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November 2019 Newsletter

Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2020

Ongoing bowls.

Thursday Open 2X2 Pairs will continue through the summer months.

Starts 10.30am

Names on the list. Salad roll lunch.

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If you put your name on the list please let the boys know if you are unable to attend as other bowlers may miss out if you don't.

Rose Green

Just a reminder for all bowlers please avoid eating and/or drinking on the Rose Green carpet at all times.

All bowling greens

Can we please also request that all bowlers respect the greens open/closed indicator board in front of the clubrooms.

From time to time the green keepers will be required to close some of our greens or the carpet. This is done for a reason. The grass may have been sprayed with dangerous chemicals, a green may have been groomed, or is being rested.

The Rose Green may have been shampooed and need to dry out, or, some other work has/will be done. Please respect these signs.

Lockers

Please be aware that there are lockers available in both outside toilets. These are on rental basis of \$25 per annum.

Victorian Open

The date for 2020 Victorian Open is 20-27 November. Please mark your diaries.

Bowlers Arms

The club is in the process of purchasing several bowlers arms of different types/sizes for members to practice with.

Please record your details in the book if you take an arm, and return it promptly.

Vic Open Raffle

The raffle has been drawn and the lucky winners are:

- 1st Set of Henselite Bowls
Helen Paul
- 2nd \$100 Coles Myer voucher
Patsy Abraham
- 3rd \$100 Coles Myer voucher
Sue Shaw
- 4th \$100 Coles Myer voucher
Vince Page
- 5th Shepparton Bowls Shop
Doug Freeman

Congratulations to all.

A huge thank you to Marg Stibbard for running the raffle and to Marg, Dave Hardie and Milton Stibbard for the thankless job of sitting and selling the tickets.

Pennant Bowls

Pennant bowls resumed on Saturday. Unfortunately our teams were not too successful, except for Divisions 4 and 6.

We will put this down to exhaustion and lack of practice due to the Vic. Open.

Back into winning mode next week

Club games

Now that the Vic. Open is over can all members with club games to be played please play their matches in a timely manner. Thank you.

Games washed out on 2/11/19

Just an advice to all Saturday pennant bowlers that the games washed out on November 2 will not be replayed on the December make up Saturday.

All teams were awarded 9 points each.

Foundation Green

The Foundation Green will be refurbished in early December and will be out of action for a while. Further advice as the job progresses.

Bar Duty

Could all bar duty teams please be aware of the duties involved.

1. Your duty week will commence on Sunday and finish on Saturday evening.
2. You will be required to open on practice nights, Tuesday and now Friday from about 4 until 6.30.
3. Wednesday night pennant will generally be looked after by Vince and Graeme.
4. Please check with Ray to see what other functions are on that week, and, whether your services are required.

With Christmas approaching there are a number of breakup and other functions rostered.

Thank you all.

Finances—costs

There may be a perception among some members that the Board of your club are stockpiling money and not spending anything for the good of all members.

I will give all members a glimpse into the club's finances so that everyone can get a fuller understanding of where membership fees, green fees, bar takings and all other income sources are expended.

For the month of September our expenditure was \$19,283.

Major costs: Purchase of supplies, bar, kitchen, etc. \$4,034, Wages \$3250, Origin Energy (Gas) \$1,381, GV Bowls—affiliation \$2,058, Chemicals & pesticides for our greens \$3,126 plus a number of smaller accounts.

That amount may seem large, however during the month of October the expenses were \$37,190.

This included amounts such as: Purchase of supplies, bar, kitchen, etc. \$5,883, Wages \$3,250, Coaching and honorariums \$7,125, Purchase of new greens roller \$8,380 (we did receive a grant for half of this cost), City of Shepparton \$939 (water) and \$8,954 (Insurance of the premises) plus many other accounts.

As you can all see the Bowls club is similar to a reasonable sized business. We do have healthy financial reserves but the Board are currently investigating a proposal to attempt to drought proof our greens. This will involve purchasing two large water tanks, a pump, a generator and all associated pipeworks and fittings. During Christmas last year we nearly lost our grass greens because of lack of water in the storage dam. They were only saved by a huge amount of work by our greens staff. To lose the greens would be a disaster for our club.

We are also in the early stages of investigating the construction of a roof off the North end of the Rose Green across to the Foundation Green.

This would enable us to remove the shade structures, fences and open up this whole area for better access for all.

Of course, our plans are to refurbish the Rose Green and replace the carpet at the end of this season. Cost \$125,000 +/- . We must keep the Rose Green surface in top notch condition to keep our status as one of the best venues around.

As you can see there is plenty of activity in the financial area. The aim of the Board is to keep the club in a very secure financial position whilst always looking to improve our facilities for everyone.

This enables us to spend money on worthwhile projects and to continually upgrade and improve our wonderful facilities.

Victorian Open

Another Victorian Open has been run and won.

It seemed to me to be our biggest and best yet, and it was only delayed by some horrific hot weather on Thursday.

Once again our magnificent club volunteers have come to the fore and got the job done.

I am not going to name names, but, everyone who did their bit will know who they are, and, hopefully they will take great pride in their efforts over a very busy and tiring 8 days.

Tournament office: well done to the team in the office for running this very large tournament in such a professional fashion. Very well led by the 2 veterans a great job by all.

Greens/surrounds staff: a huge amount of work is done by our very professional greens staff. Keeping the greens, and Rose Green, in tip top condition over 8 days of heavy use, dry, warm and very hot conditions is a very challenging job.

People may not realise that these men are here in the early hours to mow and roll the greens, and, to blow the dirt, leaves, etc off the Rose Green.

All rubbish and recyclable bins have to be emptied, trips to the shops to get supplies, gas bottles changed over, and, many other tasks. Great work guys.

Kitchen: Another huge effort by our wonderful catering ladies (although I did see 1 man working in there). The kitchen staff put in some very long hours keeping everyone fed with a minimum of fuss.

A huge well done to the catering staff. Their numbers included at least 1 man and a number of our Wednesday night social bowlers.

BBQ: Another exceptional effort by our BBQ volunteers. Their numbers included maybe 6 or 8 Wednesday night social bowlers, some of whom did multiple shifts. There were several days of very warm and trying conditions but they all stuck to the task of feeding the masses. The BBQ was also in operation until around 9pm most nights and I think this was appreciated by the attendees.

Bar: The bar was very busy throughout the Open, and our members turned up when rostered and performed their shift as required. Several of our newish members who only recently received their RSA certificate also completed shifts. The Eftpos machine was very busy on every day.

Trading table: As always the trading table was a popular place with many bargains to be had. The ladies were there for every shift and did a great job. The Wednesday night set up and Sunday morning cleanup were very well attended by about 20 helpers and we thank them all.

**A magnificent performance by our members and the team spirit was absolutely great
THANK YOU EVERYONE.**