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## October Newsletter 2024

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

### Dates to remember

### October

- 26 Weekend Pennant Round 2
- 27 Round 1 completed Ladies & Men's A & B Grade  
+ Ladies & Men's Pairs
- 28 Entries close State Mixed pairs
- 29 Midweek Pennant Round 3
- 30 GV Region Women's 60 & Over Singles
- 30 GV Region Men's 60 & Over Singles
- 30 Social Bowls Round 5
- 31 Open 2 X 2 pairs
- 32 Ladies 60 & Over East Shepparton

### November

- 2 Weekend Pennant Round 3
- 3 GV Women's State triples Day 2
- 5 Melbourne Cup Day No Pennant
- 6 Social Bowls Round 6
- 7 Ladies 60 & Over Valley View
- 7 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 9 Weekend Pennant Round 4
- 10 GMBR Rowland-Sutcliffe Challenge
- 12 Midweek Pennant Round 4
- 13 GV 60 & Over Women's Singles Day 2
- 13 GV 60 & Over Men's Singles Day 3
- 13 Ladies 60 & Over Shepp Park
- 13 Social Bowls Round 7
- 14 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 16 Weekend Pennant Round 5
- 17 Round 2 completed Ladies & Mens's A & B  
Grade + Ladies & Men's Pairs
- 17 State mixed Pairs Day 1
- 18 Entries close GV State Pairs Men's & Ladies
- 19 Midweek Pennant Round 5
- 21 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 21 ladies 60 & Over Euroa
- 23 Weekend Pennant Round 6
- 24 State Mixed Pairs Day 2
- 25 Entries close State Singles
- 26 Midweek Pennant Round 6
- 27 Ladies 60 & Over Mooroopna Golf
- 27 Open 2 X 2 Pairs

### Social Committee

Over 70 members enjoyed the chicken, salad and dessert night on 18th Oct, delicious food and great company. It

was a wonderful way to start the season.

Our next social function will be the Christmas Party on Sunday 24th November, save the date, more details to follow.

There is a basket in the clubrooms for donations to our Christmas Party raffle, all donations are appreciated.

### Congratulations

Lots of winners this month.

Chris Meek came home with a Gold Medal in the Men's Pairs, Gold in Men's Singles and a Silver in Pétanque at the National Transplant games.

GV 60 & Over Pairs, winners of the Ladies' Sue Tyson & Marg Thorne and winners of the Men's Graeme Myers & Kelvin Rogash.

Congratulation to Ross Higgins on winning a Bronze medal in the Men's Pairs at the National Para games.

Good luck to our ladies playing in Nationals this week; Sue Tyson, Kerri Leask, Jenni Hill & Jenny O'Connor (Numurkah) and to Mia Nowasad representing Tonga in the Oceania games in a few weeks.

### Bowls Committee – Chairperson Graeme

47 Bowlers travelled to Golden Square for a practice game, we were warmly welcomed and provided a lovely lunch, once they got the gas to cook the BBQ.

Unfortunately rain prevented a full game but still a good day.

The draw for club games is on the board with some already started. Keep in mind dates by which games are to be played.

The Pennant season is off to a good start, however even though we had good numbers on the sheet prior, we struggled to fill Div 6 on Saturday and played one short.

The GV have made a few changes this year, Practice before a game can be on the rinks allocated for the day's play and the home side must allow visiting players to practice on the playing rinks. Practice must finish 30 mins before the game commences.

Heat rule. Team Managers are now to use the BOM app to check the temperature every 1/2 hour if the forecast is 38<sup>0</sup> or above, we no longer use the thermometer in the box.

No warnings - the Umpire does not have to give any warning if player(s) display bad behavior, swearing or any abuse of rules, they can give the max penalty and can make a team forfeit the match if any further abuse of rules e.g. smoking in an unauthorized area.

## Social Bowls

Competition continues until the 13th November, participants are having a wonderful time each week. Sandra & Neville Winch, along with their helpers, do a great job of organizing this competition, it is a fantastic introduction to bowls in a social environment. The next season of Social Bowls will begin in early February, if you know of someone who may be interested in playing ask them to contact Sandra 0468321810. Sandra & Neville are looking for some experienced bowlers willing to give guidance to new bowlers, if you would like to help out (it doesn't need to be every week) please give Sandra a call on 0468321810.

## Greens – Wes

Both greens are in very good condition. Shane has been busy both fertilizing and spraying. The overhead sprinklers are working well and certainly proving to be a good time saver and it sprays more evenly. Many thanks to all volunteers who work both on the greens and surrounds. For those playing club games, please check which greens are open and in which direction, if you want to play on a particular green and want it to roll well, please contact me (Wes) Ph 0427232192 a few days prior so we can prepare the green.

## Membership – Leonie

Pennant has begun with great results from Tuesday Midweek and Saturday Weekend. This is the result of our new and returning players enhancing the Divisions. Our thanks go to those drivers who offered to go long distances to protect the lives of our older members when they are travelling to Eildon or Alexandra. We will conduct a Try Bowls day perhaps in January or after the bowls season has finished to attract new players.

## Catering

We are still in need of a catering co-ordinator, we have volunteers to run some areas but we need an overall co-ordinator, we also need someone to organise the catering for corporate events, these bring in a good income for our club and are an introduction to bowls, we often get people joining social bowls after corporate events. We also need someone to organise catering for tournaments, we will have another four tournaments to cater for, if you are able to help or know of someone who could please contact Joy 0422214954 or David 0419887737. Thank you to those who helped out at our recent Ladies tournament, Annette, Bev and Maxene who did a lot of preparation the day before and the team of men who did the final prep, served and cleaned up on the day.

## Members Handbook

My apologies, there is an error in the Handbook Peter Burns number should be 0467485427.

## 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 is an upcoming course at GOTAFE on Friday 29th November, registration for this course closes on 25th October. There is also an online option. For more information and to register contact Chris Meek Ph 0478609223. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help.

## Sporting Club Grants

We have recently submitted an application for funds to purchase some hacksaw arms for the club, these would be stored at the club and available for use by those considering changing to using an arm. The Grants are not distributed until December so we will have to wait to see if we have been successful.

## Hoodies / Jackets

The next order of Hoodies and Jackets should arrive very soon, if you have one on order we will contact you when it arrives, once they have been collected we will open sales for the remaining stock. It's great to see members wearing them out on the green they look fantastic. Some members have asked about changing our pennant shirts to a similar design, unfortunately this would be a very expensive process so we will not undertake it at this stage.

## Recycling Scheme

Kelvin has organized a club bar code for the can deposit scheme at Foott Waste. If you would like to deposit recyclable bottles and cans and donate the money to the club you can use this bar code.



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Chris Meek and his partner Dan winning Gold in Men's pairs at the Transplant Games in Canberra.

GV Men's 60 & Over Pairs winners Graeme Myers and Kelvin Rogash.



Left GV Ladies 60 & Over winners Sue Tyson and Marg Thorne.



**CONGRATULATION TO YOU ALL !**