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August Newsletter 21/8/09

Proud host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010

Important dates

August

24 Ladies Section Meeting 10am

September

5 Opening Day – Combined Men's & Ladies 1.00pm

8 Men's Section meeting 7.30pm

8 Ladies Maude Stone Day (Shared Lunch) 10.00am

12 Mixed Social Bowls 1.00pm

12 Men's Pennant Practice Match v Benalla at Shepparton Park 1.00pm

13 GVBA Opening Day 12.30pm

15 Ladies Pennant - First Round

15 Board meeting

17 Ladies Social Bowls 10.00am

19 Men's Pennant Practice Match 1.00pm

Mixed Social Bowls 1.00pm

22 Ladies Pennant

24 Ladies Social Bowls 10.00am

25 GVDLBA Coaching Day 10.00am

26 Men's Practice Match v Mooroopna at Mooroopna 9.30am

26 Mixed Social Bowls 1.00pm

29 Ladies Pennant

30 60 & Over at East Shepparton 11.00 am

60 and Over: (Bill Clark)

- Members intending to play 60 & Over this season are requested to place their names on the list in the noticeboard or phone Bill or Jim.
- The season commences on Wednesday September 30th at East Shepparton. Please note all games will commence at 11:00am this season.
- We are working on 5 groups again this year, 5 team leaders will be required - preferably volunteers.
- For further information please phone Bill or Jim.

Welcome to the season. B & J.

Night Pennant

Planning is under way for this season's event. Due to work being carried out on the greens, we will only have one green available under lights until Christmas. This means that before Christmas we will play over two nights, Tuesday and Wednesday. After Christmas all games will be played on the usual Wednesday night. The season will commence on Tuesday/Wednesday 27/28 October and play will continue until the end of March. This is a list on the notice board for people wishing to play. Names must be in by September 30th.

Bar: (Glenn Edwards)

- Stocking up for the start of the season.
- A new safe has been purchased and bolted down.
- A duty roster has been prepared up to

Christmas, with many new names included.

- Happy Hour will start on Friday 11th September.

Catering: (Flo Holland)

- With the season approaching I am awaiting the events listed and men's pennant draw for catering purposes, so we can do the rosters.
- The winter indoor finished with catering for two Sundays.
- Bingo has also finished for this year. Our patrons would like us to keep it going, which is just not possible. These days are run by a few of our willing ladies and men. Thanks to Glen and Bill Clark who came to the rescue on a couple of occasions.
- I hope everyone returns healthy and full of energy, as no doubt it will be another busy season. Good bowling.

House: (Bob Smith)

- Shade covers between the greens are complete.
- New planter box installed on the raised concrete area in front of the Clubhouse.
- New flowering pots will be introduced before opening in the existing planters.
- Waiting for a reply concerning a possible sponsor for the outside clock.

New Member

Joyce Reid (58219306) has been accepted as a full member. Please make her feel welcome at our Club.

2009/2010 Season Opening Day

This will be held on Saturday, commencing at 1pm. If you wish to play, please put your name on the sheet at the club. Members are asked to wear whites, and to bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Important Reminder

Season 2009/2010 Subs, which were agreed to by members at the Annual Meeting, are now due. Please send these to the address above, or deposit them in the box at the Clubhouse.

Full Membership: \$136 (includes \$96 club membership and \$40 affiliations)

Junior Membership (under 18 at 1/5/09): \$38.50 (includes \$10 club membership and \$28.50 affiliations)

Full time student over 18 years: \$60 (includes \$20 club membership and \$40 affiliations)

Social Membership: \$30

Locker hire: \$25

Green Fees: \$5

Sponsorship: (Alan Sutherland)

- All existing sponsors have been visited, some many times. Unfortunately Liberty Kitchens has changed hands and is not prepared to be a sponsor. Being a major sponsor this leaves a loss of \$4,000.
- I have been able to gain some new sponsors, with the total sponsorship similar to last season.

RVBA: (Laurie Fagan)

- We were saddened by the unexpected passing of GVBA President Ray Jones some 3 weeks ago. Commiserations to his family. The new President is Maurie Rowlands from East Shepparton.
- The draw for Division 5 has already been revised. No details at this stage.

VIBBA: (Fred Murley)

- The indoor carpet bowling season is almost over with just the Inter Association Match to take place at Echuca on September 5th.
- The Club has had a very good season with both our pennant teams doing very well. Division 1 finished the season on top of the ladder, but could not carry the form in the finals. Division 3 did better though, and finished runners up, only losing by 4 shots in the final.
- In the Goulburn Valley events Bev Cahill won the Ladies Singles Championship. Our Mixed Fours team, skipped by Ray Phillips, are the GV Champions, as are our Ladies Fours team of Lorraine Vamos, Kath Murley, Cath Dudley and Jean Roulston.
- All in all a very good season, and we look forward to an even better one next year with maybe even more people along to enjoy this great sport.

VLBA: (Pam McGurgan)

- We are ready for another busy bowling season, with most members returning from up north.
- The ladies opening day is the Maude-Stone Day on Tuesday 8th September. It is a 10am start and a shared lunch.

- The selection committee will have their pennant teams finalised within the next two weeks – one Division 1 team, two Division 2 teams and two Division 4 teams. I wish all pennant teams best for the season.
- Social days commence in September. Please join in and make these days special events.
- I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again for Season 2009/2010.

Uniform Changes

The Board recently ratified changes to the men's pennant uniform requested by the men's section meeting. This involves the wearing of maroon coloured pants. At this stage the change is introduced (and compulsory) for Divisions 1 and 2, with other divisions to be phased in over coming years. Keith Dudley (KC's Bowls Wear) has some of the new trousers in stock, and has a special members price for the next couple of weeks.

Member prices are:

Drawstring long pants: \$39.90

Drawstring shorts: \$36

Tailored pants: from \$60

Tailored shorts: from \$46.

Web Page

Jim Shanahan would like to hear from anyone who would be able to assist in maintaining our web page, by adding results of games, etc during the season. No experience is necessary, if you can use a program such as Word or Publisher, you have the skills. Full training will be provided. Give Jim a call if you can help.

Road Safety for Seniors

The Board has arranged a presentation by the RACV focusing on road safety for seniors (there may be a couple of these in our membership). The presentation takes about one hour, and is scheduled for Thursday 29th October at 7.30pm in the Clubrooms. All members are invited to attend the free presentation.