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## NOVEMBER Newsletter 2022

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

### **SOCIAL BOWLS**

Wednesday night social bowls has been going well with only a couple of weeks to play after the Vic Open. However another season will run in the New Year so tell your friends. Starting with BBQ at 6pm, a great way to introduce new bowlers to the sport this is a wonderful asset to our club bringing in many new members. Names to Angelo Russo 0414476206 or Sandra Winch 0468321810.

### **THURSDAY OPEN 2 X 2 PAIRS**

Our longstanding Thursday bowls continue year round. Please contact Graeme Sinclair on 0418395388 or names on the list in the foyer.

### **PENNANT**

Weekend Pennant teams are progressing quite well and are all in similar positions to last year, there were a couple of very close games last weekend to keep things interesting. Practice sessions are 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.

### **MIDWEEK PENNANT**

Midweek teams are doing okay although practice has really been very disappointing. Hardly worth Josh giving up his time turning up. Maybe we need to be more encouraging with participation. State and Club games are progressing well after the floods. Congratulations to Di and Kate on winning the Over 60's pairs. Well done to Marg and Sue on coming

Runners-up. 3 Shepparton Park teams featured in the finals so well done girls. Marg Smyth and Bev Cahill played off in the semi.

Vic Open is approaching very fast so we will be needing all hands on deck this week in preparation for outside cleaning, BBQ Area set-up, Greens and surrounds. Many rosters have been prepared for Bar, Catering inside and out, Greens, Trading Table, Markers and Umpires. Let's make this a great final Vic Open for Shepparton Park. We will miss the funds generated from this event. We should look to organise maybe a large tournament over perhaps 3 or 4 days during Easter or Melbourne Cup weekend next year.

Our Christmas Party on 2nd December is being organised by the Social Committee with the help of myself, Marg Thorne, Sue Tyson and Marie Nelson. To employ caterers it was going to be too costly so we have put up our hands to prepare a two course meal for \$20 per person.

Regards Sandra.

### **CLUB COMPETITIONS**

Due to the floods dates to complete games in A & B Grade Club Championships have been extended by 2 weeks, please organise your game as soon as possible.

### **Payment of entry fee for Club Events Reminder**

**CLUB GAMES** : Please remember when you are playing a club match 'BOTH OPPONENTS' put your money in the 'SAME' envelope with your details on outside of the envelope.

The entry fee for Club Events is \$7 per player per event.

This is to be paid in the following manner:

- When playing your first game in each event, both players (or teams in Pairs) place their entry fee in the same envelope provided in the box, and complete the details on the front.
- Place the envelope in the mail slot near the north clubhouse door.
- The fee is only payable once for each event you enter.

### **STATE EVENTS**

Some of these have been rescheduled due to the floods, details will be updated as they become available. Congratulations to the winners of the first rounds Kate Bush and Di Hands in the Ladies 60 and Over pairs. John Mortimer progressed well in the Men's 60 and Over pairs playing in finals this week.

### **GREENS**

Both grass greens are in very good condition. The only worry as we head into the Vic Open is the weather.

The shade cloths between the Members and Foundation Greens have been fitted and have been adjusted today to stop the side cables breaking in the wind.

The water pump is back in operation. This is great news. Let's hope there are no more major floods!

Thanks to all the Green and surround volunteers who do a great job and to Shane for his continuing direction and work.  
Regards Wes Gibbs.

There has been some discussion about lowering the Plastic Blinds on the Southern end of Rose Green, please note there is no set rule re lowering and raising these, during the summer if a club member organising a competition or Pennant game decides it would be beneficial to lower them, that is okay as long as they raise them again after the game. It has been an unusual year which leads to unusual circumstances.

Richard Hansen has taken on organising cleaning of the Rose Green carpet and surrounds, he is putting together a crew to make sure this is done regularly, thanks Richard.

Dumping of Bowls; it has come to our attention that some of our bowlers are having difficulty delivering a bowl smoothly, if this is a problem for you perhaps consider trying an arm or speak to a coach to assist with your delivery. Dumping bowls damages our greens so please take this into consideration.

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Christmas party will be held on Friday 2nd December, 2 course meal \$20 per person, names on the notice board please. The Social committee have paid for the beautiful big banners outside both East and West entrances to the club, thank you ladies.

### **SPONSORSHIP MANAGER**

Thank you to Angelo Russo for offering to take on this role, if you can help in any way please let him know.

### **VIC OPEN**

The Vic Open is here! We are set for a fantastic week of bowls, it is not too late to help out, Murray Phillips is still looking for BBQ helpers late in the day each day. The trading table will be operating throughout the event.

Raffle tickets will be available for sale all week, if you have a book please return it by next Thursday, the raffle will be drawn on Friday.

1st prize is a set of Henselite Bowls, (donated)

2nd prize \$100 Bunnings Voucher. (donated)

3rd prize \$100 Woolworths Voucher.

4th prize \$50 Woolworths Voucher (donated).

Thank you Kelvin for organising the Raffle prizes and getting the tickets printed. Also due to Kelvin's hard work we were able to get the lights on the Members Green fixed at no cost to the club.

The kitchen team will be busy and looking for plenty of helpers there, they will also be looking for donations of slices. Please talk to Helen, Marie or Robyn if you can help.

The Bar, as always will be doing a roaring trade so let Bill Gullick know of your availability if you are not already on the roster.

This year we will also be selling stubby holders to commemorate 10 years of the Vic Open in Shepparton so look out for these collectors items \$8 each.

If you are at the club during the open please keep an eye out for any rubbish lying around, if you see overflowing bins please empty them into the big bins or the skip bin outside the West gate. A lot of work has gone into getting the club spic and span for the Open let's keep it that way.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped in the lead up to this week, Shane, Wes and the Greens crew who have been working towards this all year. Helen, Robyn and Marie for organising the kitchen ready to feed the masses. Murray Phillips for organising the BBQ, especially with all the supply challenges this year (sorry there are no Dim Sims). :( Bill Gullick for his early work as Secretary and currently in the Bar.

Sandra Wallace for organising the Trading table and the many, many other things you do. The flowers look beautiful. Paul Beecroft for all his work behind the scenes and who will probably hardly go home this week. Rob Thorne for cleaning the lights above the Rose Green, with his helpers, everything looks much brighter! And for the many other things he does. Graeme Sinclair for everything he does around the club to keep it looking great. Marg Thorne who prepared most of the rosters along with all she does as Treasurer. Bill Chilcott and Jim Shanahan our Office Gurus, we would be lost without you this week.

### **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.

**Have a great 10th  
Vic Open Shepparton Park**

**See you there!**