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Newsletter

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

### **Pennant**

The pennant season has started and it all seems to be working satisfactorily at this stage.

All of our Midweek teams are competitive and are well placed at this time.

Our Weekend teams are struggling a bit, and, it seems that the general feeling is that we are a bit flat.

Many teams across the GVBD seem to have improved due to, new coaches with new enthusiasm, team mergers, new recruits open bowls.

There are a number of things to think about regarding pennant in the Covid era.

- Midweek pennant is now open with male bowlers able to play in any position.
- No lunches are able to be supplied by clubs at this stage. Bowlers for Midweek and Weekend pennant will need to take their own lunch/snacks, etc.
- The rules state that shared / communal tea and coffee stations are not to be used until further notice. Clubs can provide tea or coffee, i.e., served by volunteers/staff.
- Green fees will reduce to \$5 for Weekend bowlers as there is no afternoon tea provided.
- At present Covid rules state that drink fountains are not to be used. Please take your own water/drinks and a drink bottle if you like. Please put your name on your bottle.
- No spectators are allowed at pennant at the present time.

Please be aware that other clubs may interpret or apply the rules in differing ways, so, they may differ from what is the usual at home.

### **House keeping**

Members will note that netting to the ground has been reinstalled on the Rose Green. There are still problems with birds and the mess they make on the carpet. Please be careful when entering and don't get caught in the netting.

Members are still welcome to have a tea or coffee, but, please do not congregate around the kitchen/urn area.

We ask that if you have a tea / coffee and take it outside please return your empty cup to the kitchen and place it on the sink. As always someone else has to pick up all the empties if they are left lying around.

We also remind members that we will no longer provide drinking cups at the drinking fountains. This is done in the interests of the environment, our workers who have to pick up many cups on Monday, and the cost.

### **Turkey Triples**

The annual Turkey Triples will be held on Sunday December 13 at 4.30pm.

3 games of 2 bowl triples. \$45 per team.

This is a great, fun, event and we urge all members to join in.

Full details and a list are on the notice board. .

This event is sponsored by Mawsons Supermix and we thank them for their ongoing, long term sponsorship of our club.

### **Pennant practice**

Practice for Midweek pennant is held every Monday afternoon at 4p.m. Numbers to date have been very good, and, this is most pleasing to selectors and team management.

The numbers for Weekend pennant practice have been disappointing. Some of this can be explained by Weekend pennant players also playing Midweek bowls, and, our ongoing Thursday pairs bowls.

We ask that all members make an effort to also attend at least one training session through the week. This will be a huge step in our teams continuing to improve as the year goes on.

With this in mind the Tuesday after training BBQ will be moved to Friday after training at about 5.30pm. Happy hour prices will apply at the bar.

### **Rose Green**

Most members would be aware that the birds are still a problem on the Rose Green. We are still considering solutions to this problem.

The carpet will be shampooed on November 23 and the carpet will be out of action for several days.

The carpet is to be stretched, but, we are unable to give a time as the Tiger Turf crew are still stuck in NSW.

It may be that this will not occur until early in the new year.

## Ongoing bowls

Our always popular Thursday 2 X 2 pairs will continue year round. All bowlers are most welcome. 2 games 12 ends, commencing at 12.30pm. The start time will most likely revert to 10.30am in the near future. Please bring your own lunch when this occurs as we are unable to provide food at this stage. Entries to Graeme Sinclair on 0418395388. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please let Graeme know as early as possible. Failure to advise Graeme of your inability to attend also affects other teams/players.

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## New members

We have been fortunate to welcome 16 new members to our club this year. If you see a new face around the club please introduce yourself, say hello and welcome them to our club.

Our new members are:-

Charles Pellegrino	Julie Bennett
Robert Bennett	Malcolm Pretty
Thomas Downie	Lorraine Nicholls
Neville Winch	Sandra Winch
Coral Williams	Tanya Warren
Geoff Barkley	Barry Nelson
Ken McNamara	Barry Cartwright
Peter Fraser	Jim MacDonald

We welcome you all to the Shepparton Park Bowls Club, and, please enjoy your bowls.

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## Bowlers Arms

Just a reminder to all prospective and existing club members that we have a supply of the most popular bowlers arms in all sizes.

You are able to borrow these for practice and to establish which type suits you best.

There are also a number of sets of bowls for newcomers to try out.

Please see the Secretary if you would like more information.

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## Chicken and Salad night

Helen and Robyn are planning a chicken and salad night as a Christmas breakup. The proposed date is 19 December from around 6pm. This is a pennant day but everyone is invited to attend in uniform to enjoy a rare social event during the Covid era.

All food will be provided at a cost of \$15 per head. Donations for a hamper raffle would be greatly appreciated.

## Pennant duties

On our weekly pennant selection sheets a duty team/teams are announced.

Can all bowlers be aware that the duties of the selected duty teams are as follows.

- \* Collect all scoreboards ( outside greens only ) and stack them in front of the shed.

- \* Collect the corner flags on the grass greens and place them in the shed.

- \* Collect all mats and kitties, sanitise them, and place the mats in the trolley. Kitties from the Rose Green to go in the trolley and kitties from the grass greens in the green bin. It would be most helpful if all members could put these items away for their own rink after play.

- \* Take down the flags from the front of the clubhouse and place them in the tournament office.

- \* Put the rink selection board in the members lounge.

- \* Make sure the umpires kit is put away.

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## Board matters

Our solar system has been repaired. 1 Inverter had failed, and, was replaced and 3 isolators on the roof were replaced.

The display fridge in the kitchen was repaired, and, it may need further repairs down the track as the fans are wearing out.

We have received an account for insurance on our building from Shepparton Council. The account is \$9259 minus a Covid discount of 25% = \$7145. It is only in the last 2 years that council are charging our club for building insurance. We also received an account for \$4500 for business and public liability insurance. Costs are increasing all the time.

The board are also investigating ways to make our P.A. System more reliable. It is an embarrassment to our club that the system is not reliable on every occasion. If we persist with the same set up we will prepare a step by step instruction sheet for all to follow.

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## Selection

Our selectors have volunteered to undertake this most important duty, and, it is a very demanding task to satisfy everyone all the time.

Please do not confront individual selectors around the club with any grievances.

The selectors are available at 6pm on Tuesday evening when they are selecting teams. Please knock on the members lounge door and discuss your concerns in a respectful manner. Thank you.