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

Dates to remember

September

10 Club Opening Day (see notice below)

24 Try Bowls Day (see notice below)

30 Intraclub practice match 10am

October

7 Practice Match vs Golden Square

7 Saturday Pennant starts - Div 4 only

10 Midweek Pennant starts - all divisions

14 Saturday Pennant starts - Div 1, 2, 3, 6

Club Opening Day

This is to be held on Sunday 10th September, with a 1pm start. The format is two games of two bowls mixed triples followed by afternoon tea.

Put your names on the entry sheet on the outside noticeboard. Single entry only.

Try Bowls Day

On Sunday 24th September our Club will be holding a *Try Bowls Day* at 1.00pm. Members will be asked to distribute flyers around their area and to invite their families to attend. Please keep this day clear and come along and assist with the visitors.

Thanks, Leonie Freeman (Membership Director)

Club Events

It is time to think about entering club events. These are a great way to improve your bowling and to pit yourself against fellow club members.

Entries are now open for the A Grade, B Grade and Men's and Ladies' Pairs events. Entries close on Sunday 1st October, with the first round to be completed by October 29th.

Entry fee is only \$7 per event. Dates for completion of each round are listed on the club website and will be listed on the draw sheets.

A copy of the Conditions of Play is on the noticeboard.

Bowls Committee – Chairperson Sandra

I would like to say thank you to Paul for stepping in to Male Director position once again. I am really happy to work with Paul again this season but it is disappointing that in a big club like ours it seems hard to find members to take on positions.

Whilst I was on holidays I received all the emails regarding Pennant team allotments for the coming season. I was extremely disappointed to see we had been given 2 Division 6 teams and not a Div 5 in Midweek as we had requested. In fact we should have had 2 promotions with Div 3 and 5 winning premierships. As we already had teams in those Divisions we weren't allowed to be promoted. We protested and we were finally placed back into Div 5. Thank you to all who attended the meeting and as a result we ended up with a positive response.

We have quite a few young members who are not playing with us this season which is a concern. Quite a few out with injury and illness so the Selectors will have a big job on their hands. I am looking forward to the season and working with you all again.

Bowls Committee – Deputy Chairperson Paul

Together with Kelvin and Wes I attended a meeting with Dean Jones and David Dawes from Tallygaroopna to decide arrangements for their use of our greens this season.

We have arranged a practice match against Golden Square on Saturday 7th October. We will not have a game against Euroa.

Copies of the Pennant Conditions of Play have been printed off and included in Managers' folders.

We still need more players to fill our weekend teams each week. If you haven't already indicated that you would be available, please contact Paul Becroft.

House - Alan

Rob Thorne has done a magnificent job installing bird mesh above the carpet. I believe he should be congratulated on his job as it will be a suitable addition to assist in the maintenance of the carpet.

Greens – Wes

I am pleased to report both grass greens are in good condition for this time of year. Shane has carried out a Winter program of spraying and fertilizing.

We are aware that with Tallygaroopna using the greens for their home matches we will need to closely monitor the wear and tear of the greens.

Members are reminded to check the notice board to see direction of play and which greens are open for practice. It is important to do this to protect the greens and allow work to continue on them.

Looking after our facility

It has been reported that a gas jet had been left turned on in the kitchen. This could have created an extremely dangerous situation. It is timely to remember that the care of our facility is the responsibility of ALL members.

If you are the last person to leave the clubrooms, please ensure all doors are locked. If last to leave the grounds make sure all gates are closed.

Jackets

We are investigating alternate winter wear jackets. One is a hoodie style jacket and one is a zip-up type. The hoodie would cost \$80 and the zip-up \$100. Samples are being obtained for sizing and designs being finalized. Once this has been done you will be able to view and try on at the club, and can be ordered if desired. Keep an eye on the noticeboards for further information.

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