



**Shepparton Park Bowls  
Club Inc**

**Annual General Meeting**

**And**

**Board of Management Reports**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

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**Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc**  
**Annual Meeting May 12th 2009**

Chairman Lloyd Mawson welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting.

**Attendance:**

Bill Clark, Jim Campbell, Andrew Morris, John Davy, Margaret Davy, Bob Smith, Barb Allen, Ken Allen, Jim Cook, Ailsa Cook, Rodger Bone, Trish Bone, Phillip Gordon, Flo Holland, Pam Henderson, Bev Cahill, Graeme Betts, Brian Hardy, June Rodda, Jack Buchanan, Alby Rodda, Leigh Pomeroy, Anne O'Donoghue, Ben O'Donoghue, Glenn Edwards, Fred Murley, Kath Murley, Lloyd Mawson, Mick Landy, Alan Sutherland, Fred Brooks, Wes Gibbs, Margot Dobson, Noel Dobson, Glenice Mawson, Steve Mitchell, Moira Smith, Lynton Burkitt, Graeme Sinclair, Shirley Sinclair, Bill Sinclair, Laurie Fagan, Don Butler, Graham Cross, Alan Cameron, Edna Harling, Jean Roulston, Ray Phillips, Ron Holland.

**Apologies:**

Ian Bryant, Norm Mitchelmore, Bill Probst, Bev Clark, Marion Davis, Vince Page, Jenny Laws, Barry Laws, Wendy Holland, Pam McGurgan, Richard Warburton, Dennis McGurgan, Geraldine Dunn, Des Dunne, Jim Shanahan, Ted McDade, Ellen Cameron.

Apologies accepted on the Motion of Moira Smith and John Mackenzie.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the Special General Meeting held on May 28th 2008 were available in the agenda papers. These were accepted on the motion of Jim Broadbent and Fred Murley.

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**Reports:**

The reports from each member of the Board of Management were available in the agenda papers.

Chairman Lloyd Mawson read a letter from the Mayor thanking the Club for its efforts in conducting the Australian Open.

Reports were accepted on the motion of Noel Dobson and Bob Smith. Bob also moved a vote of thanks to Lloyd Mawson and Jim Shanahan on their outstanding service to the Club during the past season. This was carried by acclamation.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report was available in the agenda papers.

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

After questions from the floor were answered, the Treasurer's Report was accepted on the motion of Leigh Pomeroy and Wes Gibbs.

**Election of Officers, Bar Director, Social Director and Sponsorship Director:**

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

Ken Allen took the Chair and as there was only one nomination, he duly declared Lloyd Mawson elected as Chairman for ensuing year. Lloyd Mawson resumed the Chair.

As the number of nominations for each position equaled the number of vacancies, Lloyd 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 General Meetings.

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chairman	Lloyd Mawson	Wes Gibbs	John Davy
Deputy Chairman	Bob Smith	Jim Broadbent	Glenn Edwards
Secretary	Steve Mitchell	Jim Shanahan	Glenn Edwards
Treasurer	Leigh Pomeroy	Wes Gibbs	Graeme Betts
Bar Director	Glenn Edwards	Jim Shanahan	John Davy
Social Director	John Davy	Wes Gibbs	Moira Smith
Sponsorship Director	Alan Sutherland	Fred Brooks	Jim Shanahan

### Election of Auditors:

It was decided to appoint Metzke and Allen as Auditors on the motion of Leigh Pomeroy and Jim Cook.

### Annual Subscriptions and Fees:

		Accepted on the motion of;
<b>Member subscriptions</b>		
Full	\$86 + \$4 CPI + \$6 cleaning = \$96 + Affiliations \$40 men, \$40 ladies Total payable \$136	Leigh Pomeroy and Noel Dobson
Social	\$30	Leigh Pomeroy and Jim Campbell
Junior	\$10 + Affiliations RVBA \$19.45 + GVBA \$9 VLBA \$	Leigh Pomeroy and Jim Cook
Full Time Student 18+ yrs	\$20 + Affiliations	Leigh Pomeroy and Margot Dobson
Non-Playing member	\$10	Leigh Pomeroy and Jim Cook
Indoor non members	\$10	Leigh Pomeroy and Fred Murley
Night Pennant	\$25	Leigh Pomeroy and Jim Campbell
Trade Night	\$10	Leigh Pomeroy and Wes Gibbs
Get on the Green	\$10	Leigh Pomeroy and Ailsa Cook
<b>Green Fees</b>		
Pennant	\$5	Leigh Pomeroy and John Mackenzie
Social	\$5	Leigh Pomeroy and Anne O'Donoghue
Tournament ½ day	\$8	Noel Dobson and Flo Holland
Tournament full day	Decided by organisers	
Indoor mat fees	\$4 Rodney to pay \$3	Fred Murley and Bob Smith
Hire of greens for social nights	Each group on its merits	
Locker Hire	\$25	Leigh Pomeroy and Wes Gibbs

### Chairman Lloyd then reported on the following:

1. Club Coach: The club has appointed Geoff Sutcliffe as our club coach for a period of twelve months for a fee of \$18,000. He will begin in September 2009 and finish in March 2010.
2. Theft: The events surrounding the recent theft and that an insurance claim had been lodged. Some steps have already been put in place to improve security in the bar area.

Lloyd thanked the members for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

# Shepparton Park Bowls Cub Inc

## Annual General Meeting

### Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2010

#### Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Quorum is 30 members, there is no proxy voting
3. The business of the meeting is as outlined in agenda
4. Naming and appointment of Scrutineers
5. Business
  - a) Confirm minutes of AGM held May 12<sup>th</sup> 2009
  - 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 statements submitted by the Club in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Act.
  - d) Election of; (the Greens and Catering Directors have already been elected at Section AGMs)

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Chairman	Lloyd. Mawson	Steve Mitchell	Noel Dobson
Deputy Chairman	Bob Smith Noel Dobson	Jim Broadbent Laurie Fagan	Moira Smith Brian Hardy
Secretary	Jim Shanahan	Ray Phillips	John McKenzie
Treasurer			
Sponsorship Director	Alan Sutherland	Leigh Pomeroy	Steve Mitchell
Bar Director	Glen Edwards	Graeme Betts	Wes Gibbs
Social Director	Ken Allen	Jim Shanahan	Jim Cook

- e) Election of Auditors

f) Fix amount of annual subscriptions, green fees and other charges.

The Board recommends to members that membership fees in all categories remain the same for next season. Only increases in affiliation fees to be passed on to members. This would produce the following fee structure.

**Full: \$96 + Affiliation of \$32 BV+ Affiliation of \$ GVBA/\$ GVLBA: Total Payable \$**

**Social: \$30**

**Junior: \$10+ Affiliation of \$20 BV +Affiliation Of \$ GVBA/\$ GVLBA: Total Payable \$**

**Full Time Student 18+ years: \$20 + Affiliations**

**Non-Playing Member: \$10**

**Indoor Non Members: \$10**

**Night Pennant: \$25**

**Trade Night: \$10**

**Get On the Green: \$10**

**Green Fees**

**Pennant: \$5**

**Social: \$5**

**Tournament ½ day: \$8**

**Tournament full day: Determined by organisers**

**Indoor mat fees: \$4            Rodney to pay \$3**

**Hire of greens for social nights: Each group on its merits**

**Locker Hire: \$25**

6. Close

# **Report to Members from the Board of Management**

## **Chairman, Board of Management**

It is my pleasure to tender this report on the activities of the Club for Season 2009/2010.

In my opinion Shepparton Park Bowls Club has experienced another outstanding season.

We have delivered excellent performances on the greens with our Ladies Section doing very well with premierships in Division 1 and Division 4 and final appearances in Division 2.

The Division 1 Ladies went on to win the Group Final and just missed out on the first day of the State Finals at Echuca.

In the Men's Section we won a back to back premiership in Division 3 and Division 1 & 2 played off in the finals. Overall these were very solid results and leave us with the expectation of further success in the seasons ahead.

Congratulations to our selectors for their efforts in putting teams together each week and achieving the results as above. Theirs is a difficult job with very little recognition for their work.

Congratulations to our Club Champions this season. Di Hands for the Ladies and Brad Clarke in the Men's. They were worthy Champions, and thank you to all the other members who competed in our Club Events.

Our Thursday feature of 2x2 pairs was again an outstanding success with bowlers attending from many of our surrounding clubs. Thank you to Geoff Boyle and David Slingo for conducting such a successful format.

A new innovation this season was the 40/40 Bowls introduced under the guidance of Ron Holland. This format proved to be popular with many of our New Members and allowed them to experience bowls at a very informal level. Thank you Ron and all those who helped.

Our night pennant was again successful and fills a very important roll in assimilating new members into the bowling fraternity. Thank you to Bill Clark and Jim Broadbent who were the organisers of this event.

We again ran a full calendar of feature tournaments. These events take a lot of work to put together and special thanks to our Tournament Committee Wally Bramley, Betty Bicknell and Margo Dobson.

To enable all the above bowling activity to run smoothly it requires efficient Sectional personnel and this season we have had outstanding leaders in Pam McGurgan and Laurie Fagan. Many thanks for your work and also thanks to your Secretaries and sectional officials.

In the past Season we engaged Geoff Sutcliffe as our Club Coach for a one season appointment. Many Members took advantage of Geoff's coaching skills to improve and refine their game.

The Board decided in March not to appoint a Coach for the following season, we wished to assess the future requirements of the Club when it is operating ht under cover green. Considerations on this subject are still going on at this time.

I wish to thank Geoff for his work and time he spent at Shepparton Park and wish him well for the future.

Our Indoor Bowls Section enjoyed another very successful season. This section keeps our Members busy in the off Season and gives a lot of pleasure to those who play indoors. Many thanks to President Fred Murley and his team of helpers on a job well done.

Our Bowling greens playing surfaces improved dramatically this season with the Members Green finally reaching its full potential. Many thanks to Greens Director Noel Dobson and his band of willing workers. With special recognition to Frank Winter, Graeme Cross and Ray Phillips. This Group have constantly prepared greens of the highest standards for us. Thank you again.

Our Club has enjoyed many pleasant social events throughout the season including our famous Chicken and Salad nights, Jazz on the greens and the welcoming event to the Australian Open and our Friday night happy hour. Many thanks to Chairman Ken Allen and his band of workers - a job really well done.

The Bar was again supervised by Glen Edwards, who put in a great deal of work and time to make this important part of our Club activities work efficiently. Thank you Glen and your assistants for an excellent job and for the magnificent contribution the Bar has made to our finances.

Sponsorship has become a very important part of the finances of our Club and this year Chairman Alan Sutherland delivered outstanding results with a total of \$15,000.00 raised in Sponsorship. We must recognise and thank all our generous sponsors and support their various businesses when ever we have an opportunity to do so.

Our Ladies in the Kitchen did us proud through the season providing members and guests with first class catering. A special thank you to retiring Chairperson Flo Holland for her outstanding contribution not only for this season but the many past seasons. And thank you to the Ladies who assisted in any way in the kitchen.

Our Clubhouse has been improved by the installation of acoustic panels on the eastern wall, however; more work needs to be done in this area and I recommend to the new Board that it continues to seek ways to improve the acoustic levels of the Building.

I would like to acknowledge the work done by Bob Smith in attending to the many and varied jobs in maintaining the Club House. I am sure many Members are unaware of the time Bob puts in to make all this happen. Thank you Bob for a job well done.

Our Club's finances are in excellent shape after all sections of the Club have made significant contributions. In particular the Bar has traded very well and the Open returned an outstanding profit of some \$37,000.00.

This leaves us with funds available to fit out the new Under Cover Green, commence construction of the fourth green and be able to recommend to you that we maintain next seasons subscriptions and green fees at their present level.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the season was the staging of the Australian Open 2010.

We were blessed with favourable weather leading up to and during the event and we had learned quite a bit from the conduct of the previous year's Open and as a result I believe it was an even better presentation than 2009.

Our members really got behind the event and supplied a high level of involvement, filling the many and varied tasks that they were called upon during the week.

The participation of the English Commonwealth Games Team gave another dimension to the event and it was great to see the way they joined in and enjoyed our Club's hospitality.

They were rewarded with some excellent results on the green.

Our Club Members did us proud in the Australian Open with Di Hands, Donna Clarke and Brett Foley winning their way through several rounds and our Team of Bev Thorn, Bev Cahill and Shirley Raglus finishing runner up in the over 60 triples.

I would like to thank our co-hosts of the Open, Mooroopna Bowls Club and the Greater Shepparton City Council.

It was a real pleasure to work with these people and I hope we can take this spirit of co-operation into the future and we can develop a Premier Bowls Carnival staged in the Goulburn Valley.

The Open will now return to Darebin Bowling Centre but we will always treasure the memories of the 2009/2010 Australian Opens.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can report to you that Stage 2 of the development of the Shepparton Park Bowling Club is now under way.

The Council accepted a tender to construct an under cover green and additions to our Club House at an estimated cost of \$2.3m.

The projected completion date is October, 2010 and we can look forward with a great deal of excitement to the opening of this wonderful facility.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our Stage 2 Sub Committees – Bob Smith, Noel Dobson and Steve Mitchell and from last year Jim Shanahan.

Their efforts will soon be rewarded by this outstanding development.

Finally I would like to thank the Board of Management Members for their support and contributions throughout the season.

We have had to deal with a wide range of issues, all of which received their earnest consideration.

A special thank you to the Board Secretary, Steve Mitchell who came in on short notice and carried out his tasks with style, and to our co-treasurers Glenice Mawson and Leigh Pomeroy for their major contributions in collecting and accounting for the Clubs funds.

I thank you one and all for your support throughout the season and wish you a happy and healthy winter break.

I look forwards to bowling with you next season.

**Lloyd Mawson**

## **Secretary, Board of Management**

Having just completed 12 months in the position of Board Secretary it has increased my awareness and appreciation of the enormous amount of work put in by members, much of which goes on behind the scenes. It is as well we do not have to pay for this labour or the Club would be in a dire financial position.

President Lloyd has covered in detail the events that have gone on at our Club during the past year. The Administrative load on Club Officials continues to increase and this will be even more so when the covered green is up and running and bowling continues around the calendar. Also, thought will need to be given to the eventual costs of replacing the synthetic surface and making provision for this cost in our annual budgeting. I am sure the incoming Board will address these matters in the next year.

I would like to express my thanks to Jim Shanahan who has made himself available to assist me whenever the need arose. He has also been responsible for maintaining the Club's website and like all things Jim does it has been professionally managed. It is interesting to note that over eighty of our members have email addresses and can access their newsletter via the internet.

The Club has recently purchased a new computer, software and coloured laser printer with money gained from our successful application for a Volunteers Grant. This will make things a little easier for Club administration tasks and will enable us to produce more professional looking brochures and flyers.

Our membership this year has been in excess of 200 which is similar to last year. We have had a steady stream of new members throughout the year that have replaced those who have moved on.

Deliberations by the Board have not always been easy, and a number of difficult decisions have needed to be made at different times. I can say categorically that all decisions made by the Board were done on the basis of what they thought served the best interests of Shepparton Park Bowls Club. I wish the new Board well for the coming season.

**Steve Mitchell.**

## **Bar Director**

With the end of the season comes the usual reflection of the year in general and how we can improve our service and trade, not only to our members, but guests of the Club, be it other bowlers or the general public. This year's Australian Open proved that we can cater for large events with both food and liquor and should not hesitate in actively pursuing similar events in the future.

To the bar staff who helped out over the year, I thank you very much, without your input the bar couldn't function anywhere near as smoothly, or profitably, as it has over the past four years.

To those members (and others) who complain about our Bar prices and happily compare them to other Clubs (some other Clubs), just do a full comparison. Shepparton Park ~ 3 greens, big beautiful Clubhouse with great facilities, ongoing extensions and improvements but with fairly high overheads (gas, water, electricity, greens maintenance etc.) other Clubs with cheaper drinks ~ Two greens (some with only one green) small, older Clubhouse with less facilities and low overhead running costs. Yes our prices are slightly dearer than SOME other Clubs, but a lot cheaper than Pubs and Restaurant's. If you want these great facilities, some how you have to pay for them, and I don't think an extra 50cents is too expensive.

I would say our prices are correct, and it is their prices that are too low, it is time they lost their "Crackerjack" mentality of super low beer prices at bowls Clubs and joined the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

If you are still unhappy, but have a plan or idea as to how we can raise the necessary money to cover these high overhead costs; preferably from people outside the Club (such as Mooroopna's Bingo nights) and one that YOU would be willing to participate in; then I'm sure the Board will give approval to drop the prices, until this happens, the prices remain as is.

**Glenn Edwards**



## **Catering Director**

As our Catering Director Flo Holland resigned from the Board on the 23/03/2010 it is felt that no one else was in a position to complete this report. However a brief summary of the year's activities has been included.

During the year the Catering Committee and its group of volunteers once again did an extraordinary amount of work for the Cub. They catered for events such as Indoor bowls, various Club tournaments, Men's pennant, Men's 2x2 pairs, 60 and overs's, Ballarat visit, Yarra Valley Country Club visit and the Allied Meats tournament

A special mention must be made of the work put in by the Catering Committee and all the volunteers who did the catering for the Australian Open. This was a major undertaking that was handled with aplomb by all those involved.

Once again this group of members has made a significant contribution to the successful running of the Club and providing a significant financial contribution. Well done to all of those people concerned.

## **Greens Director**

Another big year on the greens this season. Foundation green was lasered & cored prior to Xmas, together with the members green cored. I now believe that the members green is the best green that we have after three years of frustration.

Improvements around the greens included new shade stands between Members & Foundation greens. Various association events were held during the year, including grand finals of Division 1, 2 & 3 of men's pennant. The staging of the Australian Open for a 2nd year was an outstanding event with a lot of compliments coming from players & spectators alike on our presentation of greens & surrounds. New rink numbers & markers were purchased during the season.

I have been very fortunate to have a great group of helpers during the year to assist on the greens & the surrounds. To all of you I thank you very much. Special mention must be made of Frank Winter's contribution on the greens over the last two years. He has taken pride in his job, always looking at ways to improve the greens. For a job well done - I thank you Frank.

Frank has indicated to me that he will not be doing the greens next year - he would like a spell to do other things other than bowls. Ray Phillips has been approached to take on the role of green keeper for next season & has accepted this position.

## **Noel Dobson.**

## **House Committee Chairman**

Our clubrooms, furniture and services have served us well again this year, with the normal housekeeping and maintenance keeping us all comfortable and in the main hassle free.

We changes cleaning staff during the season and my congratulations to Flo Holland & Kath Murley for the wonderful job they do with the weekly clean & polish performance.

Six acoustic panels were hung on the eastern wall this year and they have reduced the acoustic problem we have on busy days. We have not yet solved the problem and will budget in the coming season to introduce further improvements. Hills, valleys and bubbles in the floor still present a major problem for our indoor bowls section. Council are monitoring the situation and hopefully before too long, with the help of flooring specialists and the builder be able to present us with the required specification for quality indoor bowling.

We have had two bouts of wind damage to our shade structures this past year and insurance has been able to cover the damage. The shelters will be removed for the covered green building operations and be re-erected at the end of the construction period.

The Australian Open again proved how good our facilities are at handling large crowds of players & spectators. Bringing everyone through the front entrance worked well and gave visitors every opportunity to appreciate our Bar & Food Service functions.

Next year will see a great demand on our financial resources as we contemplate furnishing the new covered green, with its outdoor bar, canteen and alfresco style viewing deck. I would also like to see us with a meeting -cum- board table in the lounge and some permanent seating near the BBQ area.

## **Bob Smith**

## Social Director

The social club activities for 2009-10 season were as follows:-

Friday Night Chicken & Salad nights on last Friday each month were very successful with an average of 115 people attending each night. The Christmas dinner was a great success with many members saying they had a good time.

The Social Committee members were happy the Welcome Event for the Australian Open went off without a hitch and a great Saturday night was enjoyed by 215 members & visitors.

The Jazz on the Green night last month was an outstanding success, with perfect weather for an outdoor event and wonderful music. The committee would like to thank all members and friends who attended our functions as without you there would be no events.

My thanks to my committee, John & Marg Davy, Ailsa Cook, Margo Dobson, Val & Wes Gibbs who put a lot of time and effort into arranging these nights.

**Ken Allen**

## Sponsorship Director

We have had a good year with sponsorship during a time when things have been tough due to the economy.

I would like to thank members for their assistance. It makes the task a lot easier when people approach businesses they know and then pass it on to me.

We received approx \$15,800 and quite a number of prizes for the Australian Open and our Charity day. We received \$2,500 from Coles. Thanks to the many people who pushed this effort along.

I would like to thank people who organised tournaments and events for reminding players who our sponsors are.

**Alan Sutherland**

## RVBA Section President

It is pleasing to report that another very successful and enjoyable year has come to its conclusion with highlights being the winning of back-to-back **Division 3 premierships** and the performance of both **Divisions 1 and 2** in making the Preliminary Final stage, only to be beaten by narrow margins. The 2 **Division 4 teams** and **Division 5** were also very competitive at their respective levels. We would like to think that the coaching of Geoff Sutcliffe in some way contributed to this improved overall performance. A number of bowlers benefited from Geoff's coaching and for this we must acknowledge his efforts.

Congratulations to Brad Clarke on winning the Championship singles defeating Graeme Betts. Commiserations to Graeme as this were back-to-back finals for him. Nevertheless a great effort. Brad went on to perform with distinction at G.V.B.A Single's level. Leo Pye defeated Ron Holland in a very close match in the B grade Singles.

Leigh Pomeroy and Vince Page were successful in the Club Championship pairs by defeating John Foley and John Hallam in the Final. Graeme Betts and Bev Cahill were successful in the Mixed Pairs by defeating John Ross and Karen Dean. Peter Cross, Neville Manton and Roger Adams won the drawn Club Triples. The 21 Up, 100 Up and the Mixed Canadian Handicapped Pairs are still in progress at the time of this report. Congratulations to all those who made it to the Finals and a big thank you to all bowlers who entered the different events.

Many thanks to Vince Page as Chairman of the **Selection Committee** and to Graeme Betts, Reg Jeffery, Graeme Sinclair and Leo Walsh as dedicated committee members. Selection committees, because of the job that they have to do, are often much maligned. However I believe that this committee has done an excellent job in finding 92 bowlers for each of 18 rounds and for keeping teams stable, particularly in the higher divisions.

The **Match Committee** has again worked hard under the leadership of Leigh Pomeroy as Chairman to provide the number of different events that we have come to enjoy. Each one of us who participates in these events can help immensely by ensuring that matches are played on or before the due date.

The **2x2 pairs** held on Thursdays continues to be very successful as evidenced by the number of visiting bowlers it attracts each week. The introduction of drawn partners once a month has also been well

received. Well done David Slings and Jeff Boyle for a great job. Again, it is important to appreciate that this weekly event doesn't just happen and that it requires at least a couple of hours preparation each week. As a suggestion, and to make weekly organization simpler, it may be in order to set a deadline, eg Wednesday 6.00pm, for entries to be submitted.

Bill Clark and Jim Broadbent took on the responsibility for both **60 and over** and **Night Pennant**, and both events can present quite challenging problems at times. Those who play 60 and over certainly enjoy their weekly bowls in an atmosphere which is a little more social than pennant, for example. Night Pennant again consisted of 20 teams and pre-Christmas had to be played over 2 nights, an organizational nightmare met full-on by Bill and Jim in a professional manner. Congratulations to Sea Eagles in coming from seventh position to win the flag and to Pykies Clan for being Runners Up. Thanks Bill and Jim for a great effort.

The **Trade and Social** nights currently being held under the new Forty 40 format and co-ordinated by our hard-working Secretary Ron are proving to be very popular. Ron, through his alertness and initiative was able to obtain a grant to purchase 10 sets of new bowls that can be used for occasions like this when we are introducing prospective bowlers to the sport. Jim Broadbent and helpers made up impressive boxes for the storage and easy transport of these bowls. Thank you to Jim. Special thanks to our chefs, Ben O'Donoghue, John Mackenzie and Jim Broadbent for their regular assistance and to all other members who have helped make these nights a success.

**Tournament Secretary** Wally Bramley, along with Margo Dobson and Betty Bicknell were responsible for running and organizing our tournaments. A very big thank you for running these so successfully. Thank you also to Alan Sutherland for obtaining such outstanding sponsorship for these events.

The **Greens Committee** led by Noel Dobson presented us with great greens throughout the season. To ensure this happened greens had to be rested at times so that renovations could take place and to ensure outstanding playing conditions for the entire season, the Australian Open and the Grand Final day. We rely very much on the expertise of this committee and on the long hours that they put in.

The running of the **Australian Open** was again an honour and highlight of the season and we must thank all those who contributed. Congratulations must also go to those who had success on field.

Brian Hardy willingly carried out his duty of **Welfare Officer** of the Club when needed. To those who did not enjoy good health during the past year we hope that your health is now on an upward spiral. Our **Protection Officer**, Ken Allen, too, was always available if needed.

To Flo Holland and the **Catering Committee** members, your support is invaluable. Many hours are put in every season by a large team of ladies to ensure a high standard of catering and for this we are very grateful.

Thanks too to Glen Edwards and his **Bar Staff** for their efforts in looking after us throughout the season and to John Davy for continuing to maintain our **Uniform supply**. To have Divisions 1, 2 and 3 in Maroon trousers was a highlight of the season.

Ken Allen took over the **Social Committee** and organized a number of entertaining and bonding social activities. Well done Ken and thanks for taking over from John Davy at a time of need.

What more can we say about Ron Holland. As **Secretary** Ron continues to work beyond the call of duty to provide a service that is invaluable. There is so much behind the scenes work that Ron does which would make the Club poorer if it did not happen. Thank you, Ron for your long hours and great work.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for your support and help during the year. Whilst there may have been hiccups I do believe the year has been successful. We would all do well to remember that growth depends on the quality of personnel running the Club and that if you can offer skills that are not being recognised, or haven't been uncovered, then let it be known through volunteering to take up a role. There is no closed shop on **any** position.

## **Laurie Fagan**

### **VIBBA Section President**

The Indoor section had very good results in the 2009 Season, with the Division 1 team finishing in top position, however we didn't manage to maintain our form in the finals. Our Division 3 side did a very good job to finish runner up. Well done. Success went to a number of our members in the Goulburn Valley events, with our mixed 4's Team of Ray Phillips- Skip, Lorraine Vamos, Bruce Tully and Margo Dobson finishing as the Champions.

Our Ladies also finished as G.V. Champions in the 4's skipped by Jean Roulston, along with Cath Dudley, Kath Murley and Lorraine Vamos leading.

In the Ladies Singles our own Bev Cahill was the Champion.

All of the afore mentioned went to Melbourne and did a very good job in the State Championships.

Well done everyone.

With Season 2010 just getting under way, we would like to invite everyone who would like to join in the challenge of Indoor Bowls, to come along any Thursday evening at 7pm.

As reported last year the floor has high and low spots and I'm afraid nothing has changed, in fact it's getting a few more ups and downs, but hopefully it may get rectified before too long.

The National Titles are being held in Shepparton from the 22<sup>nd</sup> until the 28<sup>th</sup> August, and we will have a Team competing.

Thursday evenings 7pm. Come along. Give it a go. Have fun.

Fred Murley.

## **VLBA Section President**

What a great year we have had with 4 out of 5 pennant teams reaching the finals. Div.1 went through and won the Group 8 finals at Yea, then played off in the State finals at Echuca, but unfortunately was unable to take it off. Next year may be the year. The girls would like to thank all the supporters throughout the finals and at Yea, especially the great mob who went to Echuca. Thanks to Wally Bramley for driving the bus to Yea and Echuca. Much appreciated. Congratulations to Di Hands, Cathy Dudley and Kate Bush for winning the G.V. State triples. Donna Clarke runner up in G.V. Singles. Di Hands and Kate Bush, runner up in the G.V. Pairs, and Bev Thorn Runner up in State G.V. 60 and over. Well done girls.

Now I would like to thank all the Committee members that did a fantastic job throughout the season.

**SELECTION.** Bev Thorn and her committee with their great effort in making all teams so competitive throughout the pennant season.

**TOURNAMENT.** Margot Dobson with the help of Betty Bicknell with the organisation of all our tournaments. What a great job they did. Moira Smith with organising all the trophies.

**MATCH COMMITTEE.** Anne O'Donaghue and her committee with the organisation and running of all the Club events and social days. It's not an easy job. Thanks to all the club members who entered Club events and attended social days.

**CATERING DIRECTOR.** Another great thanks to Flo Holland and her great committee members for all the hard work you have done throughout the year. It's a massive job catering for tournaments, 2x2s, 60 and over and of course the great effort with the Australian Open. On top of that there are State Events and catering for Clubs who wish to play at our great club. Flo is resigning so I would like to thank her for all the work she has done over the many years. Well done Flo.

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Thanks again.

**Pam Mc Gurgan**