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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.

Victorian Sides Championships

This event that was to be held at our club, East Shepparton and Shepparton Golf on April 3, 4 & 5 has now been cancelled.

This is unfortunate but an early and correct decision has been made by Bowls Victoria.

Other events may/will be cancelled in the coming days/weeks, so, I would urge all members to watch for advices that we will endeavour to provide.

Board Matters

The RSL have now removed all of their aluminium seats from our property, and these seats have been donated to the Dookie Bowls Club. A large number of our gate and clubroom keys have been returned to us, and the only RSL property still to be collected are a few sets of bowls. We thank all members for being so accepting and tolerant of the RSL sharing our facilities over the last few years.

A new larger key cabinet has been purchased and fixed on the office wall. We hope to get this labelled in the very near future.

The beeping defibrillator should be attended to soon.

Pennant

Pennant bowls have been run, and won, for another season.

I believe we should regard this season as a successful, but, slightly disappointing one for our club.

Midweek Pennant

We had 4 teams make the finals, 2 teams made their grand finals, and, one team won a premiership.

Division 2 won the flag. This is a wonderful effort as they would often be playing teams with many men, as they did in the grand final. They still prevailed and the club congratulates them for their performance.

It seems that Division 2 may be promoted to Div. 1 next year, so, we will once again have 2 teams in that division.

Division 1 reached the preliminary final which was also a great effort. They had an up and down year and had to play 2 very tough finals, once again, with many men playing against them. Both Division 4 teams made the finals with the 4A team playing in the grand final. Unfortunately they were not quite good enough on the day.

This was also a great effort, and testament to our depth.

Division 4A may be promoted to Division 3 due to the need to remove the bye in Division 1. We will wait and see what happens when all of this is sorted in the near future.

All in all a good year for Midweek bowlers and we hope to see everyone back next year. We are always looking for more bowlers. If you are aware of any likely recruits please bring them along.

Saturday Pennant

What can we say? A topsy turvy year resulting in Division 1 and Division 6 participating in their respective grand finals.

Divisions 1, 2 & 6 made the finals which is a wonderful effort.

Division 1 performed wonderfully well in their GF on Sunday. They led for most of the day, only to be overruled in the end by a champion team. No one gave our team much of a chance but they were so close.

Division 2 were defeated in their first final by Tatura. I believe our Div. 2 bowlers would regard this as an opportunity lost.

Divisions 3 & 4 had up and down years, and in the end, their fate was in their own hands. Unfortunately it was not to be, and I believe both Divisions would also be disappointed with how it all finished.

Division 6 put in a wonderful season. It is always very difficult to have settled teams in this division. If there are absences in the higher grades players always go up through the grades from Div. 6.

They played a grand final in impossible conditions. The greens very quick and the wind was terrible. Unfortunately some of our bowlers struggled with these conditions. A great season by all Division 6 bowlers.

Once again, we will inevitably have retirements from our Saturday pennant ranks. We need to recruit bowlers at all levels. If you know of anyone looking for a bowls club please invite them along.

GVBD Presentation night

This important evening is scheduled to be held at our Club on 27/4/2020.

We will need helpers on the night so please put your hand up to help.

There is a possibility that this may also be cancelled, but, we will have to wait until the event gets a bit closer. I am sure that the GVBD will act in a timely manner.

The meeting season

Now that pennant bowls is finished for another season we move on to that time of year where we have our Bowls Committee AGM, Presentation Night and our Club Board AGM.

At this stage the following important dates are to be diarised.

Thursday 16/4/2020

Bowls Committee AGM at 6.30pm

Presentation night at 7.30pm

Light supper to follow.

The decision was taken to hold both of these important events on the same night. This will save people coming out to 2 separate meetings.

At the Bowls Committee AGM we will be seeking to elect a bowls committee secretary along with electing members to the various committees that come within the bowls committee.

We urge ALL members to put their names forward to take a position in the operation of their club.

It is often left to the same people to fill these positions and we really need some "new blood" to come forward with new ideas, and new enthusiasm.

Details of this meeting, and, nomination forms will be posted at the club in the near future.

Wednesday 20/5/2020

The AGM of the Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc. at 7pm.

This very important meeting is still some way off, but, please mark it in your diary now. We have 4 Board positions up for election and it is vital that we get a full attendance.

The positions becoming vacant are:-

Secretary

Membership Director

Greens Director

Female Bowls Director All 2 year terms.

In addition to these positions we need nominations for the following manager positions :-

Bar Manager

Catering Manager

Social Activities Manager

Sponsorship Manager All 1 year terms.

Once again, we ask ALL members to give serious consideration to filling one of these important jobs.

We need members to put their hand up, nominate for a position and have a say in how YOUR club operates.

Coronavirus

We urge all members, their families and friends to keep safe during this worrying time.

St Patricks Charity Day Tournament

After much deliberation this event was cancelled on Monday evening on health and safety grounds.

An early decision had to be made in order to advise visiting bowlers in a timely manner.

Our organising committee had once again done a wonderful job in arranging approximately 140 bowlers from all over the region.

They had also collected a huge array of prizes, vouchers and other items to a value of about \$10,000. Well done to all involved.

We also thank our most valued sponsors for their continued generosity and community spirit in such trying conditions.

We hope to reschedule the Charity Day to September if conditions allow. At that time the suitable acknowledgement of our sponsors will be made.

The Shirley Sinclair day scheduled for March 24 has been cancelled by the GVBD, as has all 60 & over games for the rest of this season.

A number of other tournaments and events have also been cancelled, or may be in the near future.

Any members going to tournaments or events would be wise to check in with organisers a few days before that event.

Rose Green Birds

We will shortly be installing a sonic machine to keep the birds off our carpet. This device was used, to great effect, when the football oval was being sown with grass. We hope it works.

The Rose Green recarpeting is still scheduled for early / mid May. It will be very interesting to watch this process. Once this job is completed we will be looking to develop some joint events between East Shepparton and ourselves. We will sit down with East Shepparton in the near future to discuss our options.

Club Tournaments

The poor number of entries to some of our club events is a concern and a bit disappointing.

The Board is giving consideration to increasing our annual subs by around \$5- \$10 which would allow all members to be entered for all events with no further payment. Members would still have to put their name down for any/all events they wish to enter.

It is always a problem for organisers collecting \$7 entry fees from players.

Any decision on this will be made when the new board is in place after 20/5/2020.