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OCTOBER 2021 Newsletter

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

BOWLS / VACCINATION

With lockdown now lifted in Melbourne we are hopeful about getting back to some sort of normality in our bowls activities.

Bowls Victoria and the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region have now provided us with full details on how we may get back to normal, and, also the situation around vaccination and bowls.

As from 11.59pm on Thursday October 21, it is mandatory for ALL people attending our club MUST be fully vaccinated.

Several Board members will be approaching all members asking to sight your vaccination certificate to prove your status.

No one who is unvaccinated is now able to attend our club. You will also be ineligible to play pennant, club games, state games, tournaments, etc. We will prepare a master register of all members vaccination status. We trust that members will understand this is necessary to keep everyone safe.

Our ever popular Thursday Open Pairs is set to resume on October 28.

(confirmation pending)

Details are:

Starts 10.30am

2 X 2 Pairs

2 games 12 ends \$14 entry

Lunch provided.

Names n the list or

Phone Graeme Sinclair

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Do we have any members who have a set of bowls they no longer use or need? Can you please give consideration to donating them to the club to assist our Wednesday night bowlers to learn the game.

BOARD MATTERS

Members may have noticed that the carpet droppers into the ditches are being replaced. The Foundation Green has been completed and we have the carpet on site for work to commence on the Members Green.

The landscape turf has also been ordered to replace the tatty old surface between the Foundation and Rose Greens. This work will be done over the Christmas break.

The hedge along the Western side of the Foundation Green has been trimmed and tidied up.

Our gardens are looking fantastic and we thank our hard working greens workers, and, Bill Probst and Marg Smyth for their gardening work. A special thank you to Sue Tyson who usually supplies a freshly baked morning tea.

Thank you Sue, it is very much appreciated.

The Rose Green carpet was shampooed on Sunday, October 24. It will be closed until about Wednesday October 27 to allow it to dry.

We have received advice from COGS that our rental will increase from \$1,100p.a. to \$7,600p.a.

We believe this is totally unacceptable and have prepared a submission to Council to fight this increase.

Just a reminder that the greens and carpet are not available to be used prior to 11am on Monday and Friday.

This is to allow our greens staff to complete their care and maintenance work. It is very difficult and dangerous to have to work around people bowling.

We ask that any member who may have a green gate key they no longer need please return it to the Secretary.

We have just received advice from the Goulburn Murray Bowls Region that afternoon tea will NOT be offered by clubs during Weekend pennant games. Please bring your own food, snacks, fruit.

A sheet explaining the various procedures around Midweek and Weekend pennant bowls was given to our new members with their booklets. I forgot to put in there that if you are playing in Shepparton/Mooroopna it is usual to drive yourself to the venue. You can of course take yourself to any of the venues but please advise someone in your rink if you are doing this.

AFFILIATION FEES

Bowls Victoria have just announced that they will assist club members with a 25% reduction in this season affiliation fee. This follows on the 50% fee reduction they provided last season.

This is a great gesture from Bowls Victoria as they still have to pay their staff and run their various bowls programs.

The reduction equates to \$16.25 per member, and this will be deducted from members subs. next season.

We are looking forward to the new season which will commence on the scheduled date of November 6 (Weekend) and November 9 (Midweek). Our numbers are good and we are confident of enjoying a successful season.

Go Parkers.

BOWLS

We have a BIG program of bowls leading in to the commencement of pennant bowls November 6 (Weekend) and November 9 (Weekend).

The schedule laid out by our hard working Match Committee is as follows,

Saturday October 30 Pennant practice match V
Euroa and Avenel
Sunday October 31 Club events day-details below
Tuesday October 2 Ladies Winter 4's final day.
Bev Cahill ran the 4's through
Winter but never got to run her
Final day. This is it.
Friday November 5 Club **Opening** day-details
Below.

Saturday November 6 Weekend pennant commences.

CLUB EVENTS DAY 31/10/2021

Due to many Covid delays we are behind in all of our bowls programs. The Match Committee have developed an innovative plan to get our Club games back on track.

Covid has forced us to miss the previous round 1 completion day. To catch up we are offering Sunday October 31 for members to play either round 1 or round 2 matches. Members that have a bye in round 1 can play their round 2 matches if they wish as we will have 60 rinks available on the day.

It is open for any event, singles or pairs so members could book in for several games on the day if you can organise your markers and the opposition.

This is a 'catch up' plan, it is not compulsory but note that completion dates (pending Covid release) for round 1 is now Sunday November 7th, round 2 Sunday November 14th.

Before booking your match you will need to:

- * Tee up your opposition that they can play on this Day,
- * Confer with opposition to decide on which green, Grass or carpet.
- * Confer with opposition to decide on which time Slot. 9am 12noon 3pm.
- * Confer with opposition to decide on which rink for Your chosen green.

For singles you will need a marker, so if you book in for 9am you may be able to return the favour for a 12noon or 3pm match.

Match result to be recorded on the draw sheets on the notice board.

Match Committee 13/10/2021

NEW BOWLERS

We have a large number of new members to our club, many of whom will be playing pennant bowls.

I have prepared some information for these new bowlers to help along the way.

Pennant bowls:-

Club uniform is compulsory. Please remember to bring suitable clothing and a good hat and apply sunscreen as required.

Please bring your own drink bottle as at some venues water fountains are limited or far away from where you may play.

All pennant is played in 4's format.

Selected teams are placed on the outside notice board late Tuesday or Wednesday. Teams are also posted on the club website. www.sheppartonparkbowls.com.au

Click on Bowls Committee then midweek or weekend teams as required.

Midweek pennant is played on Tuesday. Green fee is \$6 paid on the day to your team second. Correct money please. Please arrive about 9am as rollup commences at 9.30am. Game starts at 10am. Times may vary during hot weather as games may start earlier.

Please bring your own lunch as it is not provided. Lunch break starts at about 12 noon, although this may vary due to Covid.

Tea/Coffee is usually provided.

If playing away, players meet in the Southern car park at the time designated on the team selection sheet. Travel arrangements will be finalised in the car park.

Team selection occurs about 3pm on Tuesday. If you wish to discuss selection, or related, issues please speak to the selectors in the front Members lounge. All discussions to be held in an amicable manner. Midweek pennant practice is at 4pm Monday. Please attend if at all possible.

Weekend pennant is played on Saturday. Green fee is \$6 paid on the day to your team second. Correct money please. Please arrive about 12.30pm as rollup commences at 1pm. Game starts at 1.30pm.

Food is not provided for weekend pennant (this may change when Covid rules allow) so please bring a snack or fruit to your requirements. Tea/Coffee/cold drinks are usually available. There is a short break in mid afternoon. If playing away players meet in the Southern car park to arrange travel. Meeting time /drivers are usually on the team selection sheet.

Pennant selection occurs about 6pm Tuesday. If you wish to discuss selection, or other related issues, please speak to the selectors in the front members lounge. All discussions to be held in an amicable manner.

Weekend pennant practice is at 4pm Tuesday and Thursday. Please attend at least 1 session if at all possible.

Welcome to all new members. Please enjoy your bowls.