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## February Newsletter 2024

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

#### Vale

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of valued member Barry Hubble, known to many as Barney Rubble. Although he hasn't been able to play for some time due to ill health he continued to be a valuable part of the Greens team and was on the roller only a few days before he passed away. Our condolences to Pat and his family, Barry will be greatly missed around the club.

#### Dates to remember

##### February

- 18 GV Champion of Champions Singles Finals at Shepparton Golf Bowls Club
- 18 Round 3 completed mixed pairs
- 20 Midweek Pennant-Elimination & Qualifying finals
- 21 Social Bowls - Round 3
- 24 Weekend Pennant Elimination & Qualifying finals
- 25 GV Champion of Champions Pairs Day 1 At Euroa Bowls Club
- 25 Round 4 Completed Ladies & Mens 21 Up
- 25 Round 4 Completed Ladies & Mens 100 Up
- 25 GMBR State Events Finals Day in Murray Venue TBA
- 27 Midweek Pennant Preliminary Finals
- 28 Social Bowls-Round 4

##### March

- 2 Weekend Pennant Preliminary Finals
- 3 Round 4 completed Mixed pairs
- 3 Entries close Men's Drawn Triples
- 3 Entries close Mixed Drawn Canadian Pairs
- 5 Midweek Pennant GRAND FINALS
- 6 Social Bowls Round 5
- 6 Ladies 60 and Over at Shepparton Park
- 9 Weekend Pennant GRAND FINALS
- 11 Round 1 Men's Drawn Triples
- 12 Round 1 Mixed Drawn Canadian Pairs
- 12 GMBR Div 1 Pennant Champ in Murray PA
- 13 GMBR Div 1 Pennant Champ in Murray PA
- 13 Social Bowls Round 6
- 18 Round 2 Men's Drawn Triples
- 19 Round 2 Mixed Drawn Canadian Pairs
- 20 Men's 60 & Over Inter Assoc Challenge at Shepparton Park
- 20 Social Bowls Round 7
- 25 Round 3 Men's Drawn Triples
- 26 Round 3 Mixed Drawn Canadian Pairs
- 27 Memorial Night
- 29 Mixed Pairs Medley Tournament

#### Club Events

Entries are now open for the Men's Drawn Triples and the Drawn Canadian Pairs. Each is single entry only, with the Match Committee drawing the teams. Entries can be made on the sheets on the outside notice board. These events are played on Monday and Tuesday nights respectively, starting on March

11th and 12th. Entries close on March 3rd.

Thanks to all those who have been attempting to keep the current round of games on schedule. Your efforts are appreciated.

#### Hints for Markers.

Marking is an important role for a singles match, consider it to be a privilege. There are however a number of "rules/duties" to be considered.

- Centre the jack.
  - Ensure that the length is at least 21 metres.
  - Once centered stand approximately two metres behind and one metre to the side. (At our club there are other lines on the green and these are one metre apart.)
  - Answer only the question asked by the player in possession of the head. (you may indicate number of shots up or down)
  - If you are not sure of the distance in metres show distance with hand signals.
  - Mark all touchers immediately after touch.
  - Stop any bowl from a neighbouring rink.
  - When end is completed move to the front of the head and wait for players to indicate score, then say current score with head winner first.
- Record score on card and keep tally.

Items to carry: score card, Puffer, measure, pencil and rag.

Happy Marking; Doug Freeman.

#### Bowls Committee – Chairperson Sandra

With this Tuesday being the last of this season's home and away matches I am very happy to report that we have all five divisions in the four on the ladder.

Div 1 are third, Div 2 are third, Div 3 are fourth, Div 4 are fourth and Div 5 are third.

Congratulations to Sue Tyson and Paul Nichols on winning the Club A Grade Championships. Jenni Hill and Bev Thorn, and Jeff Boyle and Brian Hall won the pairs and we wish them well in the Champion of Champions. Sue has progressed to the semi final of Champion of Champion Singles and we wish her all the best for next Sunday. Jarrad Greenfield is through to the next round of the Novice. Other Club matches are still being played at the moment.

Social bowls was held last Wednesday night with 72 players. 9 of these were new to the competition with only a couple who had some experience. Sandra and

Neville Winch are doing a great job of running the night.

In mid March we will distribute Bowls Committee Nomination forms ready for elections in mid April. I feel we need to hold a Bowls Committee/ General Meeting with all members of the Club to discuss the many vacancies that will be needed to be filled for next Season. We will be needing a Ladies and Mens Bowls Director, Treasurer, Catering Manager to name a few. Marg Thorne has come up with some good ideas to spread the load with regards to Catering. We could have a Manager for Wakes, Thursday Co-ordinator for purchasing of food. The roster is working well. Corporate Events are difficult as there is an unknown quantity of these. The 6 Tournaments a year could also have a manager to organize the meals. Social Committee organize their own events.

I would like to see all Midweek players at Training 11am Monday 19th in preparation for finals. Best of luck to all teams who make finals.

**Bowls Committee** – Deputy Chairperson Paul Attendance at training is still poor which is reflected in our results, we hope to get a better response next season. We are pleased to announce that Paul Nichols will be coach again next season.

At the end of home and away games our teams finished; Div 1 after a great game on Saturday, are now 4th, Div 2 had a great win against the top team 3rd, Div 3 almost beat the top team 8th, Div 4 7th, Div 6 4th.

Good luck to those playing in finals.

Once again there have been issues with player behavior & language, Please be respectful of your fellow team members and opposition.

**Greens** – Wes

The greens are holding up well with the constant use. We had hoped to laser the greens this year but there has not been time due to the work load. The greens were inspected in regard to finals and were running well so we will have to wait and see.

The Rose Green has been running better since shampooing.

A big ‘Thank you’ to all the Greens and Surrounds volunteers who continually work to maintain a high standard of the greens. All this wouldn’t happen if it wasn’t for the guidance of Shane.

**Membership** – Leonie

Social bowls is going well, Sandra and Neville are doing a great job. We need to encourage our social bowlers to move to the next step.

**House** - Alan

A quiet month again, we needed to replace the hand dryer in the Plaza toilet as it was getting stuck on and was too old to be repaired. Please remember to

turn the A/C off in the clubrooms if you are last to leave, last Saturday it was left running, this does not help our power bill!

**Solar Power**

The new system is up, and running very well, Kelvin has an app to keep track of how it is working if you are interested. We were able to sell the old system to help offset costs, thanks to Stuart McNamara for his help with this.

**Facebook**

Jarrad Greenfield has been working on our Facebook page and it is looking great, he has posted some interesting stories and amazing photos, this is a wonderful way to promote our club and it doesn’t cost anything! It is surprising how far a post can reach. Like and share the posts when you see them to send them further into cyberspace. Please also take photos at events and Pennant and send them to Jarrad on 0401 020 101. Name and brief description of the event and, if you can, name those in the photo from left to right. I also ask Pennant teams in finals to please nominate someone to take a team photo and send it to Jarrad or to myself at secretary@sheppartonparkbowls.com.au we had winning Pennant teams last year and no decent photos. If you **do not** want any photos of yourself to be on facebook please let me know.

**Tournaments**

We have decided to run a mixed pairs tournament on Good Friday 29th March, Bicknells Freight have generously agreed to sponsor this tournament instead of Charity day. The tournament will be a medley, lunch included, see the flyer attached to the Newsletter for further information, names on the board or to Jim 0427 071 473 or Wes 0427 232 192.

A great way to spend what is often a ‘nothing’ day, good company, great food and fantastic bowls.

We also have the popular Ladies Triples Tournament coming up on Wednesday 10th April, get a team together, entries to Cathy Dudley 0401 313 441. Sponsored by GMCU.

**Season 2024-2025**

As Sandra mentioned we have several positions we need to fill for next season, our club cannot run without a Board of Management and volunteers filling roles. Along with 2 Bowls Directors, Treasurer and Catering Manager we need a couple of people to look after the recycling and rubbish, at the moment Kelvin is taking the refundable recycling to Foott Waste but he already has a large workload. Our Greens team, who do a fantastic job, are getting older and could do with some help. Please consider giving a few hours of your time each week to help keep your club running and enjoy some fellowship while you are there.



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## Good Friday Mixed Pairs Medley

Friday March 29th,  
9.30am start

3 games of 12 ends  
Game 1 : 3 bowl pairs  
Game 2 : 2x2x2x2  
Game 3 : 2x4x2

\$50 per team

Lunch provided: Fish and chips / quiche  
and salad

Entries to Wes Gibbs (0427 232 192) or  
Jim Shanahan (0427 071 473)



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## Ladies 2 Bowl Triples

Wednesday 10th April  
9.30am start

2 games of 10 ends  
1 game of 12 ends

Great Prizes

Entry: \$20 per player  
BA Uniforms please

Lunch and afternoon tea provided



Entries to: Cathy Dudley 0401 313 441  
by April 1st