



# Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc

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## September 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

0408580111

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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.

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### RSA Certification

To be able to work behind the bar a RSA certificate is required. We currently have 7 names on the list to complete this certificate. This involves a 3 hour course which the club will pay for.

We are quickly gearing up for the new pennant season and the Vic. Open and Bar Manager Ray Phillips is always looking for more assistance. If you would like more information ask Ray what is involved and then if willing put your name on the list to get a RSA.

This will be the last call for members to do this course, at the present time, as we will be arranging for the course to go ahead in the very near future.

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### Newsletter

We seem to have members who believe that they do not hear any news of what is happening around the club.

A newsletter is put out around the 20th of each month. This is so that any important decisions made at the monthly board meeting can be advised to the members.

The newsletter can be accessed via the club website. Go to the club website:

**[www.sheppartonparkbowls.com.au](http://www.sheppartonparkbowls.com.au)** and click on the **newsletter** link near the top of the page.

Paper copies are in the holder on the notice board directly inside the Northern front door.

Please contact me if you can't access or obtain a copy.

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### Bar roster

New bar rosters have now been issued. If you have not yet received one please see Ray Phillips.

The duty week runs from Sunday until Saturday inclusive. You can collect the duty key from the bar.

If you are unable to complete your rostered session please arrange a swap with another member.

Please talk to Ray if you have any questions.

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### Pennant Bowls

The new season is coming around very quickly. If you have not yet indicated your willingness to play please do so NOW. Midweek and Saturday still require players.

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### Greens Roster

A greens roster has also been issued, and, if you haven't received one please see Murray Phillips. Members have always turned up to assist by mowing the surrounds and other duties.

The lawn mowing does not take very long and with the retirement of our gardener, Bill Probst, we would appreciate it if our lawn mowers could also spend a bit of time on

the surrounds, weeding, watering and tidying.

This would keep our surrounds looking great and a credit to our club.

Thank you all.

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### Club Games

We ask that any members playing club games please avoid playing your games between 3.30pm and 6pm on Tuesdays. Tuesday is our main training night and our coach, Paul, is usually running drills to improve our skills.

Club games in the middle of our games can often interfere with practice.

Entry lists and forms for some club events are up on the outside noticeboard. Please enter now and as many events as you want.

Entry fee **MUST** be included with your form.

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### Shade Shelters

The 4 metal shade shelters, very kindly donated to us by East Shepparton Bowls Club, have now been erected at the West end of the Members green.

Thank you to Rob Thorne for expertly setting them out to enable a very quick and easy erection process. Thank you to Graeme Sinclair for painting the shelters. Thank you also to the 10 or 12 members who turned up to assist. It only took about 20 minutes to complete.

A big thank you to Sue Tyson, (and Dicky), for providing the morning tea. Fresh scones with jam and cream. Yum. Yum. Well done everyone.

## UPCOMING BOWLS SEASON

The bowls season is approaching very quickly. The older we get the quicker the seasons come around.

We have a **VERY** busy time coming up and I will list everything below.

**September 20, Friday:** Midweek bowlers practice match versus Moama—at Moama.  
2 Teams required. Leaving 8.30am for 10am start.

**September 21, Saturday:** Weekend pennant bowlers practice match at Benalla. Private cars leaving at 11am. Benalla providing BBQ lunch.

**September 28, Saturday:** AFL Grand Final day. Practice match for anyone interested. 10am start.

**October 1, Tuesday:** Midweek Pennant starts.

**October 5, Saturday:** Weekend practice match. Golden Square visit Shepparton Park. BBQ lunch followed by bowls at 1pm. Afternoon tea supplied after game.

**October 19, Saturday:** Weekend pennant starts.

**October 21, Monday:** Whilst maybe not the ideal day we have a group of visiting bowlers from the Northern Rivers District Bowls Association visiting our club. A group of 40 bowlers will arrive at 12noon to share lunch with our members. They will then play bowls against our members, most likely 2 bowl triples, and, then join us for dinner at about 5.30pm. This should be a fun, social day and I would ask ALL members to consider participating in the day. A list will be on the board in due course.

**State Titles:** The first events close in mid September. Entry forms should be out soon.

### Region Sides Championships

The Shepparton Park Bowls Club will be holding these championships, Male and Female, on 3,4 & 5 April 2020.

They will be held in conjunction with East Shepparton and Shepparton Golf Bowls Clubs.

This is in effect a mini Victorian Open.

There will be approximately 450—500 bowlers and officials in town and an unknown number of family and supporters attending.

Once again, we will be looking to our wonderful volunteers to put in a big effort.

Full details are unknown at this time, but, will be announced to members when known.

### Victorian Open

We are seeking a Chairman for the Victorian Open committee. If there is any member who believes they may have the necessary skills to take on this role please speak to the secretary.

The job entails announcements through the day and a couple of short speeches during the open.

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### New Members

We have a number of past members returning to our club, and, also new members joining us.

Please welcome these members back to, or to, our club. I am sure they will appreciate the welcome.

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### 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).

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### Subscriptions

There are still some members who have not paid their subs., and they are therefore not financial.

With Midweek pennant starting on October 1 and Saturday pennant starting on October 19 we ask that all members become financial.

Records will be checked prior to these pennant games and members who are not financial will not be eligible to play, and therefore will not be selected.

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### Rose Green Lights

The first 2 rows of lights at each end of the Rose Green have been lowered a bit. The aim is to provide better light over each end of the green in the vicinity of where the “head” will usually be located. This should allow bowlers up the other end to more easily see where the kitty and bowls are located.

Once again, thanks to Rob Thorne who was up on the work platform, and the members who pushed him around.

Also once again a huge thank you to Sue Tyson for the magnificent warm muffins.

You guys are really spoiled.