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Proud host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010

From the December Board Meeting

Bar: Glenn

At the moment we are trading quite well, with an estimated income (not Profit) increase of \$5000 over this time last year. On the negative side, our "honesty fridge" is now closed due to the failure of some people to pay for their drinks. It's a shame that the honest majority must now be disadvantaged because of a few. New rosters are now out, one for the rest of the year's program, another for the AO. Please pick up your copy from the bar. On the point of security, it is important if you are on bar duty, that you do not unlock the bar then leave it unattended while you go and play a game, mark a match etc. The Bar must be closed and the door locked if there is no one in attendance.

WANTED: the use of 8 family sized esky's for the duration of the OA, we need them for the Corporate Boxes and the preceding function at Emerald Bank, same as last year, you can drop them off at the bar or tournament office any time, thanks. PS MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THEM PLEASE.

Catering: Flo

We are going to enjoy the break I am sure. Things have been extremely busy and keeps one going keeping up supplies. The ladies have been good with their rosters, with the occasional hiccup, but nothing extreme. I hope everyone has a good rest as it will be very busy again in the New Year. Best wishes for a merry Christmas and the best of everything in 2010.

Greens: Noel

The Foundation Green will be available for play in the next 2 weeks after being lasered 5 weeks ago. Our Sponsor signs have been placed at the northern end of Members and Foundation Greens. Seats on the east side of the Rose Green have been removed so that stands for the public at the AO can be placed there. All greens have been fertilized in the last 10 days. Thank you to all members who have assisted in the first half of the season on greens and surrounds and I wish all members a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

House: Bob

6 sound absorbing panels have been installed in the Clubrooms resulting in a considerable improvement to the acoustics of the room and certainly stamp the room as a bowls associated room with the six life size images on the panels. I have purchased floor mounted door restrainers to replace the assortment of items that currently hold some of our doors open. They will be fitted after Christmas.

Marigolds and Petunias will be planted in appropriate spots after Christmas for the AO. We also have a considerable number of flowering troughs and pots coming on for display at the Open. If the Petunias currently in the patio planters do not last the distance we may have to use the flowering troughs and pots in the planters.

Water metering is still being pursued with the Council. On Lloyd's suggestion we are to engage a plumber to have discussions with GV Water to check out the possibility of having our own approved meter and dealing directly with GV Water.

Social: Ken

We hosted a group of people from McLennan, Morley and Gubbins to an evening of bowls and a barbeque meal and also a group from Kitchen Wise Furniture to an afternoon of bowls. Both groups were very impressed with our facilities and enjoyed their bowls. Who knows how many may join our club! On Friday 18th December we held our Christmas dinner with 143 people in attendance. I believe the night was very successful. Our next Chicken and Salad night will be held on Friday Jan 29th.

Tickets for the AO Welcome Night at Emerald Bank will be available when we return to bowls in early January. Tickets will be available from Ken Allen, Margot Dobson or John Davy.

The Board moved a vote of thanks to Ken Allen and his group of workers for the effort they put in to provide an outstanding Christmas function

Sponsorship: Alan

Coles sponsorship vouchers have been received and distributed. The \$10 gift vouchers have been given to

David Slingo who is using them for Thursday 2X2. The 500 vouchers for supermarket shopping have all been numbered, recorded and distributed to our members. This has been a big task but has been well received by most members.

R.V.B.A.: Laurie

As we enter the Christmas break, Divisions 1, 2 and 3 are all well placed for finals action given that the good results continue over the next 6 rounds. Divisions 4 and 5 all remain competitive and are enjoying their bowls. To get 92 bowlers on the greens every Saturday is a big ask and we must thank all bowlers for their willingness to participate and the Selectors for their ability to put together well balanced and competitive teams.

Singles finals for both men and women will be held on Sunday January 3rd and we wish all finalists the best of bowling and close games.

Following a proposal from Shepparton Golf Bowls Club we have agreed to strike a trophy to honour Roy Rowan. The trophy will be played for by the Division 1 teams and will be awarded on shots up over the two home and away games each year.

After Christmas organised pennant practice will begin in the run up to finals. This will include instruction on shots to play, tactics and how to execute them, and will be co-ordinated by Geoff Sutcliffe.

Ron Holland and I attended the Unification meeting at Moonee Valley on December 3rd which saw an overwhelming vote for Bowls Victoria to come into being. The vote averaged 85% between the 2 groups – men and ladies – well above the 75% required for unification to be successful.

On November 26th during the 2x2 pairs, 6 bowlers – Maurice Rose, Max Swainston, Col Taylor, Alec Thorn, Robert McDonough and Morrie Treble were presented with Super Veterans Badges by Councillor Harry Bradbury. Congratulations to all.

V.L.B.A.: Pam

Congratulations to Di Hands and Kate Bush who were runners up in the GV State Pairs on the 4th December. Drawn Pairs was held on 16th December, followed by the Ladies Christmas party. Di Hands and Joy Cuthbert winning the day. Our Christmas cake raffle was won by Bev Cahill and Marg Keen winning the Champagne prize. What a great night our Christmas party was last Friday night. A big thank you to Ken and everyone involved in organising the night. Well done. I wish everyone a merry and safe festive season, see you all in 2010.

Membership: Steve

The Board approved the applications for Social Membership from Keith Turner and John Turcato.

Would you please make sure these new members are made to feel welcome around the club.

Stage 2: Bob/Lloyd/Noel

Lloyd has received a copy of the detailed tender documentation for the new facility. Reading of this documentation shows that “Tiger Turf” has been nominated as the preferred sub-tenderer for laying of the green. This is in accordance with the Board's wishes.

Australian Open: Bob

A meeting of Volunteers, Markers and Umpires will be held at the Clubhouse on Sunday 31st January at 11am to update on procedures and issue uniforms and kits for the Open. A general information meeting for catering staff volunteers, bar staff and members will be held at a date to be determined. Uniforms will be issued at this meeting. More details of these meetings will follow later. Bowls Australia have requested the shade cover between the Rose and Members Green be extended to the west gate. This extension should be completed by the end of January. Qualifying for the Victorian entrants will be held at Bendigo the week before the A.O.

Grants

The club has been successful in obtaining a Volunteers Grant of \$2330 which will be used to purchase equipment for the club. The equipment to be purchased will be decided at the January Board meeting.

Coach's Report: Geoff

All Pennant teams are doing quite well. Unfortunately Division 1 has lost two important matches. After the Christmas break hopefully we will regroup and with the Thursday evening (from 5.30pm) specialist training we will succeed in our endeavours. If the hours don't suit you please don't hesitate to give me a call and we can make some other arrangements. In the New Year coaching will be on Wednesdays. Ladies from 3pm to 4pm, and Men from 4pm to 5 pm. Congratulations must go to Brett Foley on his performance in the State Side against Tasmania. He has been selected in the twelve man side to play South Australia.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Thought for the week: - Practise makes perfect.