

# Shepparton Park Social Bowls

Welcome to our Social bowls competition that will be held on Wednesday nights. We have about 80 starters which includes several new bowlers.

All teams should be very competitive as some bowlers have had several seasons with us. New players are very welcome so keep asking friends and acquaintances to come and try social bowls.

To add to the social atmosphere, we will have the bar open for purchasing drinks throughout the night and will have a sausage sizzle between 6.15 and 6.40pm.

## **The format for the night will be:**

***Sign in when you arrive using QR code or write in the book provided on the table. Put your \$5 fee in the bucket and apply disinfectant to your hands.***

**6.00 to 6.40pm**, purchase a sausage \$2 or hamburger \$5 (price includes a piece of bread, coleslaw and sauce). Alcoholic or soft drinks from the Bar at bar prices.

Bowlers can practice before the competition begins i.e., between 6 pm and 6.40pm.

**6.40pm** All bowlers get organized for the bowls competition by taking their bowls to their allocated rink. There will be **three players per team** and each player will use **three bowls**.

The competition will commence at **6.45pm** and **conclude at 8.45pm**. The game will consist of **12 ends** provided they are completed by 8.45pm, when all games will finish.

**Scoring:** The **4 bowls closest to the Jack score points**. The closest bowl scores 4 points, next closest 3 points, next 2 points and then 1 point for the fourth bowl. The team with the closest bowl (4 points) wins the end and dictates who starts with the mat on the next end, even if the other team scores 6 points.

**New bowlers may borrow a set of bowls from the club for the night if they don't have their own set. Please clean any bowls that are borrowed before using and return them by 9pm.**

Please wear flat, soled shoes. (bare feet/socks are also allowed)

**8.45-9.15pm** bowlers have refreshments and hear competition results in the outdoor seating area. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided, and the bar will still be open till 9.15pm.

Prizes are awarded to worthy teams and any player who had their bowl closest to the Jack on the last end of the night (This is known as the Stubby end) receives a drink voucher for the bar. The drink voucher must be used on the night and can be used for alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks.

*Covid 19 restrictions will mean there are a few rule changes to comply with social distancing and contact tracing. At this stage, wearing of masks will be compulsory except when drinking and eating, but rules may change in the future.*

*Please observe social distancing of 1.5m between people at all times.*

*Do not touch another player's bowls. Kitties to be placed instead of thrown.*

### **Important information**

**All players will need to be club members to be eligible to play.** Wednesday night Social Bowls membership costs only **\$25/year** and can be paid to Angelo Russo on the first night. In addition, **\$5** must be paid each night of the Social Bowls competition.

However, **full Social Membership** of Shepparton Park Bowls Club costs just **\$50/year**, and provides you with a **gate key** and access to come and **bowl at other times** and bring a friend along with you.

There is also a **first year** special for **full club membership**, costing **\$90/year**, and enables you to play in **all club competitions** and you get the bonus of **free club shirt**.

The purpose of social bowls is to introduce new players to the sport of bowls and to have fun, and in the process build new friendships with the other bowlers. It will be helpful if everyone remembers to wear a name tag. Social interaction is easier if people know everyone's name.

There will be a practice night on **Wednesday 6 October** for anyone who wants to come. There will be a number of experienced bowlers on hand to help new bowlers learn the basic bowling skills. All are welcome. Time **6.30- 8.00 pm**

The social bowls competition will run over **7 weeks**.

**Oct 20, 27. Nov 3, 10, 17, 24      Dec 1.**

**Some hints:** If you want to complete your 12 ends in the allotted time, you will need to complete each end in 10 minutes.

The team that has the closest bowl to the Jack has the mat for the next end. The lead bowler should pick up the mat and place it on the desired spot as soon as the score has been declared.

The 2 bowlers working out the score need to isolate the 4 scoring bowls and work out the score for each team and record them on the card. We prefer that you do not drive your bowl to scatter the head.

**Please call Angelo Russo on 0414476206 or send him a text message if for some reason you are not able to play on the Wednesday night. Please let him know as soon as possible so that he can arrange a replacement. If you are at all unwell, please cancel out for the night. If you have an interested family member/friend who would like to join the competition, they can join at any time during the**

**season. All that is required is that you send Angelo a text with their name and contact number.**

**Do not leave a voice message on his phone, as he doesn't get these.**

**Angelo will also put a sheet in the folder on the team notice board so that bowlers can record any Wednesday night that they know that they won't be able to attend.**

**The organising team, also comprises of:**

**Rob Hands 0418575182 and many other helping hands.**

