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October 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.

Contact: Ross Higgins

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If you put your name on the sheet and are unavailable on the day please ring the club to let the boys know.

If one pair don't turn up another pair misses out on a game.

Pennant

We ask ALL members to appreciate and respect the Midweek and Saturday selection panels.

This is an extremely difficult and challenging job.

The selectors will be doing the very best job they can in the interests of the club.

If you are not happy with where you are selected, please, at least give the season a few weeks to see how it all settles down.

We ask bowlers not to approach individual selectors to complain, whinge or grizzle.

If you have a grievance please arrange to see the selection panel, at their selection meeting on Tuesday (midweek) or Tuesday evening (Weekend).

Rose Green

Just a forward notice that the Rose Green carpet will be shampooed in the next few weeks, and, it will therefore be out of action for a few days.

Saturday night meals

The ever popular after Saturday pennant meals will be on again each week. Thank you Marg Thorne and helpers for this service. This year the meals will be \$12.50 each, \$25 per couple. This price includes a lovely meal, an ice cream and a ticket in a meat tray raffle.

Why go home and cook after bowls when you can stay and enjoy a lovely meal with your team mates.

Bowls

This season there will most likely be several Friday/Saturday night pennant bowls games on the carpet. Why not plan to stay and have a great meal, a drink or two, and watch the bowls.

Bowlers arms

The trial bowlers arms that the club has for loan are not in the greatest state of repair.

With that in mind we are looking into obtaining several arms, of different types for our bowlers to practice with and try out with a view to buying one.

More news soon.

Grant received

We are very happy to announce that we have been lucky to receive a grant of \$4189.90 towards a new green roller.

Our existing roller is over 10 years old and needs servicing.

We thank the City of Greater Shepparton for assisting us with, and approving, this grant.

Ladies Tournament

On Wednesday October 16 the Ladies conducted a most successful tournament under the stewardship of Sandra Wallace.

The tournament was played on the Rose Green due to threatening rain. A number of top class lady bowlers, and teams, were in attendance and great bowls were played.

It was wonderful to see several of our new lady bowlers included in local teams. Great experience for those ladies who bowled very well. With all of this in mind we would like to respectfully request that some of our spectators show a little more dignity and decorum whilst watching the bowls.

Catering report

We have catered for the men's 60 & over, Golden Square practice match, 3 BBQ's and the wake for Bill Sinclair.

Coming up we have the Women's 4s on Wednesday (since gone) and on the 21st the bowlers from NSW will be provided with lunch and a hot dinner. The Vic. Open is fast approaching, and, we will need some volunteers in the kitchen, so if you have some free time that would help us out.

Could all members (men included) please check the rosters for both Thursday and Saturdays and if the day doesn't suit you, please swap with another member.

Lastly Robyn and I would like to thank all members for their assistance and support.
Helen and Robyn.

Vic. Open Trading Table

With the trading table for the Vic. Open we ask all members if they have items they may be able to donate for sale. Items such as plants, produce, books, crochet items, etc. Please contact Marg Stibbard.

We hope to run the trading table for about 4 days from 8.30am to 12.30pm (morning shift) with the afternoon shift from 12.30pm to around 4pm.

Can we have any volunteers to work the table, preferably in shifts of 2.

Every worker will receive a meal voucher whilst working.

Thanks from the Vic. Open Committee.

Duty teams duties on Pennant days

We would like to refresh the duties of the named duty teams on each pennant day.

The duty team is usually named on the pennant team sheet. Please take note of which team has the duty for that day and ensure that if you are named the following duties are undertaken.

- Put out and pick up all mats and kitties and return them to the appropriate receptacle.
- Put out and collect scoreboards and return them to the front of the greenkeepers shed. Collect all corner flags on the greens and return them to the bin in the greens shed. Could male bowlers in these teams complete these tasks.
- Take down the flags on the flagpoles and return them to the container in the tournament office.
- Ensure the umpires kit is returned to the tournament office.
- Generally tidy up and place drink cups, etc in the bin, and, return coffee cups to the kitchen.

If all members would be good enough to do these things it would greatly appreciated.

If it is not done we know who has to do it, "the usual suspects".

Vic Open rosters

With the Vic. Open commencing on November 15 our lists are on the notice board for members willing to volunteer for the following duties.

Markers and Umpires: David Slingo is looking for quite a few volunteers to do these important tasks. Some names are on the list already and many more are needed.

BBQ workers. Murray Phillips also has a list on the board. No names as yet. The BBQ is a great money spinner for YOUR club and we need a lot of people to complete all the shifts. Please take the pressure off Murray and put your name down ASAP.

Older bowlers not playing pennant.

At our recent Board meeting a very thoughtful and worthwhile idea was put forward by a Board member. The suggestion is this:- We have a number of bowlers, both Male and Female, who are no longer able to complete a full game of pennant. We propose to hold a game of bowls, alongside the pennant games, in which our older bowlers can participate.

They will play in uniform under the roof, bring their lunch and pay \$2 to participate. They could pull out at anytime if they were unable to continue, or, their game could finish at lunch time after about 12 ends. We will extend this opportunity to the visiting clubs also.

We believe this idea gives our older bowlers an opportunity to participate and to still feel that they are part of the club.

Whingeing Bill

I am sure all of our members get great pleasure coming to Shepparton Park to play bowls. We have one of the very best facilities anywhere.

We would like to ask ALL members to give a bit more thought to how they use our facilities. There is too much work being left to too few members. After every bowls day there are coffee cups left outside, many drink cups and other rubbish left lying around.

There are cups and empty drink containers and rubbish left on tables inside.

Could everyone please just give a few minutes to take cups to the kitchen and rubbish to the bins.

We also ask people to close our external gates behind them if they are among the last to leave. The next person coming out can close the gate behind them. If there is no one behind you the gate is left open.

These are all small things but if they are not done it is always left to the same people to do them.

Thanks. **Grumpy Bill**

Pennant

Midweek and Saturday pennant are underway.

Still early days yet but all teams seem to be competitive. We ask that everyone attend training whenever possible and enjoy your bowls.

Once again, if you are not selected where you think you should be please give the season a few weeks to settle down (especially Saturday after 1 week).

Our selectors do their very best to select teams on ability and compatibility in the best interests of OUR club.

Please respect the very difficult task they have undertaken and arrange to talk to them at selection meetings, only, if you have a grievance.