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Proud host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010

Bar: Glenn

Bar is fully stocked and trade is beginning to move. A security camera was considered but not required at this time.

Catering: Flo

We started the season with 2 x 2 's. Unfortunately they had biscuits as all ladies had booked things up not knowing they were starting early. Sorry guys.

Rosters will be done next week. Before that, last Saturdays' practice and this week's Pennant won't be on it but will or have been looked after.

I have been trying to get stock in for the season and find big increases in prices. However we all have to eat.

I don't expect any problems at the moment with helpers etc.

Good fellowship and bowling.

Greens: Noel

Welcome to all old and new members to the new Bowling Season. All Greens are now open and they will gradually come out of dormancy. The Members Green will be cored and renovated around the 20th October. This work will see this Green out of action for 5 to 6 weeks.

The roster for helpers on a Friday morning has been done, anyone not available on their day, please swap with another member on the roster.

Would all members please adhere to the Greens opened and closed sign. When the closed sign is up, it is done for a reason. We are going to have another busy season of bowls so we need to keep the greens in tip top condition at all times.

New rink numbers have been purchased for 2 greens, also boundary pegs. The privet hedge west of the Members Green has been trimmed. The hedge at the northern end of Foundation Green has been removed to allow the trees to get some light.

Good bowling to all.

House: Bob

We have a copy of the floor level survey carried out for the Council and it indicates quite large variances in levels throughout. The variances are well outside the building specifications for the floor and do not make for an ideal surface. Council are waiting for six months before repeating the survey to see if the floor is moving. They will then decide what action will be taken.

The supplier of sound proofing panels - "Source One Alliance" has had difficulty interpreting our requirements for the images on the screens and we do not have a sample to present as yet, probably later this week. Delivery time will be approximately 4 weeks.

Negotiations are continuing to find a sponsor for the outdoor clock.

Social: John

The Social Committee for season 2009 / 2010 will be as follows:

Ailsa Cook. Margot Dobson. Margaret Davy. Val Gibbs. Wes Gibbs. And to a lesser degree, John Davy – due to health reasons.

We have met and discussed a number of social activities to be included in our season's program before and after the Australian Open.

Again whenever possible our regular Chicken Salad and Sweet night will be on the last Friday of each month, with the first to be held on Friday 25th September 2009. Cost to be \$5 for men and \$3 for ladies supplying a sweet or salad.

Also on each Friday evening from 5pm, Rodger and Trish will feature in our "Happy Hour", with the spinning wheel, raffle and other novelties, with light refreshments provided.

Our club has been approached by Anthony Nicholadis from C.O.G.S. To provide the venue and catering for a corporate social / bowls / barbeque for a mixed group of approx. 130 people from Australian Medical Supplies who are providers to Council. The group is holding a business conference in Shepparton on Wednesday 21st October and want to provide entertainment for those attending. **20 volunteers will be needed to run the night commencing at 5-30pm. More names are required.** Noel is aware re greens and lights.

The Meat and Allied Trades Federation of Australia has requested S.P.B.C. again host their 56th annual Bowls Carnival to be held from Sunday 18th April to Wednesday 21st April 2010. This event has previously netted good exposure and financial return and I strongly support the application. The Catering Committee and Greens Committee have been advised.

At the Men's Meeting last Tuesday the introduction of a new cap colour was discussed. Following some discussion it was agreed to introduce a gold cap as part of our Pennant uniform. These will be available from K.C.'s Bowls at a cost of \$14. A Bucket hat in similar colour will cost \$16. Those members possessing maroon hats and caps will be permitted to continue wearing such until replacement is required. I ask that this alteration to our uniform be ratified by the Board. I have requested K.C.Bowl's to investigate the possibility of a true gold coloured bucket hat from the suppliers of the gold cap. The Social and the Tournament Committee's will conduct a Gala type Tournament on Tuesday 3rd November (cup day) commencing at 11am. Catering, Raffles and Sweeps will be undertaken by the combined committees with a charge of \$8 for men and \$5 for ladies. Greens Director is aware.

Following a discussion with Chairman Lloyd regarding my current health problem, I have found it necessary to stand down from my role and have proposed to the Board that Ken Allen take over these duties. The Board has accepted Ken's nomination to this position. I will give Ken and his committee continued support.

. Sponsorship: Alan

Most sponsors have been finalised at this time. It now requires that we organise a list of sponsors and the events they will be sponsoring as well recognising sponsors around the club. Sponsorship is very important to the club and we ask members to support these businesses where possible.

R.V.B.A. Laurie

1. Bowling practice is well under way with good numbers consistently on the greens. This has been made possible by the excellent greens that have been made available by our hard working sub-committee.
2. 2 x 2 Pairs began last Thursday with 24 pairs and good representation from visiting bowlers. The popularity of this event has never been in question and we anticipate at least 30 pairs this week.
3. Our coach, Geoff Sutcliffe has begun his duties and has been well received. Some minor glitches in scheduling will be worked through in coming weeks.
4. Open and B Grade singles events will commence on Sunday October 25th.
5. G.V.B.A. Will host a goodwill visit from Ballarat on 18th - 23rd October. We are required to provide 32

players for a 12-30pm start followed by a meal on Monday 19th October.

6. Under very trying conditions last Saturday we had a successful practice match with Benalla and within our own club. The greens were excellent but the weather conditions were very challenging. Despite this, it was good to get some match practice, to bring our bowlers together and to hone our skills.
7. G.V.B.A. Open day was held at Mooroopna last Sunday with good representation from most clubs.

V.L.B.A. Pam

1. Pennant season got off to a good start although there are a few members still unavailable.
2. "Maude Stone Day" was a great success with about 50 lady members attending the day
3. Don't forget to put your names down for the first round of the Club Championships commencing on the 1st October at 10am.
4. Unfortunately we have received the resignation of Pam Taylor due to health reasons. We wish Pam well in the future.

Membership:

Membership applications were received from Leighton Wallace (social) John Mortimer (full), Marie & Bob Kleinitz (social), Neville Cross (full), and Angelo Russo (full). The Board approved all of these applications. Would you please make these new members welcome and assist them where ever possible.

Stage 2.

Lloyd believes that Stage 2 is on track and the Rose Green will be handed over when the Bowling season commitments are completed. The building will then proceed.

Australian Open.

A meeting with Bowls Australia was held on 26th August 2009.

Seats on east side of Rose Green are to be removed and placed on the west side of Members Green. These seats to be replaced with 12 tables- umbrellas and chairs for spectators to view the Rose Green. These seats, umbrellas, chairs etc at B/A expense.

Stands between Members and Foundation greens to be halved. Half facing west on Members Green, and half facing east on Foundation Green.

A small 3 x 3 metre tent to be placed in a similar position to last year for B.B.Q. & bar. Also coffee bar in this area. Tent at S.P.B.C. expense.

S.P.B.C. & Mooroopna to cater for general public. Tenders to be called for Corporate catering. C.O.G.S. To handle.

Two clubs to organise raffle, with two clubs to arrange prizes & split proceeds. Requires B/A logo on raffle tickets.

Welcome event similar to last year & hopefully at same venue. B/A to arrange a couple of leading bowlers to be interviewed on stage during the evening.

Memorial Day to be brought forward to the 24th January, as the 31st January has been set for briefing for volunteers and technical officials.

Possibility of test match between Australia & England (men and women) on 11th & 12th of February (to be confirmed) at Shepparton Park.

New event this year called "Bowls Classic" to include wheelchair, blind, disabled and deaf bowlers.

The Social Committee met on the 24th June 2009 in anticipation of us getting the A.O and the need to stage a "welcoming function" on Saturday 13th February.

It was generally agreed that it was not practicable for us to tackle the running of this event again. It was too much for too few. I conveyed this to Chairman Lloyd who agreed with our thoughts except that he considered the uniqueness of the Emerald Bank site plus the fact that council (C.O.G.S.) would again be prepared to subsidise some costings, that we should not discount using Emerald Bank again with outside catering to assist. Meanwhile I have booked entertainer Brendan Scott.

Use of Greens.

It would be appreciated if members could refrain from using the greens until the completion of Ladies Pennant on Tuesdays. This should be until approximately 3.30pm

Club Championships

Please read this notice carefully as action may be required by yourselves.

The Men's Open and B Grade Singles Championships will commence with the first round to be held on (or before) Sunday 25th October 2009 at 10am. If you wish to participate in these events, please fill in the attached entry form and deposit it into the slot at the North door before 9am on Monday 19th October with the requisite \$5 entry fee (if you are entering both grades). Free entry to one singles championship is available. Qualification for the B Grade is that your 2009/2010 handicap is 9 or under. Other events for which entries are to be lodged by 9am on Monday 12th October are the Men's Championship Pairs and the Mixed Pairs Championship – both with partners of your own choice. Entry fees for these events, to be played by specific dates, are \$5 per player (\$10 per team) and payment must accompany the entry, which can only be done on this form. Spare copies of the form are available at the Clubhouse.

RACV: Road Safety for Seniors

Don Kilgour will be presenting this program on behalf of the RACV.

The program discusses updated road rules, road safety tips, passenger safety, pedestrian safety, health, car safety features, and future mobility planning.

The presentation will run for approximately 1 hour and will be held in the club rooms on **Thursday 25th October.**

The RACV requires a minimum of 20 participants to run this presentation. If you are interested in this presentation could you please put your name on the list on the notice board.

Night Pennant

A reminder that Night Pennant starts on Tuesday 27th October. Names must be placed on the list at the Club, or phoned to Bill Clark or Jim Broadbent by the end of September.

Entry Form

Please tick the events you wish to enter

Your name.....

- Men's Open Championship
- Men's B Grade Championship
- Men's Pairs Championship
- Mixed Pairs Championship

Partner's name
Partner's name

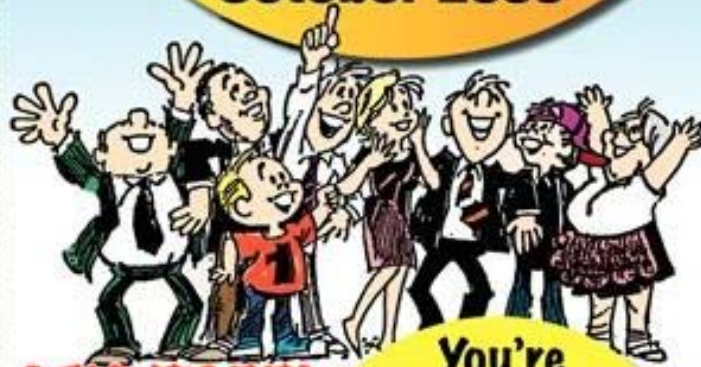
Attach \$5 entry fee for each event.

Amount enclosed \$.....

The sport for all ages...

Try Bowls Day

Sunday 25th
October 2009



IT'S FREE!

**CRACKERJACK
FUN FOR ALL
THE FAMILY!**

Just bring yourself...
a friend and a pair
of flat soled shoes

BBQ to follow

You're
invited to join
the fun at
Shepparton Park
Bowling Club
between
3pm and *5pm*

