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May 2020 Newsletter

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

BOWLS

Not too much news to talk about on the bowls front. We hope all members are keeping well and looking to return to bowls whenever that happens.

In the meantime we are able to practice under the following conditions

- Members only permitted.
- Members over 70 or with health issues are NOT encouraged to practice.
- Maximum of 20 bowlers at any time—do not enter if 20 inside.
- Wash hands before and after play.
- Please enter name / phone no. and arrival/departure times.
- The marked rinks are the only ones to be played on.
- Maximum 10 bowlers per green- 4 bowlers per rink.
- The same player ONLY to place mat and kitty.
- Do NOT share equipment.
- Members must leave immediately after practice—no hanging around or spectators.
- The clubrooms and bar are closed.

Sorry for all these requirements but this is the only way we are able to have a roll.

Our 2 grass greens have been mowed and rolled a number of times by Rob Thorne and Graham Ball. Thank you. We will be only able to practice subject to weather, and, if the greens are still playable.

We urge ALL members to follow these steps to enable us to practice.

Failure to do so may well mean we can no longer practice.

THANK YOU ALL

ENJOY YOUR ROLL.

ROSE GREEN

The new carpet for the Rose Green is currently held up on the wharves. As soon as it is released the Tiger Turf boys will be back to finish the job.

The damage underneath the old carpet was not caused by ants. There was too much sand and this kept moving around when vacuumed creating lumps and bumps.

If the grass greens are closed we will be able to use the Rose Green when it is finished. However, this will mean we can only accommodate 10 bowlers at any time. We may need to start a roster.

A metered switch will be installed on the Rose Green to enable members to have light when practising, playing matches. Only the middle bank of lights will come on for 1 hour at a time. Just press the button to continue.

GREEN KEEPING

Rob Thorne will continue as our green keeper next season. Craig Brauman has left the job to accept a full time job elsewhere. We thank Craig for his input last season.

If, and when, we can bowl again we will be looking for any able bodied members who may be able to give a bit of time to assist our hard working, but shrinking, greens staff. We need volunteers to look after care and maintenance of the Rose Green. 3 or 4 members could share the duty.

We will also be looking for more members to volunteer to help our club in the areas of Kitchen rosters, join in on the Bowls Match Committee, help with the Saturday night after pennant meals.

Too much is being left to too few members and we need more people to join in and do a little.

If this does not happen many things around our club will change.

CLUBROOMS

Although we are not allowed in the rooms, when the time comes members will notice that a large number of achievement plaques from GVBD have now been placed on the walls in a very neat and orderly fashion.

Premiership team photos have also been hung on the wall above the bar. Thank you Rob and helpers for a great job.

PRESENTATION NIGHT, BOWLS COMMITTEE AND CLUB AGM's

We are still uncertain when we will Be able to conduct these various events/ meetings/ elections. We will get them underway as soon as we are allowed to do so.

OUTSTANDING CLUB GAMES

Any club games that were never finalised before the Virus arrived will be played at the first opportunity once restrictions are lifted.

DEFIBRILLATOR

A new battery, with a 5 year warranty, has been fitted to our defib machine. No more continual beeping.

SUBS NEXT SEASON

Subs for next year have not been set and invoices will not be posted until probably mid / late June.

We have no indication yet as to how much our subs to Bowls Victoria and the GVBD will be.

Any increase to our subs will be kept to an absolute bare minimum.

BOWLS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS.

Printed copies of these reports are available at the outside notice board.

A couple of reports were a bit late to be included and they are printed below.

THURSDAY 2x2 SOCIAL BOWLS

The Thursday Social committee would like to thank all bowlers who participate on these days. Our 2x2x2x2 summer Thursdays are well supported by bowlers from around the region as it is regarded as a great day of bowls with winners playing winners in the second game to determine the overall winners as well as the numerous prizes we give out.

The Winter 4's is also popular as we have the roof and are guaranteed a game of bowls regardless of the weather.

Thanks also goes out to the ladies for making the filled rolls. They are very much appreciated.

Wish all a safe time and see you all back at the club as soon as we are all allowed back

Ross Higgins

MATCH REPORT

Another successful year at Shepparton Park Bowls Club with club games being run and won. Thanks to all members who took part.

Men's A grade won by Josh Warren
runner up Ernie Salvemini

Men's B grade won by Kelvin Rogash
runner up Gary Bathman

Men's 21up has been postponed till a later date.

Men's 100up won by Kelvin Rogash
runner up Ross Higgins

Men's Pairs won by Dave Hardie and Peter "Boxer" Brodie
runner up Paul Becroft and Paul Nichols

Mixed Pairs won by Ross Higgins and Sue Tyson

Drawn Triples will be played at a later date to be advised.

Canadian Drawn Pairs will be played at a later date to be advised.

That's it for this year. Hope you all enjoyed the bowls season. Stay safe and keep in touch with family and friends in these uncertain times

Regards Ross Higgins.

FUTURE BOWLS

Time will tell how the bowls season progresses from here on. We do have a number of proposed bowls events that we have tentatively committed to if they proceed.

BPL Cup - we are booked to hold some rounds in this event.

We have been asked by Bowls Victoria whether we are willing and able to hold State Champions Week later in the year and The Victorian U18 Championships in September.

The Victorian Open will once again be on from November 22 to 27. We hope these events can all go ahead.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club:

Charles Pellegrino returning after a couple of years at Hill Top.

Robert and Julie Bennett transferring from Edithvale Bowls Club

Malcolm Pretty transferring from Shepparton RSL Club.

It is very difficult at the minute with no one around the club. However, please welcome these new members if, and when, you see them.

BOWLS UPDATE

On Sunday morning May 17 10 club members turned up to have a roll. All COVID19 protocols were followed by the bowlers and it was not too onerous to do this.

The weather was great, the greens were running beautifully and the company was good. Great to play bowls again.

More members were expected on Sunday afternoon and members are encouraged to have a roll ASAP as once the weather changes and rain arrives we may no longer get on the grass.

The Rose Green carpet is not here yet, but, we are hoping that this will arrive and be laid in the next couple of weeks.

Of course, once we are off the grass and on the carpet we will only be able to accommodate 10 players at a time.

RULE CLARIFICATION

Our COVID19 signage around the club, and on our website and Facebook states that "**MEMBERS OVER 70 OR WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE NOT ENCOURAGED TO PRACTICE**". This was the signage recommended by Bowls Victoria.

This does **NOT** mean that members over 70 can not practice. It means that all members over 70 need to consider their own health and circumstances and if they believe that playing and possibly contracting COVID would be detrimental to their health they should make the decision to not play. The decision to play or not play is totally the members decision to make.

The majority of our members are 70 or over and each member has to make their own decision to play or not play depending on their own circumstances.

BOWLS IN GENERAL

The Board received a letter from the Violet Town bowls club advising that they are really struggling for numbers and finances. There could be a number of clubs in the same boat following the COVID19 outbreak.

Our club has received zero income since all bowls events started to be cancelled in mid March. We hope we can get back to playing bowls and enjoying the company of our fellow bowlers ASAP.

STAY SAFE