

# Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc

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

#### Dates to remember

# September

- 6 Open Day
- 18 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 20 Practice match with Golden
- 22 Entries close GV State Fours
- 25 Open 2 X 2 Pairs

#### October

- 1 Entries close Ladies & Men's A Grade & B Grade
- 1 Entries close Ladies & Men's Pairs
- 1 Men's 60 & Over
- 1 Social Bowls Practice Night
- 1 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 4 GV State Fours Day 1 Venue TBA
- 5 GV State Fours Day 2 Venue TBA
- 6 Entries Close GV State Triples
- 8 Social Bowls—Round 1
- 8 Men's 60 & Over
- 9 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 9 Ladies 60 & Over
- 11 Saturday Pennant Round 1 Div 5 only
- 12 GV State Triples Day 1 Venue TBA
- 13 Entries Close GV State Mixed Pairs
- 14 Midweek Pennant Round 1
- 15 GV 60 & Over Pairs Day 1 Venue TBA
- 15 Men's 60 & Over
- 15 Social Bowls Round 2
- 15 Entries Close GV 60 & Over Singles
- 16 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 16 Ladies 60 & Over
- Weekend Pennant Round 1 (Round 2 Div 5)
- 19 GV State Triples Day 2 Venue TBA
- 21 Midweek Pennant Round 2
- 22 Social Bowls Round 3
- 22 Men's 60 & Over
- 22 GV 60 & Over Pairs Day 2 Venue TBA
- Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 23 Ladies 60 & Over
- 24 Ladies Pairs Tournament
- Weekend Pennant
- 26 Round 1 Completed Ladies & Men's A Grade
- 26 Round 1 Completed Ladies & Men's B Grade
- 26 Round 1 Completed Ladies & Men's Pairs
- 26 GV State Mixed pairs Day 1 Venue TBA

#### Club AGM

The Club (Board) AGM was held on Wednesday 21st May 7pm where the Directors Reports were presented (these are able to be viewed on our website). Our new Chairperson is Jeff Boyle and Deputy Chair is David Slingo, Vicki Whebell has taken over Membership, welcome to the Board. Most Manager Roles were filled, thank you to Paul Warren for taking on the role of Bar Manager and Angelo Russo who is continuing as Sponsorship Manager for one last year. We still need a Catering Manager!!!!!

# **Opening Day**

Our 2025-26 Season Opening Day will be held this coming Saturday, 6th September, starting at 1pm. There will be two games of 2 bowl mixed triples followed by afternoon tea (please bring a plate of something to share), welcome to new members and presentation of Super Veteran Badges (OBEs) for those turning 80 this year. We have Deputy Mayor Anthony Brophy officially opening the season and rolling the first Jack, it would be great to see lots of members there to show off our great club. Please wear club uniform. Members Handbook and Membership cards will be available for collection.

# **Club Competitions**

Congratulations to last seasons winners! The Honour Board has now been updated. Entries are now open for the 25 -26 Season Ladies' and Men's A Grade, B Grade and Pairs. Put you name on the sheet on the notice board. Entries close October 1st.

#### **Social Bowls**

Our popular Social Bowls competition will begin with a practice night on Wednesday 1st October, if you would like to help out, or if you know of someone who would like to play, please contact Roy Brown Ph 0476044981.

#### **State Events**

Entries are now open for the GV State Events, all entries are through Bowlslink, if you have difficulty with this please ask for help. A timeline for these events is on the notice board in the clubrooms and on the GV Website.

#### **Greens** – Wes Gibbs

It is pleasing to report that all is going well on the Greens, both grass greens have come through the winter in very good condition. There is a problem with a water leak on the Foundation Green at the Southern end, it is under investigation at the moment. You may have noticed we have stopped doing as much line marking on the grass greens, this will save quite a bit on paint and will also be a time saver. We are working on making the 21 metre marks more visible. Many thanks to all who continue to help in the maintenance of Greens and surrounds, it is much appreciated. We are looking forward to presenting good greens for the bowling season.

#### **Bowls Committee** - Graeme Myers

The Winter coaching sessions have been well attended, our members attending really enjoyed the sessions and have gained a lot of knowledge. Well done to our Coach Paul. I have been very impressed with the numbers taking in what has been done during the 8 weeks. We have good numbers for Midweek and Weekend Pennant, really good to see. It will be a hard job for both selection committees.

Our annual Practice match against Golden Square is to be played on 20th September, we have about 60 names on the sheet. On October 4th Nagambie Div 2 & 5 will have a Practice match at Shepparton Park our Div 1, 3 and 4 will practise against themselves.

# **GV Region**

The Pennant Draw is now out, a printed copy is on the notice board near the kitchen, Conditions of Play are also now available, you are welcome to read the copy on the notice board but please return it there. Both the draw and the conditions of play are on the GV website. Live scoring - training will be held on Wed 17th September, each club is to send at least one Div 1 player for live scoring training who will then train other club members. It is part of the Conditions of Play this season that Division 1 games are to be live scored.

We have been asked to vote on the possibility of the Saturday Division 1 Grand Final being played on a Friday evening, after consultation with selectors, players and our coach we have voted against this. The next Regional Delegates meeting will be held on Thursday 4th September.

#### Club Shirts, Jackets & Hoodies

Joy Gardam is the contact for these Ph 0422214954. She currently has club shirts \$40 in a range of sizes if you need to purchase a new one, Joy also has club caps \$20, Hoodies \$90 & Jackets \$100 in the following sizes with more on order. In stock Hoodies 1 x 2XL, 3 x XL, 4 x L & 2 x M. Jackets 1 x 2XL, 1 x M, 2 x S & 1 x XS. Please let Joy know if you would like to order a particular size.

# **BPL Regional Final**

The Bowls Premier League Regional Final was held at our club on Saturday 23rd August and was a great success, it was a great day of bowls in lovely sunshine. Wonderful to see so many spectators supporting our club. Thanks to all those members who helped out on the day. The players enjoyed playing on our great greens, thanks to Shane and the Greens crew for their preparation. I believe this was the first time a final has been played at a country club, hopefully it will happen again.

#### Facebook

Keep the photos and information coming it is a great promotion for our club, Jarrad Ph. 0401 020 101.

### **Sponsors**

Please support our sponsors, without them we could not

run our Tournaments and events. There is a list of our Sponsors on the back of your Members Handbook and on our website. If you know of a business that might like to sponsor us please let Angelo know Ph 0414476206. Our Major Sponsor is Kevin Hicks Real Estate, if you are thinking of selling your home contact the club to organize an appraisal, we receive a bonus for this but it needs to go through the club.

# **Some Photos from Presentation Night**

Club members of the year Marie Nelson and Garry Hawking, Congratulations!



Ladies A Grade Champion Men's A Grade Champ Kate Bush



Ladies B Grade Champion Men's B Grade Champion Marg McNamara





John Priestly



**Congratulations!**