



# Fitzroy Victoria Bowling & Sports Club

**Schedule of Club games,  
practice matches and Bowls Victoria  
events for season 2011-12**

Dear members,

Welcome to another season. It promises to be a big one for the Club, with our playing depth strengthened by some great recruiting during the off-season and the arrival of our new coach, Stephen Milsted.

This booklet is designed to keep all our members informed of our pre-season programme of practice matches, our schedule of Club games and dates for Bowls Victoria's Northern Gateway regional championships.

In particular, you will notice that we have set a strict time frame for the completion of our Club games. In recent years many of these matches have tended to drag on well into the winter months. Many members have found this unacceptable and, as a result, a new Tournament Committee has been formed to oversee the conduct of these matches. It is our aim to have all Club games completed by mid-April so that the presentation of trophies for these events can take place at the Bill Foster Medal awards night.

While this may seem a little ambitious to some, we believe it is achievable and that our schedule is quite reasonable. If you are unable to meet the requirements of the schedule for any particular event, we suggest that you don't enter that particular event.

You will notice some changes from past seasons, particularly in the Club Pairs. Due to Bowls Victoria's eligibility requirements for the Champion of Champions tournament, we have had to create two separate events for men and women. We have done so with some reluctance, but it was important to ensure that our winning teams have the opportunity to compete at this elite level.

We wish you all the best for the coming season, in Pennant, in Club games and in any Bowls Victoria tournaments you decide to enter.

May bowls be the winner.

#### YOUR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Steve Webster  
Sam Chamberlain  
Neil Ronaldson  
Rose Victory  
Alf Andrews  
Peter Hille  
Paul Minahan

## Pre-season events

### 27 August Intra-Club practice match

Normally we'd be off to Numurkah at this time of year, but numbers were a bit down this year so we'll be having a match among ourselves instead. We encourage all members to put their names on the list on the notice board if you intend playing.

### Thursday 1st September (from 5.30 p.m.) Coach's pep-talk and BBQ

In recent weeks our new Club Coach, Stephen Milsted, has brought to the Club a range of skills, strategies and experience to assist players to improve their skills and help the Club to achieve success on the greens. So it is with pleasure that we invite you to be part of Stephen's pre-season talk, discussion and social BBQ. Please confirm to Stephen on **0425832236** or email **stephenmilsted@hotmail.com**

## September Practice Matches

With the 2011/12 Pennant season fast approaching, the Selectors, Steve Webster and David Shying, have organized several practice matches in September. We are encouraging all players to make themselves available as this is an important start to the coming year.

Selectors need to know the availability of players and therefore request that you place your name on the "practice game" list on the Club notice board.

All practice matches will start at 1 p.m. Please remember to arrive early. All matches will be 21 ends played straight through. Full Club uniform, please.

### Saturday 3rd September

Fitzroy Victoria v CROYDON. 2 sides @ home ... 1 side away

### Saturday 10th September

ESSENDON v Fitzroy Victoria - 3 sides away

### Saturday 17th September

Fitzroy Victoria v YARRA GLEN - 2 sides @ home  
RICHMOND UNION v Fitzroy Victoria - 1 side away

### Saturday 24th September

MITCHAM v Fitzroy Victoria - 3 sides away

# New Pennant Voting System

The Selectors are introducing a new voting system for the coming Pennant season. Players will rate performance from 1 to 6. In addition you will select the most valued player on the day by placing a cross in one box only next to the player's name. These votes will be used for the Bill Foster Medal.

## YOUR SELECTORS

Steve Webster  
David Shying

Rate each of your team mates from 1 - 6

Put an 'x' next to the best player on your rink (this is for the Bill Foster Medal voting)

Division Round	Please score the performance of your Team Mates by circling the appropriate number below						Bill Foster Medal
2nd	1 Poor	2 Below Average	3 Average	4 Good	5 Very Good	6 Excellent	2nd <input type="checkbox"/>
3rd	1 Poor	2 Below Average	3 Average	4 Good	5 Very Good	6 Excellent	3rd <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Skip	1 Poor	2 Below Average	3 Average	4 Good	5 Very Good	6 Excellent	Skip <input type="checkbox"/>

# Northern Gateway night pennant

This year Night Pennant commences on Tuesday 8th November, and concludes on Tuesday 6th March 2012, with the finals on the following two weeks. Each game starts at 7.00pm and finishes about 9.30pm on Tuesday nights. All venues are in the northern suburbs – most within ½ hour drive of Fitzroy Victoria.

All levels of bowlers encouraged. While ongoing commitment from players is great, even players who will only be available as emergencies or every now and then are encouraged to put their names down.

The numbers playing will determine which division(s) Fitzroy Victoria enters. Due to the quality of the FV lights, players will be canvassed to determine whether the home ground preference is FV or elsewhere (most likely Princes Park). Division 1 & 2 are 16 players/side (4 rinks of 4). Division 3 and downward is a 2 rink 6 players/side triples competition

For more information talk to John Adams.

# Club Games

The following rules apply to club games

1. In the event of any match not being played by the specified date, the defaulting player or team must give a walkover.
2. If there is any dispute as to which player or team has defaulted, the matter will be referred to the Tournament Committee.
3. The Committee will take into account the relative efforts of both sides to the dispute to get the match played.
4. If it is not possible to resolve the dispute, the Committee will eliminate both players or teams from the event.
5. In extraordinary circumstances the Committee may extend one to two weeks' grace to the defaulting player or team. These circumstances may involve a family birth, death or marriage, an unexpected work commitment, or a short term illness or injury. No extension will be granted for an illness or injury likely to last more than one to two weeks..
6. In the case of the Men's Pairs, Women's Pairs or Club Triples, a defaulting team member may be replaced by a substitute, provided that substitute has not entered that particular event in another team. The substitute may play any position except skip.
7. A player who has been replaced by a substitute may return to the team in subsequent rounds if available.
8. All decisions relating to walkovers, extensions of time, eliminations or interpretations of what constitutes "extraordinary circumstances" will be made by the Tournament Committee, whose decision is final.
9. No Club matches to be played on THURSDAYS between 4 pm and 7 pm during Pennant season (roughly Sept to March)

## Men's Singles

- 4 bowl singles, first player to score 25 shots.
- Dead ends to be replayed
- Open to all paid-up male Gold members

Entries close **Sunday Sept 25 @ 5 p.m.**

*Expected entry numbers: 32 to 64*

Rounds 1 and 2 to be played **Sunday Oct 9**  
(can be played prior by arrangement)

Round 3 (round of 16) to be played by **Sunday Oct 23**

Round 4 (quarter finals) to be played by **Sunday Nov 6**

Round 5 (semi finals) to be played by **Sunday Nov 20**

Round 6 (final) to be played on **Sunday Dec 4**  
(can be played prior by arrangement in extraordinary circumstances)

## Women's Singles

- 4 bowl singles, first player to score 25 shots.
- Dead ends to be replayed
- Open to all paid-up female Gold members

Entries close **Sunday Sept 25 @ 5 p.m.**

*Expected entry numbers: 8 to 16*

Rounds 1 and 2 to be played **Sunday Oct 16**  
(can be played prior by arrangement)

Round 3 (semi finals) to be played by **Sunday Oct 30**

Round 4 (final) to be played on **Sunday Nov 13**  
(can be played prior by arrangement in extraordinary circumstances)

## Men's Pairs

- Walking pairs (i.e 2 x 2 x 2 x 2)
- 15 ends all games except final which is 18 ends
- One end tie-break if required
- Dead ends to be replayed
- Open to all paid-up male Gold members.

Entries close **Sunday Oct 23 @ 5 p.m.**

*Expected entry numbers: 16 to 32 teams*

Rounds 1 and 2 to be played **Sunday Nov 6**  
(can be played prior by arrangement)

Round 3 (quarter finals) to be played by **Sunday Nov 20**

Round 4 (semi finals) to be played by **Sunday Dec 4**

Round 5 (final) to be played on Sunday Dec 18  
(can be played prior by arrangement in extraordinary circumstances)

## Women's Pairs

- Walking pairs (i.e 2 x 2 x 2 x 2)
- 15 ends all games except final which is 18 ends
- One end tie-break if required
- Dead ends to be replayed
- Open to all paid-up female Gold members.

Entries close **Sunday Oct 23 @ 5 p.m.**

*Expected entry numbers: unknown*

Lead-up rounds to be organised at the discretion of the Women's Committee.

Final to be played on **Sunday Dec 11**  
(can be played prior by arrangement in extraordinary circumstances)

## Club Triples

- 2 bowl triples
- 15 ends all games except final which is 18 ends
- One end tie-break if required
- Dead ends to be replayed
- Open to all paid-up Gold members ... open gender

Entries close **Sunday Oct 23 @ 5 p.m.**

Expected entry numbers: 8 to 16 teams

Rounds 1 and 2 to be played **Sunday Nov 27**  
(can be played prior by arrangement)

Round 3 (semi finals) to be played by **Sunday Dec 11**

Round 4 (final) to be played on a date to be determined, probably in January.

## A.E.R. Mixed Pairs

- 3 bowl pairs, sets play (2 x 9) + 3 end tie-break if required (decided on shots)
- No dead ends – jack respotted @ 1.5 metres from centre
- Open to paid-up Gold members. One male and 1 female per team.
- Cost \$10 per pair

Entries close **Sunday Sept 25 @ 5 p.m.**

Must be completed by **Monday Nov 21**

Matches will commence from October 1  
Final to be played on **Sunday Nov 20**  
(or prior by arrangement)

## 17Up

- 2 bowl singles, first player to score 17 shots.
- Dead ends to be replayed
- Open to all paid-up Gold members ... open gender.

Entries close **Thursday Dec 15 @ 6 p.m.**

*Expected entry numbers: 16 to 32*

Matches may be played over the Christmas break by arrangement.  
Otherwise matches will commence from Sunday Jan 15

Round 1 to be completed by **Sunday Feb 5**

Round 2 to be completed by **Sunday Feb 26**

Round 3 to be completed by **Sunday March 12**

Round 4 to be completed by **Sunday March 26**

Round 5 to be completed by **Sunday April 9**

## President's Handicap

- 4 bowl singles, first player to score 21 shots plus difference in handicap
- Dead ends to be replayed
- Open to all paid-up Gold members ... open gender.

Entries close **Thursday Dec 15 @ 6 p.m.**

*Expected entry numbers: 16 to 32*

Matches may be played over the Christmas break by arrangement.  
Otherwise matches will commence from Sunday Jan 15

Round 1 to be completed by **Sunday Feb 5**

Round 2 to be completed by **Sunday Feb 26**

Round 3 to be completed by **Sunday March 12**

Round 4 to be completed by **Sunday March 26**

Round 5 to be completed by **Sunday April 9**

## 100-up

- 4 bowl singles, scored in points (1st shot = 4 points, 2nd shot = 3 points, 3rd shot = 2 points, 4th shot = 1 point)
- Open to all paid-up Gold members ... open gender.

## Fixed kitty.

Position of kitty is marked by a 5 cent piece.

If kitty is moved, it is returned to its position as indicated by the 5 cent piece, except as follows:

- If a bowl has landed on top of the 5 cent piece, the kitty is placed directly in front of the bowl.
- If the bowl is later dislodged, the jack returns to the 5 cent piece.
- If the 5 cent piece moves, the marker returns it to its original position.
- If there is no marker, this is left to the discretion of the players.
- If players don't agree on the original position of the 5 cent piece, they decide by tossing the 5 cent piece. Winner of the toss decides where the original position was (must be somewhere on centre line, of course ☺).

## Handicap event.

Player with lower handicap starts on scratch.

Higher handicapped player starts on minus handicap difference.

First player to reach 100 points is the winner.

If both players reach 100 points on the same end, the player with the highest number of points wins. However:

- If scores are level at this point, a tie-break end must be played.
- Player with most points wins tie-break.
- If scores are still level, play another tie-break end.
- Continue process until someone finally wins.

The 4-point bowl (normally called the "shot bowl") wins the mat, regardless of whether the other player has scored more points on that end. . However, unlike previous seasons, the 4-point bowl does not necessarily win the match in a tie-break or in a situation where the scores are level after both players have reached the target.

Entries close **Thursday Dec 15 @ 6 p.m.**

Matches may be played over the Christmas break by arrangement. Otherwise matches will commence from Sunday Jan 15

Round 1 to be completed by **Sunday Feb 5**

Round 2 to be completed by **Sunday Feb 26**

Round 3 to be completed by **Sunday March 12**

Round 4 to be completed by **Sunday March 26**

Round 5 to be completed by **Sunday April 9**

## Minor Championship

- 4 bowl singles, first player to score 25 shots.
- Dead ends to be replayed
- Open to all paid-up Gold members who have
  - Played no more than 4 Pennant matches at a level higher than Division 6 in the past 2 seasons and up to 15 December of the current season at this or any other club.
  - Never won a club honour board title at this or any other club.

Entries close **Thursday Dec 15 @ 6 p.m.**

Matches may be played over the Christmas break by arrangement. Otherwise matches will commence from Sunday Jan 15

Round 1 to be completed by **Sunday Feb 5**

Round 2 to be completed by **Sunday Feb 26**

Round 3 to be completed by **Sunday March 12**

Round 4 to be completed by **Sunday March 26**

Round 5 to be completed by **Sunday April 9**

## Summary of important dates

Including entry and playing dates for Bowls Victoria Northern Gateway Region championship tournaments

### AUGUST

**Saturday 27** Intra Club practice match.

### SEPTEMBER

**Thursday 1** Coach's pre-season talk, discussion and BBQ (from 5.30 p.m.)

**Saturday 3** Practice matches at home and away to Croydon

**Saturday 10** Practice matches away to Essendon

**Saturday 17** Practice matches at home to Yarra Glen and away to Richmond Union

**Saturday 24** Practice matches away to Mitcham

**Sunday 25** Entries close for

- Men's Club Singles
- Women's Club Singles
- A.E.R. Mixed Pairs

### OCTOBER

**Sunday 9** Men's Club Singles rounds 1 and 2.

Entries close for

- Northern Gateway Region Men's and Women's Triples
- Northern Gateway Region Men's and Women's Fours

**Friday 14** Entries close for

- Northern Gateway Region 60 & over Men's and Women's Singles

**Sunday 16** Women's Club Singles rounds 1 and 2

**Wednesday 19** Northern Gateway Region Women's Triples (day 1)

**Thursday 20** Northern Gateway Region Women's Triples (day 2)

**Friday 21** Entries close for Northern Gateway Region 60 & over Men's Pairs

**Sunday 23** Entries close for

- Club Pairs
- Club Triples

Northern Gateway Region Men's Triples (day 1)

**Wednesday 26** Northern Gateway Region Women's Fours (day 1)

**Thursday 27** Northern Gateway Region Women's Fours (day 2)

**Sunday 30** Northern Gateway Region Men's Triples (day 2)

### NOVEMBER

**Sunday 6** Club Pairs rounds 1 and 2.

**Wednesday 9** Northern Gateway Region 60 & over Men's and Women's Singles (day 1)

**Thursday 10** Northern Gateway Region 60 & over Men's and Women's Singles (day 2)

**Friday 11** Entries close for

- Northern Gateway Region Women's Novice Singles
- Northern Gateway Region Under 25 Men's and Women's Singles

**Sunday 13** Women's Club Singles final.

Northern Gateway Region Men's Fours (day 1) finals to be announced –maybe twilight

**Wednesday 16** Northern Gateway Region 60 & over Men's and Women's Singles (day 3)

**Thursday 17** Northern Gateway Region 60 & over Men's Pairs (day 1)

**Sunday 20** A.E.R. Mixed Pairs final (club level)

Northern Gateway Region Women's Novice Singles (day 1)

**Wednesday 23** Northern Gateway Region 60 & over Men's Pairs (day 2)

**Thursday 24** Northern Gateway Region 60 & over Men's Pairs (day 3)

**Sunday 27** Club Triples rounds 1 and 2.

Northern Gateway Region Women's Novice Singles (day 2)

Northern Gateway Region Under 25 Men's and Women's Singles (day 1)

Entries close for Northern Gateway Region Men's and Women's Singles.

## DECEMBER

- Sunday 4** Men's Club Singles final.
- Thursday 15** Entries close for
- Club 17-up
  - Club President's Hcp
  - Club 100-up
  - Club Minor Championship
- Sunday 18** Club Pairs final.
- Northern Gateway Region Under 25 Men's and Women's Singles (day 2).
- Friday 23** Entries close for
- Northern Gateway Region Men's and Women's Champion of Champions Singles
  - Northern Gateway Region Men's and Women's Champion of Champions Pairs

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## JANUARY

- Sunday 15** Northern Gateway Region Men's Singles (day 1)
- Wednesday 18** Northern Gateway Region Women's Singles (day 1)
- Thursday 19** Northern Gateway Region Women's Singles (day 2) Finals dates to be announced
- Sunday 22** Northern Gateway Region Men's Singles (day 2) Finals dates to be announced
- Wednesday 25** Northern Gateway Region Women's Pairs (day 1)
- Friday 27** Northern Gateway Region Women's Pairs (day 2)
- January (date TBA)** Club Triples final - date TBA

## FEBRUARY

- Sunday 5** Northern Gateway Region Men's Pairs (day 1)
- Wednesday 8** Northern Gateway Region Champion of Champions Women's Singles (day 1) Men's dates to be announced – may be twilight
- Thursday 9** Northern Gateway Region Champion of Champions Women's Singles (day 2) Men's dates to be announced – may be twilight
- Sunday 12** Northern Gateway Region Men's Pairs (day 2)
- Wednesday 15** Northern Gateway Region Champion of Champions Women's Pairs (day 1) Men's dates to be announced – may be twilight
- Thursday 16** Northern Gateway Region Champion of Champions Women's Pairs (day 2) Men's dates to be announced – may be twilight

## APRIL

- Sunday 9** Deadline for completion of
- Club 17-up
  - Club President's Hcp
  - Club 100-up
  - Club Minor Championship