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Proud host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010

March Dates

- 1 Ladies Pennant - Grand Final
- 2 60 & Over at Violet Town
- 2 Night Pennant
- 3 Ladies 100 Up - 4th Round
- 3 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 5 Men's Pennant - Semi Finals
- 9 Ladies 21 Up - 1st Round
- 9 60 & Over at East Shepparton
- 9 Night Pennant - Finals Commence
- 10 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 11 Ladies Invitation Triples - Riverside Gardens - Teams Event
- 12 Men's Pennant - Preliminary Final
- 16 Ladies 21 Up - 2nd Round
- 16 60 & Over at Mooroopna Golf
- 16 Night Pennant
- 17 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 18 St. Patrick's Day Charity Mixed Fours - Team Event
- 19 Men's Pennant - Grand Final
- 23 Ladies 21 Up - 3rd Round
- 23 60 & Over at Shepparton Golf
- 23 Night Pennant - Grand Final
- 24 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 26 Mixed Social Bowls
- 29 Ladies Championship Pairs - 2nd Round
- 30 60 & Over at Shepparton Park
- 31 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs

Thanks

A very big thank-you to all members who attended the official opening of the Rose Green re-development on February 6th. It was a joyous event in the life of our club and the culmination of many years of work by many club and community members.

Letter from John Gray - former City Councillor.

Hi Jim

Please pass my congratulations to Chairman Lloyd and your Board of Directors, and the Members of the Shepparton Park Bowls Club Inc, on the fine new undercover green at the Club officially opened yesterday. SPBC has come a long way in its six years since amalgamation – strength to strength with its new clubrooms, the double bungler Australian Open and now this long-promised indoor-outdoor facility so tastefully designed and presented.

Well do I remember taking a 'phone call some seven years ago from John Dempster, then secretary of the former Kialla Park B C , informing me that his club would like to start discussions with a view to an arrangement to amalgamate with the then Shepparton Bowls Club. From that magnanimous gesture the successful SPBC with its fine physical presence and club structure has now grown. Your people have much to be proud of.

As well may I thank you for asking me to be present yesterday. The hospitality and success of the day was outstanding. I wish the Club every success in the future.

*Thank you again
JOHN GRAY*

Reports from the Board Meeting

Bar (Glenn Edwards)

- Business in the bar has picked up quite nicely since the Christmas break, nothing outstanding but little things in general.
- The evening pennant game the other Saturday could be a good

indicator of things to come, a special thanks to Margot, Lorna and Ailsa for the great job they did looking after the bar and food supply for spectators and players on the night. As a matter of interest, we sold 4 dozen pies, 3 dozen hot dogs, 120 dim sim and quite a few drinks, including coffee etc. The last person to leave was myself at midnight. A great night.

- The "Responsible Serving of Alcohol" training night has been arranged for Wednesday March 9th starting at 6pm at the Clubhouse. The Club is paying the cost of this program and it is important that we get as many members as possible qualified, currently we have 10 names, we would like 25, so don't be surprised if you receive a phone call from me in the next couple of days seeking your participation.

Catering (Margaret Davy)

- It is hard to believe that Pennant Season is almost finished. Only two more Men's home and away games to go. However there are many more big events to be catered for.
- On Thursday next, 17th February there is the Men's 5-a-side Medley Tournament, followed by Riverside Gardens Ladies Invitation Triples on Friday 11th March, and our annual Charity Day on Friday 18th March. In early April we have the big Ladies Victorian Country

Carnival. I will know more about the catering arrangements for the Carnival after attending a meeting next Monday.

- We have a team of visiting Melbourne bowlers coming to our Club from Chirnside Park Bowling Club in May. There could quite possibly be more of these type of visits on the horizon!
- I would like to thank all those who assisted with the provision, preparation and serving of the meal at the official opening of the Rose Green. The ladies did a great job, as did the men who cooked the BBQ. Thank you all.

Greens (Ray Phillips)

- What a month we have had since the last report, temperatures over 40, rain (141 ml in the first eleven days in February) and extremely high humidity has made for a hard time working on the greens.
- Both grass greens have been groomed and fertilized just before the rains and have responded very well.
- The Rose Green has been well used lately hosting the Women's Champion of Champions, Women's State Fours, the Men's Champion of Champions semi finals and finals (the first three rounds were played the week before on our grass greens) and on the same day as the Champion of Champions we hosed the Group 5 Men's Fours and Triples semi final and finals, in front of a crowd of over two hundred people. We saw some excellent bowling for the day. Congratulations to all the winners.
- This was followed by our Official Opening day and Memorial Day.
- Friday 11th saw Merrigum Bowls Club play their Women's Triples Tournament on the Rose Green. They enjoyed the day which would have been cancelled otherwise.
- On Saturday 12th we saw the first night game of Men's pennant played in the GV and although a bit cool what a game it was. Well done boys (great to hear Frank's fan club). Thank you to those who helped out around the greens and to those who helped set up the stands and put them back at the gates for removal.

House (Bob Smith)

- Our official opening of the Rose Green and plaza has been celebrated, but we still have a few items not yet complete or up to required standard that are being worked on by ourselves, the contractor and

the Council. Among these are some modifications to the lighting over the green and the switching sequence for these lights, shelving in the bin store and the small store room on the plaza, a closer on the plaza toilet door, eight fixed stools against the handrail on the plaza, connecting the phone in the new bar to the phone system and complete the irrigation to the west gate garden.

- The on-going saga of the PA system in the clubroom seems to be close to satisfactory resolution following the discovery that the system was set up incorrectly by the original builder. Fingers crossed for a good result.
- The fencing additions to the west fence have been completed to the approved Council parameters and have greatly reduced the ability for unauthorised entry through the west fence.
- We will be placing lockers for members in the new disabled toilet. These, plus the lockers in the old disabled toilet, are available 24/7 for your storage needs without the need to have key access to the main building.
- The club supply of bowls for beginners and practise are now stored in the small store room on the plaza. Any house key will open this store.
- Recent heavy rains have shown up a design fault in the roof above the kitchen store and Council are organising to repair the damage and correct the fault.
- The water cooler at the west gate, currently not operating, is being repaired rather than replaced.

Social (Ken Allen)

- 97 Members and guests attended our January Chicken and Salad Night. Everyone had an enjoyable time.
- The next Chicken and Salad Night is on Friday February 25th with a little bit of trivia to follow. Entry fees for this night will be men \$7 and ladies \$5 with a salad or a sweet.
- *Jazz on the Green* is planned for Sunday March 20th. More on that later.

Sponsorship (Alan Sutherland)

We have recently signed a sponsorship agreement with KFC. One of the conditions of the agreement is that we must demonstrate that our members purchase KFC. If you do purchase anything from KFC, please ask for a receipt, and place the receipt in the letterbox next to the clubhouse door at the north end of the building. If the receipts collected exceed the minimum required, then we have a good case to seek a greater level of sponsorship next time. Your support with this will help the club financially.

VLBA (Pam McGurgan)

- The first semi-final was played last Tuesday with Division 1 going down by 4 against Tatura, Division 2 going down to Stanhope and Division 3 going down by 4 to Violet Town. Divisions 1 and 3 have second chance games next week, so we wish them all the best.
- Congratulations to Bev Thorn for winning the Club Championship.
- The 100 UP semi-finals between Shirley Raglus and Bev Chaill and Bev Thorn and Di Hands will be played on February 16th.
- The Charity Day played today was won by Bev Cahill, Shirley Raglus, Anne O'Donoghue and Glenice Mawson.
- The GV State 4's were played on February 4th, and were won by Jean Roulston, Shirley Sinclair, Pam McGurgan and Lorraine Vamos. The next round is to be played at Shepparton Golf on March 15th.
- Congratulations to Di Hands on her performance at the Australian Open.
- Just a reminder that all club members are required to wear club uniform when entering GV State events.
- The Ladies Pennant Dinner is to be held at the Vic Hotel on March 1st at 6.30pm. Names on the board please for required booking.

Membership:

Social membership applications were approved from Robert Thorne, Russell Orchard and Ricky Orchard. Please make these new members welcome at our club.

Winter Bowls Program on the Rose Green

A committee has been formed to plan and run a bowls program during the winter months for those of us not able to escape to northern climes.

Four major events have been planned.

1. Ladies 3 Bowl Triples. Weekly, commencing Tuesday 3rd May.
2. Round Robin Open Fours. Commencing Saturday 7th May.
3. Men's Pairs. Weekly, commencing Thursday 19th May.
4. Queen's Birthday Weekend Invitational. June 11, 12 & 13.

Full details of these events are available on posters in the clubhouse, and on our club website.

Chuckle Time

While strolling past a pet shop, a cat notices a sign in the window: **Help Wanted**. Knowing himself to be no ordinary feline, he saunters into the shop and calls out "Hello! I'd like to apply for the job."

The owner of the pet shop is very amused at the idea of a talking cat, and she wants to hear more, so she plays along, saying "Oh, I'm sorry, but this is a clerical job. We need someone who can type and file."

The cat hastens over to the office typewriter and, quick as a wink, he pounds out something about a quick brown fox and a lazy dog until he has filled a page. He grabs a stack of papers, alphabetizes them by subject matter, and puts them away in the file cabinet in less time than one would expect of a critter who lacks opposable thumbs.

The owner is charmed, but figures she can't possibly hire a cat, so she thinks of another excuse. "You type very nicely, and your filing is flawless, but this job demands computer literacy."

The cat immediately takes his place in front of the computer and, mouse in paw, cruises the Web, gathering useful information about increasing the profitability of pet shops.

The owner is stunned. She has got to think of a tactful way to tell this cat that she isn't going to give him a job.

"Well, you're an amazing cat indeed. You type, you file, and you're a computer whiz. But we really, really must have someone who is bilingual."

The cat stares imploringly into the owner's eyes and says "Woof!"

IMPORTANT SPECIAL MEN'S MEETING

The next men's meeting will be held on

THURSDAY 24th February 2011

at 7 pm sharp following pennant practice in preparation for finals

We have arranged a special coaching/motivation session with

MARK "Dougie" JACOBSEN



- 2010 Queensland Open Pairs Winner and Triples Finalist
- 2010 Australian Squad Member
- 2009 Triples Winner, Australian Open
- 2005 Winner, Champion of Champions
- 2001 Gold Medal, Asia Pacific Games Fours
- 2000 Bronze Medal, World Pairs Bowls Pairs
- 1999 Gold Medal, Asia Pacific Games Fours & Pairs
- 1998 Gold Medal, Commonwealth Games Pairs

5pm -6.15pm Practice in selected rinks/teams

6.15pm -7 pm BBQ tea

7pm Men's Meeting (Limited to Essential Business)

8 pm Address/Discussion with Mark Jacobsen

MIXED DRAWN PAIRS CLUB EVENT - HANDICAPS

➔ PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY ➔

- The final Club Event for the season was unable to be commenced as anticipated because insufficient ladies (five) put up their hand to participate by the closing date for entries.
- The Match Committee suspect that the main reason for this shortfall of ladies to men entering is the difficulty in arranging matches with four people at suitable times.
- To overcome this problem, the first and second round of the honour board event will be played on Tuesday 15th March and Tuesday 22nd March at 7.00pm on the undercover green.
- We ask all bowlers, both men (11) and ladies (5) who have already entered to confirm their availability on these dates with Leigh Pomeroy or Anne O'Donoghue.
- All others who now wish to enter should fill out the form below, and drop the entry, with \$5.00 into the Club Events box in the Tournament Office by 28th February.
- This is a handicap event, single entry, and should there be an excess of men over ladies, or vice-versa we reserve the right to accept entries in the order in which they listed.

ENTRY FORM

MIXED DRAWN PAIRS CLUB EVENT - HANDICAPS

NAME

Attached is \$5.00