

# Spring Newsletter

## EMU POINT SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### **2023 AGM**

Many thanks to the members that attended the Club's annual general meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023. I am pleased that the majority of the old board members from last year agreed to serve for another term and were all elected unopposed. We welcomed Peter Godfrey as a new board member for a 2-year term and said goodbye to Colin Anning. Colin has worked tirelessly for the Club over the last 4 years – turning up most Monday mornings to organise his volunteers to carry out essential building repairs and maintenance – thanks so much Colin for your contribution.

#### **Club Renovations**

The Club is getting closer to starting our long-awaited building renovations. We received a welcome \$90,000 grant from the City of Albany and will hear in the New Year if our application for State Govt funding is successful. We are currently having working drawings prepared and aim at starting our renovations once plans and building approval is granted.

#### **Childrens Christmas Party**

Please mark in your diary the Club's Annual Childrens Christmas party. This special event is to be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – bar open from 4.00pm, meals served from 5.00pm and our special guest arrives at 5.45pm.

Please leave your child's/ grandchild's gift at either 72 Mermaid Ave Emu Point or in the big box which will be located in the bowler's office prior to the day. Based on the numbers that attended last year, it is worth booking a table for your family. (please contact Chris on 0447211198 to reserve your table). A great way for you to celebrate the start of the festive season with the family.

With the silly season almost upon us, please take extra care to stay safe and if you wish to enjoy the festivities, don't drink and drive – please make alternate arrangements to get home safely.

**Merry Christmas to all members and their family.**

## FROM THE KITCHEN

It is now a requirement to undertake a Food Safe Course if you provide or handle food at the Sports Club. The course must be completed before December 8th this year.

The course is online. The City of Albany have a discount code that you use - see the code below. Copy and paste it into the second part of the payment section. Please be aware that if a couple are undertaking the course, they will need to have separate email addresses.

For those members who are not internet savvy, come along to the Club on **November 8th at 11am**. Megan Tuffley will be there to assist you complete the course. She will have 3 devices available. If you have a laptop or table, please bring it along.



## FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS

Now that spring has sprung, and everyone has returned to Albany numbers of our Friday night meals are increasing. To ensure you do not miss out please ring Chris Brooks 0447 211 198 to book your table. The weekly menu can be viewed on our website or the Club's Facebook page. A special thank you to the volunteers who have helped on with Thursday menu delivery and Friday night door duty.

## FROM THE BAR

The bar has had a few changes, mainly the beer supplier is now Swan.

We have gained a \$2000 per year sponsorship from Swan and it is to be shared between Central, Bowls & Tennis.

Our membership card system is operational, and you can have a paid TAB for purchases over the bar. If you have not yet received your member card, please see Tammy.

This financial year bar sales are tracking very well, and this has been mainly due to an increase in outside functions during the winter season.



We thank Tammy, bar staff and volunteers for their amazing support.

If members have any suggestions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Brian Smith

## BOWLS

On Sunday 24th September the Emu Point Bowling Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary with approximately 90 members, past and present, in attendance. The day saw a welcome return of retired members along with others who had moved onto other clubs but still took time to come and celebrate with us. The clubroom was decorated beautifully, and a huge vote of thanks goes to those who helped put it all together.



The spider was won by Kevin Crane, the first bowls of the new season were delivered by six of the club's illustrious luminaries, namely for the ladies, Ann Flint, Joan Ward and Beryl Ballantyne. For the men, three of our Life Members, Len Buktenica, Ray Lewis and Wally Mycock. Six of our finest represented our club. Well done to all.

The club was presented with a 50th Anniversary Plaque and a Lapel Badge was given to each member past and present to mark the special occasion. The 50th Anniversary Cake was ceremoniously cut by our sprightliest oldest member Mavis Bennetts ably assisted by another senior member Terry Arundel. Numerous members should be thanked for their assistance in putting this day together, you all know who you are, rather than take the chance of missing anyone let me just say thank you to everybody.

The Men's Club Triples were won by the team of Wally Mycock, Steve Cockerell and Leo Tuffley, 2nd Place Gus Woithe, Colin Anning and Des Forbes, 3rd Place Athol Ward, Terry Martin and Snatch Norrish.

Men's Championship Pairs were won by Paul Garbellini and Matthew Mitchell. Runners Up, Ken Luff and Peter Hewson. Winners and Runners Up both for second season in a row.

Plate Winners, John Dye and Steven Tuffley. Plate Runners Up, Peter Bradshaw and Ken Hunt

May I take this opportunity to wish all our Pennant Teams, both Ladies and Men, every success in the coming season.  
Allen Poor, Men's Captain

## LADIES BOWLS

Great start to bowls. Good roll outs on Wednesdays.

Club pairs - sponsored by Jan Jefferis - were played on Wednesday 4th October 2023 with 10 pairs competing. Winners were Kaye Blight and Karen Wright with Helen McFarlane and Marion Marden runners up.

Pennants started well for Emu Point on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 with the following results:

Division 1 - Emu Point Red 39 shots (3 points) defeated Mid Beach Green 34 shots (1 point) at home.

Division 1 - Emu Point Purple 45 shots (4 points) defeated Denmark Aqua 36 shots (0 point) at Denmark.

Division 2 - Emu Point Blue 42 shots (3 points) defeated Denmark Orange 41 shots (1 point) at Denmark.

Glenda Ward  
Ladies' Captain

## TENNIS

The new Tennis season commenced on the 8th October, with a celebratory dinner held afterwards in the Clubhouse. The day was well attended as was the dinner, and everyone had an enjoyable day. The weather over the past 2 weeks has been very encouraging and we have enjoyed some superb weather, which we hope continues.

Attendance numbers have been good with a healthy roll-up on Tuesday's, Wednesday's, Thursday's, and Saturday's.

The ladies pennants season has commenced and all games this season will be played at Emu Point, there being a 'dearth' of suitable facilities within the City. Emu Point have 2 teams competing and both enjoyed wins in their first outing. Good luck to the ladies.

The Tennis Section has appointed a junior coach of tennis for Term 4 of school for this year and Term 1 for next year. Nelson Stanborough has taken over the Albany Academy of Tennis and has commenced coaching as of this week. The Tennis Section is delighted at his appointment and see this as a tremendous benefit for our Club as a whole.

Our Pavilion and surrounds are looking the picture of health, and we are the envy of other clubs in the Albany area. Our courts are a delight to play on. Thanks must go to the band of volunteers who help maintain our facilities on a regular basis, mowing, pruning, sweeping, and watering. Where would we be without them?



Nelson Stanborough

## Club Functions and Visitors

Part of keeping the Club financial is to make our clubhouse available for outside functions.

I know some members are – at times – unhappy about sharing the Clubhouse with other groups as it interrupts their “day out” however functions are a great way to make money for the Club. We always liaise with both the Bowls and Tennis committees to ensure functions don’t clash with any of your Club events prior to agreeing to host the function to minimise any potential disruption. I believe we can accommodate both members and outside groups harmoniously at the same time to achieve the best outcome for the Club.

We also had an instance whereby a visitor to our Club was spoken to inappropriately by one of our members. Remember we are a Sports and Community Centre, and everyone is welcome into our Club. We have procedures in place to register all guests that wish to use our bar and if the bar is not open, visitors are still welcome without the need to sign in. Please extend all courtesy to any visitor and help out where possible.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Elders Luncheon
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Aussie Trikefest Dinner
- Various Christmas Party Bookings:
  - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Department of Communities – Barefoot Bowls
  - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Harvest Road Oceans – Barefoot Bowls
  - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Albany Youth Support Association – Barefoot Bowls
  - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – GS Mental Health – Barefoot Bowls
  - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – F45 - Barefoot Bowls
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Bizzy Bee Patchwork

## CLUB FUNCTIONS

Please mark these in your calendar.

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 – Tennis Christmas Dinner
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Emu Point Sports & Community Club Christmas Dinner
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Kids Christmas Party with a secret visit from Santa

If you would like to book a table for any or all of these events, please ring Chris Brooks 0447 211 198.



A festive invitation for a Christmas dinner. The background is dark blue with a border of white pine branches, gold and silver ornaments, and white garlands. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and gold fonts.

Emu Point Sports & Community Centre (Inc.)  
invites all members to our

# “Christmas Dinner”

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
commencing 6:00pm.

Table bookings are recommended, and can be organized by contacting  
Chris on 0447 211 198.

Menu to follow in the coming weeks

A flyer for a Christmas event for kids. It features a red and white color scheme with gold accents. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with various font weights and sizes.

EMU POINT SPORTS + COMMUNITY CENTRE  
INVITES YOU TO

## CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS

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SANTA VISIT  
LAWN GAMES  
MEALS AVAIL.

BAR OPEN FROM 4PM	SANTA ARRIVES AT 5.45	MEALS SERVED FROM 5PM
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PARENTS, SANTA WILL BRING GIFTS FOR YOUR LITTLE PEOPLE! PLEASE  
DELIVER A SMALL GIFT FOR YOUR CHILD/REN (MAX VALUE \$15) TO 72  
MERMAID AVE. IN THE WEEK PRIOR. QUESTIONS? CALL BUS ON 0427214232.