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## Proud host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010

### Bar:

The bar is currently going along quite well, however some people are missing out on their rostered duty. Could people please check their duty roster carefully.

Bar prices will be reviewed after Christmas due to increase in costs. 100 stubby holders are to be purchased from Redback and these will be sold over the bar for \$5 each.

Also we will be purchasing beer and wine glasses with the club logo and these will also be available for sale in the near future. Glenn.

### Catering:

Things are still busy with the 2x2 pairs and Pennant. It keeps one busy keeping up supplies. Thanks to the ladies on the roster who turn up for duty on their day. Only a few weeks to the Christmas break. Flo.

### Greens:

All of my helpers for the A.O on the greens have been finalised. The Members green has come up a treat since it has been cored and top dressed. The Foundation green has been hydro jetted, adding wetter to this program. It has also been double scarified, fertilised and lasered in the last few days. I would like to thank those members who helped with the spreading of sand on both greens, it has been greatly appreciated. The Foundation green will be out of action until Christmas. The Rose green will be double scarified this week and the Members green double groomed next week. It has been very hard on my helpers over the last month with the hot weather, having to do a lot of watering to keep the greens in reasonable condition. The speed of the greens may not be to everyone's liking at the moment, but we are doing our best under extreme weather conditions. Please bear with us. Noel.

### House:

Six sound absorbing panels have been ordered for the east wall of the Clubroom, and they should be installed before Christmas. This should make a considerable improvement to the noise comfort zone when we have a crowd of people in the room. Cleaning of the complex seems to be going ok, with Flo and Kath in regular attendance and the occasional men's working bee. Obviously though, we will need to have a good going over of everything just prior to the A.O in February. The dead snapdragons have been replaced with petunias and we are hoping to get them through to Christmas so that the petunias will be at their peak in February. Marigolds are coming on for December planting along the fence line. Bob.

### Social:

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November we held a Gala day at the Club for the Melbourne Cup. A combination of bowls and horse racing proved popular with a good number of people in attendance.

Our next social night is a chicken and salad night on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. we will host a group of 32 people from the Big W Social Club. They will have bowls and a meal with a request that the bar be open. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. staff from McLennan, Morley and Gubbins will attend for bowls and a bbq meal.

Our Christmas dinner will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. with all names and money payed by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. The cost is \$25 per person. Ken.

### Sponsorship:

Display signs have been made and are on view to recognise the sponsors who are supporting the 2x2 pairs and the night pennant. Arrangements have been made with Coles (Kialla) for them to provide \$500 worth of \$10 vouchers. It is proposed to use these on the 2x2 pairs. We have also been offered 500 loyalty vouchers to distribute to members, family and friends, so that when people purchase \$100 or more of goods at the new Coles Supermarket and present a loyalty voucher, the club will gain \$10 in cash to be paid as a lump sum at the conclusion of the promotion. It is proposed to have these by the end of Nov. in time for the opening of Coles in Kialla. They will be valid until the end of Feb. I have been negotiating with Retravisio, J.B HiFi, and WOW, to try and gain a television for the main social rooms. The best we have been offered is a set for cost price. Alan.

### R.V.B.A.

Pennant results have generally been good, with divisions 1, 2 and 3 being in the top half of the ladder. Selection is becoming more difficult in the higher divisions as more players are pushing for positions. Attendees at the General Meeting on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> voted overwhelmingly for the R.V.B.A and the V.L.B.A to be unified into the one body, to be called Bowls Victoria. Geoff Sutcliffe remains happy with the response to his coaching clinics with the numbers still good. Structured men's practice is to begin post Christmas as we move towards the finals. This will be on Thursdays from 5.30pm onwards. Laurie.

### V.L.B.A.

Congratulations to Bev Thorn who was runner up in the G.V.State 60 and overs, just going down to Willie Grouse last Thursday.

Pennant teams are going well, with Div 1 second on the ladder, Div 2 Gold 4<sup>th</sup> and Maroons just out of the 4 in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Div 4's Shepp Park Green are on top of the ladder with the Whites in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Keep it up girls.

The ladies Monthly meeting was held on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by the special Unification meeting, 27 attending, 22 voted yes for unification, 4 against and 1 informal.

Drawn pairs to be played on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am followed by shared lunch. (Ladies Christmas lunch, Kris Kringle to the value of \$5.)

Merry Christmas to all.

Pam.

### **Membership:**

The following applications for membership were approved at the last Board meeting: Albert Kellock (Full), Philip Daff (Social), Judy Burkitt (Social), Margaret Keen (Social), Kaye Pyke-Fernando (Social), Francis Watson (Full), Would you please ensure that these new members are made most welcome .

Steve

### **Stage 2.**

It was pleasing to see in the Shepparton News last week that the Stage 2 Development has finally been put out to tender. The Board still has a few issues with some aspects of the plans for the development and will be working with Council and the successful tenderer to see that these matters are attended to.

C.O.G.S will survey and peg out the proposed 4<sup>th</sup> Green prior to Christmas.

Bob – Lloyd – Noel

### **Australian Open.**

Volunteers are still required for kitchen, bbq, bar, B.A functions, car park, ticket selling, monitoring, score boarding, marking and umpiring. Forms are available inside the door at the clubhouse; there is an envelope on the notice board for completed forms if you do not wish to post your own. You can also download forms or register directly on the Bowls Australia web site.

All arrangements appear to be on time, we do not meet again with B.A until 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Outside bar, bbq and coffee van will be located on the west wall of the clubhouse. All traffic into and from the Open will be by the main door and portico at the front of our clubhouse. Spectators will be provided for on the west side of the Members Green.

Bob.

### **Further Information from the Board Meeting**

1. Policeman's hat, it was agreed that the current contents of the Policeman's hat be donated to the Salvation Army prior to Christmas.

2. Patches for hats. Ken Allen is currently organising to get these produced and made available for purchase over the bar.

3. Catering and Bar staff will have their shirts provided for them by the club and organised through Bowls Australia.

4. The controller on the cool room is not functioning, and needs to be replaced.

5. Weather Policy. Recently the 2x2 pairs and a Tournament were understandably cancelled due to the hot weather. We will align our policies with the G.V.B.A and the G.V.L.B.A policies for the remainder of the season. A

bylaw is to be prepared for the next A.G.M with regard to this matter.

### **Coach's Report**

Coaching has been well attended. New players have been eager to learn and the more experienced players have received some fine tuning. If you want to become a better and more consistent player come to coaching on a Tuesday (men between 4pm and 6pm) or Wednesday (women between 2pm and 4pm). It's good to see the improvement of some players. Eg. Donna Clarke runner-up in the Association Singles. Di Hands, Cathy Dudley and Kate Bush again winning the Association Triples. Brett Foley in the under 25's State Side with the potential to make the grade in the State Side.

All the teams in the men's Pennant are performing well, with most being in the four or just outside. Ladies Pennant teams are doing equally as well and have all teams in handy positions on their respective ladders.

After the Christmas break we will be having organised Pennant practise, Thursday evenings at 5.30. If all members of the Pennant side are available we will practise in our rinks, with advice on what shots to play and how to play them.

Thought for the week: - Winning isn't everything it is the only thing.

Coach Geoff Sutcliffe

### **Bowls Wanted**

Ron Holland is currently in the process of putting in a submission to get a number of sets of new bowls that the club can use to introduce new bowlers to the game. The club has quite a number of very old sets which it is thought make it more difficult to learn to bowl. If any members have the newer type of bowls that are surplus to their requirements and would like to donate them to the club or sell them to the club for up to \$50 can you please contact Ron. He particularly interested in gaining more sets of bowls in the smaller size range.