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## September 2020 Newsletter

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

### **PENNANT BOWLS**

The GVBD have advised that pennant bowls will commence as follows:-

**Midweek Tuesday November 3**

**Weekend Saturday November 7**

There will be NO spare days allocated for rain or heat. Any games lost for those reasons will be treated as an abandoned game.

There will be a break of 10 (ten) minutes after the 14th end.

**NO** afternoon tea will be provided and it is suggested that players arrange their own eats.

Availability of Tea / Coffee to be arranged by the host club.

### **PRACTICE GAMES**

With the above in mind there will be intra club practice matches at Shepparton Park on October 24 & October 31.

It is not practicable or desirable to arrange practice games with other clubs when there is travel involved.

We are still seeking members to make up our pennant teams for the season.

Midweek Pennant numbers seem to be reasonable at this time.

Saturday Pennant requires 76 players every week. At the moment we have about that number.

As there are always people away for health, holidays or whatever more names are required.

Please put your name down ASAP.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The majority of our members have paid their subs. for the upcoming season and we thank them very much. It is a very solid commitment to our club by members to pay their subs. without knowing what the bowls season would look like and whether there would be any bowls at all.

The GVBD are planning for a full 14 game season and all other events continuing.

With the above in mind we can advise that Bowls Victoria have reduced the affiliation fee paid by each member by 50%.

This means that each member who has paid their subs is entitled to a refund of \$35.50. The Board have discussed how we can refund that amount and decided that it will be by a reduction of that amount in next years subs. It would be a very messy process to give a cash refund now. It was also decided that any member who due to financial hardship would like a cash refund now can do so by personal approach to the Treasurer.

It is a great gesture by Bowls Victoria and we are sure that all members appreciate this.

### **UMPIRES**

Bowls Australia have advised that Laser Levels have now been approved for use in ALL levels of Bowls competition in Australia. There are 3 approved levels and the Bowls shop would be a good place to inquire.

Any umpire requiring a copy of the advice should see the Secretary.

### **COVID19**

After a very trying and disjointed 7 months we finally got some good news last week as far as bowls is concerned.

The bowls club is again open to bowls activities with pretty well unlimited numbers as far as the actual game is concerned.

The rules say you can "play bowls with the number of people required to play" plus coaches and umpires.

We are still limited to minimal numbers inside the club and we are allowed 50 people in the Plaza area, as long as they are seated.

We must continue to follow all of the rules, such as:-

1.5metre distancing

Face masks must be worn

Please enter your details in the attendance register

Do not handle other peoples bowls/equipment

Do not attend if you are unwell

### **SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

We do not want to return to lockdown and we ask that all members continue to follow all the rules and be careful at all times.

Thank you to all members for the manner in which you have followed the rules and enjoyed your bowls over the last 7 months.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We have been fortunate to welcome a number of new members to our club over the off season. If you see a new face at the club please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome to our club.

## **BOWLS COMMITTEE AND CLUB AGM's**

The pressing need to complete our 2019-20 bowls year was discussed at the Board.

With the upcoming season imminent it is necessary to complete all of the procedural matters for last year, and start the new season, even though there has been a lot of doubt about it ever going ahead.

The following program was decided on to achieve this end.

On Saturday October 17 both of the AGM's will be held.

12 noon Free sausage sizzle for attendees.

12.30pm Bowls committee AGM including election of 5 Midweek selectors.

1pm Club AGM—no elections required.

1.30pm Introduction and presentation of club shirt to new members followed by presentation of prizes to event winners of last seasons club Events.

2pm Opening of the new bowls season, rolling the first kitty and first bowl.

Short game of bowls to roll out the Covid Cobwebs.

Club uniform please.

There is a list in the foyer for names. We are limited to 50 members only for the meetings, etc. however we do require 32 members to attend to make a quorum. The bowls game is unlimited in numbers.

## **CLUB BOWLS EVENTS**

With the easing of Covid restrictions we are able to resume a number of our ongoing weekly bowls events.

Tuesday: Ladies Bowls  
Contact Bev Cahill 0408313872

Thursday: Mixed 2X4X2 Pairs  
Contact Graeme Sinclair  
0418395388

Friday: Mixed Triples  
Contact Marg. Stibbard 0488595210

As the pennant start date has now been announced the Tuesday and Thursday bowls will only continue for a few more weeks.

## **OUTDOOR & GREENS**

Our Greens Director, Murray Phillips, has worked very hard over the last few months to build up our greens staff numbers. He has been very successful and we now have about 16 members who are willing to come along on Monday and Friday mornings to work on our greens and surrounds.

Our very recent new member, Barry Nelson, has jumped straight in and taken up a job helping with the work on the Rose Green. We thank all members for their commitment and hard work in taking on this important work.

Our greens are looking and playing very well and the surrounds are in great condition.

Members may have noticed that even though we have been largely closed for several months our outdoor staff have continued with their work.

Many jobs have been undertaken for the benefit of everyone.

A timer switch has been fitted on the Rose Green lights. You are able to turn the lights on, if required, and they will go off after 1 hour.

Shade cloth has been fitted along the Northern end of the Rose Green ( thanks Rob ) and this will block out the bright sun shining on the carpet.

The scruffy old garden outside the kitchen door has been cleaned out and replanted and other trees and bushes trimmed.

New wooden boxes have been made for our supply of club bowls.

A temporary fence has been put up in the North Western corner of the Members green to block out the unsightly area.

The wooden planter boxes in front of the clubrooms will be inspected as the timber is rotting. They will most likely be replaced.

Members will also note that all of the various plaques and awards have been straightened up and placed on the wall in an orderly fashion.

All of our premiership winning team photos have been hung above the bar.

We thank Paul Becroft, Rob Thorne and Kelvin Rogash, and, anyone I have overlooked for their work. It all looks great and much more professional than before.

## **COACHING**

Paul Nichols advises that he will be resuming Sunday morning coaching sessions in the next 2 or 3 weeks. Keep watch for the date.

Paul apologises to all members for his absence from the club. He has been seriously restricted by Covid travel and isolation requirements and the need to stay clear of Covid for his business.