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

Dates to remember

November

- 29 Round 2 completed Ladies Pairs
- 29 Round 2 completed Ladies A Grade
- 22 GV Women's State Triples – Day 1 – venue TBA
- 23 GV Women's State Triples – Day 2 – venue TBA
- 26 GV Men's State Triples – Day 2 – Venue TBA

December

- 3 GMBR v Ovens & Murray (Tentative Date)
- 4 Entries close GV State Singles – Ladies and Men
- 3 GMBR v Ovens & Murray (Tentative Date)
- 4 Entries close GV State Singles – Ladies and Men
- 10 Round 3 completed Men's A Grade
- 10 Round 3 Completed Men's B Grade
- 10 Round 3 Completed Men's Pairs
- 10 Mixed Turkey Triples Tournament
- 10 GV Men's State Pairs – Day 1 – venue TBA
- 12 Entries close Ladies Drawn Pairs
- 13 GV Ladies State Singles – Day 1 – venue TBA
- 14 GV Ladies State Singles – Day 2 – venue TBA
- 16 GV Men's State Singles – Day 1 -venue TBA
- 17 GV Men's State Singles – Day 2 – venue TBA
- 17 Entries close Mixed Pairs
- 17 Entries close Ladies and Men's 21 Up
- 17 Entries close Ladies and Men's 100 Up
- 31 Round 4 completed Men' A Grade Championships
- 31 Round 4 completed Men' B Grade Championship
- 31 Round 4 completed Men's Championship Pairs

Vale

We recently lost a valued friend and club member in Brian Hardy. Brian has been a valuable member since Kialla Park days, and passed away last Wednesday. He will be remembered as the *Godfather of Division 3*.

Helpers Needed

Between now and Christmas many outside groups will be visiting our club to have bare foot bowls and a meal, usually on a Friday night. We need many helpers for the barbecue and bowls instruction. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Marg McNamara who will pass your name on. Remember that *many hands make light work*.

Club Events

Entries close for club events;

Dec 12 : Ladies Drawn Pairs

Played on December 20

Dec 17 : 21 Up, 100 Up and Mixed Pairs

First round to be completed by January 14.

A good way to keep your hand in during the long Christmas pennant break. Entry sheets are on the outside notice board.

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. 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.

Bowls Committee – Chairperson Sandra

Midweek pennant teams are going quite well. Div 1 in second position, only 9 points behind Shepp Golf. Div 2 in 5th, Div 3 in 3rd, Div 4 in 1st and Div 5 also in 1st place.

Training has dropped off with around 25 attending on Monday mornings.

Due to 2 resignations from Selection Committee the Bowls Committee co-opted 2 new members to fill the vacancies.

Ladies Fours Tournament was held on 20th October with 64 ladies taking to our greens. The Raffle and Trading table raised a combined amount of \$579 on the day. Many thanks to Annette and Marie for their food preparation the day before and to Geoff Barkley, Rob Gardam, Brian Hall, Denis Smyth, Richard Hansen and Rob Pilcher who did an excellent job on the day of cooking, serving and delivery of the lovely two course meal.

At the risk of omitting to mention all the other helpers on the day ie Greens staff, Umpire, Bar, Raffle ticket sellers and Trading Table helpers I thank you all. Thanks to Cathy Dudley and Jim Shanahan for running the Tournament.

Last but not least our Tournaments would not run without the generous donations from our Sponsors, GV Vets and GMCU. We greatly appreciate their ongoing support.

The Social Committee will be holding the Annual Xmas Party on the 1st of December with entertainment by "The Splinters". There will be a 2 course meal provided at a cost of \$25 per head. A major raffle will be drawn on the night and donations to the Hamper would be greatly appreciated.

Due to having total hip replacement following my fall I am unable to bowl for 3 months but will still perform my duties as Bowls Director on the Board.

Thank you to everyone at the club who have sent messages, flowers, cards and phoned me during my stay in hospital.

Bowls Committee – Deputy Chairperson Paul

For three weeks in a row all teams playing had wins, a great result. Unfortunately we had to forfeit Division 6 on two occasions due to lack of numbers. Attendance at practice nights is well down. Members are encouraged to attend at least one practice session each week.

Greens – Wes

Both grass greens are holding up well under a heavy workload of bowls.

Fertilising and spraying continues to be carried out. Our loyal band of workers continue to keep our greens and surrounds in top condition. Many thanks.

Membership – Leonie

Our Wednesday social evenings have completed their first session and will resume in February. There has been another Bowlslink upgrade and introductory and teaching sessions are available online. The Melbourne office would like all pennant scores to be placed on the internet via mobile phones during the games. Having tried this in the Open, I feel it would not prove very satisfactory for people lacking phone / computer skills.

Bev Cahill has been organising corporate sessions and these have proven very popular with the participants. In fact we could gain a few members via this avenue in the future. It would be good to have more helpers to cover these events.

House - Alan

The new kitchen door closer has been fitted, with some fine adjustments to be made to have it working

properly. The bar door lock has been repaired. The cistern in the outdoor toilet needs to be repaired. Batteries for the outdoor vacuums have been obtained.

Stubby Holders

Commemorative stubby holders ordered before the 2020 Vic Open have finally arrived. These acknowledge the Vic Open's 10 years at Shepp Park. They are available for \$6 each at the bar.

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.

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.

Insurance

Members may be interested to know that this month our insurance renewals totalled \$22,000. I'm sure you have all experienced increases, but this has placed a huge strain on club finances.

Members should be warned that their bowls and equipment left around the club (not in lockers) is not covered by this insurance.

Mixed Turkey Triples

Sunday 10th December

4:30pm start
2 Bowl mixed triples
2 games x 14 ends
Meal after first game
\$60 per team

Entries to Cathy Dudley
(0401 313 441) or
Wes Gibbs (0427 232 192)

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Concrete & Quarries



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