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Proud host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010

Dates

APRIL

- 28 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 30 Yarra Valley visit social bowls
- 30 Presentation Night Dinner

MAY

- 1 Twilight Mixed 4's Social Bowls
- 3 Ladies 3 Bowl Triples
- 5 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 8 Twilight Mixed 4's Social Bowls
- 10 Ladies 3 Bowl Triples
- 12 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 15 Twilight Mixed 4's Social Bowls
- 17 Ladies 3 Bowl Triples
- 18 Special General Meeting 7.30pm
- 18 Club Annual Meeting

Special General Meeting

The Board has convened a Special General Meeting of members for 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th May. The purpose of the meeting is to consider changes to our current Constitution and Regulations (previously known as By-Laws).

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday 18th May following the Special General Meeting.

High Praise

Comments from Peter Hanlon, CEO of Bowls Victoria, on the Women's Sate 4's event held here.

Solid rain didn't dampen the spirits of competitors this week in the State Finals of the Women's Fours Championships as they simply went inside out of the rain and played on a superb artificial surface under the roof of the spectacular under cover

complex at Shepparton Park BC. Gob smacked is the word I'd use to describe this facility as it really does provide the ideal environment as an alternative to playing outside, and provided excellent back-up to an event that would have been very difficult to reschedule as a result of rain forcing a close to the outside greens.

Club Shirts

Our Club has successfully negotiated with two new sponsors, Bendigo Bank and Higgins Bakery, to enable the purchase of a revamped Club shirt to proceed.

A sample shirt from our preferred supplier, Club Leisurewear, has been approved by the Board, and has been viewed at the Men's April meeting. Some lady members have also seen the sample shirt. The shirt has a more definite maroon colour on the shoulder forks, a neater tailored collar and an inverted breast pocket (men's) deep enough to hold a score card. The basic material is an improved "breathe - easy" as used in our former shirts.

Due to the very generous sponsorship, plus bulk buying, we are able to offer the shirts at a very low price as an incentive for all members to purchase at least one new shirt. The new style, bearing a sponsor's logo on each sleeve, will be available to Club members at a one off cost of \$25.00 per garment, either long or short sleeves, with a limit of two per person. The shirt will be registered as part of our official Club uniform and therefore must be worn for all Pennant games. To enable an order to be placed, members are asked to write their name, shirt size, number required and whether long or short sleeves, on the list on the notice board A.S.A.P. For ladies please add whether patch or side

pockets are preferred. Please ring John or Margaret Davy on 5823 5828 if you have any queries.

It is anticipated our order will be completed and delivered by late August, in readiness for Season 2011-2012.

Report on Break-in at Club Rooms

During the hours of 8.30pm of 10/4/11 and 8.00am on 11/4/11 the glass sash window to the Tournament Office was forcibly removed and access gained into the club rooms.

Apart from a general trashing of the Tournament Office the following losses were sustained:

1. Green Fee box under the south side bench smashed and contents removed.
2. Tournament Entries box under the North West corner bench was removed and taken off site.
3. The till on the front bar counter was taken including the cash draw, float and Sunday evening takings.

Window repair to this stage is being processed by Shepparton Council, other losses are being claimed against BCIB Insurance, our club insurer.

Based on assumptions and evidence It would appear that removal of the sash window would need a tradesman's experience and knowledge of window construction. The window can be repaired and re-assembled so that the only way to gain access in future would be by breaking the glass.

Access to the bar which was locked at the time was most likely gained by entering the roof space via removal of a panel on the east side ceiling in the tournament office and then dropping down through the manhole in the bar store and exiting via the bar door which allows exiting whilst remaining

locked to entry (OH&S requirement). The thief would need to have re-locked the trap door after entering. Signs of the trap door being opened from above were apparent. On this basis the use of a bar key to gain entry seems an unlikely circumstance and I would not recommend a re-call of bar keys.

Bar:

- Thank goodness that this year's season is coming to an end, with losing pennant days due to wet weather, our regular Men's 2x2 pairs being disrupted by slotting other events on our Thursdays when they could have been played on any other day of the week and Women's state events disrupting our program over two weeks, our Club income through the bar, green fees and catering will be down on previous years, and to top it all off is this latest break in on Sunday April 10, where bar takings, tournament green fees and the complete bar till and contents were stolen, plus repairs to damages in the office. It's very depressing when, after all the effort gone into buying our stock at the right price, then reselling at a reasonable profit margin (we are still cheaper than a lot of other clubs) we would have to sell a lot more drinks just to cover this loss.
- It is just on 2 years since our other/first break in, but this one means that we will have to get serious about security and make some changes to discourage this sort of activity. A representative from the police "crime prevention" squad has given us some very helpful advice.
- On a brighter note, we have some more RSA 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.

Social:

- The *Jazz on the Green* night in March was attended by 94 members and their guests. It was a lovely warm evening and the music provided by The Riverside Ramblers was wonderful.
- Our next chicken and salad night will be held on Saturday 30th April in conjunction with Presentation Night. A sheet is up in the outside cabinet so please put your name down.

RVBA:

- The Division 3 team had a resounding win in the Grand Final to complete a three-peat. Well done to all.
- Congratulations also to Col Power (Division 1) and Bill Brown (Division 3) as the leading skippers in their respective Divisions and to all bowlers who were part of

their teams at different times throughout the season. Congratulations also to Rodger Bone, Glen Edwards, Bill Raglus and Ray Phillips on winning the GVBA Division 2 & 3 Fours. Representation from the Club at the GVBA Presentation night was good and all had an enjoyable evening.

- At the recent AGM Jeff Boyle was elected President and Noel Dobson Vice President with Ron Holland continuing as Secretary. I wish this team all the best knowing that they will represent the interests of the Men's Section in the best possible manner.
- The very sad and tragic loss of Leigh Pomeroy has been felt very much by all members and his loss will have a huge impact on our club for a long time to come. At the Section AGM it was moved that the Men's Pairs Championship event be re-named the Leigh Pomeroy Memorial Men's Pairs. This was passed unanimously.
- In closing I thank everyone who has assisted me in my two years as President. Without that help the role would have been that much more difficult and, for me, less rewarding.

VIBBA:

- The indoor bowling season is now underway and by the time this newsletter is out we would have already had our first social bowls session.
- Social bowls is held every Thursday evening at 7pm, and everyone is most welcome to come along.
- We will be having two pennant teams again this year with the first game being on May 2nd.
- With the round robin and all State events together with inter-association matches it looks like being once again a full season of carpet bowls.
- Come on, come along and give it a go and test your skill.

Chuckle Time

The minister was just starting his sermon when he spotted a man step inside. He beckons him to sit and launches into his lesson on the Ten Commandments.

Since it was a new face, the minister makes sure to seek the man out after the service to greet him.

"I have to confess," the man says, "that I didn't come in to hear your sermon. I came in to steal a hat, because it's cold and I seem to have lost mine."

"What made you stop, then?" the minister asks.

"Well, your talking about 'Thou shalt not steal' made me think about it."

"Terrific!" the minister says.

"Besides," the man continues, "when you got to 'Thou shalt not commit adultery', I remembered where I left my hat."