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AUGUST 2021 Newsletter

Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2021

WINTER BOWLS

TUESDAY

Bev Cahill's Tuesday Ladies 4's
10.30am start BYO lunch. \$10

Very popular event.

Contact Bev for details 0408313872

FINAL DAY AUGUST 24th

THURSDAY

Open 4's on the carpet.

\$14 each Pie / Pastie lunch.

Names on the list or contact Graeme
Sinclair 0418395388

WILL REVERT TO PAIRS IN NEAR FUTURE

FRIDAY

Margaret Stibbard runs open

2 bowl triples. 11am start.

\$12.50 entry fee.

Soup / Hot dog lunch.

Phone Margaret Stibbard

0488595210.

FINAL DAY AUGUST 20th

**We would like to sincerely thank
Bev Cahill (Tuesday), Graeme
Sinclair and Stan Hester (Thursday)
and Marg Stibbard (Friday) for
running these events throughout
Winter, when Covid allowed. Also
many thanks to Annette Barkley for
her wonderful soup, Vincent
Mazzella and others for help with
the pies and all other helpers for
their efforts.**

**These days are very popular and
allowed us all to keep bowling
through Winter and also boost club
revenue.**

Very well done to everyone.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Treasurer, Marg Thorne, has recently
forwarded subscription invoices for the
new bowls year.

Where possible invoices were emailed
to members, or, by mail.

Please pay subs in a timely manner.

EFTPOS is available at the club if this
helps make it easier. If you didn't get
an invoice contact Marg.

FIRST AID KITS

There is a first aid kit in the cupboard
in the front meeting room, and, also a
smaller kit in the kitchen.

Please be advised that these kits only
contain essentials for the treatment of
cuts and abrasions and other mainly
minor ailments.

No medicines or analgesics are
allowed in these first aid kits.

It is not good practice for untrained
people to be handing out these items to
anyone. This can be dangerous for
those who are pregnant or diabetic.
If you need analgesics or other
medicines please carry your own.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER

I am currently preparing a roster for
lawn mowing duties for our surrounds.

I thank all of those who have put their
hands up to help out on this roster.

Duty is on Fridays at about 8am, 2
mowers do one green surround each
and help out anywhere required.

Morning tea at 9am, all done.

If anyone else can help out here please
let me know.

Roster commences in September until
April and you will only have 2 or 3
shifts over that period.

BOARD MATTERS

We are continuing with our plan to
replace the worn, tattered synthetic
carpet between the Rose and Members
greens. Not sure when this work will
be done, but, that area will be closed
for a few days when it is.

We will also replace the droppers into
the ditches surrounding the grass
greens towards the end of September.

All mechanical green keeping
equipment has been sent away for
servicing and will be in top condition
for the season ahead.

We are investigating the possibility of
an insurance claim under our Business
Interruption Insurance for our financial
losses during Covid. Our losses have
been substantial and a successful claim
would be an excellent result for our
club. This will be ongoing for some
time but we will pursue this until the
end.

Wes and Shane believe there is an
opening for us to run a successful
tournament as there is not a lot of
bowls around. Therefore see below.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4 OPEN 2 BOWL TRIPLES

Starts 10.30am 3 games x 14 ends

\$75 per team Lunch provided.

PRIZE MONEY \$1,000

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PENNANT BOWLS

The 2021-22 bowls is coming around very quickly and I will detail below what our team allocations are for the season.

MIDWEEK

We have teams in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 North and 4 South.

Most of this is really good for us, as, unlike last season we will not have 2 teams in Division 1 and no team in Division 2. This provides a very good pathway for players to progress through the Divisions.

The problematic team is Division 4 South who have been placed with teams from Alexandra, Eildon, Seymour, Seymour VRI and Euroa. I don't believe we can complain about the Seymour or Euroa teams as they have always been a part of our competition.

When the first version of these playing areas pennant draws came out I wrote to the Match Committee and told them in no uncertain terms that we would not expect our bowlers to travel to Alexandra and Eildon.

We were led to believe that our concerns would be listened to and changes made. Not so.

Our problem is that we require 48 bowlers every week to fill our first 4 teams. We presently have about 67 names on the list to play Midweek pennant.

If we drop that team we will have about 19 players not getting a game.

The Midweek selectors met with the board on Monday and all options were discussed. In the end it was decided that we should proceed in the following manner. We have advised the CGM that we accept the decision regarding our team placement and that we will select our team, and, if the selected players do not want to play we will forfeit.

A meeting of players most likely to be affected will be called in the near future to discuss the situation.

WEEKEND PENNANT

Once again, this team allocation is a fairly satisfactory result for our club. We have teams in Divisions 1,2,3,4 and 2 in Division 6. We did attempt to move one of our 2 Division 6 teams to Division 5, but, we were not successful. With our team allocations we require 88 players every week, which is a tough ask. We currently have about 85 names as well as several emergencies. There are also a number of our new members who we believe will also play.

There will also be opportunities for midweek players to fill in for Saturday pennant if they wish to do so.

SATURDAY BOWLS

Saturday coaching sessions are ending soon. Our assistant coach, Josh Warren, has very kindly offered to run a social bowls day on Saturday afternoons during September. Names in by 12.30pm 2 bowl triples. More to come. Thanks Josh.

BOWLS MATTERS

Our bowls Opening day for the upcoming season will be held on Saturday September 11.

Names on the list by Friday 5pm.

Moira Smith to roll the first kitty

Wes Gibbs to roll the first bowl.

2 bowl triples 2 games of 10 ends Uniform.

Afternoon tea to follow. Please bring a plate.

Green fees for both Midweek and Weekend pennant will be \$6 each. This assumes that Weekend pennant afternoon tea does not resume. If it does we will reassess the weekend green fee.

The Secretary is doing a survey among other clubs to see what their afternoon tea intentions are.

Jenni Hill has agreed to take on the duties as our Weekend pennant results co-ordinator. We ask that pennant managers for each division input their own results if at all possible. Jenni will assist where required and ensure all results are correctly entered.

Thank you Jenni.

Sandra Wallace and Leonie Freeman will continue with these duties for Midweek pennant,

Thank you Sandra and Leonie.

A pennant practice match will be arranged with Euroa and Avenel bowls clubs. Mooroopna Golf may also join in with their Division 2 team.

A coaching session with Doug Freeman and Denis Smyth will be organised for our bowling arm users.

Details to come.

Paul Nichols Saturday coaching sessions have been very well attended, particularly by many of our new bowlers. These are coming to an end as the season nears, Thank you Paul and Josh.

It is generally felt that our Rose Green carpet is not running to our satisfaction and is not performing to expectations.

We will liaise with Tiger Turf to see if they can come up again and see if they can improve it.

The latest Covid situation may delay this visit for a while.

It is very gratifying to advise all members that over the last few months we have welcomed 20 new members to our club.

Many of these new players have indicated their desire to play pennant, they have joined in our Tuesday, Thursday and Friday social bowls, and, they have been seen at practice on many occasions.

We welcome you all. Please enjoy the facilities and ask someone if you need help or information.

We ask all older members to welcome our newbies and help them out if they look lost.