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September Newsletter 2024

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

Dates to remember

September

- 21 Weekend Pennant Practice Match
- 26 Open 2 x 2 Pairs
- 28 Weekend Pennant Practice Match
- 29 Coaching Session 1 to 2.30 pm
- 30 Entries close Region 60 & Over Pairs
- 30 Entries close GV State Fours

October

- 1 Entries close Ladies & Mens A Grade, B Grade & Pairs.
- 2 Entries close State mixed pairs.
- 2 Social Bowls Round 1
- 3 Open 2 x 2 Pairs
- 5 Practice Match Golden Square
- 6 GV State Fours Day 1
- 7 Entries close State Triples
- 8 Practice match Midweek Pennant
- 9 GV Region 60 & Over Pairs Day 1
- 9 Social Bowls Day 2
- 10 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 10 Ladies 60 & Over Kyabram
- 11 Ladies Pairs Tournament
- 13 State Fours
- 14 Entries close GV 60 & Over Singles
- 15 Midweek Pennant Round 1
- 16 GV 60 & Over Pairs Day 2
- 16 Social Bowls Round 3
- 17 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 17 Ladies 60 & Over Hill Top
- 18 Chicken, Salad & Dessert Night
- 19 Weekend Pennant Round 1
- 20 GV Men's state Triples Day 1
- 22 Midweek Pennant Round 2
- 23 GV Men's 60 & Over Singles Day 1
- 23 Social Bowls Round 4
- 24 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 24 Ladies 60 & Over Murchison
- 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
- 31 Ladies 60 & Over East Shepparton

Opening Day

Held on 14th September Opening Day was a great success with over 60 members enjoying some bowls, despite the chilly weather, and a delicious afternoon tea. Winners on the day were Paul Becroft, Ellen Cameron & John Priestly runners up were Graeme Myers, Glen Lockwood & Graeme Matthews. Heath Matthews (club person of the year) rolled the first Jack and Moira Smith the first bowl. Veterans Badges were presented to Ray Hindmarch, Vince Page, Glen Edwards and Ron Bartley, it was great to hear a brief summary of their careers to date. We welcomed new members Ian Jennings, Roy Brown, Ken Webber, Frank Gumbleton, Noel Halden, Bryan Findlay, Jennifer Hellyer, Anne Probst, John Farrow, Susanne Conboy, Gary Kennedy, Maxene Moore, Adam Hinkley and those returning to our club Peter Burns, Ray Hill and Ross Higgins, please make them all welcome.

Social Committee

Come and celebrate the opening of the bowls season with a chicken, salad and dessert night - all for \$15 per person! An added bonus - all the food will be supplied by the club - you don't have to make anything! Details on attached flyer. RSVP and any special dietary requirements by text to Rene 0424052118.

Good Luck

To our members representing the State in National Championships at Broadbeach Sue Tyson, Kerri Leask and Jenni Hill along with Jenny O'Connor (Numurkah) in the Ladies Fours and Ross Higgins in the Para Nationals. **Good luck** also to Chris Meek playing in the transplant games and Mia Nowasad representing Tonga at the Oceania games.

Bowls Committee – Chairperson Graeme Practice has now started for Pennant with Midweek on Mondays at 11am and Weekend Practice on Wednesdays and Fridays at 4pm, Paul Nichols will be conducting drills on Wednesdays. It is not compulsory to attend practice, selection will not be determined on this but it is preferable that you attend at least one practice each week. Happy hour bar prices will be after Friday practices not Wednesday. Please note that Social bowls is also on Wednesday evenings so we need to vacate the greens by 5.30 pm to allow the social bowlers time to have a practice

before their game, please also return Jacks & Mats to where you found them as some will be set out ready for the Social Bowls.

At this stage we have 85 players + 8 emergencies for Weekend Pennant and 69 players + 5 emergencies for Midweek.

Names are building up for practice matches, please put your name on the list if you haven't already done so. Golden Square on 5th October arrive at 11.30am when lunch will be provided by Golden Square (at cost), Game to start at 12.45 which will be 21 ends. Don't forget to get your entry in for Club Championships Ladies & Men's A Grade, B Grade and Pairs, entries close 1st October.

This year the GMBR has introduced the new disciplinary committee who will be dealing with inappropriate language and behavior on the greens, Paul Becroft is a member of this committee.

GMBR conditions of play for season 24/25 are now available on their website, there will be a printed copy on our notice board.

Don't forget our Ladies Pairs Tournament on 11th October, get your entries in now.

Looking forward to a great Season 2024– 25.

Social Bowls

Competition begins next Wednesday 2nd October with a BBQ at 6pm and games starting at 6.45pm. Sandra & Neville Winch, along with their helpers, do a great job of organizing this competition, it is a wonderful introduction to bowls in a social environment. 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

I am pleased to report that the overhead sprinkler system on the Foundation Green is nearly completed but needs some fine tuning. A big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who assisted with the project, it was a great effort under the guidance of Shane.

Both grass greens are in good condition at this stage with scarifying and fertilizing being carried out on both greens.

The Roster is on the board for cutting of the grass on the surrounds of the greens, please put your name down if you can help.

Membership – Leonie

We have had an excellent beginning to the Season with new members coming from other clubs as well as some from Social bowls. The Bowlslink upgrade has caused a few headaches but we have it under control now. We may need to hold a training session before the season starts as Div 1 are expected to live score this season. Team Managers will also need to

be brought up to date, rink draws will now be done electronically on Bowlslink.

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, the ladies tournament on 11th October is organised but 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.

Uniform

Anyone requiring new shirts please phone Joy 0422214954 to organize, they are \$40 each.

For any other uniform needs the **Shepparton Bowls Shop** is open Monday - Friday 9am to 3pm and Saturday morning 9am—12 noon. They are sponsors of our club so please support them for all your bowls needs, we are lucky to have a shop locally, lets keep it that way.

We have ordered some more Jackets in various sizes @\$100 and Hoodies @\$90, please put your name on the list at the club if you would like one. These are not part of our official uniform but an optional extra.

Members Handbook

Our Season 2024-25 club members handbook and membership cards for affiliated members are now available at the club, as Region are no longer publishing a booklet we have included the Pennant draws in the centre, please collect yours asap.

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.

Sponsors

Angelo Russo has been busy signing & resigning club sponsors, please support them when you can. A list is on the back of your Members Handbook they include Kevin Hicks Real Estate, Donway Caravans, Cavalier Homes, G.V. Vets, KFC, Mooroopna Pizzeria & Wine bar, GMCU, Central Tyre Service, Peppermill Inn, Mawsons Supermix, Shepparton News, Krugers Fine Meats, Moama Bowling club and Merritt Funeral Service.



A new Season is starting Let's Celebrate !!

Come and celebrate the opening of the new bowls season with a chicken, salad and dessert night - and all for \$15 per person!

An added bonus - all the food will be supplied by the club - you don't have to make anything! (or do the dishes)



A Nifty Fifty competition will also be running - \$2 per number, and you can win \$50 if your number is chosen by "The Wheel of Luck"!

When: Friday 18th October - 6:00 for 6:30pm at the club.

RSVP by Sunday 13th October via text to Rene on 0424052118.



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Ladies Pairs Tournament

Friday 11th October

Commencing at 10am
\$50 per team

Three games of 10 ends
2x2x2x2
Lunch
2x4x2
3 Bowl Pairs

Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea provided

BA approved clothing please

Entries to Cathy Dudley 0401 313 441

