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February 2017 Newsletter

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

February 2017

Thur 16 Men's 2x2 Jackpot pairs
 Thur 16 Ladies 60&over Hill Top
 Fri 17 Ladies 100up Round 3
 Fri 17 Ladies Pairs
 Sun 19 Men's 21up Round 4
 Sun 19 Mixed Pairs Round 3
 Wed 22 Men's 60&over Stanhope
 Wed 22 Night Pennant Round 16
 Thur 23 Men's 2x2 Jackpot pairs
 Thur 23 Ladies 60&over East Shepp.
 Fri 24 Ladies 100up Round 4
 Fri 24 Ladies Pairs
 Sun 26 Mixed Pairs Final

March 2017

Wed 1 Men's 60&over Dookie & Stanhope
 Wed 1 Night Pennant Quarter Finals
 Thur 2 Men's 2x2 Jackpot Pairs
 Thur 2 Ladies 60&over Moor. Golf
 Fri 3 Ladies 21up Round 1
 Fri 3 Ladies Invitation Triples
 Mon 6 Drawn Canadian Triples R 1
 Wed 8 Men's 60&over Mooroopna
 Wed 8 Ladies 60&over Shepp. Park
 Wed 8 Night Pennant Semi Finals
 Thur 9 Men's 2x2 Jackpot pairs
 Fri 10 Ladies 21up Round 2
 Fri 10 Ladies Pairs
 Mon 13 Drawn Canadian Pairs R. 2
 Wed 15 Men's 60&over East Shepp.
 Wed 15 Night Pennant Final
 Thur 16 Tournament— St Patricks
 Charity Day—Mixed fours.

Details Changed

Any member who has changed address, phone details or email please let the Secretary know so that we can keep the Club records up to date.
 Thank you.

Coaching

We are pleased to advise that our Bowls coach, Mark Ryan, has agreed to continue in that role for a further 12 months.
 Well done Mark.

5 a side Tournament

A very successful 5 a side tournament was held on Thursday 9 February. 20 teams of 5 bowlers took part in the day and the team with the most points at the end of the day was led by Gavan Flanagan.

Conditions were very hot and trying and the event was eventually called off in the mid afternoon.

We thank all participants, our great band of helpers, and our wonderful Sponsors on the day:-
 Mark McNamara—Professionals Real Estate
 Mark O'Sullivan—Shepparton Carpet Court.

Please support them and all of our other valued sponsors.

Midweek Pennant

The Tuesday pennant season is fast coming to an end—only 2 games left. A breakup dinner will be held at our valued sponsor, The Peppermill hotel, on Tuesday March 14 at 6.30pm. A great night will be had by all with hopefully a couple of premierships to celebrate.

Birthdays

Paul Becroft, Jim Broadbent, Leigh Clark, Ken Cuthbert, Glenn Edwards, Mick Landy, Rick Osborne, Jean Roulston, Mark Ryan, David Slingo, Paul Warren, Betty Bicknell, Elaine Brewster and Shirley Raglus

A very happy birthday to one and all.

Upcoming events

The very popular St Patrick's Day charity event is coming up on Thursday March 16. 3 games of Mixed fours starting at 12 noon following a sausage sizzle lunch. A great fun day with a huge number of prizes.

The benefitting charity this year is Shepparton Food Share. Entries on the board or to Wes Gibbs 58232192 or David Slingo 0428231659.

First Aid / Defibrillator

Our first aid kits have been updated to the latest standard and a new kit has been placed in the kitchen. The other kit is in the cupboard, to the left, of the door in the members room. Our defibrillator is hanging on the wall next to this cupboard. The members room is to the right as you come in the front door.

Queens Birthday Tournament

We are looking for one or more members to step up and organise, and run, the Queens Birthday Tournament on the weekend Saturday 10 June to Monday 12 June. Anyone with an interest in organising this event please make yourself known to Wes Gibbs or Bill Gullick. There are experienced people who will be happy to guide you along the way.

Greens and surrounds

Our Greens Director, Ray Phillips, would like to thank our members who turn up to take care of the surrounds of our greens. Mowing, taking care of the gardens, etc. make our Club a pleasure to play at. Ray also congratulates the members of the Greens committee who are always willing to put in the hard yards to look after our greens and grounds.

Triples Winners

Congratulations to Dave Hardie, Glenn Thatcher and Dennis Smyth who have won the Regional Final of the State Triples Championships.

Their next game is at the Bowls Victoria State Championship at Bendigo East from April 20 to 26.

Good luck in your endeavours to collect the State title.

Skipper Talk

Skipper: "Play the open hand".

Translation: "Don't risk running into short bowls".

Skipper: "Play this side. You will draw around that short Bowl".

Translation: "Take grass, Don't run into that short bowl".

Skipper: "That short bowl won't worry you. It's two metres short and not in your line".

Translation: "I hope he/she doesn't run into that short Bowl".

Skipper: "It's up and down for shot. Draw as close as you can".

Translation: "We don't have shot. Draw as close as you can".

Skipper: "Come through here. Make sure you reach".

Translation: "Don't be short".

Skipper: "Come through here. Be positive".

Translation: "Don't be short".

With thanks to Ash Williamson (Shepp News) and Robyn MacFadyen.

Board matters

- Our Club first aid kits have been replenished and brought up to the latest standard. There are NO pain killers or analgesics kept in the kits.
- We have indicated to the GVBD that we will enter a team, or teams, in a proposed 4 week, twilight bowls competition following the end of the pennant season. More later.
- We have also indicated to the GVBD that we are ready, and willing, to hold Goulburn Valley Bowls finals. More later.
- Brett Collins has serviced all of the Clubs air conditioners.
- We are investigating the acquisition of a new weather station, and, more up to date thermometer. This is as a result of events on Saturday 11 where

many people decided to "check the temperature" to see if it was "too hot". Only the relevant Team Managers have this responsibility.

The new weather box will be locked.

- The East carpark has been relined by the local Council. We will request that they also do the same in the West carpark.
- The Bowls committee have discussed the format of the next bowls season and have requested a 14 week season with 8 teams in each division. The Board also felt that we should request that there be no bowls on Melbourne Cup Day and no bowls on the Tuesday prior to Christmas. It was also felt bowls could commence one week later. We are early with our requests, and, we will see what eventuates.
- The Board are in the process of upgrading the large, outdated Sponsors Board, near the Southern front entrance to our Club. The proposal is to obtain a smaller, lighter, more mobile board that will give our valued sponsors better publicity in a more professional manner.

Late News

We would also like to congratulate Di Hands, Marg Thorne and Glenn Thatcher. They have been selected to play for the Central Goulburn Murray Bowls Region in the following events:

Women's Regional Championships at Murray Downs (Swan Hill) from 31 March-2 April 2017

Men's Regional Championship at Corowa from 28-30 April 2017.

A great achievement by these bowlers. Good luck in your respective events.

Reminders

- Friday night happy hour continues. Come along and enjoy the company, snacks and drinks at happy hour prices.
- Saturday, after bowls, meals are still going strong. Don't go home and cook a meal. Make life easy and Grab a nice meal, and ice cream at the Club and Enjoy the company.
- Midweek pennant celebration dinner at the Peppermill hotel at 6.30 on Tuesday March 14.
- St Patricks Day tournament on Thursday March 16 Mixed fours, many prizes, sausage sizzle before. Great fun for all.

Good luck to all teams, and bowlers as we enter the final matches of the season, and, then the finals.