo's credit they held us off. West Coast overran us after we set up a double figure lead which was disappointing. Against Metro West each rink playing their last end saw us 1 shot behind, one rink holding four, one holding three and one four down. To Metro's credit their skippers killed one end, turned three down to one up, and maintained the advantage in the other rink. Against Wimmera two shots up playing the last end saw a draw result to finish the weekend.

Each representative player contributed over the three days with some coming under notice of Metro coaches. The players form obviously continued into the State Champions next week with Cal Hanna and Mick West of the team taking gold in the Men's Fours, Steve Sullivan silver in the Singles, Brendan Umbers making the final four in the Champion of Champions, Steve Sullivan (again) and Ray Butler being part of the gold medal Men's Triples.

In closing I would like to thank Matt Flapper and Craig Elliot for their valuable input and experience as well as all bowlers who took part in the trials and lead up to the Regional's

Alan Callow
Selection Committee Chairman

WOMENS Selection Report AGM 2021

Well let's start with we were so happy we were able to bowl in Pennant, State & Regional events again.

Shield Event.

The Elaine Webster v Val Page Shield event did not happen being put in the too hard basket re COVID restrictions at Clubs this year.

Unfortunately speaking with a Ballarat representative, the feeling is that this Prestigious event may not even continue because Ballarat struggle to supply Lady Skips & Thirds, reason being because of their Pennant format.

This is what will happen to Geelong region also should the motion is ever be passed that men can Skip in midweek pennant. This would also have great detrimental ramifications re selecting our Ladies Regional Side.

It is our game too!

Regional Side

Bowls Vic introduced a new format this year joining the Women & Men's Championships Sides together.

Having no idea of how this concept would work we would like to say that it was just amazing.

Each Regions men's & women played side by side where possible on the same green. This created great interest and atmosphere between our men & women. We certainly hope Bowls Victoria continues with this format.

Our Regional Women's side enjoyed a fairly good accomplishment against extremely strong competition this year.

My thanks to the team, my committee Barbara Lewis, Jacqueline McLaren for all their time, support and skills put into their dedicated training.

Kaye Robison
Ch/Selection

ANNUAL REPORT

GBR UMPIRE COMMITTEE 2020-21

2020-1 has been a challenging season for all Officials with the changing conditions resulting from of the Covid pandemic.

I wish to thank all the Umpires in the District and special thanks to the Committee members Ron Dye, Mike McGovern, John Hulme and Wendy Richards for their work and support over a very confusing and disrupted season. A special mention to Mike and John for the extra they covered during my surgery. All requests for Umpires during the season were met. Thank you again.

At this stage there is only 1 reaccreditation that I have the paperwork for that has not been completed.

The first Covid restrictions came into force in the middle of a Measurers training. This has been completed/repeated including a number of extra participants who applied during the season. The next Markers training will start later this week. Thanks to Ron for presentation and Mike and John for their assistance.

Margaret Reing
For GBR Umpire Committee



Geelong / Corangamite Giants 2021

Our Geelong Giants returned to the greens for some action in 2021.

With a number of previous seasons players turning 18 during the lockdown we started with 8 registered GBR under 18 players.

Our first event we had entered was the U18 Junior Provincial championships to be held in Daylesford on the 20th January. Three teams of 2 Bowl Triples.

This event required a minimum of 9 players.

We reached out to the Corangamite Region to identify if they had any prospective U18 players interested in coming on board with the Giants.

We welcomed two players for the Daylesford event.

We had a full team and were able to rotate the tenth player throughout the day.

Giants narrowly lost their first game, won the second and just went down in the third.

Following the Daylesford championships we entered the Doug Kneebone Shield event which was to be played in Bendigo as a prelude to the U18 State Championships.

Two teams of four players played as a medley event with players having a go at all various disciplines throughout the day.

With a few players unavailable we had another player join us from Corangamite for this event.

This event was another terrific opportunity for our U18 players to participate and compete against some of the states finest U18 players. As the day progressed it was obvious the kids became more comfortable being in that environment, playing to a better standard and becoming more familiar with their fellow squad members. The day was highlighted by the singles win to Anglesea's Maddie Jacobs when she managed to get the points against current U18 boys singles champion Koby Cromie.

All players represented our Regions admirably and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Maddie Jacobs and Harry Coleman (Inverleigh) stayed on in Bendigo to compete in the U18 State Championships.

Harry played terrific in the boy's singles in a game that spectators applauded for an extremely high standard narrowly going down 18-21.

Maddie competed in Singles, Mixed Pairs and Girls Pairs. A win in her first singles game 21-20 was a great start before she met a red hot Emilee Davies from Glenroy. Round 1 of the girls pairs was a narrow one shot loss to the eventual winners.

Our Region U18 Singles albeit a small field of five but a hotly contested event finished with the final being played amongst the Men's and Ladies Region Pairs finals at Highton BC.

Cooper Heer (Eastern Park) and Harry Coleman both put on a show that had all players across the green looking sideways, spectators on the edge of the seat and not to mention both sets of parents trying to control their nerves. No one told the two players about nerves or showing any emotions as they just went bowl for bowl, blow for blow before Cooper took the title 21-20 in one of the best finals you would want to witness. Congratulations Boys.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents or guardians that assisted with travel to and from venues.

To Mark Coleman, Kerri Rees, Suzi Coleman and Mel Inderberg for assisting the program by helping coordinate events in my absence Thank you. I would like to thank the GBR Board for their support for the U18 players assisting to cover any expenses that they may have had whilst competing. Your contribution is and was greatly appreciated by all players and more so parents.

U18 Giants – Onward on Upward

Regards
Matt Flapper

