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January Newsletter 2024

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

Happy New Year!

Dates to remember

January

- 28 Round 2 completed Ladies and Men's 21 Up
- 28 Round 2 completed ladies and Men's 100 Up
- 29 Entries close GV State Champion of Champion Singles and Pairs.
- 31 Social Bowls practice night 6.30pm - 8.30pm

February

- 2 Round 2 completed Mixed Pairs
- 4 GV State Champion of Champions Singles & Pairs Round 1 Ladies at Tatura, Men at Shepparton Golf
- 7 Social Bowls-Round 1
- 8 Open Medley 5 a Side
- 14 Social Bowls-Round 2
- 18 GV State Champion of Champions Singles & Pairs Day 2
- 18 Round 3 completed mixed pairs
- 18 GV State Champion of Champions Singles & Pairs Round 3
- 20 Midweek Pennant-Elimination & Qualifying finals
- 21 Social Bowls - Round 3
- 24 Weekend Pennant Elimination & Qualifying finals
- 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

State Games

Congratulations to Paul Nichols for making it through to the 2nd round of the Men's singles, unfortunately he went down by one shot. Congratulations to Ray Saville who made it to the quarter finals. Congratulations also to Jarred Greenfield who is through to the 2nd round in the Novice Men, the next round will be played on 24th March, good luck Jarred.

Club Event Finals

Club Championship Finals have been played. Congratulations to the winners and runners up, some great bowls have been played over the last week: Men's A Grade Paul Nichols def Heath Mathews Ladies' A Grade Sue Tyson def Mia Nowosad Men's B Grade Angelo Russo def Michael Britz Ladies' B Grade Lorraine Nicholls def Lorna Coucill

Men's Pairs Geoff Boyle/Brain Hall def Paul Nichols/Paul Becroft
Ladies' Pairs Jenni Hill/Bev Thorn def Sue Tyson/Marg Thorne.

Please find photos later in the Newsletter.

The Stirrers was once again won by the Men, a fun afternoon was had by those taking part. Thanks Mildred (Shane) Walsh for adding to the fun and helping the Ladies out. (Sorry I didn't get a photo)

100 Up, 21 Up and Mixed Pairs competitions are well under way, please try and play your games by the allocated date. Ladies Drawn Pairs were played on 20th December. Winners were Wendy Holland & Marg Smyth, 2nd Marg McNamara & Renee Britz, 3rd Joy Gardam & Leila Amadei. An enjoyable day was had by all participants.

Charity Day

After much discussion and soul searching it has been decided to cancel our annual St Patrick's Day Charity tournament this year. Many factors have led to this decision, ie ill health of members, number of volunteers and people hours needed to run the day, benefit to our club. We are hoping to perhaps run a tournament in a different format at Easter, if anyone is interested in getting involved please contact the tournament committee.

Bowls Committee – Chairperson Sandra

With 4 rounds of Midweek Pennant remaining all teams have the opportunity to make finals. Div 1 are on top of the ladder by 1 point Div 2 are 5th with 2 points separating 3rd, 4th and 5th, Div 3 are in 2nd position, Div 4 are 3rd and Div 5 are 3rd with 2 points separating 2nd, 3rd and 4th We witnessed a great Men's A Grade Singles Final yesterday. Paul Nichols was the eventual winner against Heath Matthews. Final score was 25/24. Good to see lots of members come to support Paul and Heath. Unfortunately, due to many factors we couldn't hold all the finals on one day. Good luck to all players who are playing in the finals next Sunday and Monday. Jarred Greenfield made it through to the next round in the State Novice, unfortunately Chris Meek wasn't able to get through. I would like to say the greens are looking great

thanks to the hard working Greens Committee.

Bowls Committee – Deputy Chairperson Paul

Not a lot to report this month as everyone has been away. Div 1 are in 4th place, Div 2 7th, Div 3 6th, Div 4 5th and Div 5 5th. Next year we will need to drop Div 6 as we are struggling for numbers, there are a lot of players out at the moment for various reasons. The Rose Green has been shampooed and is looking good, it was decided to close it for a few days to give it a chance to dry out.

Greens – Wes

The recent rains have given us a good growth of grass on both greens. We now have good cover as we go into the second half of the season. Shane is continuing with the program of spraying and fertilizing. Both greens were scarified over the holiday break.

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

We desperately need new younger players. Please think about inviting your neighbours, friends and family to come along and join us. Our Social bowls competition starts again on 7th February with a practice night on 31st January 6.30 to 8.30pm. This is the perfect introduction to bowls for anyone who might be interested.

House - Alan

A quiet month, the kitchen door has caused another hiccup but hopefully is now fixed. The front entrance is open again, there is still a little bit of work to be done on it but we have access to the door.

Bowls Shoes

It appears that some people are wearing non approved Bowls shoes, while it is not compulsory to do so during club and social games, there is a reason we are asked to wear flat shoes and that is to protect our greens, shoes with grip and crevices bring in stones and dirt, it is a regular occurrence to find stones on the carpet and grass greens, foreign matter contaminates and damages our greens so please wear flat shoes when bowling.

Solar Power

As some of you may be aware, one of the Inverters on our Solar Power system has stopped working and is not under warranty, our whole system is getting old and inefficient, power prices are increasing. It has been decided that the best long term economic solution for our club is to replace the whole system. Kelvin has done a lot of research and shopping

around to get the best deal for our club, a 30kw system will be installed by Watters Electrical on 5th-7th February, we can add to this system later if we wish. We are happy with the quality of the materials and the cost and look forward to having greatly reduced power bills in the future. The estimate is that the new system will have paid for itself within 3 years. We will be trying to sell our existing panels and inverter, if you or someone you know are interested in purchasing them please give Kelvin a call, please note you cannot connect this system to the grid, it would be suitable for an off grid home or shed and would need to be collected soon after removal.

Can you help?

Jim Shanahan is doing some research and is looking for a copy of the club booklets from 2017/18 and 2018/19, if you have one could you please contact Jim on 0427071473. Jim has put a lot of information about the history of our club on the website which is well worth a read.

Facebook

We are going to update our Facebook page and perhaps establish a profile on Instagram as a way of reaching younger people. Jarred Greenfield has agreed to help us with this as he has some experience in this area, he also has the advantage of youth! Once we are up and running we will ask members to send photos and videos that we can share. More information once we are up and running, Watch this space.

Members with ill health

A big shout out to all our members suffering illness or injury, we hope you are feeling better and back at the club soon. Patsy Abrahams is doing well, she is now in Shepparton Private if anyone would like to visit. Sadly Bill Gullick, former Secretary and tireless worker at our club, has suffered a series of strokes and is now in full time care in Maculata Place, I am sure he would enjoy some visitors.

Social Wednesdays

Thanks Chris Meek for organising Social Wednesday evenings during the Pennant break, they have been a great success. As Social Competition starts next week Social evenings will now be Friday during Pennant practice 4-6pm, come and practice and then relax with a drink and a chat.

Photos from our Club Championships



Ladies' A Grade finalists



Men's A Grade finalists



Ladies' B Grade finalists



Men's B Grade finalists



Ladies' Pairs Champions



Men's Pairs Champions



Marg (representing the ladies) presenting the *Wooden Stirrers Spoon* to Alan (representing the men) after their Stirrers win.

The tally is now 11 to the ladies and 19 to the men.