



Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc

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Wednesday 16th May 2012

Agenda for Annual General Meeting
Annual Reports from Board of Management

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Special General Meeting

May 18th 2011

Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Quorum is 30 members, there is no proxy voting
3. Naming and appointment of Scrutineers
4. Explanation of proposed changes to Constitution and Regulations
5. Questions
6. Motion 1 : Vote on adopting new constitution

If approved, then Motion 2 : Vote on adopting new regulations

If approved, then Motion 3 : Transitional arrangements

In adopting the new constitution and regulations, the following transitional arrangements shall take place at the close of this Special General Meeting:

- a. The members nominated for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer under the previous Constitution shall be deemed to have been duly nominated for the positions of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.
 - b. The member nominated and elected at the Section Annual Meeting as the Green's Director shall be deemed elected to the Board as Green's Director.
 - c. The member nominated and elected at the Section Annual Meeting as the Catering Director shall be deemed elected to the position of Catering Manager.
 - d. The members nominated for the positions of Sponsorship Director, Bar Director and Social Director under the previous Constitution shall be deemed to have been nominated for the positions of Sponsorship Manager, Bar Manager and Social Activities Manager respectively.
 - e. During the Annual General Meeting, if any of these members wish to withdraw their nomination, the Chairman shall accept that withdrawal and call for further nominations from the floor.
 - f. During the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman shall call for nominations from the floor for any of the Director or Manager positions where there are no nominations.
 - g. The Bowls Committee shall meet at its convenience to arrange, where appropriate, the merger of committees formed at the different Section Annual Meetings.
7. Close of meeting

Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc
Annual General Meeting
May 16th 2012

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1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Establishing the Quorum, there is no proxy voting
3. Naming and appointment of Scrutineers
4. Confirmation of minutes of:
 - Annual General Meeting held May 11th, 2010
 - Special General Meeting held November 8th, 2010
5. Receive reports from Board Members
6. Receive and consider the financial statement submitted by the Club in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Act
7. Elections of Board members
8. Election of Auditors
9. Transact any other business affecting the interest and welfare of the Club, of which due notice has been given.
10. Close of meeting

Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc
Annual General Meeting
May 11th 2010

Chairman Lloyd Mawson welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting and was pleased to see such a good turn out.

Attendance: Bill Clark, John Davy, Margaret Davy, Bob Smith, Barb Allen, Ken Allen, Jim Cook, Ailsa Cook, Rodger Bone, Trish Bone, Phillip Gordon, Flo Holland, Graeme Betts, Brian Hardy, Alby Rodda, Leigh Pomeroy, Nancy Pomeroy, Anne O'Donoghue, Ben O'Donoghue, Glenn Edwards, Fred Murley, Kath Murley, Lloyd Mawson, Alan Sutherland, Fred Brooks, Margot Dobson, Noel Dobson, Glenice Mawson, Steve Mitchell, Moira Smith, Graeme Sinclair, Shirley Sinclair, Bill Sinclair, Laurie Fagan, Graham Cross, Alan Cameron, Ellen Cameron, Jean Roulston, Ray Phillips, John McKenzie, Dora McKenzie, Cec Pearson, Gloria Pearson, Reg Jeffery, Noel Dumesny, John Dempster, Aileen Dempster, Pam McGurgan, Don Dickinson, Max Swainston, Barry Laws, Roy Rowan, Ron Brammer, Jim Shanahan, Jim Broadbent, Max Steigenberger, Laurie Bodycoat, Ian Dempsey, Bill Probst, Bev Thorn

Apologies: Norm Mitchelmore, Bev Clark, Dennis McGurgan, Ted McDade, Ron Holland, Jim Campbell, Jack Buchanan, Mick Landy, Brenda Landy, June Rodda, Wes Gibbs, Val Gibbs, Albert Kellock, Kevin Thorn, Elaine Brewster, Frank Winter, Lorna Winter

Apologies accepted on the Motion of Laurie Fagan and John Mackenzie.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on May 12th, 2009 were available in the agenda papers. These were accepted on the motion of Alan Sutherland and Laurie Fagan.

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

Chairman Lloyd Mawson spoke to his report and reiterated his appreciation to the members of the Club for working so hard to ensure another very successful year.

Laurie Fagan added two points to his report namely the Meat and Allied Trades Tournament and the visit by the Yarra Valley Country Club. He thanked all members who were involved in these activities.

Bob Smith indicated that the new covered green was close to being on schedule at this time but there has been some delay with variations to the contract not having been finalized.

The reports were accepted on the motion of Rodger Bone and Ray Phillips.

Noel Dobson spoke on behalf of all members of the Club and thanked Lloyd for his leadership throughout the year.

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

Leigh Pomeroy once again thanked Glenice Mawson for her efforts in running the day to day finances of the Club. This is a very onerous task that Glenice carries out so well. He also thanked Ron Holland for his eagle eye in scanning various media looking for grants for which we may apply. Mention was also made of the tremendous effort our Ladies put in providing the Club with significant financial resources.

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

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 there were two nominations for the position of Deputy Chairman (Noel Dobson and Bob Smith) a ballot was held with Bob Smith being the successful candidate.

The number of nominations for each of the other positions equalled 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	Steve Mitchell	Noel Dobson
Deputy Chairman	Bob Smith	Jim Broadbent	Moiria Smith
Secretary	Jim Shanahan	Ray Phillips	John McKenzie
Treasurer	Glenice Mawson	John Davy	Rodger Bone
Bar Director	Glenn Edwards	Graeme Betts	Wes Gibbs
Social Director	Ken Allen	Jim Shanahan	Jim Cook
Sponsorship Director	Alan Sutherland	Leigh Pomeroy	Steve Mitchell

Note: A discussion was held about the possible need to employ an "accounting person" to help supervise the compilation of accounts.

Election of Auditors:

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

Annual Subscriptions and Fees:

On the motion of Noel Dobson and Leigh Pomeroy it was accepted that the fee structure as recommended by the Board be adopted. Namely that there be no increase in membership fees and only increases in affiliation fees be passed on.

Note 1: It is accepted Club policy that the men's and ladies fees be the same and the Board will need to do a minor adjustment to ensure this policy is carried out.

Note 2: The GVBA/GVLBA affiliation fees are subject to ratification.

Full: \$96 + Affiliation of \$32 BV + Affiliation of \$9 GVBA/\$11 GVDLBA Total Payable: \$137/\$139

Junior: \$10 + Affiliation of \$20 BV + Affiliation Of \$9 GVBA/\$11 GVLBA Total Payable: \$39/\$41

Full Time Student 18 + years: \$20 + Affiliations Total Payable: \$61 (GVBA) / \$63(GVLBA)

Social: \$30

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 1/2 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

Other Business: A presentation was made to Flo Holland by Pam McGurgan acknowledging the work that she has for the Club over many years.

Lloyd thanked the members for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc
Minutes of Special General Meeting
November 8th, 2010

Attendance: Brian Hardy, Col Todd, Esme Todd, Jim Campbell, Laurie Fagan, Alan Sutherland, Peter Matthews, Julie Williams, George Williams, John Ross, Norm Mitchelmore, Bev Cahill, Jim Shanahan, Don Dickinson, Wally Bramley, Glenn Edwards, Pam McGurgan, Kath Murley, Wendy Holland, June Rodda, Trish Bone, Rodger Bone, Max Steigenberger, Pam Henderson, Sandra Wallace, John Wallace, Alby Rodda, Frank Winter, Lorna Winter, Fred Brooks, Jean Roulston, Marjorie Thorn, Edna Harling, Flo Holland, Ailsa Cook, Jim Cook, Reg Jeffery, Lynton Burkitt, Trevor Serafini, Ray Phillips, Ken Cuthbert, Keith Dudley, Cathy Dudley, Aileen Dempster, John Dempster, Leigh Pomeroy, Nancy Pomeroy, Noel Dobson, Margot Dobson, Bill Sinclair, Shirley Sinclair, Vince Page, Allan Cameron, Ellen Cameron, Elaine Brewster, Wes Gibbs, John Anderson, Laurie Bodycoat, Peter Cross, Jim Guthrie, Leo Walsh, Bob Smith, Bill Raglus, Shirley Raglus, Roger Adams, Marion Davies, Glenice Mawson, Lloyd Mawson, Dave Lyons, John Davy, Dave Hardie, Dora Mackenzie, John Mackenzie, Roma Grose, Graeme Sinclair, Ben O'Donoghue, Doug Eddy, Frank Watson, Bill Probst, Jim Broadbent, Ron Brammer, Barry Laws, Jack Buchanan, Don Williams, Barb Allen, Ken Allen, Bruce Tully, Fred Murley, Graeme Betts, Anne O'Donoghue, Ron Holland, Denis McGurgan.

Chairman Lloyd thanked all for their attendance.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Alan Meaden, Joy Cuthbert, Alan Doble and Val Gibbs. They were accepted on the motion of Ron Holland and Laurie Fagan.

Business:

Item 1: Re-development of Rose Green

Lloyd gave a brief outline of the project, thanking in particular Ken Allen and Mike Loughhead for their work in the formative stages of the new club.

The completion date is set for November 15th, with the handover to the Club by Council set for November 17th. A temporary timber handrail will be in place until the permanent one is manufactured. The marine carpet on the surrounds of the green can't be laid until the concrete has completely dried out.

After November 17th, the Rose Green will be available for play by members under the control of the Greens Director, Ray Phillips. The new bar will be open for use under the control of Bar Director, Glenn Edwards. The plaza area will be under the control of the House Committee, with Bob Smith as Chairman.

Lloyd also thanked the members of the sub-committee who have been liaising with members and the Council for the duration of the project, viz; Bob Smith, Noel Dobson, Jim Shanahan and Steve Mitchell.

An official opening ceremony is planned for Sunday 6th February in conjunction with our Memorial Day tournament.

In response to questions, Lloyd reported that a committee is looking into upgrading the security arrangements on the Rose Green, and indeed over the whole complex. Ray Phillips presented a paper outlining issues to be considering preserving the playing surface. There was much discussion around dumping and the use of dump mats. This issue will be considered further.

Item 2: Uniforms

John Davy outlined the procedure for reaching a decision at the meeting. He also gave a brief history of the current shirt, and the brief presented when the club was formed as to the design.

Don Dickinson then presented the proposal for a new design, including sponsorships gained and the costs of a new shirt. He presented three new possible designs.

Questions asked centered around the club jacket, the amount of maroon in the proposed designs and the current stock of shirts.

A vote of members was taken, with Pam McGurgan, Laurie Fagan and Graeme Betts acting as scrutineers. The results were:

	Men	Ladies
In favour	31	9
Against	29	27

The motion to change the design of the club shirts was lost because both groups did not vote in favour.

Lloyd thanks the sub-committee for the work they had done in researching and presenting the discussion.

Other Items:

Chairman Lloyd Mawson called Noel Dobson forward to make a presentation to him in appreciation of the work he had done during his time as Greens Director, and in particular in presenting the greens in such great condition for the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010.

RVBA Section President Laurie Fagan moved a vote of thanks to Lloyd for the effort he had put in during the Rose Green re-development, and for the manner in which he had chaired the meeting. This was passed by acclamation.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Board of Management Reports

Chairman

It is my pleasure to tender this report on the operations of our Club for the Season 2010/11.

I am again able to advise you, that in my opinion, the Shepparton Park Bowls Club has enjoyed an outstanding season with notable successes both on and off the greens.

On the greens the bowling was organised and controlled by our Sectional Leaders: Ladies' Section President Pam McGurgan and Men's Section President Laurie Fagan. Our Presidents were ably supported by strong groups of officials who provided the members with an amazing range of events. My congratulations go to Presidents Pam and Laurie and their teams for an outstanding season that saw our Club in the forefront of bowls in the Goulburn Valley Association.

Our Division 1 Ladies again set the pace with another pennant win after a hard fought series. All our Ladies teams performed very well with Division 2 making the finals, Division 3 being runner up and the other teams being very competitive. In the Men's section we enjoyed success in Division 3 winning a third consecutive Pennant in that division. Division 1 had an outstanding season finishing minor premiers and just losing out in the preliminary final to Kyabram who were the eventual premiers. Our Divisions 2 and 5 made the finals and our Division 4 teams were competitive throughout the season.

Overall our results indicated that our teams have made steady progress and I believe the standard of bowls in our Club has improved. We should look forward to further successes in the years ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the selectors, both Ladies and Men, who have spent countless hours working on team selections and laying the foundations for our season's results. The selectors have a difficult job but the season's results speak for themselves.

Congratulations to our champions for this season. Ladies' Champion Bev Thorn and Men's Champion Col Power. Both our champions have enjoyed a very successful season and are worthy Club Champions.

The two by two pairs conducted on Thursdays by Jeff Boyle and David Slingo was again an outstanding success with players coming to play in this event from all our surrounding Clubs. Jeff and David run a very happy yet competitive event and it is really enjoyed by all who play in it. Thank you Geoff and David for all your work.

Our Night Pennant was again very popular and continues to provide an excellent avenue for new bowlers to join into playing at our Club. Many thanks to Bill Clark and Jim Broadbent for controlling this event.

This Season on Friday evenings Ron Holland and his team have staged a Trade Night BBQ Competition which attracted more new faces to our Club. Thank you Ron and his helpers for a job well done.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Margo Dobson, Betty Bicknell and Wally Bramley in organising our feature tournaments. Theirs is a difficult job in attracting bowlers to our tournaments as there are so many options available to bowlers nowadays. However our Committee was up to the challenge and delivered us many excellent tournaments. Thank you for a job really well done.

Our Indoor Bowls Section enjoyed another successful season and provided our members with the opportunity to play sport throughout the winter months. Thanks to President Fred Murley and Secretary Keith Dudley for their work controlling this section of our Club.

This season our Club has had a new green's director in Ray Phillips, who had the difficult task of juggling the play on only two greens for the first half of the season and to cohabit the site with the builders who were constructing the under cover green. Ray managed this task very well with our greens bowling extremely well. This was highlighted by the GVBA's choice of our greens to host many of their events. Thank you Ray and your marvellous team of workers for an outstanding job.

Our Bar was again controlled by Glen Edwards. This is a big job well done by Glen. There is a lot of time and effort required to make the bar run profitably and efficiently, but Glen has delivered the goods again. The profit from the bar makes a significant contribution to the Club's operating profits. Many thanks Glen and your team of helpers.

We all enjoyed the Social events staged by our Social Committee. The *Jazz on the Greens* was again a highlight but I am sure our members and their guests also appreciated the monthly *Chicken and Salad* Nights. Thank you to the Social Director Ken Allen and his loyal team for a really great season of entertainment.

Sponsorship plays an important part in our Club's Finances. This season our Sponsorship Director, Alan Sutherland, delivered a record result with over \$18,000.00 in sponsorship. This was an outstanding result and I thank you Alan for your great work.

For our members, I ask you to note the businesses that provide Sponsorship to our Club and whenever the opportunity presents itself, please support these businesses.

This season our Club's Ladies have done us proud with their outstanding work in the kitchen, presenting afternoon teas of the highest standard and catering for many special events throughout the season. Many thanks to Margaret Davy and her wonderful team of helpers.

Our Club House has been kept in tip top condition by the dedicated work of Bob Smith. I thank you Bob for your outstanding work in this area. Also I would like to compliment our Club House Cleaners Flo Holland and Kath Murley for their expert help for keeping our Club House in top condition. Thank you Ladies.

The season had many highlights but the outstanding occasion was undoubtedly the opening of the Undercover Rose Green and Plaza. At the opening in February we were pleased to welcome to our Club officials from Bowls Australia, Bowls Victoria, Goulburn Valley Associations, our Local MLA Jeanette Powell, Council Officials and the Mayor Geoff Dobson who officially opened the Complex.

I would like to express my appreciation for the advice and assistance provided by the building sub-committee, Bob Smith, Noel Dobson, Jim Shanahan and Steve Mitchell who attended to many critical matters during the design and construction period. I especially want to thank Bob Smith for the dedicated work he has put in as our Club's Liaison Officer working with the Council and the Builders during the Construction period. I am sure the finish on the project would not have been as successful as it is without Bob's daily visits.

Our other highlights included acting as the principal host Club for the Ladies Country Carnival, hosting of the State 4's and numerous Goulburn Valley and Murray Association Events.

Our financial position is very strong. We have paid for much of the improvements on our new development. However we have borrowed \$39,000 from the Bendigo Bank to pay for the major

items of expenditure associated with the fit out of the Rose Green. This loan is to be repaid over five years.

Our trading surplus for the Season was \$27,000 with cash reserves in our Bank Accounts \$126,000.

We have opened a special Bank Account to hold funds for the future replacement of the carpet on the Rose Green. This season we have paid \$10,000 into this Account.

I would like to acknowledge work carried out by the Board Secretary Jim Shanahan, who has again provided us with first class secretarial services. Jim has also had a significant work load in considering the implications of unification on our Clubs Rules and Constitution. Jim has also created an outstanding Web Site for our Club. Thank you Jim for all your valued assistance.

I must also acknowledge the dedicated work of our Treasurer Glenice Mawson. Glenice has diligently carried out her role and the financial success of our Club is in no small way due to her work.

Looking ahead I can see some difficult issues to deal with in regards to unification and in particular the conduct of Tuesday and Saturday Pennant Competition. Our Club will also have to consider alterations to our Rules and Constitution to allow unification to operate as intended. We may also have to reconstruct our administration and the role and size of the Board.

Our major events committee have been negotiating with Bowls Victoria for the rights to conduct a major event at Shepparton Park commencing next season. At this stage I am not permitted to disclose any more details except to say that an official announcement will be made by all parties in the middle of May.

I strongly recommend we don't allow the Club to extend to the point that we can no longer effectively administer the Club with volunteer officials. I have observed several sporting clubs that have outgrown their club's management skills, having engaged a manager and then run into financial ruin.

The Board decided not to proceed at this stage with the construction of the fourth green but will install marker posts to define our control of this land and will use the land as an extension of the western car park.

Security of our premises is a major concern of the Board and to this end the Board has entered into negotiations with the Council with a view of installing a security fence around the unprotected areas of the Club's land.

Finally, as I will not be offering myself for re-election as Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their support and encouragement throughout the last five years.

I would especially like to thank those members who served on the Board with me over this period. We have achieved much as a team and I have enjoyed dealing with the challenges that were presented to the Club.

I wish the incoming Chairman and the Board every success for the season ahead and thank you one and all for the honour of being your Club's Club Chairman for five seasons.

Lloyd Mawson

Vice Chairman

This is my last report as chairman of the House Committee and Deputy Chairman of the Board, positions I believe over the past three years I have filled to the best of my ability.

During this period I have welcomed the challenge of representing the club in guiding the Shepparton Council toward the culmination of our Memorandum of Understanding with them, in particular the design and construction features apparent now in the cover Rose Green project.

Treading the line of negotiation with Council, contractor, architect, sub-contractors and our members has not been easy, what with deadlines being set and requiring decisions, members away for winter break, indoor bowls program continuing uninterrupted and strict observance of Council protocol all happening while the weather was unkind. I may have seemed at times some sort of lone hand, but I believe the situation left me with little other course.

For the most part I have enjoyed the challenge and the responsibility these positions have demanded. Our facilities have continued to develop throughout this period and we can proudly say our clubrooms and furnishings are the equal of any bowls complex to be found in the State of Victoria.

Many thanks must go to our cleaning staff, Flo Holland and Kath Murley, for their meticulous cleaning operations and their devoted determination to have our home ready for any occasion at any time. Thanks also to Jim Broadbent and his assistants, their help with odd jobs, maintenance, equipment installation and landscaping throughout the year has been excellent.

To all members, please be proud of and respect our clubrooms, our furniture and fittings and our surrounds. Any contribution, no matter how small, you can make toward keeping things clean and tidy will enhance our pride and sense of ownership in this great club and lessen the workload of volunteer members working for your comfort.

Bob Smith

Club Secretary

The past year should have been a quiet year, with no Australian Open to be held here and no major events planned. However this was not the case and we were all extremely busy as the club grew in size and stature amongst the wider bowls community. The Board has met on a regular basis and has dealt with a wide range of issues. Discussion and debate was often quite robust with all members contributing, but the motivating factor for all members was the long term interests of the Club.

The highlight of the year was most certainly the handover and official opening of the undercover Rose Green, which finalised the Memorandum of Understanding with the Council. When you look at the former Shepparton Bowling Club site at the lake and look at what we have here, there can be no doubt that both clubs took the right decision in accepting the Council's offer to merge. We should be extremely pleased and proud of our facilities. Many visitors wanted to take the venue back home with them, and we have already had clubs asking for details of plans, costs, etc as they think about copying it. The Board authorised a good deal of Club funds for items over and above the contract so that the finished produce was something we could all be proud of.

Even though there was no Australian Open, we did host quite a number of events that had a State wide or region wide focus. The availability of the undercover green certainly made many of these possible, and enhanced our standing as a venue for such events. There was universal high praise for our venue and the hospitality provided by our members. As Lloyd has alluded, there is news

coming regarding a major event to be announced soon.

Of course none of these facilities and events happen by themselves, they take a lot of planning and preparation by many people. This I feel is the greatest strength of our club. There are always members willing to put their hand up when a call is put out for helpers, and in fact many members just get in and do things to help and improve the club without being asked. This creates the feeling of "Our Club" rather than "The Club." I hope this continues and we continue to be a basically volunteer club, as when there are paid employees to do everything, members lose the feeling of ownership. We welcomed fifteen new full members, twenty two social members and one junior member during the year, and at the end of the year there are 199 full members and 33 social members in the club.

Our Club has had a good year both on and off the greens and mats. Details of the successes on the greens are provided elsewhere in this report, and our Treasurer, Glenice, has provided details of our financial status. These make good reading and show that we are in a sound position on all fronts.

During the year we were able to become involved in the *Broadband For Seniors* program, a federal government initiative. This program provided the club with two computers, furniture and broadband access so that we could provide internet access, training and support to our members. Bill Chilcott, Ron Holland and myself have been providing this training, but it must be said that Bill has done the lion's share and for this Ron and I are most grateful. Reports from participants have been very good. Our contract to provide this service ends in June, but we will continue to provide the service while there is a need.

It has been very pleasing to receive positive feedback and suggestions regarding our club website. Thanks must go to the selection committees for their diligence in uploading their teams each week. If members wish to see additional content on the site I would be pleased to hear their ideas. Having the newsletters and other documents on the site thus allowing members to access them from home has helped reduce printing costs for the club.

We have two major challenges for the future. The most important one is to maintain the feeling of ownership of the club by our members, and to provide opportunities, both on and off the green, for members to feel there is something offered for them to be involved in. The second is very much tied in with the first, and that is to come to grips with unification. This provides us with an opportunity to review our organisational structure and the way we manage our programs, but we mustn't forget that our first duty is to our members and to provide opportunities for them to enjoy their bowls in a friendly and supportive environment.

After spending five of the past seven years as a Board member, I will not be seeking re-election this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed this exciting time. To be involved with the merger of the clubs, the establishment of the clubhouse and undercover green, the organisation of the Australian Open events and many other events has been rewarding, but I feel it is time for new blood and fresh ideas to take the club into the future. I wish my successor, and indeed all the new Board members, all the best and hope that they continue to receive the support of members as we have in the past.

Jim Shanahan

Bar Director

With this year's summer season finishing, the bar is winding down, but not coming to an end, thanks to the proposed winter program and the indoor carpet bowls season starting in May.

Unfortunately our income will be down this year owing to a number of factors, including; no big event such as the Australian Open; losing pennant days due to wet weather; our regular Men's 2x2 pairs being disrupted and the bar takings being stolen in this latest burglary. Refer to the treasurer's report for the outgoing, income and all important, profit margin.

On a brighter note, we have some more Responsible Serving of Alcohol qualified members who can join next year's roster, congratulations to these 10, well done.

It has been suggested that we change the way we work the bar, from an "open on demand" which it basically is at the moment, to a "set time" arrangement, e.g. open from 4pm to 7pm every day so members know they can have a social drink after their practice or game any night. My personal opinion is that we may end up with a modified combination of both; it will depend on how we can staff it.

Once again, a big "thank you" to those members who make themselves available for bar duty year after year, without their voluntary input we could not run the club as profitably as we do.

Glenn Edwards

Catering Director

With our Bowling season almost ended it's time to recap on what has been achieved.

The demands on the members of the Catering Committee has increased as the year progressed and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the small group of ladies on the Catering committee for their dedication and commitment. In particular I would like to especially thank Barb. Allen who has shared the purchasing of provisions with me, and who has provided much appreciated support to me throughout the entire season. Thank you to Kath Murley for catering for Men's 2 X 2's each Thursday, and to Trish Bone for her help in many ways. Also to the many ladies of our Club who have not only met their roster commitments, but have cooked and provided many food items for our numerous undertakings. My thanks to you all.

Whilst catering for our numerous scheduled tournaments it was noticeably apparent that our services became increasingly more in demand when the Pennant season had ended.

To all those involved in the catering for the entire week of Ladies Country Carnival, your commitment and valued assistance was very much appreciated, not only by me, but also by all those players, officials and spectators in attendance. It reflected very well on the overall presentation of the event and our Club in particular. The Ladies' State Fours were contested here on the 13th and 14th of April. Again this event was successfully catered for with much appreciation being expressed by both players and organizers.

I am unable to comment on the monetary amount we have added to the finances of the Club, but I am sure Club Treasurer Glenice, will report that our contribution has been significant.

In conclusion I would again like to express my sincere gratitude to my committee and helpers for a job very well done.

Margaret Davy

Green's Director

This year has seen a huge transformation to our club with the completion of the new under cover Rose Green. Congratulations to chairman Lloyd Mawson and all those who helped to achieve this

excellent addition to our club.

What a wet year we have had. From late July to the end of April I have measured 951mm of rain on the greens (just over 3 feet) and as a direct result of this we have seen the Rose Green used on numerous occasions such as Goulburn Valley Women's Champion of Champions, State Fours and State Pairs, Goulburn Valley Ladies Thomas Jewellers Tournament and Merrigum Bowls Club hired the Rose Green for a Ladies tournament because of rain.

We have also hosted Goulburn Valley Men's State pairs on the grass greens and the Goulburn Valley Champion of Champions, which was played on grass on the first week then changed to the Rose Green for the completion due to rain. On the same day Group 5 played their 4' s and triples. Three weeks later and Group 5 were back to play their Champion of Champions and State Singles. These players could not have advanced further if they had not played on that day. We have had excellent reports on the way the green plays.

During the season one of our greens committee men had to retire for personal reasons but was still able to roll the greens every Tuesday and thank you to Laurie Bodycoat. Laurie has just undergone a hip replacement and we wish him a speedy recovery. Frank Winter filled the void on the greens committee.

During the month of April we were one of the hosts for the Country Women's Carnival which was a very busy week for all who helped out in all areas at the club. During the Carnival we saw some excellent bowling and with very good weather to compliment the week. There were a lot of tired people by the end of the week. The next week we hosted the Women's State Fours and with the wet conditions it was played on the Rose Green with abundant compliments.

I would like to thank the great group of helpers that we have on the greens and surrounds that make the club look so great. To the ladies who provide morning tea on a Monday and Friday, I thank you for making our job that much more enjoyable. Special mention must go to Noel Dobson for mentoring me during the year, thanks Dobbo.

Ray Phillips

Social Director

The social side of our club was well supported throughout the bowling season. We started the year with a Progressive Dinner with the first course at McDonalds, second course at the Clubhouse and finishing the night at the Shepparton Harness Racing Club. We went to each place by bus.

The Christmas Dinner was attended by over 120 members & their guests with music provided by True Country - a great time was had by all.

On 20th March we had a night of Jazz on the Green with 94 people in attendance and feasted on Pizza and KFC Chicken.

Chicken & Salad nights have been held on the last Friday night each month and were well patronised with around 100 people attending each night. After the February event a Trivia Night concluded the evening and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our final Chicken & Salad Night was held on 30th April in conjunction with our annual Presentation Night.

My thanks to all the social committee members who have worked tirelessly to provide the entertainment.

Ken Allen

Sponsorship Director

The Shepparton traders have been very good to our Club and helped support us once again this year. We have had eight \$1,000, thirteen \$500 and twelve \$250 sponsors which is \$17,500, compared to \$12,000 last year.

We have an agreement with the Bendigo Bank and Higgins Bakery for shirt sponsorship which will be added to the budgets over the next five years.

This has been achieved through members making the initial contact with people and the Sponsorship Director making the appropriate arrangements.

A big thanks to the tournament organisers for their help in reminding players to support our sponsors.

Alan Sutherland

RVBA Section President

Despite the prediction by the local media of a less than successful year for the Club it is pleasing to report that quite the opposite has been the case with 4 of our 6 teams making the finals. A higher level of unity within the club has seen all bowlers band together to achieve excellent results throughout the season. Division 3 again proved to be the most successful team with a third premiership in a row although the performance of Division 1 in being minor premiers was also a significant achievement. Divisions 2 and 5 played off in the first round of the Finals and the two Division 4 teams were also very competitive throughout.

Congratulations to Col Power on winning the Championship singles defeating Rodger Bone. Col was also the leading Division 1 skipper in the GVBA which is a great achievement given the number of high quality skippers throughout the Division. Jeff Boyle defeated Rick Anderson in the B grade Singles.

Graeme Betts and Bev Cahill were successful in the Mixed Pairs by defeating John Ross and Karen Dean for the second year in a row. Rodger Bone, John McKenzie and Kelvin Rogash won the drawn Club Triples. The Men's Pairs was won by Jeff Boyle and Laurie Fagan, the 21 Up by Leigh Clark, the 100 Up by Jeff Boyle and the Mixed Canadian Handicap Pairs was won by Di Hands and Fred Murley. 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 Wes Gibbs as Chairman of the Selection Committee and to Peter Mathews, Noel Dobson, Doug Eddy and Graeme Sinclair 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 vagaries of our weather have caused late changes to the program on some days, and when this happens the work load involved in reorganising increases markedly. We are very lucky to have the undercover green which allows us to bowl even when the

weather turns against us. 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.

Bill Clark and Jim Broadbent again 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 consisted of 16 teams Congratulations to Sea Eagles in coming from seventh position, for the second year in a row, to win the flag and to Adda's Mob for being Runners Up. Thanks Bill and Jim for a great effort.

Tournament Secretaries Wally Bramley, 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 Green's Committee led by Ray Phillips presented us with great greens throughout the season. Maintenance of the undercover carpet green provides some variety to the work that this committee is charged with. We rely very much on the expertise of this committee and on the long hours that they put in. The end result is always playing conditions that they can be proud of.

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 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 thankful and grateful. Also, a thank you to Ron and the BBQ team for providing a BBQ on Selection nights. This has provided another important way of bringing our bowlers closer together.

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. Ken Allen as head of the Social Committee organized a number of entertaining and bonding social activities.

Graeme Betts has done a wonderful job as Publicity Officer with his regular and very informative reports in Thursdays' Shepp News being an invaluable means of communication and at the best price.

As Secretary Ron Holland 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. I said this in my report last year and I have no reason to change other than to reinforce what I did say.

It takes many workers in a Club as big as ours to ensure that it runs in an appropriate manner. Whilst I have thanked a number of people by name it is everybody who has contributed in some way to the positive culture that makes this club so supportive and welcoming.

Unfortunately, we lost two stalwarts of the Club as the result of the sad passing of Leigh Pomeroy and Glen Gunstone. We will remember both Glen and Leigh for years to come as the impact that both men had on Kialla Park, Shepparton and Shepparton Park Bowling Clubs has been of the highest order.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for your support and help during the year. I wish the incoming President all the best, knowing that he will get the support of all members.

Laurie Fagan

VLBA Section

It is pleasing to report that all pennant teams were very competitive throughout the season. Three of the five teams reached the finals, Divisions 1, 2 Gold and 3 Green. Unfortunately Division 2 Gold lost the preliminary final. Divisions 1 and 3 Green played off in the grand final, with Division 3 losing the final in a very close and exciting game. Division 1 won their final game very comfortably against Tatura.

Congratulations to Di Hands on winning the Goulburn Valley State 60 and Over, Sandra Wallace on winning the Goulburn Valley State Novice, Bev Cahill, Bev Thorn and Shirley Raglus on winning the Goulburn Valley State Triples and Jean Roulston, Shirley Sinclair, Pam McGurgan and Lorraine Vamos on winning the Goulburn Valley State 4's. Our Club Championship was won by Bev Thorn with Di Hands as runner-up. Unfortunately the B Grade Championship was not played due to lack of interest. I'd like to encourage more members to enter the B Grade event next season as this was very disappointing. Well done to all our winners.

I would like to thank all the committee members who did a most fantastic and enthusiastic job throughout the year. The Match Committee, under the leadership of Anne O'Donoghue, undertook the organisation and running of all club championships and social events throughout the year. It is not an easy job getting these events played on time, well done. Bev Thorn and her selection committee did a wonderful job by making all pennant teams compatible and competitive. Margot Dobson with the help of Betty Bicknell organised all the tournaments. I know she did a lot of phoning and running around to get them up and running successfully. Thanks to Moira Smith for the lovely trophies she supplied for all the tournaments. Trish Bone made herself available for each tournament or any event with the raffles to help with fund raising. Marg Davy and the Catering Committee members worked hard throughout the season. Catering is getting bigger and more demanding each season. The hours and work these girls put in is just enormous. Thanks Marg for taking on the Catering role, and to also thanks to Kath Murley for catering for the 2x2 Pairs each Thursday.

Thanks to the Social Committee under the guidance of Ken Allen. Your social events are so special and are a great relationship to all club members, keep up the good job. Marion Davis has continued to do her outstanding work as Welfare Officer and Ailsa Cook as our Member Protection Officer.

The highpoint of the season was the Victorian Country Carnival. What a big five days that was! Where do I begin to start thanking all the members who helped out over the five days? The meals provided by the catering group were just fantastic. They all worked so hard, beginning their day before 8am to get all the meals prepared on time with a few extra meals required at the last minute, often being notified only five minutes before lunch. It was simply a shrug of the shoulders and get on with it. I know you were all so exhausted by the end of the Carnival, you should all be so proud. Anne O'Donoghue and her Match Committee were all here before 8am and still working one night until 8pm. Other nights it was till 7pm or 7.30pm. They all did a magic job with everything running so smoothly without one mishap throughout the Carnival. Thanks to Ray Phillips and his crew for having the greens ready each day by 9am, Glenn on the bar, the guys running the barbecue on Thursday and Friday and the girls rotating on the trading table.

To end I would like to say a big thanks to the club members for their support over the past two years and to Ellen Cameron, Jean Glass and Wendy Holland for their continuous support.

Pam McGurgan