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## JANUARY 2022 Newsletter

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

#### BOWLS

##### THURSDAY 2X2 OPEN PAIRS

Our ever popular open 2X2 pairs are up and running for 2022. Every Thursday at 10.30am. 2 X 12 ends \$14 includes salad roll for lunch. Names on the list or phone Graeme Sinclair on 0418395388. Can everyone please take the time to write their names on the sheet in a clear and legible manner. No one is to rub out or alter names already on the list. The normal pairs will not be played on Thursday February 10. It will be replaced by our annual 5-a-side tournament. \$2,000 prize money. Lunch/Arvo tea provided. \$125 per team of 5. Entries are now closed. Proudly sponsored by: Shepparton Carpet Court & Kensington Gardens Shepparton.

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Whilst on the topic of Thursday Pairs we need a couple of interested members to come forward and learn and then assist with the running of this popular weekly event. Graeme and Stan Hester have done a wonderful job of running this for several years. Stan has a few health issues and we certainly wish him well. We do need some new blood to take this event over. If this does not happen we could see this day disappear in the not too distant future. After many successful years this would be a tragedy.

#### YOUR CLUB

I know it is only January but I would like to bring everyone up to speed on what is happening over the next few

months leading up to our AGM in May . We will have 4 board members up for election as their 2 year term will expire. They are Secretary, Female Bowls Director, Membership Director and Greens Director. Some or all may very well nominate again but I would ask interested members to consider nominating when the time comes. It is always good to have new people with new ideas and enthusiasm coming through the ranks. We are also on the look out for a new Bar Manager. Ray Phillips has indicated that he will not continue. Ray has had a very tough couple of years with on again, off again trading and many interruptions caused by the Covid outbreaks. We thank Ray for his great service as our bar manager.

#### GREENS

Our 2 grass greens are coming along very well and we would like to thank our committed, and, hard working group of greens workers for their efforts. Under the guidance of Shane Walsh the greens are being mowed and rolled more often than ever before. This has of course increased the workload on our workers. We thank you all. A special mention also to Sue Tyson who regularly provides the workers with some freshly baked goodies for their morning tea. Thank you very much Sue, it is greatly appreciated.

#### GREENS SURROUNDS

There is also a separate roster for members to come down and mow the green surrounds each Friday morning. We also thank all those who come down to run the mower over the grass and keep our surrounds looking great.

The roster for the next few weeks is as follows:

28/1/22	Bill Gullick Norm Allan
4/2/22	Ron Holland Vince Mazzella
11/2/22	Keith Dudley Angelo Russo
18/2/22	John Welsh Ken Cuthbert
25/2/22	Jeff Boyle Bill Gullick

We thank you all for your efforts. If you are unable to do your shift please arrange a swap.

#### BOARD

At our recent Board meeting a couple of issues came to our attention. During a recent Division 6 North game at Colbinabbin the heat rule was apparently ignored. This is a very dangerous situation and should not be allowed to happen again. Several of our ladies, playing in State events, were, allegedly, harassed about their playing attire by an official. We have written to the CGMBR to seek an explanation for these actions. They are meeting soon and we should have answers soon after.

#### SURROUNDS

The replacement of the old, tatty synthetic grass between the Rose and Members greens is nearly complete. The carpet droppers into the ditches will be done in due course. The carpet for this is still in the clubhouse. We must sincerely thank Rob Thorne for his hard work and expertise in getting this most necessary job done. The carpet for all this work cost about

\$14,000. We had quotes to provide the carpet and complete the job that has been done now. The quotes were \$28,000 and \$46,000. Having seen the time and work that has gone into the job I can understand that sort of cost.

So, Rob, Graeme Sinclair, Murray Phillips, Paul Becroft, Bill Gullick and Neville Winch we thank you for your time and effort in getting this job done.

It was also great to see Neville come and put in a lot of work and we thank you, Neville.

Always great to see some new faces amongst our volunteer workforce.

We also salute our wonderful gardening volunteers who look after our gardens, inside, and outside, our boundary fences. Thank you Bill Probst, Margaret Smyth, Sandra Wallace and Sydney Baulch.

Syd has recently joined our club and he is providing great help and support to our tireless worker, Bill Probst.

Syd is also learning how to mow the greens, and when asked, also filled in a spot on one of our pennant teams last Saturday. Great effort, Syd and very much appreciated.

### **PRACTICE**

Just a friendly reminder that **ALL** greens, including the carpet are closed until 11am. This is to allow our greens staff to complete all of their upkeep and maintenance on our greens,

The carpet also requires a lot of work in vacuuming, blowing off leaves and debris, moving pegs as needed, re-marking the lines and general maintenance.

We also thank the volunteers who work tirelessly to look after the carpet. They are: Paul Becroft, Doug Freeman and Barry Nelson. We thank you for your efforts. More helpers are always welcome, but please liaise with Paul.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOWLS**

Angelo Russo, who has run our very successful Wednesday Night bowls for several years, has indicated that he would like to step away from his full involvement in the running of the event.

We would like to think there may be some people who come forward and take over the organising and running of this very popular and successful event.

### **CLUB EVENTS**

Most of our club games have now been run, and won. Winners are:-

Ladies A Grade:	Margaret Thorne
Men's A Grade:	Paul Warren
Ladies B Grade:	Wendy Holland
Men's B Grade:	Charles Pellegrino
Ladies Pairs:	Leonie Freeman / Bree Warren
Men's Pairs:	Rob Thorne / Wes Gibbs

A very well done to all winners, and all participants.

Great effort by Jim Shanahan and David Slingo for the very large number of entries that they rounded up for these events.

A reminder that there are quite a few 21Up and 100Up games still to go. Please organise a time and get these games done ASAP.

### **PENNANT**

With only 5 games left until finals most of our teams are competitive without setting the world on fire.

Please attend training whenever possible and put your best feet forward for the remainder of the season.

### **NEXT SEASON**

Once again, I know it is very early but I would like to ask all pennant bowlers to consider their position towards the next pennant season 2022-23 .

In the next few weeks I will put Midweek and Weekend pennant lists on the outside notice board.

I am doing this early because once this season is over many people switch off and head away on holidays.

It is a time consuming trying to contact everybody when they are away.

This club will have to give very serious consideration to our team entries for next season. With the numbers missing on a weekly basis it is also a huge job having to fill all our teams every week and round up fill ins at the last minute. I thank all those who have committed themselves to this season, and, all those who have filled in when asked.

A classic example this year was Kevin and Bev Thorn, who do not play Weekend pennant, but when asked willingly filled in for our Weekend Division 6 North team. They contributed to a good win by that team.

That is great club spirit. Well done.

### **BARRY CARTWRIGHT**

Very sad to report that our valued member, Barry Cartwright, passed away early last week.

Our condolences are extended to his family.