



# Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc

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## December 2017 Newsletter

### Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2017

#### December 2017 /January 2018 Ongoing bowls

Thursday's Men's 2x2 Pairs  
Contact: Ross Higgins  
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Doug Freeman  
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Resumes :January 11 2018

Friday's Ladies Pairs  
Contact: Marg Stibbard  
0488595210  
Resumes : January 12 2018  
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#### Victorian Open Pairs

First and foremost we must congratulate the "local girls," Bev Cahill and Marg Smyth on their wonderful achievement in winning the Vic Open Pairs. The ladies took on all comers, including some very well credentialed opponents, and came through victorious. They bowled extremely well in the final and never really gave their opponents a chance. A huge "WELL DONE" from all members.  
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#### Night Pennant

This is an urgent call out to all members, and their families, and friends, who may be looking for a fun, social evening of bowls. Our Wednesday night pennant competition is in serious danger of folding due to a lack of numbers. The competition has been running for many years, and, has been the gateway for many of our current bowlers taking up the game. Despite the best efforts of Rob Thorne, and, his helpers, numbers have declined and we desperately need more bowlers to make it a worthwhile event. Phone Rob on 0418576107 if you would like a game.

#### State Bowling Arm Team Trials

These trial will be held at Shepparton Park on March 11 & 12 2018. If you would like to see some top class Bowling Arm players in action please keep this date in mind.

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#### Board Matters

\* Telstra have advised that the Club will need to connect to the NBN by March 2018. The Board will consider what plan is the best to suit the Clubs future needs.

\* In order to make the defibrillator more accessible we will look into moving it to a more suitable place inside the Clubhouse.

\* The Board have approved the replacement of the lighting on the Rose Green and the fluoro tubes inside the club house. The lights will be replaced with more energy efficient LED lighting and significant power savings are envisaged.

This will most likely occur in early January and we may need some volunteers to assist.

#### Greens and surrounds

Over the Christmas period the edges of the greens will be repaired and 3 metres of sand has been delivered to the Club to enable this work to be done.

Several outside rubbish bins have been replaced.

We are going to look into purchasing/making a ramp to allow our greens to be wheelchair accessible.

#### Bowls successes

Some information on the recent exploits of our lady bowlers.

Di Hands has defeated Marika Armstrong in the final of the A grade Club Championship.

Marika Armstrong's team defeated Sandra Wallace's team in the final of GVBD triples.

Bev Cahill and Bev Thorne played in the State Ladies Over 60 Pairs. They won their first two games at that level.

Well done to you all.

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#### Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner was held at the Club on Friday 15 December. Despite an early lack of numbers on the list, we had an excellent turn up of 90 members and partners. We were very well fed by Murph's Roving Roast and well watered by Glenn and Jim on the bar. The entertainer was excellent and he even had some of the ladies (NO MEN) up and dancing after a few wines had taken hold.

Thank you to everyone for attending.

A special *Thank You* to Marg. Stibbard for persisting with the function, and, eventually rounding up the numbers to make this a very successful night.

Well done Marg.

## Victorian Open 2017

The Vic Open has been run and won for another year. Once again, it was a huge effort from many of our members, and I am going to list them below, in no particular order.

\* The organising committee for bringing together all the big, and small, details to, once again, make another hugely successful event.

We believe it was our biggest, and best, event yet and the figures back this up.

\* Our office staff, Bill, Jim, Marie and Val for their very long hours ensuring that all the paperwork/organisation ran smoothly.

\* Our announcers: Wes Gibbs and Stan Hester for long days ensuring the masses were fully informed.

\* The kitchen ladies under the expert guidance of Marg and Robyn in preparing lovely food for all.

\* The Bar Manager, Glenn, and all the bar staff for long days and late nights. I know that every shift on the bar was incredibly busy. Glenn made many trips to replenish the stock.

\* BBQ staff under Murray, and his band of workers. The BBQ was also extremely busy for most of the time, and the workers toiled under hot and trying conditions for most of the time.

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\* The greens staff, Rob, Ray and helpers for the early mornings and long days ensuring the greens ran very well, the surrounds looked magnificent and bins were emptied, etc. The rain prior to, and following, the Open was also very helpful.

\* The ladies manning the trading table throughout the week for a great job.

\* Marg Stibbard for organising the raffle, and, together with Dave Hardie, and others selling the tickets for another very successful raffle.

\* Our cleaners, Flo and Kath for working extra shifts to keep our facilities clean throughout the event.

\* Last, but not least, our wonderful volunteers who turned up in large numbers to set up and then take down the show rink.

A wonderful effort by everyone.

I sincerely hope I have not overlooked anyone.

The Vic Open committee would like to thank **EVERY MEMBER** who turned up to do their allotted shifts on the various rosters. After a few hiccups on the first day I believe everything ran fairly well thereafter.

At this time we are still unaware whether the Victorian Open will continue at Shepparton Park.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE**

## Vic Open BBQ

To give you an indication of the amount of food used at the BBQ tent, Murray has provided the quantities purchased.

Onions	30kg
Sausages	350
Hamburgers	825
Bacon	45kg
Eggs	102 dozen
Bread rolls	1350
Dim Sims	2500
Chips	12 boxes
Potato Cakes	1400
Fish	24 boxes

All cooked and served to perfection.

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## Pennant

Midweek Pennant will resume on 16/01/2018 and Saturday Pennant will resume on 13/01/2018.

Most of our Pennant teams are in very competitive positions at this time. We hope all bowlers refresh and revitalise over the Christmas Break and return to face the business end of the season.

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## Stirrers Day

This annual event may be played on 7/1/2018 together with some Club Championship games. Watch for more information on the notice boards.

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**MERRY**

**CHRISTMAS**

**AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS**

**AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

**DRIVE SAFELY**