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March 2018 Newsletter

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

Ongoing bowls

Thursday's Men's 2x2 pairs
Contact: Ross Higgins
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Friday's Ladies Pairs
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Upcoming events:

The Central Goulburn Murray Midweek Pennant Championship will be played at Shepparton Park on Tuesday 27/3/2018. Our Division 1 Midweek pennant winning team will be playing in this event. All members are invited to come along to support our team, and, to see some top class bowls.

Bowlers arms

At the first week of pennant finals an inspection of bowlers arm cards/certificates was undertaken. Unfortunately 3 of our Division 3 bowlers could not produce this card. The team lost by only 1 shot, but, if they had won they would most likely have been disqualified. This would have been disastrous for the bowlers involved, and, our club. All bowlers using an arm MUST have their accreditation with them at all official games as this inspection could have happened at any game, at any venue. Any bowlers needing a card should get a Doctor's certificate and see the Secretary who will obtain a card for you. It takes 7-10 days.

Merritt Funerals

Merritt Funerals, who are one of our Major Sponsors, are holding an information session at their MacIsaac Road, Mooroopna premises on 22 March 2018 at 10am. There are posters on our notice boards, and, if anyone wishes to attend please RSVP to Merritt's by Tuesday 20 March 2018.

St Patricks Day Charity Event

The Club has again held its annual charity day event on Thursday 15 March. There was a large attendance of eager bowlers, from all over the region, who again supported this event. We had 34 teams of bowlers, 136 in all, and they all seemed to enjoy the bowls, and the fun. We must thank our wonderful sponsors and donors for wholeheartedly supporting this day. I believe that around \$14,000 in goods and services was donated by many local businesses, for the many raffles and spinning wheel lucky numbers.

Our valued sponsors for the day were Bicknells Freight and Kruegers Fine Meats in Colliver Road. Thank you all. Of course, these events do not just happen and we congratulate Margot Dobson, Ron Holland and there great band of workers for the huge effort they put in.

The day raised about \$5800 for Goulburn Valley Health to purchase 2 patient monitors.

THANK YOU EVERYONE

Pennant finals

The pennant finals have been run, and won. Unfortunately we were not successful in any Division, but the Club has had a very good season to get their Div. 1, 2, 3 & 4 teams into finals.

Division 1

They had a great finals series and with an ounce of luck could have won the grand final. About 6 weeks ago you could have had long odds about them even making finals, and, it has been a wonderful effort in getting to where they did. Well done to all involved.

Division 2

A great effort to reach the grand final. On watching the G.F. It was apparent that they were simply outclassed by a superior opponent on the day.

Another great year of bowls by all.

Division 3

Were struggling all year with many team changes and unavailability of players. Were very unlucky to lose their final by 1 shot, however, if they had won they may have been disqualified due to bowlers arm approvals.

A very good year from all concerned after a slow start.

Division 4

Also struggled with team changes, illness and unavailability. Made the Preliminary final but were not good enough in the finals. The 4 P.F. Skips had about 25 games experience between them. A very good, but disappointing year.

Important news for ALL members

Bowls Committee AGM to be held on 18/4/2018

The AGM of the Bowls Committee is to be held on 18/4/18. As is usual there will be a number of office bearer positions needing to be filled (details on the notice board).

We ask that ALL members give very serious consideration to taking up a position on the committee to help with the successful running of our club.

Over the past few years it has been very difficult to fill all the required positions. Some of the elected positions require more time and involvement than others, but we would ask everyone to consider a task that suits their personal circumstances.

We have also received a survey, from the GVBD, regarding the format of Midweek bowls for the 2018-19 season. The survey requires that we survey ALL members, rather than the Board sending in answers that they think the members want.

With this in mind we will be distributing the survey to all members at the AGM for their opinions. It is imperative that we get as many of our members to attend the Bowls Committee AGM on 18 April so that we can get a full appraisal of what our members think. There will be NO Proxy voting.

MIDWEEK PENNANT OPTIONS FOR THE 2018—19 SEASON.

- A Stand-Alone Women’s Pennant Competition Played on Tuesday alongside an Open Midweek Pennant played on Friday.

Yes..... No.....

- Men can play in any position other than Skip in all divisions.

Yes..... No.....

- Open Midweek Pennant with all bowlers selected on ability.

Yes..... No.....

- Composite Sides encouraged to support smaller clubs to help make them more competitive.

Yes..... No.....

- Midweek Pennant as is, on a Tuesday.

Yes..... No.....

- Midweek Pennant as is, on a Friday. (Benefits involved in Greens preparation, also the fact that two pennant competitions are played on successive days allows couples to get away for midweek breaks, and that most Bowlers are unlikely to play in the two Competitions).

Yes..... No.....

- Men can only play in the positions of Lead or Second in Division 1.

Yes..... No.....

Plus two additional items for Club response:

- Holding Women’s State events on a weekend rather than during the week.

Yes..... No.....

- Holding of all State events at Regional Level only.

Yes..... No.....

There are some very important questions that will seriously affect our Midweek pennant bowlers from next year.

We would urge all of our members to attend, and complete this survey. Our Bowls Committee AGM is on 18/4/18, and, these results have to be submitted to the GVBD by 20/4/18.

Please attend and have your say. There will be no point complaining when decisions are made that you may not agree with.

Presentation Night

The Club presentation night will be held on Friday 27 April 2018. We invite all members to attend this important night.

VERY IMPORTANT

Club Greenkeeping

The Club is seeking a person who may have an interest in learning the greenkeeping caper. Rob Thorne will remain as our greenkeeper for next season but he does require assistance.

Does any member have an interest in this, or, know of a relative, friend or acquaintance who may be interested in learning these skills.

If so, please see Rob or the Secretary.