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

Happy New Year!

Let's hope 2023 is a great year for everyone.

Thursday 2 x 2's

Our popular 2 x 2's continues the starting time has changed to 10am during the hotter weather. Names on the list at the club or contact Rob Thorne Ph 0418576107. We are still looking for volunteers to keep this competition running please let Rob know if you are able to help out.

Social Bowls

Wednesday evening competition begins on February 15th at 6.45pm with BBQ available from 6pm. There will be a practice night on 8th February from 6 to 8 pm. This is a great competition for new bowlers as well as the more experienced, an opportunity for couples and families to play together. If you don't have your name down and would like to play please contact Sandra Winch Ph 0468321810.

Defibrillator and First Aid

A wonderful turn out of around 40 members on Tuesday 24th February listened to David Gullick talk us through using the Defibrillator and some resuscitation techniques, we then had the chance to practice on a dummy. The main thing we came away with is if someone is in trouble have a go, some CPR is better than none and you may save someone's life. The defibrillator is easy to use it talks you through what to do once you turn it on, and it monitors the patient. Many thanks to Annette Barkley and Vince Page for organising the evening and to David Gullick for his clear instruction and answering our many questions.

Incident Reports

As part of updating our First Aid kit we have now updated the Incident report forms, if you assist someone who is injured at the club please complete the form so we have a record of events and any potential hazards can be attended to, the forms are in a purple folder with the first aid kit in the cupboard marked with the first aid sign in the board room. There was some discussion on Tuesday about when an Ambulance should be called, the general opinion was if in doubt call the professionals particularly if someone hits their head or is bleeding profusely. It was also suggested that all members should carry a list of their current medications and any medical issues, the Board will discuss formalising this but for the time being these details could be on a piece of paper and carried in your Bowls bag. There was also some discussion on where the defibrillator is positioned at the clubrooms, the board will discuss this at the next meeting, meanwhile everyone should know where it is in case of emergency.

Pennant

Weekend Pennant; Div 1 are travelling well but some of the other Divisions are struggling, attendance at practice is poor and perhaps this is reflected in our results. We are also missing a lot of top players which flows through to the lower teams.

The members draw on Friday evenings is not well attended, come along for the chance to win.

Tuesday night BBQ is continuing, thanks to Vince Mazzella & Murray Phillips for organising and cooking.

Midweek Pennant

Midweek Pennant teams see Div 1 in Fourth position with only 3 points separating them from Kyabram who top the ladder. Div 2 are going well in

second spot, Div 3 fifth but only by 5 points behind third and fourth. Div 4 in fifth only one shot behind fourth and Div 5 doing really well in top spot. Club Championships were held last week with Sue Tyson and Jeff Boyle taking out A Grade Singles. Carla Rikys and Neville Winch were our B Grade champs. Di Hands and Kate Bush won the Ladies Pairs. Mens Pairs game was delayed as Paul Nicholls was in both the Singles and Pairs finals.

* Men's Pairs was won by John Mortimer and Vince Page. The Stirrers Event was won by the Men this year. Friday the 24th of February at 6.30pm we will hold our Italian Dinner. Dennis Smyth was due to come home over the weekend after having a pacemaker and defibrillator fitted. Dave Slingo is still in Shepp Private Hospital having Rehab. He hopes to come home Wednesday but his recovery is going to be a slow process. Sandra Bowls Committee

Player Behaviour

There have been some concerns at regional level about inappropriate language and behaviour during Pennant games (not from our club thankfully). If you experience this please notify the umpire. Let's treat each other with courtesy and respect both on and off the green.

Social Committee

It was great to see so many members at our Defibrillator training night on Tuesday 24th January.

A great turnout also for our Chicken and Salad night on Saturday 28th January. A very enjoyable night with music provided by the Splinters and dancing led by Sue Tyson.

Friday 24th February at 6.30pm we will at last be able to have the Italian Night.

The cost for 2 course meal is \$20 per head. If you have any special dietary requirements please inform Joy Gardam when booking. Please feel free to bring family and friends. Names to Joy Gardam on mobile 0422214954 by Tuesday 22nd.

Apart from these events there is a considerable amount of bowling to be done with many of the divisions in the four. It would be great to get us all there with some awesome bowling but sportsmanship is integral in creating a united team—GO PARKERS.

For those who are currently struggling please take care and our best wishes to the network of people who are supporting you.

Kind Regards

Annette.

Photos thanks to Malcolm Pretty.



Catering Committee

After a very busy pre Christmas period and a well earned break we are back in the swing of things with Thursday pairs and ready for another great year.

Greens Committee

The grass greens are coming along nicely after a lot of work has been carried out recently. This includes

scarifying, grooming, fertilizing and spraying for insects as well as regular mowing and rolling.

The carpet will be stretched again if all goes to plan.

The water in the dam was getting low, so after contacting our local State Member, Kim O'Keefe, who contacted our Mayor, Shane Sali, we now have water going into the dam. However, this problem is not completely fixed.

Another alternative is being looked at to fix the bird problem on the Rose Green.

Many of our greens workers are not well at the moment, so we wish them well in their recovery and look forward to seeing them back as soon as possible.

Many thanks to everyone who assists in keeping the greens and surrounds in top condition. A great team effort.

Wes Gibbs, Greens Director.

Tallygaroopna Using Greens

Due to their greens being out of action for the rest of the Pennant season, we have agreed to Tallygaroopna using our Greens for their home games, providing it works around our club commitments, and to practice on Thursdays. They are paying Green fees and of course supporting the bar, thanks for making them feel at home. I received an email from Dean Jones President of Tallygaroopna thanking us for helping them out and for making them feel welcome at our club, they very much appreciate our assistance.

Single Use Plastic Ban

As you are probably aware the Victorian Government has banned most single use plastic including straws, plastic plates, cups, cutlery and non reusable containers. Please bring your own drink bottles with you (and remember to take them home).

In an effort to reduce our waste in general we will be gradually removing paper towel from the bathrooms, there are electric hand dryers in all of our bathrooms so please get in the habit of using these.

State Competitions

Good luck to our club bowlers in the next round of State games on 5th and 8th February at Shepparton Golf Bowls Club, and to our club championship winners playing in the Champion of Champions on 12th March.

Emergency Services *Thankyou*

Bowls Vic with the sponsorship of Hensilite are conducting thankyou barefoot bowls & BBQ functions around the State, this is for Emergency Services Personnel involved in the flood emergency last year. We have been asked to host the local event on Sunday 12th February from 12 - 3pm, we are not sure of numbers as yet but if you are able to help out please let a Board member know.