



Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc

Annual General Meeting

and

Board of Management Reports

Tuesday 12th May 2009

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Agenda & Procedures

1. Welcome
2. Quorum is 30 members, there is no proxy voting
3. Naming and appointing of scrutineers (if needed)
4. Business
 - a. Confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting held May 28th, 2008;
 - b. Receive reports from;
 - Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Bar Director
 - Catering Director
 - Greens Director
 - House Committee Chairman
 - Social Director
 - Sponsorship Director
 - RVBA Section President
 - VIBBA Section President
 - VLBA Section President
 - c. Receive and consider the financial statement submitted by the Club in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Act;
 - d. Elect the officers of the Board;

	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chairman			
Vice Chairman			
Secretary			
Treasurer			

- e. Elect the Bar Director, the Sponsorship Director and the Social Director;

	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Bar Director			
Social Director			
Sponsorship Director			

- f. Elect Auditors;
 - a. Fix the amount of Annual Subscriptions, Green Fees and other charges;
5. Close

Minutes of Special General Meeting

Meeting held at the Clubrooms on Wednesday 28th May 2008, commencing at 7.30pm.

Business of the Meeting: To consider changes to the Constitution as recommended by the Board of Management.

Attendance:

L Fagan, L Pomeroy, J Dempster, K Allen, A Dempster, D Williams, F Holland, J Roulston, C Pearson, G Pearson, F Winter, D Mackenzie, J Mackenzie, S Raglus, B Raglus, Bev Clark, Bill Clark, A O'Donoghue, B O'Donoghue, R Phillips, J Laws, B Laws, J Buchanan, A Thorn, J Davy, K Cuthbert, I Dempsey, K Thorn, J Campbell, B Smith, M Smith, W Treble, M Treble, F Brooks, N Dobson, M Dobson K Murley, F Murley, J Boyle, G Edwards, L Mawson, G Mawson, A Sutherland, J Broadbent, R Jeffery, W Gibbs, G Calley, D Calley, N Mitchelmore, M Swainston, P Henderson, B Allen, T Bone, R Bone, B Cahill, B Thorn, L Johnson.

Apologies:

V Page, G Betts, D Hands, A Cameron, E Cameron, T Jones, M Jones, L Walsh, G Sinclair, L. Sinclair, M Davy, J Cook, A Cook, J Cuthbert, R Warburton, R Brammer, D Hardie, J Shanahan, R Holland, W Holland, M Davis, B Hardy, B Bicknell.

Apologies accepted on the Motion of F Holland seconded by D Calley.

Chairman Lloyd Mawson explained the need for the proposed changes.

Current wording	Proposed wording	Reason
8. (1) Members of other Bowls Clubs present at the Club for the purpose of playing bowls are Honorary Members for that day.	8. (1) Members of other Bowls Clubs present at the Club for the purpose of playing bowls, or acting as officials, are Honorary Members for that day.	Puts visiting officials in the same membership category as visiting players so that they fit within our licensing law requirements.
Current wording	Proposed wording	Reason
22. (1) Two (2) Delegates to the RVBA, GVBA, GVDLBA, or VIBBA, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Committee, shall be elected at the Section Annual General Meeting	22. (1) Two (2) Delegates to the RVBA, GVBA, GVDLBA, VLBA or VIBBA, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Committee, shall be elected at the Section Annual General Meeting	The VLBA require that clubs elect delegates to the VLBA, in the same way the RVBA require clubs to elect delegates to the RVBA.
(2) Any Delegate absenting himself from two (2) consecutive meetings of the RVBA, GVBA, VIBBA or GVDLBA without good and valid reason to satisfaction of the Committee shall be held to have vacated the office.	(2) Any Delegate absenting himself from two (2) consecutive meetings of the RVBA, GVBA, VIBBA, VLBA or GVDLBA without good and valid reason to satisfaction of the Committee shall be held to have vacated the office.	In practice they are rarely called upon to attend these Association meetings, and usually the delegates elected to the local Associations fulfill this role if required.

Proposed Change 8(1): It was moved by F Holland seconded by M Dobson that the change be adopted.
Carried

Proposed Change 22(1): It was moved by K Allen seconded by B Smith that the change be adopted.
Carried

Proposed Change 22(2): It was moved by B Smith seconded by A Dempster that the change be adopted.
Carried

The Chairman closed the meeting.

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Annual Meeting May 28th 2008

Chairman Lloyd Mawson welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting.

Attendance:

L Fagan, L Pomeroy, J Dempster, K Allen, A Dempster, D Williams, F Holland, J Roulston, C Pearson, G Pearson, F Winter, D Mackenzie, J Mackenzie, S Raglus, B Raglus, Bev Clark, Bill Clark, A O'Donoghue, B O'Donoghue, R Phillips, J Laws, B Laws, J Buchanan, A Thorn, J Davy, K Cuthbert, I Dempsey, K Thorn, J Campbell, B Smith, M Smith, W Treble, M Treble, F Brooks, N Dobson, M Dobson K Murley, F Murley, J Boyle, G Edwards, L Mawson, G Mawson, A Sutherland, J Broadbent, R Jeffery, W Gibbs, G Calley, D Calley, N Mitchelmore, M Swainston, P Henderson, B Allen, T Bone, R Bone, B Cahill, B Thorn, L Johnson.

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Apologies accepted on the Motion of F Holland seconded by D Calley.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on May 17th 2007 were available in the agenda papers.

L Pomeroy pointed out an error in the Treasurer Report that \$66,462.14 is meant to read balance not profit. The minutes were then accepted on the Motion of F Brooks seconded by J Mackenzie.

Reports:

As collated in the Booklet.

Chairman Lloyd Mawson reported that it has been a productive year and that the Board of Management has accepted their responsibilities and due to their dedication it has been an exceptional year. He congratulated Leigh and Glenice on a wonderful job and pointed out to the members that it is a big and consuming job looking after the Club finances.

Highlights of the year included having State Events and possible Australian Open next year.

Stage 2 to cover the Rose Green is to be started in 2009

Lloyd thanked all Sections for their support during the last 12 months.

K Allen requested that a report from the 2x2 be included in the Annual reports.

Reports were accepted on the Motion of N Dobson seconded by B Smith.

Treasurer's Report:

L Pomeroy thanked Glenice Mawson for her efforts in the day to day finances of the Club

After questions from the floor were answered it was moved by L Pomeroy seconded by G Mawson that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Carried.

Noel Dobson thanked Lloyd Mawson for his leadership of the Club and moved that a vote of appreciation be recorded, seconded by Laurie Fagan. Carried

Lloyd Mawson vacated the Chair asking Past President K Allen to take the Chair for the election of Office Bearers.

K Allen took the Chair and as there was only one nomination he duly declared elected L Mawson to the Chair for ensuing year.

Lloyd Mawson resumed the Chair.

Election of Board Members

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chairman	L Mawson	B Smith	G Mawson
Deputy Chairman	B Smith	L Mawson	G Mawson
Secretary	J Shanahan	A Dempster	J Dempster
Treasurer	L Pomeroy	L Mawson	G Mawson
Bar Director	G Edwards	L Pomeroy	F Brooks
Social Director	J Davy	J Dempster	F Brooks
Sponsorship Director	F Brooks	J Dempster	L Mawson
Assistant Treasurer	G Mawson	L Pomeroy	L Mawson

As there were no other nominations L Mawson declared these people duly elected and thanked them for standing for these positions. It was pointed out that the Greens and Catering Directors are appointed at the RVBA and VLBA Section Annual Meetings.

L Pomeroy moved, seconded by J Mackenzie, that Metzke and Allen be appointed Auditors.
Carried

Annual Subscriptions and Fees

After lengthy discussion it was moved by W Gibbs, seconded by B O'Donoghue, that the rights of Night Pennant, Trade Night and Get on the Green include Social Bowls.
Carried, with two opposed to the Motion.

Moved by W Gibbs seconded by B O'Donoghue that the cost of locker hire be lowered to \$25. Carried.

Moved by W Gibbs, seconded by R Phillips, that the Fees as proposed be adopted. Carried

Full Members \$86 + Affiliation = \$125
Junior Member \$10 + Affiliation = \$40
Social Member \$25 for use of Facilities, Social Bowls at SPBC only and newsletter
Non Playing Member \$10 for use of facilities and newsletter
Night Pennant \$20 for right to play in Night Pennant, Social Bowls and practice on greens
Trade Night \$10 for right to play in Trade Night, Social Bowls and practice on greens
Get On the Green \$10 for right to play in Get on the Green, Social Bowls and practice on the greens.

Green fees to remain the same at \$5, with half day Tournaments \$7
Full Time Students over 18 years of age have reduced membership fee of \$20 + Affiliation Fees
Indoor Bias Bowls; SPBC members no charge, Non members \$10
Indoor mat fee \$3
Locker hire \$25

Chairman L Mawson thanked the members for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed.



Report to Members from the Board of Management

Chairman, Board of Management

I have great pleasure in submitting this report to you on our Club's operations for the season 2008/09. In my opinion our Club has enjoyed a very successful season both on and off the greens with the key indicator being an increase in Club Membership, which now stands at 205 Members.

We traded profitably with a healthy surplus of income over expenditure and we continued with the improvements to the surrounds of the Clubhouse and greens, paying for all these improvements from our trading surplus. I am sure you must all be proud of the smart presentation and appearance of our Club's property.

I wish to thank Deputy Chairman Bob Smith for his work throughout the season in preparing plans for our improvements and supervising and organising the Clubhouse maintenance. Much of Bob's work goes unnoticed, but I can assure you that he plays a very important role in keeping our Club House in tip-top condition.

We also upgraded the lighting over the Foundation Members green. We now have two greens with serviceable lighting for night bowls.

I am sure you have all been impressed with the improvement in the standard of our bowling greens this season. This improvement has come about by the dedication and hard work of our greens committee and our two green keepers supervised by Noel Dobson. Our greens are now bowling as well as any greens in the association. To see Noel coping with his disability and yet still efficiently carrying out his role as Green Director was an inspiration to us all.

In competition bowling our Club has enjoyed a very satisfactory season with most Members participating in Club Events and in the GV Pennant competition. We fielded six Men's teams and five Ladies teams. Our Ladies being represented in the Finals by teams in Division 1 and 4 with the Division 1 Reds going on to be runners up. In the Men's pennant we were represented in finals by teams in Division 1, 3 & 4, with Division 3 going on to win our Club's first Men's premiership. These results will give us a great foundation to build on for future successes.

I would like to recognise the work of our Club's Selectors. Theirs is an extremely hard job and it is impossible to satisfy everyone, however the results of our teams indicate our Selectors did a first class job.

Our Ladies and Men's sections conducted the Club Events with this year's Club Champions being Bev Cahill and Don Dickinson. Congratulations to the Champions and to all the Members who competed in the various Events. Don Dickinson carried his excellent form on and was successful in winning the GV Champion of Champions. A great effort Don you did our Club proud.

Our bowling calendar was very full with a range of events available to Members to compete in, including: - Ever popular 2x2 men's pairs, Trade and social competition, Night Pennant and of course our feature tournaments. Congratulations and thanks to those Members who put together and conducted those events.

Indoor Bowling Season is now underway and retains its popularity with increasing numbers of our Members enjoying this game in the off season. Thank you Section President Keith Dudley and his team for their capable administration of this section of the Club.

Our Social Calendar was also an outstanding success with our Friday Night Happy Hour, Monthly Chicken Dinners, and the occasional night with entertainers. There is a lot of work put in to make all this

happen and I would like to thank John Davy and his Social Committee for their outstanding contributions.

Our Bar again traded well and was excellently managed by Glen Edwards. Glen has a keen and efficient team of helpers who provide us with wonderful service throughout the season and of course the Bar is a major source of our Club's revenue. Well done Glen and all concerned.

Our Ladies continue to provide our Club with wonderful support in providing meals and afternoon teas of a high standard. Our Club depends on our Ladies to provide these services and to do all the other things around the Club House that turns a room into a warm and welcoming Club House. Thank you Ladies.

Our Club received valuable Sponsorship from a wide range of Local Businesses. We must thank our Sponsorship Chairman Fred Brooks for his efforts in obtaining sponsorship and seeing that our Sponsors received fair value for their hard earned dollars. Sponsorship provides a significant share of our Club's revenue and we must always be mindful of who our Sponsors are and support their businesses when ever possible.

The highlight of the past season was, of course, the staging of the 2009 Australian Open Championship in February. It was a great honour for our Club to be selected to host the most prestigious Bowling Event in the Southern Hemisphere and I believe we did ourselves proud. The greens and surrounds were in immaculate condition, our Club House looked superb, and our Members participated fully in hosting the Event. Financially the event returned us a reasonable profit by means of food and bar sales and the raffle. Our margin was in line with the figures suggested by Bowls Australia.

It was a marvellous experience and I must express my appreciation for the support and co-operation our Club received from our Co-Sponsor Club, Mooroopna Bowls Club, and from Bowls Australia and the Greater Shepparton City Council. There was a lot of experience and prestige gained by hosting this event and I am sure it will stand the Club in good stead in the years ahead.

I would like to congratulate the out going Presidents, Ladies Section Moira Smith, and Men's Section Wes Gibbs on a really successful terms as Presidents. They have preformed their duties with distinction and should be very proud of their sections achievements.

As we look forward to the new season we have several major challenges ahead to deal with including the finalization of our negotiations with the Council to construct our under cover green which will include alterations to our Club House to allow the new building to be fully integrated with our existing building. Also on the agenda are discussions with Bowls Australia, City Council and Mooroopna Bowls Club to investigate possible staging of a Premier Bowling Carnival in the Autumn 2010.

Our Club is actively seeking a high profile coach to oversee and coach our developing bowlers and to be available to rank and file members who wish to improve the standard of their game. We are hopeful of appointing a suitable coach for the beginning of the next season.

Finally I wish to thank the outgoing Board of Management for their contributions and support throughout the past season. We have considered and debated a wide range of issues at our meetings and I have been pleased to receive their valued views and input. A special thank you to our Board Secretary, Jim Shanahan and our Treasurers Leigh Pomeroy and Glenice Mawson. Their duties demand almost daily inputs and I am very appreciative of their contributions.

I thank you one and all for your support and good company throughout the season and wish you good health and an enjoyable winter break. I look forward meeting with you all next season.

Lloyd Mawson

Secretary, Board of Management

It is with pleasure that I present this report to the 2009 Annual General Meeting. It has certainly been a very full year for the club, and one we can all be very proud of.

I mentioned in my report last year that we had a few things on the horizon that were positives for the Club.

One was the possibility of hosting the 2009 Australian Open. As we all know, we did and it was a great event for the Club. Speaking to many of our visitors during the event, a common comment or thought came up often. Visitors wanted to know where we hid our poker machines, and how we could afford to pay a green keeper to present the three greens and the surrounds in such great condition. Most were gobsmacked when I assured them that the whole club was volunteer based, including the greens, bar and kitchen. Many came from clubs that had pokies and were paying staff, and they were finding it hard to keep their clubs going financially. This is truly a testament to the many hard-working (and often unrecognised) members who make this club what it is. A look at the first few pages of our club booklet shows the names of more than 70 people in responsible organisational positions. You could easily add at least half as many again who are not listed, but who pitch in and help on a regular basis. When we work together as a team we can achieve a lot. Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved in helping with not only the Open, but with all facets of the Club's activities during the whole year.

Winning the right to host the Open meant that the all stages for the development of the northern entrance to the clubhouse were brought forward and the resulting al-fresco area is a magnificent area which is always well used. The lights on the Foundation Green were also upgraded as part of this development. Further developments are planned, and the replacement of the storm damaged shelter between the Foundation and Rose Greens will reflect the shelters running east-west through the grounds.

The Club website is now fully operational, and contains much useful information for members, including copies of Kialla Park, Shepparton and Shepparton Park honour boards. The selectors have been putting the teams on the web each week so that members can quickly see if they have a game. The year's results were also listed. Members could keep track of their club events there as well. By putting the club newsletter on the website, we saved quite a bit in printing and postage costs, and members who had supplied their email address received quick notification of news and updates and reminders of events. Thanks to the members who provided feedback on the website.

Our membership has grown during the year, and now sits at over 200. We welcomed 45 new members during the year, and this is a promising sign that we must be doing something right. It is great that we have 20 Social Members, who obviously are not bowlers but feel that that the club is a good spot to meet friends and enjoy the company of others. We also had 50 non-members taking part in Night Pennant, Get on the Green and Trade Nights. These nights serve as a good recruiting ground as well as providing opportunities for people to try the game before making a commitment. It is also good to see many non-members coming along to Happy Hour and Chicken and Salad nights. These nights have been very well attended all year, and they serve to help develop a good feeling within the club.

The Board has decided to engage a Club Coach for the next season. We have spent much time and effort over the past 5 years developing our surrounds and clubhouse, and the Board now see helping our members develop as bowlers as the next logical step in developing the club. Hopefully all members will take advantage of the opportunity this decision offers. We want to help our current bowlers improve their skills, and assist new bowlers to start off on the right foot. The Board has also decided to engage a cleaner on a fortnightly basis to ease the load on the ladies section.

Looking to the future, we have the Stage 2 development still in the offing. There are some decisions to be made yet on this, but hopefully it won't be too far off. We seem to be attracting more social nights where we host community groups, and we already have bookings for next season.

Special thanks must go my fellow Board members. We have met on no fewer than 12 occasions, with many informal meetings between times. The aim of the Board is to keep the Club functioning and progressing, so that the Section Committees only need to worry about the bowls aspects of the Club. I feel that they do an admirable job in this.

I have enjoyed both years as Club Secretary, and wish my successor, and all Board members, well for the next year.

Jim Shanahan

Bar Director

Presentation night brings the end to another busy season in the bar and I'm looking forward to four months of relative quiet with just the occasional soft drink being sold to the Indoor Bowls participants, a time to relax.

Apart from the Oz Open, which was very hectic and non stop for that particular week, the rest of the season was "just average" with the loss of regular Pennant days, Night Pennant and Thursday Men's 2 x2 pairs due mainly to the weather and Oz Open preparations. These events are important to the Club as they bring in a steady income, not only to the bar but also the kitchen and in raffles.

One of the criticisms I got from the "Open" was we should have been charging more for our drinks, while this is true and as an example, the contracted caterers were selling the same brand and size bottles of water for \$3 while we were charging only \$1.50. When you consider we were buying a slab of 24 for \$10, or \$0.42 each, I considered a profit margin of \$1.08 per bottle, or 355% over cost price more than adequate, there's a big difference between profit and greed. Another point in not increasing our prices is that we had an agreement with Mooroopna to have the same prices at both Clubs, which we did have.

Once again a big thank you to those who helped behind the bar over the year, your contribution and effort makes my job a lot easier and we certainly cannot manage without your assistance (many hands etc).

Bar stock has been wound down for the winter months, so if you're favourite drink is unavailable, sorry about that, but this is a good excuse to try something different. How did we go over this season? Have a look at the Treasurer's report, income over expenditure and the difference being the all important final profit.

Glenn Edwards

Catering Director

Our year has gone off quite successfully again, thanks to the catering committee and their helpers. I was not around for much of the past season, so the ladies did an excellent job.

We started the year with Bingo and Friday Indoor Bowls. A small team of ladies enjoyed the Fridays, which were very successful money-wise. Thanks to the ladies who supplied soup and slices for these days. Bingo was held once a month again and the ladies came to the fore. This was also enjoyed by ladies and men from outside the Club, and again profit-wise was very good. Thanks must go to Anne O'Donoghue, her helpers and those who supported this in any way.



Following these events which kept us busy in the Winter, we went into Pennant again. We catered for approximately 1,700 men's Pennant players, three 60 and Over days and many other days. We also catered for a funeral which was an unknown as far as numbers go, and so was hard to cater for.

We purchased a slower cooker for the Winter soup, 150 oval plates and 5 fold up chairs for the kitchen, as during the Friday indoor bowls there were no chairs available.

Many ladies and men attended a one day Food Handling Course at the club, and I did a two day Supervisors course, so this put us on the right course with the authorities.

I feel we had a successful season, and again thanks must go to the ladies who carried on in my absence.

Flo Holland

Greens Director

This year has significant improvements on greens and surrounds. Shrubs and plants have been planted at the northern end of both Members and Foundation Greens. The shrubs at western end of Rose Green were removed for the Australian Open to accommodate seating arrangements. No shrubs will be planted in this area due to the site for the covered green, due to commence in late May - early June.

It was a big job to prepare the greens for the Australian Open, but this was done without a lot of fuss. To all who members who contributed and assisted me in preparing the greens for this event I thank you all.

At the start of the year, Graeme Cross was appointed green keeper, but during the year, had to resign due to health problems and Frank Winter took over this role until the end of February, when he had to retire due to family illness. Graeme has since taken over this role. To both Frank and Graeme, I thank you both for your dedication in maintaining the greens.

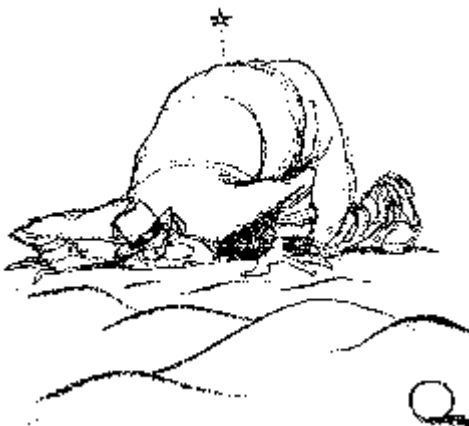
To members of the greens committee, your input to the maintenance of greens and surrounds during the year was fantastic, together with the members who assisted on Fridays, it all made the job so much easier. To the ladies who provided morning tea on a Monday and Friday, I thank you for making our job so much more enjoyable.

Les Walles from Rochester was employed as our greens consultant. Les attended on a regular fortnightly basis with a written report each time he attended the club. A decision on Les's employment for next year will be made when we know the future of the covered green.

It is big job to look after the greens, particularly, when most of it is done on a volunteer basis and all members should realise this and abide decisions, and don't complain when certain greens are closed.

This is being done for all members to benefit the best greens that are available. We don't provide greens just for Division 1 and 2 bowlers, but for all bowlers, including social bowlers, who are all part of this club.

Noel Dobson



Greens Consultant

We are slowly coming to the end of another bowls season, and I can report that all greens will go into the winter dormancy period with a very good grass cover and they will be in excellent condition for the start of next season.

It has been a difficult year for greens with the season being so dry and no natural nitrogen in the air. We continually applied artificial fertilizers but results could have been better. On the up side of things, the season was capped off with the club being able to stage the Australian Open Championships. This event was played with the greens in very good playing condition and I have recently spoken with members of the R.V.B.A. who were more than pleased with conditions that were supplied for this tournament.

Rose Green: This was renovated during the season and although it was slow to recover, it was very good during the last half of the year.

Foundation Green: This has been in excellent condition all season, but it must be renovated next year for it to remain in this condition.

Members Green: This has struggled all year, but it continues to improve each visit. This green should be quite good next year with good management. We changed our maintenance program for this green during the season and results were much better. I still believe it would have been better if we could have renovated when we wanted to. The club must continue to renovate at least one green each year, and I would recommend to use a laser levelling device when doing so. You must also continue to groom with vertical cutting blades, and use the wire brush (fat boy) at the appropriate time.

I also recommend that greens not be used for play during the months of June and July when they are totally dormant. Any damage to greens during this period will take too long to recover.

My congratulations must go to Noel Dobson for his organisation, and to the many volunteers who have worked so well to make the job such a success that it has been.

Again, I have enjoyed my work with the club, and I will be available next season if my services are required .

Les Walles

House Committee

This report completes a year of considerable achievement for the club. With the needs created by the Australian Open we have pushed our capital works development a little further ahead than anticipated. The north terrace paved and synthetic grassed, the galvanized planters on the terrace edge with floral display, the shade cover to the Foundation Green and the continuance of synthetic grass and path to the east gate being just some of the works completed.

I must thank all the members that have freely given their time and skills throughout the year to keep the clubhouse and surrounds in the wonderful state we find them in today, in particular fellows like Jim Broadbent, Ken Cuthbert, Max Steigenberger, Graham Sinclair and Fred Murley who have not hesitated to jump to it whenever asked for help.

We look forward now to next year and the long anticipated development of the covered Rose Green and further addition to the amenities this club will have to offer to its growing number of members.

Bob Smith



Social Director

Our bowling season opened on Saturday September 6th with a combined ladies/men's social day. The then mayor, Cr Eric Bott, officially opened the day and in fact played for the whole afternoon.

Friday 26th September was the first of our ever popular Chicken, Salad and Sweets nights, and as usual a good number attended - all thoroughly enjoying the night.

Who could forget our Wine and Cheese Tasting on Friday 31st October? Angove's Wines from Melbourne, through their representative, John Solyman, provided a wide range of reds, whites, bubbly, and fortified wines to set the mood for a really first class evening. Orders were taken and delivered for collection later. A Chicken, Salad and Sweets meal followed by Finley's singing farmer, David Rockliffe entertaining with his brand of old and popular favourites well into the night. This occasion attracted 124 members and guests. Another Chicken and Salad night followed on November 28th.

On 19th December we held our Christmas party amid the decorations fitting for that time of year. Our music maker for the occasion was Paul Birchill, with Paul Steven's GV Roving Roast supplying the roast and sweets. Both Pauls were overshadowed by the speedy motorised entry of Santa Claus (alias Ron Holland) who completely stole the show with his antics on Noel Dobson's three wheeler. It was a great night of wine, food, dancing and song.

Come January the Australian Open was looming and our club had undertaken to run their major raffle. It commenced with the design and printing of the tickets and their distribution to all GVBA clubs, as well as those in the Bendigo Association and other clubs. The raffle ticket selling seemed to claim a lot of time for many members throughout all of January, however, we did manage another Chicken, Salad and Sweets night on 30th January.

February brought the Australian Open even closer. We recall with sadness the tragic death of our young member Alex Blair-Graham and his wake at our complex in February. A crowd of over 200 mourners attended.

The month continued with much preparation in readiness for the commencement of the Australian Open on Sunday 15th. Of course, we must also remember Saturday 14th. The ornamental lake at Emerald Bank provided the ideal setting for a welcoming BBQ for not only our own members, but also those from overseas and interstate playing in the event. With the assistance of many club members we enjoyed a delightful BBQ Salad and Sweets provided for over 200 in attendance. Well known entertainer Rodney Vincent sang and entertained with the brand of humour he is renowned for. It was a great pipe opener for what was to follow. The staging of the Australian Open commenced next day and concluded on Saturday 21st February.

It took a while to return to normal, but March was simply back to basics until Friday 20th. On that day we held our annual St Patrick's Day Charity event. This year we supplied our support to the Shepparton unit of the Australian Red Cross Bushfire Appeal. With the generous support of 63 sponsors we were able to raise \$2200. On April 3rd we held yet another Chicken, Salad and Sweets night, the last prior to that which accompanied our Presentation night on Friday April 24th.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow social committee members, Ailsa, Margot, and Margaret for the efforts throughout the year. Thanks also to all other club members who have supported us in so many ways. Thanks to Roger and Trish Bone, together with their sponsors, The Peppermill Hotel – Motel, Video Ezy, Shepparton Club, and Colliver Road Butchers. Through their efforts on the spinning wheel over \$2400 was raised. Together we have enjoyed providing this year's social program. We hope you, our fellow members have enjoyed what was provided.

John Davy

Sponsorship Director

We had a very good year 2009/2009. I would like to thank all our sponsors for the money and support we have received from their sponsorship.

I would like our club members to support them when making purchases. There is a board in the clubhouse listing the names of all our sponsors.

Money received:

Sponsorships	\$12,900
Shepparton News Advertising	\$ 500
Shepparton News Club Account	\$ 500
Australian Open Raffle prizes	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Total	<u>\$14,900</u>

I will not be standing as the Sponsorship Director this year. During the last 12 years I have been on committees of bowling clubs, 10 years at Tallygaroopna including 2 years as Treasurer when the club was re-locating to the present site, and 8 years as President.

The last 2 years at Shepparton Park I have been the Sponsorship Director, which I leave in pretty good shape for someone to take over. I have enjoyed my time in the sponsorship role, meeting a lot of good people.

I wish the Club and Board all the best in the future.

Fred Brooks



RVBA Section President

It is very pleasing to report that another very successful and enjoyable year has been had by all.

The winning of Division 3 flag was certainly a highlight. Congratulations to all concerned on a great win. This was our first Premiership flag for Shepparton Park. Congratulations to Don Dickinson on winning the Championship singles and also the "B" grade singles. Don defeated Graeme Betts in a very close final and Ian Bryant in another very exciting match in the "B" grade.

Graeme Betts and I were very pleased to win the Club Championship Pairs by defeating Trevor Serafini and Bruce Tully in the final. Rodger Bone and Edna Harling were successful in the Mixed Pairs by defeating Leo Pye and Jean Roulston in another close contest. Jim Shanahan, Lloyd Mawson and Don Williams defeated Rodger Bone, John King and Jim Campbell in the drawn Club Triples. Congratulations also to Brad Clarke on winning the 21 Up, and Bill Sinclair and Bev Cahill who won the Mixed Canadian Handicapped Pairs. Congratulations to all winners and a big thank you to all players who entered.

Many thanks to Vince Page as Chairman of the Selection Committee and to his other members. This committee had a very arduous task.

The Match Committee is another hard working group. To Leigh Pomeroy as Chairman and his fellow committee men a very big thank you.

The 2x2 Pairs bowls held on Thursdays was a great success and continued to grow. This was very capably led by Jeff Boyle and David Slingo. 60 and over was very capably led by Bill Clarke and Jim

Broadbent. A very enjoyable time was had by all who played in this event.

The Night Pennant consisted of 20 teams and was very well organized by Trevor Hogben, Jim Shanahan and Bill Clarke. Although some nights were lost due to wet weather and the Australian Open, it was still a very successful and enjoyable season. Congratulations to Nomads on winning the flag and to Jonathon Brown for being Runners Up.

The Trade and Social nights held recently were a huge success. 14 teams competed in the series and all players had an enjoyable time both bowling and socially under Ron Holland's leadership. Many thanks to Ben O'Donoghue and all the others who helped cooked the barbeque for these nights.

Tournament Secretary Wally Bramley, along with Margot Dobson and Betty Bicknell were responsible for running and organizing our tournaments. A very big thank you for running these so successfully. Thank you to Fred Brooks for obtaining such outstanding sponsorship for these tournaments.

The Greens Committee led by Noel Dobson presented us with top conditions to play on all year. My sincere thanks and appreciation for your hard work and dedication to the task. The running of the Australian Open was the highlight of the season. This was something we will remember and thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.

Brian Hardy willingly carried out his duty of Welfare Officer of the club when needed. Our Protection Officer, Ken Allen was always available if needed. To Flo Holland and the Catering Committee members, we really appreciate your hard work looking after our basic needs. Thanks too to Glen Edwards and his bar staff who looked after us throughout the year and to John Davy maintaining our uniform supply and to his social committee the many social activities that made us a happy club.

Our Secretary, Ron Holland again did a wonderful job in carrying out all the secretarial duties. Your hard work and commitment is really appreciated, you have supported me well over the last 2 years.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for your support and help during my term as President. It has been a privilege to have served in this position and I thank you for giving me that opportunity. My best wishes go to Laurie Fagan who has taken on the role of Section President, and I hope he enjoys his time in the position.

Wesley R. Gibbs



VIBBA Section President

The 2008 season came to an end with both teams finishing on the ladder in 5th position.

Everybody had a good time and enjoyed playing through the winter months. Flo Holland did a great job again with her trusty helpers on the Friday competition making a good profit for the club.

Unfortunately the floor surface was not as flat as it was intended to be when constructed which has given Glen Edwards a tough time where to place the mats. Thanks to Glen for your efforts in arranging the mats for us over 3 months. Indoor Bowls at Shepparton Park is very healthy and the National Titles will be coming to Shepparton in 2010.

Keith Dudley

VLBA Section President

As this is my final report, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed being your President. I felt it was a time of challenges and learning, and I now feel I have a much greater knowledge of both bowls, and all the work that goes behind the running of a big successful Club such as ours.

There were many highlights during my term of office, but the one that stands out most in my mind is the State 4's. What a wonderful job the ladies did of running that event, and all other Tournaments, and Goulburn Valley and State events that came our way.

There are many people I would like to thank before I relinquish my presidency.

- Our Secretary Ellen, and Treasurer Jean, they are both so very easy and likeable people to work with.
- Thank you to all our Committees : Selection, Match, Catering, Tournament and Welfare.
- Ailsa for all the floral arrangements, and all the work that goes into the trophies, etc.
- Trish for all the raffles organized and Happy Hours
- To the ladies that run the Bingo, Trading table, and work in the kitchen for the Indoor Bowls over the winter months.
- To Aileen for all those beautiful cards, she has done for our tournaments, and her work on the albums.

To you all I say thank you, for the quiet efficient way you have all worked together and achieved over this past year. It has all gone very smoothly, calmly and successfully, and I am grateful for all you have done.

It has also been wonderful throughout the year, to observe how well so many ladies that are not on Committees, (not everyone can be on committees) contribute to the Club, in any way they can; helping in the kitchen, making slices/cakes etc. Your work has not gone unnoticed. Thank you.

I have gratitude too, to the men that have prepared our greens for us all year, both for our Pennant and for our Tournaments.

It is always dangerous to individually thank people, but I really wanted to show my appreciation, for all the wonderful support I have received from everyone, so if I have missed someone, I am truly sorry, and I thank you too.

I congratulate our incoming President and trust you will continue to give her the same valued support I have received over my past two years in Presidency.

Well that is about it for me, ladies. I have enjoyed my term as your President, and I can only hope you feel I have served you well. Thanks for the ride.

Moira Smith



Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, year ended April 30th, 2009

Opening Balance as at May 1st, 2008		\$ 67,903.52			
<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>		
Affiliations	RVBA,VLBA,VIBBA	6,458.27	Administration	Audit	500.00
Bank Interest		2,799.11		Insurance	2,424.00
Bar Takings		51,175.90		Postage	239.79
Charity Day Takings		2,891.20		Miscellaneous	88.19
Donations	Ritchies	317.65		Website & Fees	509.40
Insurance Claims		2,147.00		Stationery	1,615.73
Fundraising	Happy Hour, Wine Sales, Functions, Australian Open	8,797.35	Affiliations	GVBA & RVBA	4,642.74
Green Fees	Sundry	27,930.32		GVDLBA,	2,740.95
	Indoor Bowls	5,016.19		VIBBA	470.01
Member Subscriptions		15,247.78	Bank Charges		132.30
Sale of	Pump & Mats	2,104.55	Bar Purchases		26,908.77
Equipment			Miscellaneous Expenses		628.61
Policeman's Hat		143.50	Clubhouse		5,019.92
Locker Hire		131.00	Costs		
Aust. Open Catering		5,905.31	Capital Improvements		46,742.02
Aust. Open Raffle		3,287.85	Fundraising Expenses		3,102.67
Sponsorship		13,550.00	Charity Day Donation		2,200.00
Uniform Sales		3,731.55	New Equipment		2,193.64
GST Net Receipts		225.06	Food Handling Course & Book		893.17
Book Library		30.70	Greens &	Chemicals	1,918.55
Ladies Section	Donations	6,000.00	Surrounds	Fertilisers	2,227.17
Miscellaneous		483.21		L. Walles	3,636.40
		158,373.50		Fuel	210.84
				Waste Removal	789.41
				Repairs, Sand etc	2,136.42
				Trees & Flowers	896.61
				Sign-writing	610.00
				Printing Brochures	511.00
				Handbook	565.00
				Trophies	8,176.64
				Shirts, Caps etc	5,153.01
				Sponsorship Expenses	340.91
				Utilities	
				Gas	1,576.25
				Telephone	1,441.17
				Electricity	13,992.47
				Water Rates	4,215.51
				Donation	
				Hospice	350.00
				Hire Community Centre (A.O.)	1,500.00
				Honour Boards Engraving	349.10
				Wages	
				Greenkeepers	8,662.22
				Super	
				Greenkeepers	422.24
				Chattel Mortgage Repayments	9,452.76
					170,185.59
				Closing Balance as at 30th April, 2009	56,091.43
		\$226,277.02			\$226,277.02

Statement Of Assets and Liabilities, as at 30th April, 2009

Assets			
Bank Accounts	Cheque Account - Bendigo Bank		12,138
	Investment Account - Sandhurst Trustees		43,953
		Total	<hr/> 56,091
Stock on Hand	Bar Stock	2,019	
	Club Caps	48	
	Grippo & Toucha Spray	169	2,236
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Sheds & Structures			
Balance 1/5/08		62,681	
Plus: Covered Walkway, Patio, Lights, Signage, etc.		46,742	
		<hr/> 109,423	
Less Depreciation @ 5%		5,472	103,951
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Furniture etc.			
Balance 1/5/08		27,119	
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Less Depreciation @ 10%		2,712	24,407
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Plant & Equipment			
Balance 1/5/08		60,665	
Plus:	Mower	300	
	Club Flag	330	
	'Fat Boy' Mower	1,564	2,194
		<hr/> 62,859	
Less Depreciation @ 20%		12,572	50,287
		<hr/>	
	Total Assets		236,972
Less Liabilities			
Bendigo Bank Loan - Chattel Mortgage (Expires Dec 2010)			14,966
Net Assets			<hr/> \$222,006

Bar Trading Statement

1.5.08	Opening Stock	2,015	30.4.09	Sales	51,176
				Closing Stock	2,019
1.5.08	Reverse 2008 Cash in Hand	542		Cash in Hand	412
30.4.09	Purchases	26,909			
		<hr/> 29,466			
Net Profit		24,141			
		<hr/> \$53,607			<hr/> \$53,607

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