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APRIL 2020 Newsletter

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

Hello to all of our bowlers and their families. We hope that everyone is keeping safe and well in these very troubled times. I know that many members were hoping to head away over the winter months, as they usually do. Most of those plans are now up in the air with isolation requirements, travel restrictions and state border closures. Some members are looking for old and new ways to get through their Coronavirus imposed restrictions. I have heard of members having a roll in their hallway, reading, doing jigsaws and dragging out the old stamp collection. I believe some may have purchased a roll of carpet to practice at home.

There is nothing happening in the bowls world for the foreseeable future. In spite of that planning for the 2020-21 season is still required for if, and when, we do get going. Below is some information regarding bowls going forward.

Pennant—Season 2020-2021

We have been asked by the GVBD to submit our team requirements for next season. At this stage we will do so with very little information available with regards to our player numbers, etc. Last season we had the following teams entered:-

Midweek Pennant : Divisions 1, 2, 2X4 and 5.

We do not know if our Premiership winning Div. 2 team will be promoted to Division 1, but, we assume so.

We would therefore have 2 Division 1 teams, hopefully 1 Division 3 team, 1 Division 4 & a Division 5 team.

Weekend Pennant : With no weekend pennant winners we will most likely have teams in Divisions 1,2,3,4 & 6 as per last season. We would like to see our Division 6 team in Division 5 but we can't be sure if this will happen.

With all of this information we would ask that ALL intending Midweek and Weekend pennant players for next season advise the club of their intentions. There is a list for intending Midweek bowlers on the outside notice board. If you intend to commit to pennant bowls next season please add your name to that list OR phone, sms or email the Secretary on:-
secretary@sheppartonparkbowls.com.au
OR phone / SMS
0407585412

I am happy to record details of everyone wanting to play pennant bowls next season. We need to establish our numbers ASAP.

Regarding Midweek pennant for season 2020-21, I will quote some information below from the GVBD bulletin dated 23/3/2020.

James McLeod, GVBD Chairman, stated the following:-

Midweek pennant 2020-21 will be OPEN.

All players to be selected on **ABILITY not GENDER.**

I think we are to assume that men can play in any position, although, I have not yet received official notification of this.

New Carpet—Rose Green

At this stage the replacement of the carpet will commence in early May. Tiger Turf are still allowed to work. They only have a small team and can safely practice distancing in their workplace.

We have also installed a Sonic bird scarer on the Rose Green (Thanks Rob.) We believe this equipment worked very well in getting rid of the birds when the grass on the new football oval was sown. Time will tell.

Meetings / Elections

At this stage ALL meetings have been postponed until further notice.

I note that the Victorian Premier has this morning (Sunday) extended the existing restrictions for 1 month, until 12th May 2020.

Perhaps at that time we will have a better idea of when bowls may get up and running again.

Club Booklet

A reminder for all members to advise the Secretary if their name is not in the booklet, or their details, phone numbers are incorrect.

Not sure when the booklet may be prepared this year, or what information will be included at this stage.

We will do the best we can.

Member Birthdays

Barb Allen, Jim Campbell, Val Gibbs, Pat Hubble, John Londrigan, Lloyd Mawson, Norm Mitchelmore, Vince Page, June Rodda, Stephen Russell, Shirley Sinclair & Margaret Stibbard.

A very happy birthday to you all. Keep those party numbers down.

Rose Green lights

Due to popular demand by our members a programmable timer switch has been fitted to the lights covering rinks 10,11 & 12. The timer is set to 1 hour and the switch is adjacent to the existing light box.

Please feel free to use the lights when playing club games or practising, but, as always please use them only as and when necessary.

STAY SAFE