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January 2020 Newsletter

Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2020

Ongoing bowls.

Thursday Open 2X2 Pairs will continue through the summer months.

Starts 10.30am

Names on the list. Salad roll lunch.

Contact: Ross Higgins
0428580111

If you put your name on the list please let the boys know if you are unable to attend as other bowlers may miss out if you don't.

Foundation Green

During the Christmas break the Foundation Green was refurbished. This amounted to a large quantity of sand being carted in and spread over the green.

As always, volunteers were called for and about 12 members turned up and the job was completed very quickly.

We thank those who turned up and did the job.

The green does not look at its best at the minute. The greens staff have had discussions with an expert and 3 rare pests/bugs have been identified. It seems that weather conditions this season have been ideal for these particular bugs.

Apparently a number of greens are suffering from similar problems.

A spraying program has been commenced, and, we believe improvement should be seen in the next few works.

Air Conditioner

Our air conditioning system has been inspected and some repairs and maintenance are being undertaken.

Manners on the greens

We have received a few complaints from within, and outside, our club regarding bad language and general etiquette on our greens.

We ask all members to be mindful of their language and behaviour on the greens.

Our Club has a good reputation in the bowls world and we would like to maintain our good name.

Solar Panels

We have a large number of solar panels on our roof which help to keep our power prices under control.

The panels need regular cleaning to maintain their optimum performance. We thank Rob and Craig for giving the panels a good clean over the Christmas period.

Rose Green carpet replacement

The carpet will be replaced, and the lumpy under surface repaired, over the April/May period. This will provide us with an as new surface on which to bowl.

I recently played midweek pennant on one of the new carpets at East Shepparton (not undercover). The surface was magnificent and if we get a similar surface at our club members should be very happy with the result.

This will be an investment of about \$114,000 on behalf of club members. It is another example of where members fees / funds are used to help maintain the very best facilities possible.

Once this upgrade is complete we will be keeping a very close eye on anyone who may be dumping their bowls. A process will be put in place to help our members to correct their problem. Visiting bowlers will be advised immediately if they are dumping, and, dump mats may have to be used if they are unable to correct their action.

Alan Doble

Alan was a very good worker around our club for a number of years. He was our club booking officer who was responsible for running the various functions and looking after school groups who were visiting for school bowls. Alan also managed the BBQ at the Victorian Open for a number of years before handing this task over to Murray Phillips.

Sadly, Alan passed away over the Christmas period after poor health in the last few years.

A memorial service was held in Melbourne in early January. We extend our deepest sympathy to Alan's family and friends.

Victorian Sides Championship

This event will be held at our club, in conjunction with East Shepparton and Shepparton Golf, on April 3,4 & 5.

It is a big event and will require all members to pitch in.

We do not have too many details as yet, but, there will be approximately 400+ bowlers and officials in attendance.

Bowlers Arms

Paul Becroft has been accumulating a range of different types, and sizes, of bowlers arms for members to trial and practise with. These arms are in the storeroom and are freely available for practice. We ask that you do not remove the arms from the club so that they are readily available for all to use.

All of our sets of bowls in the storeroom are of the older, wide drawing Dreamline variety. These are still useable but it would be good if we could build up some sets of the newer, narrower bowls. These sets are always in use for new bowlers, our Wednesday night social bowlers and visiting groups.

Without wanting to seem too fussy, it would be greatly appreciated if any members who may have a set, or sets, of newer bowls that they no longer need would give consideration to donating them to the club. If any member believes they may be able to help with this please speak to the Secretary.

Trophy Display Cabinet

We are also seeking to obtain another glass doored display cabinet, similar to the one opposite the kitchen door. We have several items of value / interest that should be on display. If any member has a cabinet they no longer need please see the Secretary. Price and delivery can be discussed.

Club Person of the Year

We will be once again seeking nominations for this award. Last year this valued award was won by our hardworking greens worker, Bill Probst.

Nomination forms will be made available on the noticeboards in the near future.

The award is not open to anyone who is in a paid position at our club.

Rose Green / greens

Can we please ask all members to note that all greens/ carpet are closed until 11am on Monday and Friday. These restrictions are in place to enable our greens staff to prepare the greens for upcoming pennant and club games.

We also ask members to note the greens open/closed sign in front of the clubrooms. From time to time it is necessary to close the greens / a green for work needed.

Please respect the sign.

Drinking Cups

It was proposed at the Board meeting that we no longer provide drinking cups at our water fountains from the commencement of the next pennant season. There are several reasons for this proposal:

- * bowlers are still able to drink at the fountain, or, fill their own water bottle .

- * most bowlers nowadays seem to bring their own water bottle.

- * many cups are taken and thrown away after one use, or, left lying around, many half full, for our staff to pick up afterwards.

- * it is more environmentally friendly.

- * there is an ongoing and growing cost to providing cups.

Coaching—Paul Nichols

We are pleased to advise that our coach, Paul Nichols will continue in that role for the 2020/21 season. Paul has committed to our club, and, the club is pleased at this outcome. This provides certainty for next season.

Paul will, once again, conduct a coaching program, and a SPARKS program throughout the Winter months.

RSL Bowls Club & Anzac Day Bowls

The Shepparton RSL Bowls club have formally decided that this will be their final season. They have voted to go into recess after this season.

They have also decided to not go ahead with their Anzac Day Bowls Tournament.

Our club will conduct a tournament on Anzac Day. Details are:-

- Anzac Day 2020 is Saturday 25 April.

- Commencing 1pm.

- 2 games 12 ends

- 2 bowl triples

- \$30 per team

- Afternoon tea provided.

All proceeds to go to Bushfire relief.

Pennant practice

Just another reminder that pennant practice will be held on Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Numbers are a bit low. Please attend if you can.

Friday night bowls

Our Div. 1 team will be playing Shepparton Golf on the carpet Friday night. All welcome.