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September 2017 Newsletter

Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2017

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Ongoing bowls

Tuesday's Ladies 4's

Contact: Bev Cahill
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Thursday's Men's 4's

Contact: Ross Higgins
0408580111
Doug Freeman
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Friday's Ladies Pairs

Contact: Marg Stibbard
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GVBD Booklet

The distribution of the booklet has been delayed due to events outside the administrations control.

The draw has had to be revised 5 times due to teams dropping out, changing divisions, etc. RSL held a meeting as recently as 5/9/17 to finalise their teams for this season.

Please do not be critical of the Division for these hold-ups.

Joy O'Donnell always does a magnificent job getting a huge amount of information together under difficult circumstances.

Please give her your full support.

Lockers

Lockers in the clubhouse are available for members to hire. The cost is \$25 per year. If you would like to hire one, please contact Jim Shanahan.

Those members who already have a locker are asked to pay their \$25 before the end of this month. Please put the money in an envelope, with your name and locker number on the outside, in the mail slot near the north door.

If you no longer wish to hire the locker please put the key in an envelope, with your name and locker number on the outside, in the mail slot near the north door.

RSL Arrangement

A sharing agreement was recently signed with the RSL Bowls Club.

The deal enables the RSL to use our greens, as allocated, for pennant, practice, and, other such events as agreed to. Such usage will be at the discretion of our Greens Director / Greens Keeper.

The RSL will pay our club \$10,000pa in 2 equal payments in October and February. This payment will be used to offset operating costs such as power and green keeping.

RSL will keep their own green fees which are \$10 for their players. All RSL bowlers will be provided with a gate key to allow for practice and training.

Free access to toilets, change rooms, etc, and lockers to be provided at a fee for RSL bowlers requiring same.

All equipment bought to our Club remains the property of the RSL. Any disputes arising from this agreement to be settled within the Constitution and By-Laws of each Club.

The term of the agreement is subject to review by the 31 March each year prior to the AGM of both clubs.

Bi-monthly meetings between the two committees to ensure communications between the two are maintained. The agreement can be terminated by mutual agreement of which 60 days notice shall be given by either party. Practice times for weekend pennant are Tuesday & Thursday 3.30pm onwards. Midweek pennant Friday, but all subject to availability of greens.

Catering arrangements to be organised between the 2 clubs.

Catering for the men's and ladies 60 & Over conducted by RSL at Shepparton Park will be by the RSL ladies.

ALL bar monies to remain with the SPBC and the bar will be run by SPBC members.

Lines of communication between ourselves and the RSL will be open at all times to solve any problems, or, to discuss any matters.

This is a fairly simple agreement approved by your Board and RSL management for the good of bowls. If we had not made an effort to accommodate RSL they may well have had no where else to go and would have most likely disbanded.

This would mean that 1 midweek, 2 weekend and 3 or 4 60 & Over teams would have disappeared from our bowls fixtures leaving less competition for us all.

Many members tell us we need to make greater use of our magnificent facilities.

The Board have enthusiastically embraced this chance to make the RSL most welcome at our Club.

It is beholden on all of our members to give all RSL members a huge welcome.

Subscriptions

Please note that all annual subs. are now overdue and payable immediately. You **MUST** be financial to play pennant, enter club events and tournaments.

Melbourne Cup Day

The Club is holding a Melbourne Cup Day luncheon on 7/11/17.

There will be a game of bowls and the a catered luncheon and sweets. Sweeps, raffles and lots of fun.

All for \$25 per head. Please mark your diaries. All welcome.

Practice Matches

The following practice matches have been arranged for Club members.

Midweek Pennant commences Tuesday October 3

Saturday Pennant commences Saturday October 21

Midweek practice:: Tuesday 19 September at 10am
V. Benalla at Shepparton Park.
BYO lunch.

Weekend practice:: Saturday 7 October at Benalla
Bus leaves 11am—charge for bus.
BBQ 12noon. Entries close 1 Oct.

Weekend practice:: Saturday 14 October at home.
V Golden Square BBQ 12 noon.
Entries close 7 October.

Lists in the foyer for all games.

Club and GVBD events

There are lists in the clubrooms for many ladies and men's Club championship and GV events.

Some of the closing dates are quite close, so, if you intend to enter please do so ASAP.

Victorian Open events are also open for entries.

There are entry forms in the clubrooms, or, you can enter on-line. Barb Gilbert is happy to have an overflow of entries as there are always people who drop out, or, are unable to attend.

60 & Over

Ladies and men's 60 & over will be commencing soon. Teams are drawn but there is still an opportunity for more bowlers to join up for this fun day of bowls. Please check the folders in the foyer if you are interested.

Telstra Tower

Members may remember the application for a planning permit for a telecommunications tower behind the members green. We lodged an objection to this proposal.

We have now been advised of a revised planning permit application for the tower. The new location is 170 metres West of our back fence, on the other side of the football oval.

We will not lodge an objection to this application.

Victorian Open

The Open is approaching very quickly.

November 18—24 is the date. In due course we will be seeking willing volunteers to help with the many tasks required to undertake this prestigious event.

Please consider if you can offer any of your time to assist.

Foundation Green

Members who have been bowling on the 2 greens will have noticed that they are running very well.

You may have also noticed the repairs to the worn and tatty carpet at the South end of the Foundation Green. The replacement carpet was salvaged from the defunct RSL greens, and has been crafted in a most professional manner, by Rob Thorne, to replace the old carpet.

A huge well done to Rob, Ray and their merry band of greens helpers in the rejuvenation of our greens and surrounds. Well done to you all.

Club opening day

The joint opening day with the RSL and ourselves was held on Sunday 10 September. There were about 60 players present and all enjoyed the nice sunny day, and the company of the other bowlers.

There were 5 Super Veteran (over 80) badges presented and I am sure all in attendance enjoyed the day.

Saturday after pennant BBQ

The Club is looking for some willing volunteers to assist with the catering at the popular Saturday BBQ. Please advise Marg Thorne if you are able to lend your support for an hour or so after pennant.

Birthday Greetings

Norm Allen, Barry Armstrong, Peg Curtis, Aileen Dempster, Leonie Freeman, Di Hands, Stan Hester, Ross Higgins, Joe Marsters, Ted McDade, Ian Parkinson, Peter Rikys, Ron Robertson, Warwick Smith, Margaret Smyth, Kevin Thorn, Lisa Tinkler, Jarryd Tinning.