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October Newsletter 2023

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

Dates to remember

October

- 22 GV State Mixed Pairs – Day 2 venue TBA
- 29 GV Men's State Fours – Day 1
- 29 Round 1 completed Ladies and Men's A Grade
- 29 Round 1 completed Ladies and Men's B Grade
- 29 Round 1 completed Ladies and Men's Pairs

November

- 1 GV Women's State Fours – Day 1 – venue TBA
- 2 GV Women's State Fours – Day 2 – venue TBA
- 5 GV Men's Fours Day 2 – Venue TBA
- 6 Entries Close GV State Triples – Ladies and Men
- 7 Melbourne Cup Day – No Pennant
- 12 GMBR Rowland-Sutcliffe Trophy Challenge in Murray playing Area
- 19 Round 2 completed Men's A Grade, B Grade and Pairs
- 19 GV Men's State Triples Day 1 – venue TBA
- 20 Entries close GV State Pairs – Ladies and Men
- 29 Round 2 completed Ladies Pairs

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ron Bartley on being nominated for induction into the Murray Bowls Region Hall of Fame. Recognition for many years of service.

Club Events

A reminder that the first round of these events need to be completed by October 29th. The dates for all rounds of the Men's events remain as listed in the booklet and draw sheet. The dates for the Ladies events, after the first round, have been adjusted to suit the number of entries. The new dates are listed on the draw sheets and the club website.

Bowls Committee – Chairperson Sandra

We had 40 players attend training last Monday morning. Graeme Myers helped out with a drill which was useful on game day when we needed to play the shot he had us practicing. Our first week of pennant saw Midweek Div 1, 3, 4 and 5 with wins. Div 2 unfortunately had a huge loss after being only 1 down at the lunch break.

On the 2nd of October I held a Midweek Pennant Information Meeting in conjunction with Annette Barkley's very informative Defibrillator training/ refresher presentation. Many thanks to Annette for imparting her valuable knowledge of the use of the Defibrillator on the 40 members who attended.

Selection, Match, Tournament, Catering and Social Committee representatives all gave a short update on the new season.

On this Friday the 20th our Ladies Fours will be held. We have 16 entries so can go undercover if weather is unfavourable. Annette has arranged for several males to work in the kitchen for this event.

Regional news:

- State Over 60's Carnival will be managed by Bowls Victoria and held at Barham. Goulburn Valley Over 60's will still be played, but will not advance. Singles will be held on 26th February 2024 and 3 bowl Pairs will be on 11th March.
- Region Sides will be held at Ballarat on the 13th and 14th of January 2024.
- In the lowest pennant teams two elderly bowlers may share a position such as lead or second. They could play half the ends or just play from one end.

Bowls Committee – Deputy Chairperson Paul

The practice match against Golden Square was a great success. Including the Division 4 pennant match there were more than 100 bowlers on the greens.

The selectors need names on the unavailable list before selection meetings (usually Tuesdays) to ensure stable sides.

Members are asked to look at the rink allocation board on Fridays to ensure they practise on the rinks they will be playing on the next day if playing at home.

Greens – Wes

It is pleasing to report that both grass greens are in good condition. General maintenance of spraying and fertilising has been carried out.

Thanks to Jim for organising a mowing roster for the surrounds. It is good to have Barry Hubble back doing some work.

The hedges on the north and west side of the Members Green have been lopped. The garden is being well cared for by Bill and his helpers.

Thanks to all who work on the greens and surrounds. It is a credit to everyone.

Membership – Leonie

Wednesday night social has started successfully and new social memberships for Ross Pitcher, Kim Farrell, Jeanette Coverdale, Judy and Jeff Guilfoyle have been collected. Graeme Watt is returning as a social member after his operation. Anne Probst and Graeme Martin have also signed forms to join.

Pennant start times

A reminder that roll-up for Midweek Pennant is 9.45am and for Saturday Pennant it is 12.45pm. Please make sure that you arrive in plenty of time to allow games to start on time.

Eildon and Alexandra games

We've had a request from these clubs to alter the starting times for pennant games, due to the travel time required. They suggest 11am start on Saturday and 10am or 10.30am on Tuesdays. If you are playing in these games make sure to check the team sheets for the starting time. This applies to both home and away games.

When playing at Alexandra and Eildon, each player pays the driver \$10 to reimburse for petrol and that no green fees are payable.

Keys

Alan Davis has requested that if you have received a key to the club's facilities (other than a gate key), he would like to know so that the key register can be updated.

RSA & Umpiring Courses

We are attempting to arrange a Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) course at the club. If you would be interested in doing this course and helping out with bar duties, please contact Paul Becroft.

A member has expressed interest in undertaking an umpiring / measuring course. If you would be interested in doing this course, please contact Jim Shanahan.

Details of when these courses will be run will be advised when dates are known.

Coffee machine

After comments from members, the Board has decided not to proceed with this proposal. Thanks to those who provided feedback.

Defibrillator

The Social Committee has indicated that they would like to obtain a second Defib machine to be placed outside on the plaza area to provide access if the clubhouse is locked. The Board has supported this idea.

Tea Pots

There are quite a few large tea pots in the kitchen cupboards which are only taking up space. If you would like one, please contact Annette Barkley to get one before they go to the Op Shop.

New Jackets

The newer style of jacket that was displayed earlier has now been ordered. Keep an eye out for delivery information.

SPBC INC SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chicken & Salad Night

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023

6PM FOR A 6:30PM MEAL

\$10 PER PERSON

\$5 PER PERSON IF YOU WISH TO BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT

RSVP VIA TEXT TO JOY

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