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October Newsletter 2025

Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2022

Dates to remember

October

- 29 GV Region 60 & Over Singles Day 1 East Shepp
- 29 Men's 60 & Over at Shepp Park
- 29 Social Bowls—Round 4
- 30 Ladies 60 & Over
- 30 Open 2 X 2 Pairs

November

- 1 Weekend Pennant Round 3
- 4 Melbourne Cup no Pennant
- 5 Men's 60 & Over
- 5 Social Bowls Round 5
- 6 Ladies 60 & Over
- 6 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 8 Weekend Pennant Round 4
- 9 Rowland Sutcliffe Challenge
- 10 Entries close GV State Pairs
- 11 Midweek Pennant Round 4
- 12 GV 60 & Over Singles Day 2
- 12 Men's 60 & Over
- 12 Social Bowls Round 6
- 13 Ladies 60 & Over
- 13 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 14 **Trivia Night**
- 15 Weekend Pennant Round 5
- 16 Round 2 Completed Lades & Men's A Grade
- 16 Round 2 Completed Ladies & Men's B Grade
- 16 Round 2 Completed Ladies & Men's Pairs
- 16 GV State Mixed Pairs Day 2
- 18 Midweek Pennant Round 5
- 19 Men's 60 & Over
- 20 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 20 Ladies 60 & Over
- 22 Weekend Pennant Round 6
- 23 GV State Mixed Pairs Day 1
- 24 Entries close GV State Singles
- 24 GMBR Board meeting at Shepp Park
- 25 Midweek Pennant Round 6
- 26 Men's 60 & Over
- 27 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 27 Ladies 60 & Over
- 28 **Working Bee on Members Green**
- 29 Weekend Pennant Round 7
- 30 Members Green to be lasered.

Vale Vince Page

Tragedy struck Shepparton Park on the evening of Wednesday 8th October when esteemed member, Vince Page, collapsed on the green. Despite heroic efforts from members and the arrival of the ambulance, Vince could not be revived. Vince has been a great member of the Club right from the start as he was one of the original members to come from the Shepparton Club. Vince has always been a great club person, acting as licensee, an umpire, team manager, skipper, bar attendant and mentor to new bowlers. Sincere condolences to the family on the passing of a fine gentleman. It was wonderful to see so many members in

uniform at the service to celebrate Vines's life. His family were deeply moved by this show of respect.

Save the Date

On Friday 28th November there will be a working bee to spread sand on the Members Green in preparation for lasering of the green on Sunday 30th. We will need lots of helpers on the day, many hands make light work, bring you shovels & rakes and wheelbarrows. More details to come closer to the date.

Social Committee

The first Social Committee event on the 10th October was a great success with everyone enjoying the variety of delicious food. The next event will be a **Trivia Night** on Friday 14th November 6.30pm, organize a team of 6 people for a competitive night of a different type. :) Register your team with Rene via email; spbcsocialcom@gmail.com

Social Bowls

Our popular Social Bowls competition is well under way. If you would like to help out, or if you know of someone who would like to play, please contact Roy Brown Ph 0476044981.

Thankyou

Many thanks to all our members who donated a variety of sweet and savoury food for Vince's wake on the 20th. To all the ladies who worked in the kitchen making sandwiches and heating food your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the members who helped with setup and cleanup on the day.
Sandra and Joy.

Board of Management

At our recent Board meeting we welcomed Jim Shanahan to the Board as an additional Board member, Jim will be assisting in administration with the requirement by Bowls Vic to update our constitution, along with other matters. Jim's knowledge of our club and it's history is extremely valuable, welcome Jim and thank you.

Bowls Director

Our first Friday night meal was fantastic, well done to all who prepared the night. First weeks of Midweek and Weekend Pennant results are very pleasing, well done to all bowlers involved. Being available to play each week makes it so much easier for selectors. I believe the club, with all the volunteers around and support from members, we will have another great year both on the greens and socially. A number of players are having health problems, we wish them well and look forward to seeing them back at the club as soon as their health improves. Thank you to the President of Murchison

Bowling Club who went out of his way to provide two players so our Div 6 could play in the first round. Please be considerate of our selectors, they spend a lot of time considering teams based on ability and compatibility, if you have concerns please make an appointment to meet with the selectors at an appropriate time to discuss them.

Greens – Wes Gibbs

All is going well at the moment on the grass greens. Our next big project is the spreading of sand on Friday 28th of November. Hopefully we will get plenty of volunteers for this.

It was very sad to lose one of our greens helpers, Vince page, he was a great helper to the maintenance of the greens. He will be sadly missed. Many thanks to all who continue to help in any way.

Seniors Festival

A come and try bowling afternoon was held during Seniors month, we had six people turn up, two of them very keen which was a great result, thanks to those who helped out on the day.

Club Shirts, Jackets & Hoodies

Joy Gardam is the contact for these Ph 0422214954. She currently has club shirts \$40 in a range of sizes if you need to purchase a new one, Joy also has club caps \$20, Hoodies \$90 & Jackets \$100. Joy has also set up a rack of second hand bowls wear, if you would like to donate please contact Joy, money for purchases to Joy please.

Facebook

Keep the photos and information coming it is a great promotion for our club, send any photos to Jarrad Ph. 0401 020 101.

Sponsors

Please support our sponsors, without them we could not run our Tournaments and events. There is a list of our Sponsors on the back of your Members Handbook and on our website. If you know of a business that might like to sponsor us please let Angelo know Ph 0414476206.

Another of our important sponsors is Donway Caravans, if you are looking to buy or sell a caravan talk to the team at Donway, any sale we result in a bonus to our club.

Blind/Visually impaired Bowls Day

On Sunday 19th October, in conjunction with Blind Bowls Vic, we hosted a come and try day for visually impaired bowlers and anyone interested in learning about directing these with vision loss, a group from Melbourne arrived by bus and met with some locals, in all we had around 30 people participating in what was a fun and informative day.

There are several forms of vision impairment, depending on the disability and bowlers preference there are different ways to assist vision impaired bowlers, I wore a hi-vis vest as the lady I was guiding requested I stand jack high on the line she needed to bowl to, others used distance from the mat to gauge weight, some wanted you to stand behind the jack when they were delivering the bowl.



Those who have bowled with Michael Britz will have seen his fluoro sight poles and lights beside them he uses as guides. We needed to remember to talk to them about their bowl and where it finished, eg. a metre short or long, 20 cms wide, jack high. Rachel from Blind Bowls Vic brought along some glasses so the sighted bowlers could experience bowling while vision impaired, it's not easy!

Above: Marg McNamara after sending down a bowl while "vision impaired".

Jeff Boyle trying out the Vision impaired glasses.



Pictured below are all the participants in Blind Bowls Day

