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December Newsletter 2024

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

Dates to remember

December

- 17 Midweek Pennant Round 9
- 19 Ladies Drawn Pairs
- 17 State Singles
- 18 State Singles
- 25 Christmas Day**
- 26 Boxing Day**

January

- 1 **New Years Day**
- 5 Round 5 Completed Men's A Grade,
- 6 Entries close Women's and Men's 60 & Over Mixed Pairs.
- 10 Regional Championships– Ballarat
- 11 Regional Championships– Ballarat.
- 12 Regional Championships– Ballarat
- 12 **GRAND FINAL** Ladies & Men's A Grade, B Grade and Pairs
- 12 Stirrers Day
- 12 Round 1 Completed Ladies & Men's 21up.
- 12 Round 1 Completed Ladies & Men's 100up.
- 12 Round 1 Completed Mixed Pairs.
- 14 Midweek Pennant Round 10
- 16 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 18 Weekend Pennant Round 10
- 19 GV Men's Singles Day 2
- 20 Entries Close Region Novice Singles
- 20 Entries close Region Champion of Champion Pairs.
- 21 Midweek Pennant Round 11
- 22 GV 60 & Over Mixed Pairs Day 1
- 23 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 25 Weekend Pennant Round 11
- 26 Region Champion of Champion Pairs Day 1

Social Committee

Our Christmas Party was a roaring success with delicious food, great company, pleasant music by Anthony Tenace and some happy winners in the raffle with great prizes, thanks to all those who donated to the raffle and helped out on the night.

Congratulations

Lots of winners again this month.
GV Ladies Pairs was won by Sue Tyson & Kerri Leask.

Our Mixed Turkey Triples was won by Heath Matthews, Ken & Marg McNamara, runners up were Paul Nichols, Wes & Val Gibbs, in 3rd place were Roy Brown, Graeme & Bev Myers.
Kate Bush and Di Hands have been selected to play in the GMBR side at the Regional Sides Championship on January 10th, 11th & 12th in Ballarat, good luck ladies. Congratulations everyone!

Catering

Although we still don't have a catering manager many members are pitching in to keep functions going. Thanks to Marie Nelson, Sandra Wallace, Annette Barkley, Marg Thorne, Joy Gardam and their many helpers who have organised catering for our corporate events, Thursday salad rolls, Saturday nibbles, morning tea for Tuesday Pennant and tournaments. Annette and helpers would like to thank the mystery dishwashers at the Turkey Triples, your help was much appreciated. Many thanks also to those members who help in the bar and those who help with the bowls at corporate events.

Facebook

Our club's Facebook page has been much more interesting to look at over the last year, with different members sometimes sending in photos and including something written about their participation in tournaments, or other gatherings. Often we also share interesting stories with great photos via links to Shepparton News Sports, who regularly report on lawn bowls. We have also been uploading Shepp Park tournament flyers, and posters advertising social events. These can easily be found featured at the top of our Facebook page's feed, just under our cover photo.

It would be great to see some candid photos from across the divisions each week. Maybe a few members who bowl in different pennant divisions, both Midweek and Saturday, could take a photo or two on their rinks, and send them in.

Please remember, our club's Facebook page belongs to you... the members of Shepp Park. So, if there is something you'd like to see uploaded, send it to me, perhaps with what you'd like written, along with correct spelling of any names you'd like included.

Jarrad Greenfield Ph. 0401 020 101

Bowls Committee – Chairperson Graeme

Both Saturday and Midweek selection are struggling to fill all Divisions, Saturday Div 6 has been especially challenging, please make yourself available if possible. We have mixed results in Pennant, current standings are Weekend Div 1 3rd, Div 2 3rd, Div 3 2nd, Div 4 4th and Div 6 5th. Midweek Div 1 3rd, Div 2 2nd, Div 3 8th, Div 4 1st, Div 5 7th.

Club events are progressing to schedule thank you everyone. Draw for 21 Up and 100 Up is now out, list is on the board at the club.

At the recent delegates meeting it was voted to change the start time for Midweek Pennant to 10am with roll up at 9.45 effective immediately.

Bowls Vic have decided their main aim for the coming year is to get more females involved in the sport.

A reminder from Umpires that all bowls in the team must have the same discs (stickers) and you cannot put another disc over older discs.

There was some discussion re Player Permits, each club is to advise the GMBR board their thoughts on this and other pennant matters, by letter, at the season end which they will forward on to Bowls Vic who make the decision. Shepparton Park will certainly be objecting to Player Permits.

Region Events

Entries are now open for the following Regional events; 60 & Over Mixed Pairs to be played on Wednesdays 22nd & 29th January & 5th February 2025. Entries close 6th January via Bowlslink.

GMBR Men's & Ladies Novice Singles to be played on Sundays 9th February & 2nd March entries close 20th January 2025 via Bowlslink.

Eligibility: Any bowler who became affiliated with a bowling club (GMBR) after January 1st, 2022 (inclusive).

If anyone has difficulty entering on Bowlslink please speak to Leonie, Kelvin, Marg McNamara, Graeme Myers or Joy Gardam who will assist you.

The State Novice Championships will be held from the 9th to 12th May 2025.

We will be hosting a Junior Tournament run by the GV Devils on the weekend of 24th & 25th May 2025, we will be catering for this tournament so we will need volunteers to help out.

Pennant Draw

The Saturday Division 4 Draw listed in our club handbook is incorrect the draw for the remainder of the season is as follows;

18/1/25 Away to Mooroopna

25/1/25 Away to East Shepparton

1/2/25 Home to Tallygaroopna

8/2/25 Away to Dookie

15/2/25 Home to Seymour

Greens – Wes

Many thanks to all who helped in the spreading of the sand on the Foundation Green, it was a great effort to have all the sand out by 9.15am. To the members who provided the morning tea, much appreciated.

The Members Green is in good condition but will now have extra load with the Foundation Green out of action for some time. Some small stones have been noticed on the Rose Green, this is a concern that bowlers are not wearing proper footwear. **Please check your shoes.** Doug Freeman is still missing his long handled spade from the working bee, this spade is precious to Doug please check your tools and if you have it let him know.

Recycling Scheme

An update on depositing recyclables at Foott Waste, you can donate the proceeds of your recycling to the club by telling the staff working at the collection centre, you don't need the barcode to do so. Unfortunately our cans for donation were taken recently if you see anyone suspicious hanging around the club please let Kelvin know.

Bar Volunteers

Our Bar manager Chris Meek is looking for more volunteers to add to the roster, to be able to help you will need a current RSA certificate. If you don't have one don't worry there will be upcoming courses or there is an online version available, the club will cover the cost of the course which only takes a few hours. Please let Chris know if you are able to help.

**Wishing everyone a
Very Happy Christmas
and a Wonderful 2025!**





Working Bee and lasering the Foundation Green.
Many hands make light work!



Winners GV Ladies Pairs Sue Tyson and Kerrie Leask.



Winners of Mixed Turkey Triples Heath Matthews, Ken & Marg McNamara.

