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November 2018 Newsletter

Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2020

Ongoing bowls

Thursday's Men's Pairs.

2 games 12 ends.

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Very popular. Names need to be in early.

Electricity usage

When the LED lights were fitted on the Rose Green we expected a sizeable reduction in our electricity bills.

Our usage is well down on previously, but, on face value it does not seem that we are making huge savings in dollar terms.

I believe that there are a few reasons for this:- There was a close to 30% increase in our kwh rate on 1/7/2018. It went from .3213c per KWH to 40c per kwh. We have checked our new deal and we are assured that our pricing is still very competitive.

I believe there is a tendency to turn the lights on more readily because they are considered 'cheap to run.'

We ran the Friday triples through the Winter with the lights on throughout. Our current daily usage cost is now \$16.57 compared to \$20.47 prior to the new lights.

It is still a good saving. It would have been a lot dearer without the change to LED.

Old Kitchen Fridge

The old fridge has been given away and should be removed from the club next Tuesday.

Considerable and costly repairs were required on the fridge and we are happy for it to be removed for free.

Pennant Selection

We have had a few issues with members approaching individual selectors, sometimes in an aggressive manner, with grievances over selection issues.

The Midweek and Saturday selectors have put their hands up to take on the very difficult, and time consuming, task of selecting pennant teams.

The selectors are elected by the club members and they deserve the respect and consideration of all members as they go about their task.

There are many considerations when selecting teams, i.e. player availability, form, team compatibility, positional requirements, etc. etc.

In future we require the following procedure to apply if there are personal issues with selection.

Please DO NOT approach individual selectors to discuss your problem. If you have an issue please write this down on paper and hand it to a relevant selector.

The selectors usually meet at about 3.30pm Tuesday (Midweek) and about 6pm Tuesday (Saturday) .

We would prefer that you knock on the door of the meeting room and meet the selectors as a collective, and discuss the matter in a civilised manner.

Thank you..

Club Booklet

The Club booklet has been handed to members, and, as always, there are mistakes on the first day after printing. If any members have a problem with misspelt, missing or incorrect details please tell the Secretary NOW so that it can be corrected for next years booklet.

There are spare booklets for anyone who needs another or didn't get one.

Our Greens

Both of our grass greens have been groomed, and, the Rose Green was shampooed on Sunday October 28. Our green keeper, Rob, and the greens committee have the greens in great condition and the surrounds are magnificent. A credit to all involved.

We are seeking the support of ALL members regarding their bowls delivery style. It is apparent that there is a good deal of damage to the under surface on the Rose Green. This is caused by dumping the bowl without getting down to deliver it smoothly along the ground.

We have been told that the carpet has another 3 to 4 years of usage before replacement. This is no good if the under surface continues to break down and needs replacement in 1 or 2 years.

Our green keeper, Rob, and greens staff will no longer tolerate the dumping of bowls, and, if it is noted you will be spoken to and asked to correct your action, or, maybe consider switching to a bowlers arm.

Replacement of the carpet/ under surface is estimated to cost \$200,000 minimum.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Victorian Open

At last years Open a child was nipped by a dog. This could have been serious. Can our members please remind Open visitors that no dogs are allowed at the Open.

New members

As all members are aware we lost a number of upper tier bowlers prior to the start of this season.

We have been most fortunate to gain a large number of new members this season, both on transfers from other clubs, and new members introduced by existing members to our club.

Can all members make our newer members most welcome to our Club. It is vital that we continue to refresh our membership numbers and introduce new people to Shepparton Park.

On this note we had a young man play his first game of pennant for our club last Saturday.

This young man is Lachlan Robertson and he is 11. He is the son of Matt Robertson, Benalla Bowls Club Coach, and, the grandson of Glenn Lockwood.

By all reports he bowled very well and enjoyed the game. It was also great to see Mum and siblings watching the game. Please make Lachlan most welcome at the club.

I believe that it is wonderful to see an 11 year old playing at our Club. We need to foster this type of involvement with the younger generation.

Does anyone have potential bowlers among their grandchildren? If so, bring them along.

Pennant Bowls

Well! Who would of thought. We are 4 weeks into Midweek Pennant and 2 weeks into Saturday Pennant, and, all of our teams are, at worst, competitive, and, at best are well amongst the top teams in their divisions. Of course much tougher challenges are to come, but, compared to the predictions of our situation prior to the season it is looking good at this time.

Well done to everyone involved. Keep turning up to practice and hone your skills for those tougher games ahead

Victorian Open

It is now less than 3 weeks till the Open is with us for 8 days this time.

There are rosters inside the front door for the BBQ and David Slingo has a list up for markers and scoreboard attendants.

Many more names are required for all positions and we need everyone to check their diary to see if they have some spare time to assist.

If any of our newer members are unsure of the positions and what is required please ask any of the older members at the club.

Stirrers Day

This will be held on 6/1/2019 after the A & B Grade Championships. Sausage sizzle, bowls and afternoon tea. Please bring a plate. All welcome.

Bar Prices

Due to increasing costs in purchasing stock, and, transport, the Board have decided that a rise in our cold drink prices is warranted.

Effective immediately, all alcohol and soft drink prices will increase by 50cents per unit. The last increase to our prices was in November 2016.

To help lessen the impact on our valued members happy hour prices will apply for Tuesday practice, Thursday practice/Happy hour and Saturday evening meals.

We hope our members will appreciate the need to increase prices. All costs associated with maintenance and the upkeep of our wonderful facilities are continually rising, and, we need to maintain our finances and cover future expenditure such as the Rose Green carpet replacement.

Victorian Open

Can all members please sell, or, buy their book of Vic Open raffle tickets as soon as possible.

The raffle is drawn on the final day of the Open.

It would assist Margaret Stibbard if all tickets/money are returned as early as possible.

Club Championship games

The draws for the Club A & B Championships are on the noticeboard. Can all participants please play their games in a timely manner.

Please endeavour to play your early games before the Vic Open, as failure to do so will create a backlog.

Hot Water heater

The hot water unit in the clubhouse, at the North end, has been taken away for repair. Consideration will be given to putting it on the wall, outside the cupboard, on its return. We are waiting on parts.

Club Achievement Board

This board on the Northern wall of the clubhouse needs an extension to accommodate the many achievements of our bowlers. We are investigating various options, but, we may put this on hold until after the Vic. Open.

REMINDER—IF YOU CAN HELP AT THE VIC OPEN PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON A LIST NOW. THANK YOU.

Club Event Information

Dress code : Dress code for Club Championship events will be casual up to but not including the Grand Final unless otherwise requested by the Match Committee.

Green : Matches to be played on mutually acceptable green / rink, unless directed by the Match Committee. If players can't agree, decide by toss of coin.

Results : The result of each match is to be entered as soon as possible after the match has been played.

Handicaps : These are currently being reviewed and changed to fit in with Bowls Victoria guidelines. Some members may notice quite a change from previous years.

Entry fee : The entry fee for these events is \$7 per player per event. This should be paid on entry, or at the time the first round match is played. Please enclose the money in an envelope with your name and event being entered clearly written on the envelope.

Rounds : The date for the completion of each round is indicated on the draw sheet. Failure to comply with these dates (without approval from the Match Committee) may result in both players being disqualified.

Events

Event	Format	Entries close
A Grade	- 25 up - open to all affiliated bowlers	15/10/18
B Grade	- 25 up - open to all affiliated bowlers with handicap of 6 or less - bowlers who have previously won a B Grade Championship at any time are ineligible to enter	15/10/18
100 Up	- handicap must be played off	21/1/19
21 Up	- handicap must be played off	6/1/19
Pairs	- Ladies', Men's and Mixed - open to all affiliated bowlers - preliminary rounds 15 ends - final 18 ends - format is 2x2x2x2	Ladies', Men's 12/11/18 Mixed 13/1/19
Ladies Drawn Pairs	- 3 bowl pairs - 3 games of 10 ends - played on set date and time as indicated in the booklet	1/4/19
Mixed Drawn Canadian Pairs	- preliminary rounds 15 ends - final 18 ends - format is 2x4x2 - a handicap event - players handicaps are averaged to ascertain team handicap - played on set dates and times as indicated in the booklet	10/2/19
Drawn Men's Triples	- preliminary rounds 15 ends - final 18 ends - 3 bowl triples format - played on set dates and times as indicated in the booklet	18/3/19