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Newsletter

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2022

VIC OPEN

A huge THANKYOU to everyone who helped make the Vic Open a very successful Event. You should all be very proud of your club.

A thank you afternoon tea for all volunteers will be held at the club on Wednesday 21st December at 2.30 pm, please come along and celebrate our 10th Vic Open, names to Sandra on 0407853623.

Hi All,

Hope you're well.

Just wanted to pen a quick thanks to the host clubs and their volunteers at the Henselite Victorian Open for 2022.

The tournament was a huge success, with around 3,500 competitors taking part in what was the biggest Vic Open in history. In fact, it was just on 15% bigger than ever before, making it the second biggest event in the country...!

Tournaments such as these can't run without the volunteer help of many people at each host club. For the countless hours you've put in preparing for the event, and the time spent at the event, we are truly grateful.

We heard a huge number of really positive comments about the greens, catering, BowlsLink, volunteers and hospitality shown at each host venue (I definitely had a fantastic Egg and Bacon roll the day I played at Benalla, and the best ever salad sandwich when working at Shepparton Park!). Well done to you all.

I understand they are often very long days, and hope you all thoroughly enjoyed your time there, almost as much as you did with that first sleep-in after the event concluded.

While we will now find a new home in Gippsland as of 2023, I'm sure we will find a new event to suit the greater Shepparton area, a place we've called home for the last 10 years.

Take care, and thanks again.

Tony Sherwill

CEO Bowls Vic

SOCIAL BOWLS

Wednesday night social bowls has concluded for the year, all enjoyed supper and presentations on the last night. Special thanks to Angelo Russo who has run this competition for the last five years and now hands over to Sandra Winch. The new season will start early February anyone interested contact Sandra Winch PH 0468321810.

THURSDAY OPEN 2 X 2 PAIRS

Our longstanding Thursday bowls continue year round. Please contact Rob Thorne 0418576107 or names on the list in the foyer. We are looking for volunteers to help run this weekly event, perhaps on a roster basis, please contact Rob Thorne 0418576107 if you can help.

PENNANT

Weekend Pennant teams are progressing quite well and are all in similar positions to last year. Practice sessions are still not being well attended, if you are playing pennant please attend at least one practice during the week, Practice is Tuesday and Friday 4pm to 6pm. The members draw will now be held at 6pm on Fridays.

Midweek Pennant

Well our final Vic Open has come and gone. Record entries this year which I'm not sure Gippsland will match as a lot of players I spoke to were disappointed it was leaving the GV. It has been an enormous income producer for us over the 10 years and we will miss that. Huge thank you to everyone in the Club who volunteered their time over the 8 days. Well Done!!

Midweek Pennant teams are going OK. Div 1 Shepp Park on top, Div 2 are 3rd, Div 3 are 2nd, Div 4 are 5th and Div 5 are 2nd.

Congratulations to Di and Kate on winning the GV State Ladies Pairs last week and Leonie, Dot Best and Margaretha Cerini on winning the Triples.

Our Xmas Breakup Dinner was well attended on the 2nd of December. 75 members enjoyed a 2 course meal produced by Social Committee and helpers. To employ caterers it was going to cost members \$37 per head which we thought wouldn't attract many. The \$20 price we charged still allowed a good profit. With the food costs, bar and raffle we managed to make in excess of \$800.00.

Turkey Triples attracted 18 teams last Sunday. The event was well run by Leonie and Cathy and an enjoyable night was had by all. Catering produced a lovely meal as always.

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. Enjoy the break.

Regards Sandra.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Club Event Finals & Stirrers Day

On Sunday 8th January the finals of the Ladies' and Men's A Grade, B Grade and Pairs will be played. The day will start at 9am with introductions and roll-up. Following these games a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the excellent bowls on offer.

After lunch the annual Stirrers Day event will be held. This pits the ladies against the men to see who takes home

the coveted Wooden Stirrers Spoon. The ladies were successful last year - can they do it again? There is a sign-up sheet for the Stirrers on the notice board, and entries will be taken on the day.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR CLUB

You may notice our updated logo on signage around the club and on the stubby holders, we decided it was time for a more modern look, we hope you like it.

We won't be changing club shirts until we need to order more.

Bill Gullick

Hi Everyone

I just thought I would send the Board and club members an update on my situation at the moment. I had been struggling with my fitness for a few weeks prior to, and during, the Victorian Open and this came to a head on Monday the 5th. My left leg and foot were not operating very well and on that Monday morning I could not get up off the couch. My wife called David to come and help me and he quickly realised I had a problem. He immediately drove me to the emergency department where after a number of tests I was diagnosed with a stroke. It was later revealed that I may have suffered 2 or 3 slight strokes.

I spent the night in the emergency department before being moved to the general ward where I spent a further 3 nights. I came home last Thursday but had to return to emergency on Friday due to an elevated heart rate. This was sorted after a day of tests and I returned home on late Friday. I am presently relaxing on the couch, feeling well and I have had no pain throughout. I realise I have a long road ahead of me and I'm not sure when, or if, I will be able to play again.

GV Health, and their staff have been exemplary in their treatment of me, I could not fault them. I would especially like to thank David with his wonderful medical knowledge and assistance to me over the whole time. A huge thanks to our members for their many messages and phone calls. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Marg Stibbard for her dedicated work in the bar, to Ray, Kelvin and all others who stepped up to help out in the bar.

I hope to get over to the club in the near future to watch a few bowls go down.

Bill Gullick

GREENS

Both grass greens are in good condition and have held up very well during the Vic Open and the continual use since. Richard Hansen has taken on organising a crew for the cleaning of the Rose Green. This is working very well.

Thank you,
Richard!

Our work force is somewhat depleted due to illness.

Hopefully all our volunteers will soon be back.

Thanks to all who are contributing to keep the greens and surrounds in top condition.

Wes Gibbs.

CATERING REPORT

We have been catering for the 2x2's each Thursday, the Ladies 4's tournament and a couple of BBQ's as well. The Vic Open was on us and this kept us on our toes. We would like to thank all our helpers in the kitchen and our slice makers. We appreciate your support.

We are now into the Christmas parties for various groups BBQ and bowls, very busy time. A special mention to our BBQ cooks (even if they don't like cooking chicken) we couldn't do it without you.

We catered for the State Men's Singles & then the Turkey Triples.

Once again thank you all for your support and help.

Helen, Robyn & Marie.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Fellow Bowlers,

The last couple of months have been a bit of a roller coaster to say the least for us all in different ways.

Floods, personal loss, celebrating significant milestones, medical challenges and of course the Vic Open have all been in the mix.

Luckily we made the right call in postponing the Italian night and will look to schedule it in the New Year. I am grateful to Sandra Wallace who led the way in planning the Christmas Party in my absence. To that end we had an enjoyable night on Friday thanks to a phenomenal band of helpers. A big thank you to Marg Keen (whose experience led the way), Rob Gardam, Coral Williams, Marie Nelson, Bev Cahill, Sue Tyson, Marg Thorn and Renee Britz. To Rob Pilcher (a Wednesday Night bowler) who assisted in the clean up thank you. Paul and Bree Warren who looked after the bar - well done. Joybell again did a great job with the table decorations, raffle and managing the finances - great job.

The raffle was held over from the Italian Night and realised a profit of \$405.

Winner—Marie Nelson, Second - Bree Warren.

Winners of the lucky plates—Ron Bartley and Heath Matthews.

Lucky seat prize of a \$50 seafood voucher donated by Ray Saville was won by Ellen Cameron.

To those who have been affected by COVID I hope you are recovering but please respect others by isolating for the 5 days as recommended and longer if you remain symptomatic. The selectors are having huge challenges getting teams on the green without preventable cross infection occurring.

I will sign off for the year and wish you health and happiness in the future.

Take Care
Annette
Barkley

