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

### Bar Glenn

The bar is well stocked and going along nicely. Glenn is having 3 weeks off so Ken Allen will be looking after the bar. 100 stubby holders are going to be purchased and will be sold at the Australian Open. Beer and wine glasses with the club logo will be purchased and these will also be for sale over the bar. Gold caps have been purchased and are available for sale over the bar. Club logos that can be sewn on to caps will also be purchased and will also be sold

### Catering: Flo

With the season well underway it has been a busy time. Rosters are out now at last and seem to be working out ok. Thanks to the ladies who made casseroles and worked so hard on the occasion of the Ballarat visit on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. We have had some big numbers at the 2x2's and with mens pennant keeps us busy. Thanks again to the ladies and Glenn for their help.

### Greens: Noel

All greens will, or have been fertilized in the last week. All greens have been double groomed over the past 10 days. Unfortunately, the coring of the Members green has been postponed, due to greens being required. I hope to have this done over the next 2 weeks. The sunshades have been opened up with the advent of warmer weather. Les Wallis has been retained as our greens adviser, visiting on a monthly basis. A program of flooding the 3 greens will start soon. Some work needs to be done on the synthetic area in front of Members green, where cracks have appeared underneath.

### House: Bob

Acoustic wall panels have been approved by the Board and these will be ordered and installed as soon as possible. This should go a long way to improving the noise levels in the club house. We are still following up on the external clock and looking for sponsors whose names could be placed on either face. This is to be discussed at the next meeting. It seems our water bills for town water are on the excessive side so we will be monitoring usage on a regular basis and getting back to council with our results.

### Social. Ken

Our first chicken and salad night for the season took place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. at which over 100 people attended.

These nights are proving very popular with members and guests and if you are not attending, then maybe you should give it a try.

On Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at the request of C.O.G.S , we hosted 135 of their suppliers to a bowls and bbq night. These nights require help from quite a few of our members but contribute to the income of our club.

Our next chicken and salad night is on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be a little different from our normal nights, as we will have Angoves wine attending for a wine tasting night. You can order from a wide range of wines. David Rockcliffe, the singing farmer from Berigan will be supplying the music. If you haven't put your name on the sheet, please do so.

On Melbourne Cup day, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be holding a Gala day at the club, starting with bowls at 11am. In the afternoon we will be running sweeps with a large television in place to view the racing. Lunch will be Chicken and salad, similar to our Friday nights, with ladies to supply either a salad or sweet. Entrance fee is \$8 Men , \$5 Ladies

Our Christmas dinner will be on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> and we have booked Paul Stephen's Roving Roast and Paul Burchell is to provide the music. More later.

### Sponsorship: Alan

We are currently looking to see if we can find a business that will sponsor the purchase of a large TV screen for our clubrooms. I have been in discussion with a number of local traders and will continue to pursue this matter. 2 sign boards are to be made up and used to promote our sponsors of night pennant and the 2x2 pairs.

### R.V.B.A. Laurie

Pennant has started, with all teams being competitive – Div.1 is currently heading the ladder. To date we have been able to get 92 bowlers on the rinks each Saturday, which is a big effort.

2x2 pairs has again been very popular, with 36 and 34 pairs over the last 2 weeks.

Geoff Sutcliffe continues to work closely with many bowlers. Some bowlers take a little bit longer to come to terms with changes that are suggested to technique but all have been appreciative of his observations.

Open and B Grade singles commenced last Sunday.

37 of our bowlers participated in a highly successful goodwill visit from Ballarat on Monday. Our visitors were in awe of our facilities and greens, and fully appreciated the meal at the end of the day.

**V.L.B.A. Pam**

**Congratulations to Di Hands, Cathy Dudley and Kate Bush for winning G.V.State triples.** All the best in Group Triples on the 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Our Pennant teams have all settled down and at this stage are doing quite well.

Coaching Clinics with Geoff Sutcliffe are going well, giving very handy hints to improve our game. There are a few vacant spots each week, so come on girls, lets use them all up.

**Next ladies meeting will be held on Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 10am.**

**Membership: Steve**

The following new members were accepted at the last Board meeting

Justin Dohrman (junior) ,Riley Manton (junior) ,Neville Manton (full) ,Lyn Osborne (social) ,Gary Murdoch (full) ,Sean Van Taarling (full). Please make them feel welcome at the club.

**Stage 2: Bob – Lloyd – Noel**

Things are beginning to move with our new development. Council has a draft plan and all going well it will be released for tender in Nov. Tenders are to close in Dec. and the contract let by the end of Dec. There will be one more meeting with Council before going to tender. At the last meeting Board Members expressed their concern over the plans' impact on Members Lounge. At the next meeting with Council it will be requested that the Members Lounge and Tournament Office remain as is and the passage way to the new complex go through the mens locker room. A request for a storage room for the grooming equipment will also be made.

A plan for the positioning of the proposed 4<sup>th</sup> green has also been generated.

**Australian Open. Bob**

Next meeting with B.A., Council, Mooroopna and ourselves will be held tomorrow 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. at Mooroopna.

Everything seems to be developing on time. Calls for volunteers and officials will be made during Nov.

Most details of our catering have been discussed and will be reported to the meeting.

We will be discussing some changes to traffic flow within the precinct to achieve easier access to all matches and ammenities.

I have sketched plans of the clubroom layout and main entrance alterations to the A.O committee if the Board wish to have input prior to our meeting.

I will include an updated report for the newsletter after the meeting tomorrow.

**Men's Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. It is important that as many members as possible attend as a vote will be held on unification.

**Coaching**

This is going along very well at the moment. People are encouraged to have follow up sessions with Geoff to consolidate the pointers that he has given them.

**2010 Australian Open Report – Bob Smith**

Qualifiers from interstate are confirmed or about to be confirmed. Qualifiers from Victoria will be confirmed in the week prior to the open. Overseas entrants will be coming from New Zealand, Malaysia and a team from England comprising of five of their top six women and their top seven men.

The range of classic events will be increased to include the blind, disabled and deaf bowlers.

Application forms for volunteers, markers, umpires, catering staff and bar staff are being issued to last years participants and extra forms are available from the club rooms. We would appreciate a prompt return of forms so the rosters can be completed. All participants will be issued with a shirt and hat.

Catering for volunteers, officials and corporate groups will be handled by outside caterers at Shepparton Park. All other catering and bar operations will be handled in house by club members at Shepparton Park and Mooroopna. An outside bar, bbq and coffee stall will operate at Shepparton Park.

Entry to the Open event this year will be via the front door of the club house and there will be some changes to the grand standing and access to the west side of the members green.

Tickets will cost \$5.00 first five days, \$10.00 for the finals and special seating behind then north head will be available for \$40.00.

Television will not be broadcast live this year but finals will be recorded and replayed on the ABC bowls programs for ten consecutive weeks.

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Dear club secretary,

I am writing to find out if there are any of your club members that might be interested in becoming a level one umpire. I recognise that umpire training requires a substantial time commitment and can often be confusing, but umpiring is a skill that once learnt gives great satisfaction. There have been some recent changes made to the examination paper to make it clearer and more user friendly.

Many clubs have one or two committed umpires that have to carry the workload, if both happen to play in the same side this leaves the other divisions without an umpire.

Alternatively some members might prefer to **become a measurer**. This involves learning the correct measuring procedures to conduct if called upon to do so, but is not a full umpires role, although some knowledge of the rules would be beneficial. It would also mean that measuring tasks could be shared during pennant games rather than left to your club umpires.

If any of your members would like to find out more about what is required or would like to attend an umpiring **or measurers course** I would be happy to assist and arrange for tutorial session to be organised.

Yours faithfully,

Doug Maconachie