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October
Newsletter
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Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open in 2011

Important dates for November

- 1 Ladies Pennant
- 2 60 & Over at Shepparton Golf
- 3 Ladies Social Bowls & Men's 2x2 Pairs
- 4 Ladies B Grade Championship-1st Round
- 5 Men's Pennant
- 8 Ladies Pennant
- 9 Ladies Championship Pairs—2nd Round
- 9 60 & Over at Stanhope
- 10 Ladies Social Bowls
- 11 Ladies B Grade Championship-2nd Round
- 11 Ladies Championship Singles—2nd Round
- 12 Men's Pennant
- 13 Mawson's Fours Tournament –single entry
- 13 Men's Singles Championship-3rd & 4th Rounds
- 15 Ladies Pennant
- 16 60 & Over at Tatura
- 17 Ladies Social Bowls & Men's 2x2 Pairs
- 19 Men's Pennant
- 20+ **Victorian Open Championships**
- 23 60 & Over at Merrigum & Shepparton RSL
- 26 Men's Pennant
- 27 Men's Pairs Championship-1st & 2nd Rounds
- 29 Ladies Pennant
- 30 60 & Over at Rushworth

Men's President's Report

The Men's meeting on Sept. 13th was well attended and several interesting issues were discussed.

Umpires

We are rather thin on the ground for umpires. There will be training nights with Doug Machonachie on Wednesday nights at East Shepparton in the near future. Give some thought to attending. Graeme Betts, our newest umpire assures us that the course is interesting and not too demanding.

Membership

Secretary Ron gave statistics of our aging membership showing we need to continually be on the look out for new members. There will be a "Try Bowls" day on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd October. See Ron if you are able to assist.

Selection

The direction of the meeting was that the two teams in Division 4 should be selected as a stronger and weaker

team.

Coaching

Agreed that we need to develop a coaching program. Geoff Maskell can come up for a full day in the future – keep an eye out for further details.

There's plenty of things going on. Make sure you get your names on the board for such things as Goodwill visits, 60 and over, night pennant, 2 x 2 pairs, practice matches and tournaments coming up. There's no shortage of opportunities.

Several other items were discussed – see Ron's comprehensive minutes for full details (You'll find them on the notice board too).

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Victorian Open 2011


As you would be aware Shepparton Park has been selected as the host venue for the Victorian Open for the next three years. This year the event will be held from Sunday 20th November to Friday 25th November. This will be another occasion where we can highlight our magnificent facilities

To run the event we will of course need to again call on the generous nature of our members.

We need volunteers to help with; markers for singles play, score board attendants, greens workers, catering workers (we will be catering for everyone, so will need to have men to fire up the barbie as well as ladies to help in the kitchen), bar workers, cleaners as well as helpers to make sure our clubhouse is presented in excellent condition. We would also like any member who has first aid qualifications to offer their services. Any members helping out would need to wear their club uniforms as appropriate.

If you can help out please add your name to the list at the club. Further details or information can be obtained from any committee member, John Wallace, Jim Shanahan, Alan Sutherland, Val Gibbs, Jeff Boyle or Dave Hardie.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GET BEHIND THIS EVENT AND ADD OUR SUPPORT TO THE VOLUNTEER LIST.



Social Report—Raymond Hill

Our October Chicken Night last Friday had NOT ONLY chicken but a sweep for a Barrier Draw for the Melbourne Cup, and a "Bowl to the Kitty" using an indoor bowl. The idea being that participants bowl to the kitty which must remain, with the bowl, in the designated area. Not as easy as it seems.

Congratulations to the raffle winners with the money prizes being put into the sweep, yielding a return for both parties as the horses in their respective barriers stormed home for a place.

Our Christmas Function is booked for Friday 9th December with music by Ric Brun and a Roving Roast with the cost to attend being \$27-00 so put this date in the diary. Lists are available both inside and on the outside board so register your name.

House Report—John Wallace

The security fence is now erected with locks on the gates so anyone still without a key please contact me to organise one.

You will note the three large screen televisions in the clubhouse. These will be used to show the scores during the Victorian Open, also to showcase our sponsors using a connection to the computer.

There are manuals on coaching and laws of bowls which are available for members to borrow—see Jenni Hill if you are interested in these.

Jim Broadbent has built a shelf under notice board to accommodate Entry Folders. Barry Laws has also painted the shelving for us. Thanks to both Jim and Barry for their help.

The Greater Shepparton Council are undertaking minor repairs to the Clubhouse at the moment

Catering Report: Barbara Allen

The catering ladies are back in action for the new season. Brenda Landy has joined our committee to take the place of Kath Murley who wants to concentrate on her bowls.

We have already been busy with a Ladies Medley Fours tournament on 28th September and a Mixed Open Fours on 9th October, both events went well. Saturday pennant and 2x2's are now in full swing again, so if you can't come on your rostered day,

could you please swap or find a replacement. Changes can be placed on the roster on the notice board near the toilets. We have a busy period coming up with the Victorian Open on Sunday 20th November to Friday 25th November. We shall be looking for volunteers in the kitchen to help make sandwiches and rolls for the players, officials and spectators. We would be extremely grateful if you could help out on any of those days.

Match Committee Report: Trevor Serafini

The men's match committee met on 6th October to review the handicaps of all men members for season 2011/12.

Entries are currently available for events to be played prior to January when the finals are set down for. Entries close Sunday 16th October at 5pm for these events. The match committee will meet on Monday 17th October and do the draws for these events which will be placed on the large mobile notice board in the club rooms.

Don Butler will keep an eye on the score cards and envelopes and liaise with the appropriate people when running low. I will also put a list up for volunteers to act as markers for the singles to be played on the 23rd October.

Membership Report: Ron Holland

We are conducting a concentrated effort to introduce new/past members to the club.

In late Sept an invitation was sent to every person on our data base who has participated in any form of Social Bowls, GOTG, Night Pennant, Trade & Corporate nights inviting them to attend this year's TRY BOWLS DAY on October 23rd or to enter in the popular Night Social Pennant.

To assist with catering please add your names/numbers to the lists on the noticeboards both in and outside the club or phone me on **0419 213508** or contact our Booking Office Alan Doble on **0421 597 175**

To follow this up personal invitations have been handed to our main Club sponsors and to 20 local business houses & local government social clubs, together with staff at each of our major secondary colleges to participate in the first mini season of our Trade & Social Competition commencing on 4th Nov. This will run each Friday night from 6.30pm on Nov 4th, 11th, 18th, & Dec 2nd.

All members are urged to invite or make up a side of four players that are predominantly newer bowlers for this great social night. Everyone gets a BBQ meal before play starts at 7pm. The bar will be open throughout the evening so why not get a group of friends together and help make this a success.

In 2011 we are please welcome the following new affiliated members to Shepparton Park.

Jim Arthur, Brenda & Peter Brodie, Kris Ferguson, David & Bill Gullick, Stan Hester, Ray & Lynette Hindmarsh, Bob & Marie Klienitz, Brian Larkin, John Morrow, Mick O'Connor, John & Joy O'Donnell, Denis Paul, Carla Rikys, & Denis Smyth.

If you haven't done so already please take the time to seek them out and welcome them personally. Let's make them all feel truly at home in their new surrounds.

Interestingly despite currently having 132 male men on our books we have already had to call on ladies to complete our pennant teams of 92 each week. Of the 132 players 20 have indicated they are either unwell, injured, on holiday or simply don't wish to play pennant. Our first week saw another 20 unavailable! As you can see we need to keep working on the numbers simply to maintain our current teams.

Ladies' President's Report: Wendy Holland

It was a wet and very cold day for our Ladies Day Shared Lunch; however, with our wonderful undercover complex and good company we all enjoyed a pleasant day.

Due to a shortage of teams our Medley's Fours Tournament on the 28th September was in trouble. Our grateful thanks go to Margot & her team for their efforts to raise enough players to make it a viable concern. Those who did play had an enjoyable day – good bowling – good company – and a great meal. Congratulations to Nancy Pomeroy's team who won the tournament.

The first round of the Ladies Pairs Championship is on Oct 19th. The first round of the Ladies Singles Championship will be held on Oct 24th.

Social Bowls is once again in trouble with lack of numbers attending. It is very good practice for pennant and we are encouraging all ladies who can to come along on Thursday mornings.

Our pennant teams have had mixed success so far. Div 1 and Div 2 Maroon have started well, however it is early days yet and the other teams are still in the settling-in process. I'm sure that we will all have some success this season.

Good bowling Ladies.

Greens Report: Noel Dobson (Greens Director)

A lot of play on the greens over the last month, they are standing up very well to all of the traffic. A list of men's names is being drawn up to assist the green keeper in preparing the greens & surrounds for the Victorian Open which starts next month. We will require three men each day to help clean up rubbish, clean ditches etc. These jobs will now be done from 6.45 a.m. each morning, then at night after each days play, which should only take 1 hour.

Night Pennant has started and is working very well with the scoring this season based on the 100up way of scoring which means the closest four bowls count. Trade Social Bowls scheduled on Friday nights between Nov 4th and Dec 2nd (excluding Vic Open week) and again from Feb 4th- Mar 2nd 2012.

Alan Doble is doing a great job keeping all events happening at the club well co-ordinated. Any events you wish to hold or enquiries please refer them to Alan on **0421 597 175**

Sponsorship Report: Alan Sutherland

\$20 vouchers were requested by Margo Dobson for the spinning wheel so a number of these have been acquired.

We have \$5000 from the City Council "Shepparton Show Me" fund for the Victorian Open with a request their logo is featured everywhere. Obtained money for advertising in the Vic Open Booklet from the Coupulous Group.

Sponsors have been invited to attend their sponsored events to present the prizes.

All sponsors have been alerted about a group who ring and ask for sponsorship of score cards and it is assumed this request has come from the club—this is not the case. A number of these cards have been sent to the club and are being used for club events and any other area possible.

Signs have been erected around the greens and we request you support the sponsors whenever possible.



**VIC Open
2011**

**Helpers Wanted
Victorian Open 2011
November 20-25**

We need volunteers to help with;

- markers for singles play,
- score board attendants,
- car park attendants,
- raffle tickets and booklet sellers,
- cleaners as well as helpers to make sure our clubhouse is presented in excellent condition.

We would also like any member who has first aid qualifications to offer their services.

Please add your name to the list at the club, even if you can help out on only a day or two.

For more information, see;

John Wallace, Jim Shanahan, Val Gibbs, Jeff Boyle, Dave Hardie, Alan Sutherland or Ray Phillips

Raffle

Members are asked to assist with the sale of raffle tickets. Tickets will be distributed via pennant team managers. Additional tickets can be obtained from Dave Hardie. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Dinner on Friday 9th December, so members are asked to return all ticket books and money by Monday 5th December. Tickets are \$2 each.

Prizes are:

- 1st: Ladies Bracelet valued at \$450, supplied by Purdey's Jewellers
- 2nd: Russell Hobbs Food Processor valued at \$150, supplied by Harvey Norman
- 3rd: One night's accommodation at the Paradise Lakes Motel
valued at \$115
- 4th: One night's accommodation at the Paradise Lakes Motel
valued at \$115
- 5th: Bowls bag valued at \$60, supplied by Henselite
- 6th: Bowls bag valued at \$60, supplied by Henselite