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July/August 2018 Newsletter

Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2018

Ongoing bowls

Tuesday Ladies 4's
2 games 10 ends.
Very popular event-waiting list.
See Bev Cahill

Thursday's Men's 4's
2 games 12 ends.
Contact: Ross Higgins
0408580111
Doug Freeman
0413884637

Friday Mixed 2 bowl triples sponsored
by Kensington Gardens.
2 games 12 ends.
Contact Marg Stibbard
0488595210.
Until end of August only.

All of these events are proving to be very popular, so, you need to get your name on the list at the earliest opportunity.

Subs

Invoices for member subscriptions have been posted and are now due and payable. We have received our account from Bowls Victoria, and it is a substantial amount. We request that all members pay their subs. at the earliest opportunity. Thank you.

Club Booklet

Preparations for publication of our new booklet are well under way and we request that any member who may have changes to their phone number, email, address, etc. notify the Secretary ASAP.

BPL Cup

Congratulations to our team of Ross Higgins, Brian Hall & Dave Hardie on winning through the first stage of the BPL Cup. The Regional final will be at Shepparton Park on 25/8/2018.

Plaza Bar fridge

Our new fridge has been completed with direct rear access to the coolroom. This will make the task of replenishing stock much easier, especially during the busy times. We thank Rob Thorne for knocking the hole in the wall. The old display fridge in the Plaza bar has been transferred to the kitchen. The old kitchen fridge needs a bit of work and we intend to dispose of it.

FOR SALE—THE OLD KITCHEN FRIDGE IS FOR SALE. IT NEEDS SOME WORK TO BRING IT BACK TO GOOD WORKING ORDER. IF ANY MEMBER IS INTERESTED IN THIS FRIDGE PLEASE MAKE AN OFFER.

Saturday Coaching

Paul Nichols will continue with his Saturday morning coaching sessions until the end of August. Several training sessions have been held, and they have been very well attended, and enjoyed, by our members, and a few new bowlers. All members and intending bowlers are invited to attend and take part in Paul's interesting, fun drills. They are on from 10.30 until noon.

Umpires

Our Club is getting short of accredited umpires. If any member has an interest in learning the skill of umpiring please let the Secretary know and we will see if there are any training sessions available in the near future.

60 & over

Men's 60 & Over commences on 18th September. All intending players should add their name to the list in the foyer.

Pennant 2018—19 season

The Midweek and Saturday seasons are approaching very quickly. There are lists in the foyer for both competitions, and we ask that all intending pennant players add their names to the list/s. Midweek pennant commences on Tuesday 2nd October and Weekend on 20th October (unconfirmed). We have 4 teams (48 players) entered for Midweek pennant and 5 teams (76 players) entered for Saturday pennant, and players numbers are tight. Throughout each season there are always players missing every week due to illness, holidays, etc. If you are intending to play please put your name on the list/s, and, make the job of the Selectors a little bit easier. If anyone only wants to be listed as an emergency please also add your name and the selectors can give you a call if they are really short of players.

Pennant Practice

There will be a pennant practice match at Shepp. Park against Yarraville-Footscray on Saturday 18th August.

A meal will be available following the practice game, at a cost of \$15. There are lists in the foyer for intending players. Further practice matches will be held as the season approaches.

New members

A number of new members are joining our Club. Please make them feel welcome when you see them at our Club.

Club Jackets

Our Club has available, for purchase, a club rain jacket. You will notice some members, mainly longer term members, wearing these jackets around the club. We currently have 5 jackets in sizes 24 x 2, 26, 28 & 30 for sale. Sale price is \$90. Any member wishing to try a jacket please see Marg Stibbard.

We are also looking at collating an order for some new jackets and we would request that any interested member see Marg or Bill. The minimum order number is 16 jackets and we would like to see at least half of the order number (8) pre-ordered and paid for before we proceed. We do not wish to have a large number of jackets at \$110 each lying around.

Members can buy one of the in-stock jackets now for \$90, or a newly ordered one for \$110.

This process will be:

- * members indicate their wish to buy a jacket.
- * when the pre-sold jacket order reaches at least 8 we will seek payment from those members.
- * the order will then be placed and jackets distributed on receipt.

Wednesday Night bowls

Our long running Wednesday night social bowls will be on again this year. It will basically run as 2 separate events, before and after Christmas.

It is great to see some 'new blood' take over the running of this event. We thank Rob Thorne for his tireless work over the last few years.

The new committee members are: Angelo Russo, Vicki Whebell, Helena Kilfoyle and Rob Hands.

If you would like a game of bowls please see any of these members, or, put your name on the list in the foyer.

The competition will commence with a 'Selection Night' on Wednesday 10 October 2018, and, then Round 1 on the 25 October 2018.

This event has always been a very strong breeding ground for this club in introducing new members to the club and the game of bowls. All members are invited to join in and bring along other family members, friends or neighbours to enjoy the night.

Past Club Members

It seems to me that we have many ex members who have left our club, and many of these ex members live in the immediate vicinity of the Club. They may have left the game for whatever reason, i.e. Selection issues, taking a break, travel, etc.

If you know any of these people please extend an invitation to return to our Club.

Greens and surrounds

The new season is fast approaching and our grass greens will be in use in the not too distant future. Rob Thorne will be our greenkeeper for the coming season, and together with our Greens Director, Murray Phillips and our hard working greens committee members, they will be looking for all the help they can get around the greens.

The usual greens roster will be published in due course. This system has worked well in the past. Two members are named on each Friday, and you are asked to come along about 8am and assist with mowing the surrounds, gardening, tidy up, and any other duties. It will take less than 2 hours and you will usually only be rostered about twice for the season. If there are any members who would like to join the greens committee please see Rob or Murray. They will be happy to explain the involvement to you. Our wonderful greens, Rose green and other facilities do not "just happen". It requires a huge amount of work from our dedicated volunteers. Please come and help if you can. You will enjoy it.

Club games

As the season approaches our Club championship games will be rostered, with the first games listed for October.

The entry fee for all games will remain at \$7, and we will insist that this fee is paid at the time of entry. Entry fee and money to be placed in an envelope in the box provided. Failure to do this will negate your entry. Match committee members have had to spend a lot of time chasing up entry fees, and, if the payment is not made you will not be in the draw.

Victorian Open

The Vic Open is also fast approaching and entry to events is now open. You can enter via the Bowls Victoria website on www.vicopen.com.au.

The Vic. Open committee are meeting on a regular basis, and planning is well advanced.

We will once again be looking to our volunteers for a huge effort. The Open is on for 8 days this time, from November 16—23.

Please mark these dates in your diaries and give full consideration to helping out when the various rosters are put together.

This is a huge event for our Club, and we would request every member give full consideration to helping out.