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September Newsletter 2023

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

Dates to remember

September

30 Weekend intraclub practice match 10am

October

1 Entries close for A and B Grade and Pairs

2 Midweek practice match

4 Men's 60 and Over

4 Wednesday social bowls practice night

5 Ladies 60 and Over

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 Events

Entries are closing for the A Grade, B Grade and Men's and Ladies' Pairs events on Sunday.

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

We had our first Midweek Training last Monday with only 20 members participating. Hope to see more attend this afternoon. Selectors will be choosing teams after practice. There will be an intra club practice match between the Midweek Divisions next Monday the 2nd of October at 2pm. Di has indicated that we only have approximately 4 emergencies, who will no doubt be needed at times.

I will be holding a Midweek Information session next week and Annette is going to conduct a Defibrillator Training Session at that meeting.

Paul and myself will be attending the Region Meeting this Thursday the 28th.

Marg Stibbard has requested that the Uniforms not be handed out without her knowledge as she likes to keep a record for re-ordering purposes.

It was great to see 17 people turn up for *Try Bowls Day*. Hopefully we will gain a few members from the day. Plenty of Shepp Park Members were there to help. Thank you to Leonie for arranging this event.

Bowls Committee – Deputy Chairperson Paul

With only 81 names are on the weekend pennant list, many who will be unavailable for months, and others recovering from operations it will be difficult to field 76 players each week. We may need to recruit more ladies or look at withdrawing a team. There are 40 players for the intraclub practice match on Saturday, and less for the Golden Square game. Division 4 starts the same day as this game.

Greens – Wes

Both grass greens are in good condition after scarifying, fertilising and spraying. As the weather improves we are seeing good growth on the greens.

As we are heading towards a heavy workload on both greens, we are planning to rotate the rinks North/South and East/West. This is very important to get the maximum value from the greens.

We need more volunteers to mow the surrounds. If there is anyone interested in mowing and rolling the greens it would be really appreciated. If you can help with the surrounds mowing on Friday mornings, contact Wes or Jim Shanahan as the new roster is being drawn up this week.

Thanks to all who assist to keep the greens and surrounds in top condition. Thank you also to Shane for his advice and work commitment for the care of the greens.

Membership – Leonie

Sunday 24th September saw our club host a *Try Bowls Day*. We had 17 visitors who were guided by our club members. Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon followed by a light afternoon tea. We look forward to gaining several Wednesday bowlers from this event.

Thanks to all the members who assisted on the day.

Pennant start times

Midweek Pennant roll-up is 9.45am for a 10am start. Weekend Pennant roll-up is 12.45pm for a 1pm start.

Eildon have requested a later start for midweek games and an earlier start for weekend games. Alexandra may also request altered start times, so it is important to keep an eye out when we play these clubs.



Kevin Hicks Sponsorship

As part of the sponsorship agreement with Kevin Hicks Real Estate, there is an opportunity for our club to gain additional funding. Put simply, if the club refers a client to Kevin Hicks, and they proceed to make a sale, the club receives a cash bonus.

The system works like this;

1. A member (or family or friend) notifies the club that they intend to sell their property.
2. The club provides the name to Kevin Hicks RE who then contacts the interested person.
3. If Kevin Hicks RE arranges a sale, the club receives a cash bonus.

There is no compulsion to use Kevin Hicks to sell the property, they are simply asking for the opportunity to provide a quotation which you may either accept or reject.

The only stipulation is that the club must make the referral. If you go directly to Kevin Hicks RE and say you are a club member, the additional funding is not available.

Coffee Specialties

The Board is considering obtaining a automatic coffee machine for the Club. Members would be able to make their own coffee from the options listed below. The cost would be in the range of \$2 to \$3 per cup (coin in the slot, so would be available at all times). This would not replace the currently available tea and coffee.

We need to gauge whether there would be sufficient demand. If you think the proposal is worth following up, or if you would definitely use the machine, please contact Kelvin Rogash or Jim Shanahan before the next Board meeting on October 15th.



Mochaccino	Cappuccino	Caffe Latte
Flat White	Double Shot Flat White	
Hot Chocolate	Espresso Short	Espresso Long
Extra Shot	Milk Dash	Hot Water