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September 2018 Newsletter

Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2018

Ongoing bowls

Thursday's Men's Pairs.

2 games 12 ends.

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Very popular. Names need to be in early.

Subs

Invoices for member subscriptions have been posted. A number of subs. are still outstanding. With practice matches and pennant coming up very quickly these need to be paid NOW, as you will be ineligible to play if not paid.

FOR SALE—THE OLD KITCHEN FRIDGE IS FOR SALE. IT NEEDS SOME WORK TO BRING IT BACK TO GOOD WORKING ORDER.

IF ANY MEMBER IS INTERESTED IN THIS FRIDGE PLEASE MAKE AN OFFER. WE HAVE HAD SOME INTEREST IN THE FRIDGE, HOWEVER, IT IS STILL NOT SOLD, PLEASE MAKE US AN OFFER WE CANNOT REFUSE. IT WILL BE VERY CHEAP.

Umpires

Our Club is getting short of accredited umpires. If any member has an interest in learning the skill of umpiring please let the Secretary know and we will see if there are any training sessions available in the near future.

Rose Green heaters

We have made inquiries regarding lowering the heaters to make them more effective.

The heaters can be lowered, however, if they were they would require a protective safety mesh cover at a cost of \$2,000 per heater = \$12,000. The heaters could be replaced with newer ones but these cost \$3,600 each. = \$21,600.

The manufacturer of our heaters has advised that lowering the heaters does not necessarily provide a better result as far as heat output. It seems all bowlers will need to continue to rug up during the Winter.

Drought Assistance

The Thursday men's pairs organisers have a "Policeman's Hat" to collect fines for misdemeanours such as wrong bias, etc.

The proceeds were regularly donated to GV Hospice Care. The decision was recently taken to donate the funds to Drought assistance, and subsequently a cheque for \$352 has been forwarded to The Rotary Club drought fund. We will continue this arrangement for a bit longer and then return to GV Hospice Care.

We thank everyone for their support and generosity.

Glenn Edwards

Glenn is at home recovering from a heart operation. We wish Glenn all

the best as he recovers from his surgery.

Board Matters

* The Friday Winter Triples were an outstanding success, with very good attendances, lots of visiting bowlers and a great social vibe. Very well done to Marg Stibbard, and helpers, for getting this up and running, and, managing it all season.

* The Club Opening day, in conjunction with RSL, was a great success with 84 bowlers attending. A great afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

* The Board have approved a quote from Norvec to get the electrics in the BBQ area improved. Last year the power was overloaded and was off for some time.

* The Board also approved the purchase of a new lawn mower, as one of the old ones has worn out.

* We are also looking into obtaining a new achievement board for the North wall inside the clubhouse. The old one is full with all the wonderful feats of our members.

We also aim to tidy and straighten all the plaques on that wall, and, make more room for the plaques lying around in the board room.

* With regard to buses to practice matches, the following will apply. It is a difficult area because many bowlers still prefer to travel in their own car. Our Club coach also has a preference for each rink to travel together by car. This will assist with team harmony. It will be necessary for all bowlers travelling by bus to commit to this and pay up front. If there are insufficient

numbers on the bus the cost per person becomes prohibitive and the bus will have to be cancelled.

Pennant Practice

The new pennant season is approaching quickly. Midweek pennant will commence on Tuesday 2nd October, with Weekend pennant commencing on Saturday 20th October. Midweek pennant have a practice match arranged for Tuesday 18th September at Benalla. Weekend pennant have practice matches arranged for 6th and 13th October. Full details and lists for names will be on the noticeboard in the foyer. Saturday morning training sessions are now finished. Pennant practice will now be held on Monday and Friday at 1pm for Midweek pennant players, and On Tuesday and Thursday at 4.30pm for Weekend pennant players. We urge all players to attend at least one training session per week, more if at all possible. With the loss of players from our Division 1 and 2 teams there will be many openings, and opportunities for all players to put their best foot forward and advance up the grades.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL BOWLERS

Victorian Open

The Victorian Open is approaching very quickly. It is on from November 16—23, 8 days this time around. Barb Gilbert will attend Shepp. Park on September 26 at 12pm for the usual meeting with our organising committee. At 1pm all other participating clubs will attend to be briefed, and to receive their paperwork.

***** I have a request from Carlos Gonzalez who will be attending the Open as a Bowls Victoria official. Carlos is a member of the Adelaide Bowls Club and he is asking if any of our members may be able to help him with accommodation during the open. Carlos would be happy to reciprocate in Adelaide at a later date.**

If any member is able to help Carlos please contact him direct by email to: powerpafc@gmail.com

Thank you.

BPL Cup

Our BPL Cup team of Ross Higgins, Dave Hardie and Brian Hall are travelling to Fitzroy Bowls Club to play in the state final of this competition.

The winners will advance to the national final to be played at Club Pine Rivers, Queensland in November. This event will be televised nationally. Good luck to the boys.

BE PART OF THE FUN

Wednesday night bowls commencing on October 24th for 7 weeks.

Beginners welcome—Coaching will be provided if needed.

Emphasis on fun and plenty of laughs.

Flat soled shoes, or barefoot—no heels.

Great fun for social clubs. \$5 per head
Teams of 3 No experience needed
Bowls supplied \$2 sausage sizzle at 6pm
Bar open all night Three bowl triples 12 ends
Play from 7pm until 9pm approx.
Novelty and team prizes

Entries and enquiries to:

Angelo Russo	0414476206
Vicki Whebell	0408744171
Rob Hands	0418575182

Victorian Open

With the Open approaching very quickly rosters will be prepared in the near future. We need every hand on deck to help with this huge event, including on the BBQ, Bar (RSA certificate required) greens and surrounds. There will also be the usual bowls jobs such as Markers, Scoreboard Attendants. Many hands are required to set up and then clean up at the conclusion of the Open.

The Open is from 16—23 November. Please mark these dates in your diaries and consider helping wherever possible.

Smoking

We remind all members that all areas inside our perimeter fences are “**No smoking**” and receptacles are provided outside the gates. We appreciate that our members do obey these regulations, but occasionally visitors require a reminder.

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