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

### December

- 1 60 & Over at Avenel/Merrigum
- 1 Night Pennant
- 2 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 2 Special Bowls Event
- 4 Men's Pennant
- 7 Ladies Pennant
- 8 60 & Over at Mooroopna Golf
- 8 Night Pennant
- 9 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 11 Men's Pennant
- 12 Mixed Twilight Turkey Triples - Team Entry
- 14 Ladies Pennant
- 15 60 & Over at East Shepparton
- 15 Night Pennant
- 16 Ladies Drawn Pairs - Christmas Lunch
- 16 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 18 Men's Pennant
- 21 Ladies Club Championships - Open & B - 3<sup>rd</sup> Round

### January

- 4 Ladies Club Championships - Open & B - 4<sup>th</sup> Round
- 5 60 & Over at Shepparton Park
- 6 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 9 Club Championships Finals A & B (Plus Mixed) Mens & Ladies
- 9 Club "Stirrers" Comp to follow
- 11 Ladies Pennant recommences
- 12 60 & Over at Tatura
- 12 Night Pennant re-commences
- 13 Men's 2 x 2 Jackpot Pairs
- 15 Men's Pennant - recommences

### Special General Meeting

Approximately half our voting members attended the Special General Meeting held on November 8th. The decision of the meeting was to not change our club shirt. Special thanks must go to Pam McGurgan, Don Dickinson and John Davy for the effort they put into investigating the matter, seeking sponsorship and making the presentation to the meeting.

### Special Bowls Event

The City Council and Procon wish to take photographs and video of players on the new green for promotional purposes. To assist, a special bowls event will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, starting at 6.30pm with a barbecue, followed by game of bowls on the Rose Green. There will be no green fees charged, and all participants must be in club colours, that is club shirt, maroon headwear (if needed), maroon pants, shorts, skirts, or white or navy skirt, pants or shorts. A sign-up sheet is in the glass fronted notice board.

### Synthetic Green Considerations

Now that we are able to make full use of the undercover synthetic surface, members and visitors are reminded that there are a few considerations that apply to synthetic surfaces.

- Please don't drop bowls onto the green from the bank, and try to release your bowls as close to the surface as possible.
- Grip products should not be used

on bowls. A small amount on the hands to aid grip is OK, but please don't apply to the bowl.

- Please don't stand or place feet in the ditches. This flattens the carpet in the ditch and prevents it from holding bowls or kitties that may find their way into the ditch.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. A copy of the sheet handed to members is available on the club website.

### Membership

A Full Membership application was approved for Stanley Hester, and Social Member applications were approved for Joyce Kellock, Desmond Walker, Marita Walker and John Morrow. We hope these new members enjoy their time here.

### Television

The Board has agreed to purchase a 50 inch plasma television to be installed in the Member's Lounge and a smaller set be purchased for the bar.

### From the Board

#### Bar - Glenn Edwards

- This report has a bit of good and bad in it, the good news is that our Bar takings are improving with the Night Pennant series kicking off but are still lower than the previous years by approx \$3000 and I cannot see how we can make up this shortfall, but I will think of

something (of course we could always increase our bar prices). The other good news is that a second set of "Duty Keys" has been issued, this will allow extra bar opening times on a Tuesday and Thursday evenings after Men's Practice, thanks to the Members who volunteered for this extra duty.

- A problem has arisen where 6 of our champagne flutes from the glass chiller and two small green plastic rubbish bins from outside the bar area went missing after happy hour on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. The bins have since reappeared in the tournament office, the glasses are still AWOL, if anybody knows of their whereabouts, we would be grateful for their return; otherwise the ladies may have to drink their bubbles from paper cups.
- The last bit of good news is the new bar fridge has been stocked, the coffee machine has been serviced and the second till reprogrammed and installed so we are now ready for action once handover takes place.

### **Catering - Marg Davy**

- The catering committee continues to function effectively. Thankyou to our many lady members who continue to support by manning rosters and giving so freely of their time.
- Unpredictable weather, particularly at weekends affecting men's pennant, has provided some challenges regarding whether to purchase or not.
- Arrangements are in hand for the provision and serving of afternoon tea at tomorrow's official handover of the Rose Green.

### **Greens - Ray Phillips**

- The Members Green has been double scarified early in November and both greens have been fertilized and sprayed for black beetle and couch fly larvae, the middle of November saw an invasion of grasshoppers and adult couch fly and both greens were again sprayed. The Foundation Green has been double groomed during the third week and timed the next day at 14.5 which is a good pace.
- With the handing over of the new green on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> the first game of Women's Pennant will be played there on the next day followed on the next day by Men's 2x2's. Good bowling to those first people to use the green.
- We will be using heavier kitties and our felt backed mats on the Rose Green and they will not be kept in the normal green mat and kitty box.

### **House - Bob Smith**

- Toilet extensions and the Rose Green plaza are now

in full operation. Some minor additions have still to be completed over the next couple of weeks.

- The small storage room off the new corridor will probably be used as a store for club owned bowls, umpire's gear and coaching aids.
- The new plaza bar is planned to be able to serve afternoon tea or supper as well as bar operations, thus enabling the Rose Green to operate completely independently of the main clubrooms for Trade Nights, corporate events and the like during winter when indoor bowls are being played.
- We have a lost property basket near the Tournament Office window. Please keep an eye on what is in it in case something you have misplaced ends up in it.

### **Social - Ken Allen**

- The Progressive Dinner was well attended with 92 people and well received by all. A handy profit was gained for the club.
- The chicken and salad night on November 26<sup>th</sup> will be attended by Angoves Wines to take your orders for wine.
- Our Christmas Dinner will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> with a two piece band and Paul Stephens Roving Roast. Members are asked to put their names on the list and pay \$27 per head by Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> so that we can finalise numbers.
- Sheets for both events are in the glass cabinet outside the clubhouse.

### **Sponsorship - Alan Sutherland**

- The President of the men's bowls section asked me to enquire from our sponsors, Peppermill Inn and Paradise Lakes, if they would provide a special price for people visiting to use our undercover centre as we have had an enquiry from a club for May.
- I have engaged in negotiations with Kentucky Fried Chicken to see if we can gain vouchers for night pennant.
- Pamphlets have been received from the Flight Centre and distributed. I have had an opportunity to speak to two members meetings.

### **RVBA - Laurie Fagan**

- The club was saddened by the loss of one of our mates in Glen Gunstone. The excellent turnout at his service was testimony to the high esteem in which Glen has been held at both Kialla Park Bowls Club and Shepparton Park Bowls Club.
- Results across all divisions have been quite pleasing in the games that we have been able to

play. Division 1, in particular, is defying all pundits to head the ladder, but have hard games ahead of them.

- From January 1<sup>st</sup> we will be back to bowling 21m lengths, as well as not being able to give the mat away. It is also likely that skippers will have to mark the card in all games, ie pairs, triples and fours.
- The next general meeting of the section will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm sharp.

### VLBA - Pam McGurgan

- Everything is running well at the present, and all pennant teams seem to be very compatible which brings the best out of our teams. There are still quite a few men having to play Tuesdays to fill the

lower teams.

- Sandra Wallace is playing her State GV Novice Championship at Broadford on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, as November 14<sup>th</sup> was postponed. All the best Sandra.
- Congratulations to Bev Thorn, Shirley Raglus and Bev Cahill for winning the GV State Triples. Their next round is to be played at Shepparton Golf against Central Highlands on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along and give them support.
- On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will have the ladies drawn pairs followed by our Christmas Lunch. Ladies are to bring a salad or sweet. Instead of Kris Kringle, a \$5 donation placed in an envelope will be donated to GV Hospice.

### The Undercover Rose Green

The official 'handover ceremony' by the Council to the bowls club was held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. This was the culmination of four years of planning, discussions and hard work by several of our members and the results are now on the board. We have what is regarded by all who visit the site, a bowling complex equal to any in Victoria, and outside the big pokie venues, as good as any in Australia.

The Rose Green is now open for your enjoyment. The final touches will come in the next couple of weeks, feel proud of it and bring your family and friends in to have a look.

