

# NOTICE TO ALL BOWLERS

All bowlers are aware of that condition of the playing surfaces on our greens is critical to good bowling and greens staff do a wonderful job in presenting these week after week in excellent condition. With the significant amount of traffic the endure all members are asked to strictly follow directions as laid out by the Green Director, Please pay particular attention to the direction of play on each green and any closed rinks.

## IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOWLERS PLAYING ON THE NEW GREEN

### DUMPING OF BOWLS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

Dumping of bowls on the new surface will PERMANENTLY damage the surface by indenting the sub surface. To repair this damage would require a complete relay of the carpet and underfelt. To ensure this does not occur all bowlers need to ensure they deliver the bowl correctly. The bowl must be rolled not dropped from a height. Whilst damage may not appear noticeable on grass, it nevertheless requires constant attention by greens staff to repair it. THE GREENS STAFF CANNOT REPAIR THE NEW SYNTHETIC SURFACE as they do a grass green

Often bowlers develop this habit through a reduced ability to bend their body to an appropriate level, whilst others do so through lack of proper instruction. For those with a physical disability an approved bowling arm is the solution, and many of our players are now adapting to these with great success. (Some would suggest they enable significant improvement in their game once the release is mastered.) Use of an arm requires registration with GVBA/Bowls Victoria. Application forms are available from the Section Secretaries. They require a doctor to sign a declaration that the person requires this aid to enable them to continue in the sport. There is no cost to register and Bowls Victoria issue a card to indicate approval for use.

Bowlers need to be aware that they have a problem, and generally most would know it themselves. If you are one of these please take steps to overcome this by either adjusting your delivery t or taking steps to bowl with a bowling arm. Over the next few weeks selectors and the greens director may discreetly point out a problem to those bowlers who have a noticeable problem. Please do not take this as an affront to your ability, rather as a gentle reminder that you need to change for the protection of the playing surfaces for all members.

Signage will shortly be placed indicating special conditions for playing on the new surface. They will include:-

**NO DUMPING** of bowls.

**NO GRIP PRODUCTS** on the bowls - All Grippo like products must be polished off bowls before playing as these products collect dust/debris that mark the carpet and are very difficult to remove.

**STRICTLY NO SMOKING** on Synthetic greens or surrounds.

**NO SMOKING** on carpeted Plaza area.

**NO SHOES WITH HEELS** Only **FLAT SOLED** footwear allowed on the carpet. Sneakers with rough soles are not permitted as these cause damage to the carpet pile. If you do not have appropriate footwear you will be asked to play in **BARE/STOCKINGED** feet.

These conditions are for the benefit of ALL members and are necessary to avoid permanent damage. Failure to conform to these conditions may result in you being asked to cease bowling on the rink. The only other option for offenders is a DUMP MAT which must be procured, carried and use by the bowler at every end. These are not only expensive but most unwieldy and cause undue inconvenience to other players. They are not a satisfactory solution

We have a wonderful facility that must be protected for the future, and the club cannot allow avoidable damage. Your co-operation is requested.