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## February 2022 Newsletter

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

#### **BOWLS**

##### **THURSDAY 2X2 OPEN PAIRS**

Our 2 X 2 Open Pairs continue every Thursday at 10.30am.

This is a great day of good bowling and friendly company.

Good pennant practice against quality opposition of all standards.

Please phone Graeme Sinclair on 0418395388 OR write your name on the list in the foyer.

Please enter your name in a legible manner and DO NOT erase or alter any other names on the list.

If you need to pull out for any reason let Graeme know ASAP as this effects other teams also.

I thank Graeme for the extensive work he does to get our Thursday bowls happening.

We also need a few members to come forward and learn and help with the Thursday bowls.

##### **5 A SIDE THURSDAY 10 FEB.**

Another very successful tournament was conducted on Thursday the 10th February.

There were teams from all over our region with 100 bowlers competing for the prize money. The old stager Dave Hardie and his team won the major prize on the day.

We had good weather, great greens, great company and a great meal.

Huge thanks to Wes and Val Gibbs for running the day and collating the results.

Thank you to the many ladies who gave up their time and provided everyone with a lovely lunch.

Thank you to the bar staff for their work on a very busy day keeping us all lubricated.

And thank you to Shane Walsh and our volunteer greens staff for supplying us with great greens. Many favourable comments were heard on the day.

#### **VALE STAN HESTER**

We sadly have to advise members of the passing of Stan Hester on February 17th 2022.

Stan was Chairman of this club from the 2013/14 season until the end of the 2016/17 season.

Four years of great stewardship and guidance of our club. Stan also chaired our Victorian Open committee during much of this period.

Stan was also a very competitive and skilled bowler who represented us for a number of seasons.

Over the last couple of years Stan has assisted Graeme Sinclair with the running of our popular Thursday bowls.

Our condolences are extended to Margaret and the extended family.

#### **ROSE GREEN CARPET**

Many members still seem to be disappointed with the overall performance of our carpet.

The carpet was laid down in May 2020 in the midst of Covid taking hold. It was not used/played on/ walked on for much of this time.

Tiger Turf have been back to stretch the carpet 3 times, but, it does not seem to have made much difference.

We have written to Tiger Turf requesting that they come up, talk to us, and try to sort it out.

We are hopeful of holding the Vic. Open later this year. We have told Tiger Turf this and that with bowlers from everywhere playing in the Open their reputation could suffer if the performance is not enhanced.

We will keep you informed of developments.

#### **SECRETARY**

I am looking for a suitable person to take on the Secretary job.

No special skills are required, as I have proved. Computer knowledge would certainly assist.

I am not going anywhere and would be more than happy to assist a new person in the role.

It has been a very busy, and challenging time over my 6 years as secretary. There have been a lot of issues to sort out. It is a very interesting job.

The Board is very united and cohesive and I ask someone to put their hand up. Please.

#### **BAR MANAGER**

Ray Phillips has indicated that he will step down at the end of April. We thank Ray for his wonderful service over the last several difficult years. This job requires a commitment in time and effort and there is some lifting and cash handling skills required.

Please ask Ray or Bill if you require more details.

#### **FOOTY TIPPING**

Footy tipping on the AFL and NRL is back.

See Tom Downie for details or phone him on 0411045607.

#### **SPONSORS**

Some new sponsors of our club are;

**OPSM SHEPPARTON**

**GV VETS** see Alan Davis for info

**HESKY DUCTED VACUUM**

**SYSTEMS** see Norm Allen for info

Please support these and all of our valued sponsors when making your purchasing decisions.

## CLUB MATTERS

I have quite a lot of information to relay to members following our recent CGMBR delegates meeting and our club board meeting.

The CGMBR:

Heat issues at Colbinabbin Division 6 North Weekend pennant match. We wrote to CGM regarding the safety issue of this game continuing during extreme heat. We received a terse reply from Colbinabbin that they had followed the rules. Several of our bowlers had become distressed by the heat and play should have stopped. We have bureau records showing that the temperature from 12 noon onwards was 42 degrees. We will not be taking this matter further.

There was also an issue with the clothing worn by some of our ladies at representative matches. The person in question has been informed that they were incorrect.

The CGMBR will send a survey to all clubs over several matters:

1. The format of pennant next season. This will consider the number of ends for pennant and the composition of teams.
2. Whether, or not, afternoon teas will resume next season.
3. A change to temperatures under the heat rule.

We will most likely call a meeting of all members to discuss these important matters.

Lists have been put on the outside notice boards for players to indicate whether they will be playing pennant next season.

We realise this is very early but we do need to get an indication of our numbers for next season. We are required to provide this information earlier each year to enable the CGMBR to complete draws and get their booklet printed. We had an influx of about 25 new members and entered teams assuming that we would have ample players to fill them all. As always not everyone wants to play pennant and have that commitment, ill health may preclude playing, etc.

It is most important that we get this as near as possible to perfect, as, if not, players may miss out on games, or, we are always short and may have to withdraw teams. It is a very difficult job for selectors to be trying to find players to fill positions.

We thank all of those who stepped up this year when asked.

The Bowls committee AGM will be held in late April. Nominations for all of the various positions will open as soon as the pennant season finishes. Nomination forms will be out at that time.

Please give serious consideration to putting your names forward to help with the running of your club.

We always need new blood with new ideas and enthusiasm. The club does not work without our hard working volunteers giving their time to the club.

## UPCOMING

A chicken and salad night will be held on the 26th February following the final round of pennant prior to finals. Names to Joy Gardam please.

Most members will remember Wally Sinclair with great fondness. Prior to his passing Wally indicated that he would like to sponsor 2 X \$1000 tournaments of Men's and Ladies Triples.

With Covid and a full bowls calendar it has been difficult to fit these in, but we have allocated the following tentative dates:

Ladies Triples 26 April 2022

Men's Triples 7 April 2022

Please keep those dates available.

The hugely popular and successful St Patrick's Day Charity Bowls Tournament will be held this year on Thursday March 17th 2022.

Mixed fours 3 games 8 ends

Single entries accepted \$10 per bowler  
\$40 per team

BBQ lunch and afternoon tea.

Entries to Wes Gibbs 58232192 or

Ron Holland 0419213508

Bowls uniform or something green

A great day of fun and frivolity.

Lots of raffles/spinning wheels/prizes.

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## COACHING

As members would be aware our coach, Paul Nichols, has indicated that he will not continue as our coach after the completion of this season. Paul has indicated that he will continue with us as a player next season.

It has been a very trying couple of years with Covid restrictions, lockdowns and travel restrictions proving to be very challenging.

We sincerely thank Paul for his contribution to our club as our coach.

The board have discussed the coaching situation. There do not appear to be any/many coaching options at the moment. We will keep our eyes and ears open to see what develops.

A suggestion by Paul Nichols was that our club should seek out a club tournament shirt for members to wear to tournaments, etc. or on social occasions.

Paul believes we are the only G.V club that does not have a tournament/social top, and, that it is a great way to promote our club.

Paul Becroft will secure a couple of sample tops and present them for members to inspect. These tops would not compulsory, but, available for purchase if you so desire.