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

Dates to remember

December

- 20 Ladies drawn Pairs.
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 31 Round 4 completed Men' A Grade Championships
- 31 Round 4 completed Men' B Grade Championship
- 31 Round 4 completed Men's Championship Pairs

January - Happy New Year

- 13 BV Region Sides—Ballarat
- 14 BV Region Sides—Ballarat
- 14 Round 1 completed Ladies and Men's 21 Up
- 14 Round 1 completed Ladies and Men's 100 Up
- 14 FINALS DAY;
 - Ladies and Men's A Grade Championship
 - Ladies and Men's B Grade Championship
 - Ladies and Men's Championship Pairs
- 14 Stirrers Day following finals & lunch.
- 21 GV Men's Singles Day 2
- 21 Round 1 completed Mixed Pairs
- 28 Round 2 Completed Ladies and Men's 21 Up
- 28 Round 2 Completed ladies and Men's 100 Up
- 29 Entries close GV State Champion of Champion Singles and Pairs.

State Games

Congratulations to Kate Bush on winning the GV Women's Singles in what was a tough 2 days of competition, Sue Tyson and Mia Nowasad got through to the finals, well done ladies.

Congratulations Kate Bush and Di Hands on winning the GV Ladies pairs, also well done to Annette Barkley and Joy Gardem who made it through to the quarter finals.

Congratulations to Bree Warren, Di Hands and Kate Bush who have been selected in the GMBR side to compete at the Bowls Victoria Region Sides event to be held at Central Wendouree and Sebastopol Bowls clubs on 13th & 14th January, good bowling ladies.

Club Event Finals & Stirrers Day

On Sunday 14th 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 display.

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 men 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.

The draws for the 21Up, 100Up and Mixed Pairs have been done. They are displayed on the noticeboard and website. The first round is to be completed by January 14th, so it is a good opportunity to take advantage of the long pennant break to get some valuable practice.

Bowls Committee – Chairperson Sandra

In Midweek Pennant teams are doing well. Div 1 is top of the ladder, Div 2 is 4th, Div 3 is 2nd, Div 4 is 5th and Div 5 is 3rd.

Selection is going well but we are having lots of injuries and illness causing many late changes. Covid has reared its ugly head again and many at the Club have succumbed to it. We are fortunate enough to have plenty of emergencies to fill the places.

Most of the State Events have been played.

Congratulations to Di and Kate for winning the Pairs last week and Kate Bush on winning the Ladies State Singles.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Xmas and good health and good bowling in 2024.

Bowls Committee – Deputy Chairperson Paul

At the GMBR delegates meeting it was decided that pennant Grand Finals will be played on the same day but with a later start time for Div 1 with Midweek starting at 11am and Weekend starting at 3pm with presentations for the lower divisions made during the Div 1 break. The idea is that lower divisions can watch the end of the Div 1 Grand finals.

The draw was questioned with the uneven home/away format, some weeks we have every rink full while other weeks there is no one playing at home. Paul clarified that the draw is done in Melbourne by computer, Region has no control over it. Saturday Div 1 are in 4th place, Div 2 7th, Div 3 6th, Div 4 3rd and Div 6 5th. The lack of practice is

showing in our results, no one is practicing, and duty teams don't do duty unless you remind them. Members need to check the duty list on the selection sheet or on the website. Lack of players is also a problem, next year we may need to drop a team. We need to have a meeting before pennant starts next year to discuss a few things.

Greens – Wes

Both grass greens are in good condition. The break over Christmas will give us a chance to catch up on necessary maintenance. The grass greens will be closed over Christmas while we do this maintenance. The Greens committee as always is doing a great work to maintain the greens and surrounds. We look forward to the break over Christmas and to come back refreshed for the second part of the season.

Membership – Leonie

We desperately need new younger players. Please think about inviting your neighbours, friends and family to come along and join us.

House - Alan

A quiet month, Kelvin's good line into Council makes things much easier. The kitchen door is now fixed after a little hiccup. A register of keys is being compiled and those who have keys to areas they are not authorised to access will be asked to return them.

Bowls Etiquette

After a few instances of inappropriate behaviour on the greens this season (not from our club) the Goulburn Murray Region has published a list of etiquette guidelines which sit beside the formal rules of the game. This list is attached again in case you missed it last month.

Pennant Team Managers

Thank you to those who take on this role, it is vital to the smooth running of the Pennant season. At the GV Delegates meeting held recently it has come to light that some team managers are not confident with/following the rules, it has been requested that all Team Managers be familiar with the GMBR 2023-24 Conditions of Play, (there should be a copy in your folder) in particular the following;

- Recording/Announcing Umpire of the Day
- Rule 10 Umpires
- Rule 21 Commencement Time
- Rule 24 Draw for Rinks
- Rule 34 Awarding of points for Abandoned Games

- Rule 36 Inclement weather, Play commencement and Interruption to Play
- Rule 41 Player, Coach and Officials Conduct & Behaviour
- Rule 46 Bowlers Arm
- Rule 50 The Manager

Defibrillator

The Social Committee has purchased a second defibrillator to be placed on the Plaza area. This will be readily available if the clubhouse is locked and an emergency arises.

Duty Rinks

After Pennant each week there is often quite a mess left which has to be cleaned up. We shouldn't expect others to pick up after us, we can surely look after our facilities as we would look after our homes.

To help overcome this problem, both Selection Committees will designate two duty rinks each game day. One will be responsible for indoor tasks and one for outdoor tasks, irrespective of rink composition. If everyone does their bit, the job won't be too onerous.

The list of tasks to be undertaken by each group is detailed later in this Newsletter, and it is the Skip's responsibility to ensure that all tasks are done.

Social Committee

A wonderful night was had by all those who attended the Christmas Party on 1st December, delicious food, great company and live music by the Splinters, it doesn't get any better than that!

Many thanks to all those who helped run this event and the handsome waiters who served the food and helped with the washing up.

On the following page are some photos taken on the night, thanks Malcolm Pretty.



A good time was had by all at the Christmas Party



Very professional wait staff



'Santa' Hill



The Splinters provided excellent music all night



The Conga line



GOOD LAWN BOWLS ETIQUETTE

Lawn bowls is a game that has a set of concrete rules, but it also has a softer set of guidelines. Etiquette simply means displaying good sportsmanship based on the traditions of the game.

Here is a guide to some of the finer points of lawn bowls etiquette:

1. Be on time for any game (social, club competition or Zone event) that you have agreed to play in.
2. Switch off your mobile phone or other electronic devices before commencing a game.
3. Be aware of the fundamental rules of the game and conditions of play for the event being played.
4. Always greet your opponent with a friendly handshake at the start of a game.
5. Hand your opponent the mat and jack at the start of play.
6. Commend good bowls and acknowledge your own fluky or lucky bowls. It is considered poor sportsmanship to cheer opposition bowls going into the ditch, out of bounds or knocking one of your bowls towards the jack.
7. Show respect for your opponents and teammates by not disturbing them while they are on the mat and by standing still at the head end when someone is about to bowl.
8. Avoid disturbing players on other rinks by not walking onto their rink or making excessive noise.
9. All players should assist in kicking back the bowls at the completion of an end.
10. If the Umpire is called to measure, all bowlers should retreat from the head and not disturb him/her.
11. At the completion of a game, the graceful loser should congratulate the modest winner with a handshake and share a drink with them in the clubhouse.
12. Bowls is a very inclusive sport, be sure to treat all opponents with the same amount of respect that you would wish to be treated.
13. Do not drink excessive amounts of alcohol or use foul or offensive language or gestures.
14. Be aware of the rules regarding drinking and smoking on greens.
15. If you are a smoker, be considerate of non-smokers.
16. Look after the bowling green, do not drop your bowls onto the green.
17. Show respect for all Markers and Umpires as they are giving up their time so you can enjoy the game.
18. When another bowler has marked your Singles game, it is customary for both players to buy a drink for the Marker when the game has finished.
19. Show respect for all bowling club officials and volunteers when in the clubhouse.

These tasks are to be completed on Tuesday and Saturday

Tasks for Outside Pennant Duty Rink

- Before play put out the Club and Australian flags and return them to the Tournament Office after play
- Before play put out the Australian flags in the corners of the greens and return them to the shed after play
- Before play put out the Umpires boxes and return to the Tournament Office after play
- Wipe down rink seating before play if needed due to rain or dew
- Put out mats and kitties, and return after play – the heavy kitties go in the bucket in the mat trolley
- Take in the rink allocation board at the end of play
- Turn off the Rose Green lights when all rinks have finished.
- Pick up any cans, bottles or other rubbish lying around

Tasks for Inside Pennant Duty Rink

Set up

- Put dishwasher on (instructions are on the wall beside the washer)
- Ensure that mugs, sugar, tea, coffee and milk are out near the urn
- On Tuesday put biscuits out before play
- On Saturday the biscuits go out at afternoon tea time
- Put milk away when going out to play
- Collect, stack and wash as many mugs as possible
- Restock mugs prior to play

Lunch / Afternoon tea

- Put out milk and take in before resuming play
- Ensure there are enough mugs, sugar, tea, etc
- Collect, stack and wash as many mugs as possible

Clean up

- Collect, stack and wash plate, mugs, jugs
- Restock tea bags, coffee, sugar
- Restock mugs on table
- Wipe down tables
- Turn off dishwasher and clean
- Wipe down kitchen benches
- Empty bins into large bin outside the door