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Proud host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010

Important dates for January

- 24 Ladies Pennant
- 25 Night Pennant
- 25 60 & Over at Murchison
- 26 Men's 2x2 pairs
- 28 Men's Pennant
- 30 Ladies Championship Pairs—4thRound
- 30 Men's Club Drawn Triples
- 26 AUSTRALIA DAY**
- 31 Ladies Pennant

Men's President's Report—Jeff Boyle

The Men's Meeting held on Tuesday 17th January was well attended and as usual several interesting items were raised. A summary of some items worthy of note were (See Ron's comprehensive minutes for a full account of the meeting)

- We will endeavour to put in an extra team next year providing numbers warrant it.
- We will try to stabilise teams likely to make the finals. If players need to be rostered the majority will come from teams unable to make the finals.
- Noel Dobson will stand down as Green's Director after 9 years at the helm. A note of appreciation was passed unanimously at the meeting. Noel has done a wonderful job as Greens Director and arguably we have the best greens in the Goulburn Valley. Noel has had some difficult physical limitations in recent years but has soldiered on without complaining. Well done.
- GV Presentation Night. We opted to vote for a Thursday night prior to the finals when the cards for the finals would also be drawn. Premiership Cups and medallions would be presented on Grand Final Day under this proposal.
- The night game against Shepparton Golf was deemed very successful. The proposed night match against Mooroopna will not proceed but they are keen to play a night match at some time in the future.
- The Vic Open was also deemed to be very successful and at the debriefing all the participating Clubs were keen to continue. A big thank you to all who volunteered during the event.
- Don Staggard gave a coaching session on 23rd January which was attended by 40 eager bowlers. Everyone came away with one idea of how to improve their play and Don also gave us a group session which concentrated on the role of each player in a team as well as several positive tips on bowls. On 20th February Don

will be back for another session and this evening will contain a section on motivation and finals play. If members want input into aspects they would like to see covered by Don please pass them on to myself or Ron Holland.

Ladies' President's Report - Wendy Holland

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a nice break away from bowls. Now we are back and Pennant has begun in earnest, just a few more games until the finals. Division 1 is going along nicely on top of the ladder and we will be hoping to see them going all the way for the premiership this season. Division 2 Maroon and Gold & Division 3 Green all have a chance for finals action. Best of luck & good bowling to everyone in the coming weeks.

Congratulation to our Ladies Champion Bev Cahill and to Runner Up Donna Clarke. Congratulations also to our B Grade Ladies Champion Lorna Winter and to Runner up Sandra Wallace. The ladies all played well, and provided us with a great show of bowling.

Good luck to Di Hands, Cathy Dudley and Kate Bush in the upcoming State Triples Championships. They are playing at Shepparton Park on Jan. 29th, so hopefully everybody will be there to support them.

Greens Director—Noel Dobson

Thank you to all members who assisted with the greens over the Victoria Open. Also to members who assisted with the lazing of the Members Green. It is a pity to see the undercover green has been damaged by vandals, members please note that the last person to leave the club at the end of the day, please make sure that all gates are locked. As this is my last report as greens Director, I would like to thank all members who have assisted me over the last nine year. Time has come for someone else to accept this responsibility.

Noel has now resigned from this position and we extend our thanks for all the work he has done with the greens over the years he has been involved.

Membership Report—Ron Holland

Friday Night Social Bowls will re-commence in Friday 3rd February and continue each Friday until the first Friday in March. Indications received so far should see 8-10 teams competing each week. Quite a number are new faces to bowls following Try Bowls Day and following several corporate Christmas function co-ordinated by Alan Doble. The enthusiasm of these groups suggests they are an avenue to source new members in the future.

I would encourage all members to take this opportunity to introduce any friends, family, neighbours or work contacts to the sport of bowls but including them in a team of four. If you are unable to make up a full team let me know and I will arrange to include them in a composite team.

I would also appreciate some member volunteers to assist with the organisation of each week's event. If you can assist even for a couple of nights you will be helping our club in a positive way. If you are a new member over the last year or two and currently have no specific role around the club, this is an easy way to become involved.

Despite the current need to rotate some men pennant players we must continue to introduce more new blood to supplement the inevitable losses over the next few years as the number of members over 80 years increases. By the end of this year we will have 42 members who will have reached this milestone. Whilst I hope they will enjoy many more happy years on the green it does flag that we could lose as many as 15-20% of our numbers within 5 years.

HOUSE REPORT—John Wallace

Welcome back everyone after our Christmas break.

Things have been very quiet over the break. Not much to report except that the security cameras at the north entrance have been relocated, hopefully for clearer images.

A reminder to all club members to make sure that all of the gates are locked when leaving the premises.

Match Committee - Trevor Serafini

Congratulations to both Men and Ladies A & B grade singles champions and runners up for their fine efforts in getting to the final.

Well done to all spectators on making a good atmosphere for the players involved. I am sure everybody enjoyed watching the games as they witnessed a very high standard of bowls.

BAR DIRECTOR-Glenn Edwards

I thought it about time for a short report on bar sales for the first part of the year. Since we didn't close down completely over the winter, bar sales of food and drinks from the Winter Bowls Program gave us a great head start for the year, very profitable and the program as run, didn't have any effect on the Indoor bowlers and their four month program, congratulations to all concerned.

Bar rosters for this half of the season, including the special Vic Open roster has been well attended with about 90% remembering or being able to attend on the required days. Without this support from the Members, the Bar program, and subsequent profit level cannot be maintained without substantial price rises over all product sales

Bar rosters for the second half of the season are now produced and it would be helpful if all involved attended on the dates as listed, or organise a replacement, as the old saying goes "many hands make lighter work"

I indicated to the Board earlier that this would be my last year as Bar Director and as such I would welcome the "expressions of interest "of a member, or members, male or female to come forward and become familiar with the workings of the Bars, programming of the tills, purchasing, bookkeeping, security duty's etc. It would be beneficial to

the Club if more than one person knew the workings and what's required

It's not "rocket science" if I can do it, anyone can. If interested in this position please let me, or Ray Phillips know.

CATERING REPORT-Barbara Allen

Now that the festive season is behind us, we can turn our attention to bowls activities again. In the next month or two we have a number of tournaments to cater for. Please keep an eye on the rosters to see if you are required to help on any of these days. Some members may be asked to help make scones , sponges etc. A list will be sent around at our next meeting asking for salads for our invitation triple tournament in March. Any help is greatly appreciated.



Social Report—Raymond Hill

After a break for Christmas our Happy Hours have recommenced with "The Friday Girls" doing a wonderful job with the various finger food they tempt us with each week. The Chicken Nights will re-commence again this month as well.

After discussions with Mark Jacobson at Bright over the Christmas Break, I am hopeful we will get some input into our newsletter occasionally. Mark is no longer writing for Bowls Victoria but is contracted to an International Magazine.

**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**