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January Newsletter 2026

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

Dates to remember

January

- 20 Midweek Pennant Round 11
- 21 Men's 60 & Over
- 21 GV 60 & Over mixed Pairs final
- 22 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 24 Weekend Pennant Round 11
- 27 Midweek Pennant Round 12
- 28 Men's 60 & Over
- 28 Social Bowls Round 1
- 29 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 31 Weekend Pennant Round 12

February

- 1 Round 2 Completed Mixed Pairs.
- 1 Round 2 Completed 100up & 21up.
- 3 Midweek Pennant Round 13
- 4 Men's 60 & Over
- 4 Social Bowls Round 2
- 5 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 5 Ladies 60 & Over
- 7 Weekend Pennant Round 14
- 10 Midweek Pennant Round 14
- 11 Social Bowls Round 3
- 11 Men's 60 & Over
- 12 Open Medley 5 a Side
- 12 Ladies 60 & Over
- 14 Weekend Pennant Round 14
- 15 State Champion of Champions Pairs Day 1
- 17 **Midweek Pennant—Semi Finals**
- 18 Memorial Day
- 18 Men's 60 & Over
- 18 Social Bowls Round 4
- 19 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 19 Ladies 60 & Over
- 21 **Weekend Pennant—Semi finals**
- 22 Round 3 Completed Mixed Pairs
- 22 Round 3 Completed 100 up & 21 up.
- 22 State Champion of Champions Pairs Day 2
- 24 **Midweek Pennant Preliminary finals**
- 25 Social Bowls Round 5
- 26 Open 2 X 2 Pairs
- 26 Ladies 60 & Over
- 28 **Weekend Pennant Preliminary Finals**

Vale

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Bill Wheeler. Bill had been a member for several years, he was team manager of Saturday and Midweek Pennant teams, always quietly spoken, a true gentleman who will be greatly missed. R.I.P

Club Events

Congratulations to the winners of Club Championships:
Ladies A Grade Joy Gardam, runner up Marg Thorne,
Ladies B Grade Maxene Moore, runner up Lorna Coucill,
Men's A Grade Shane Edwards, runner up Ray Sellwood,
Men's B Grade George Davis, runner up Chris Meek.
Ladies Pairs winners Kate Bush & Tracey Loughhead,

runners up Marg Thorne & Sue Tyson, Men's Pairs Kelvin Rogash & Ray Sellwood, runners up Roy Brown & Ian Jennings. Some fantastic games, well done everyone! Joy Gardam and Shane Edwards will now play in the GV Champion of Champions, on Sunday 1st March, for the chance to play at Regional and then State Level, good luck!

Open 2 X 2 Pairs are back every Thursday after a break over the Christmas New Year period, the Scroungers on 4th January was a great success and enjoyed by all those who took part.

Club games of 21 Up, 100 Up and Mixed Pairs are going well, remember to play your games in a timely manner please.

Major Raffle

We will be running the Major Raffle again this season, it is a valuable and much needed fundraiser for our club so please support it. Tickets are \$50, these are now available from Joy Gardam, included in your ticket is lunch and drinks on the day, the chance to play in pairs game on the day and the chance to win some cash. We will be drawing the Raffle on **SUNDAY 1ST MARCH** so put this date in your diary. Buy a ticket or two and come along for a fun day.

Positions Vacant

We are in the process of filling the club cleaner position with a professional cleaner, thank you to the members who made recommendations.

Mia Nowosad has done a wonderful job of the corporate program, however she will not continue in this role next year as she wishes to concentrate on qualifying for the Tongan Bowls team. If you would like to fill this role please let Mia or a Board member know, Mia will be happy to show you the ropes.

Our Secretary (me) Marg McNamara has been in the position for almost four years and will not be continuing next year, I am happy to work with you initially and will still be around to help. As we are going travelling before the AGM this year I would like to hand over early in the New Year. Please contact me for further information. We will also be looking for a new sponsorship person next season, Angelo Russo has done a wonderful job over the last few years but he is retiring from the role at the end of the season.

Bowls Director - Graeme Myers

Back to bowls after the Christmas & New Year break. Unfortunately Midweek and Saturday Bowls were cancelled for Round 10 due to the devastating fires. All teams are going well and the majority like like playing finals, at present Midweek Div 1 is sitting 3rd, Div 2 on top, Div 3 4th, Div 4(1) 2nd & Div 4(2) 6th.

Saturday Pennant Div 1 3rd, Div 2 1st, Div 3 2nd, Div 4 1st & Div 5 3rd. Well done to all Shepp Park Players, keep going and hopefully we can bring home a few premierships.

Congratulations to our Club Champions and members who played in the finals.

Congratulations to Kate Bush & Paul Nichols winners of the GV 60 & Over Mixed Pairs.

All the best to everyone for the rest of the season.

Player Behaviour

Please show encouragement and respect to your fellow bowlers. There have been recent incidences of disrespectful comments and body language, this is very disappointing. Nobody sets out to play badly, we all have bad days - don't make it worse, be supportive. A happy and encouraged bowler will play better.

Greens – Wes Gibbs

Both greens have come up well after top dressing. Extreme heat is always a worry! The overhead sprinklers are a great asset as they enable the watering to be done anytime, 24 hours a day.

Many thanks to all members who continue to work and assist in many ways on the greens and surrounds.

Social Bowls

Our popular Social Bowls competition starts again on Wednesday 28th January, if you would like to help out, or if you or someone you know would like to play, please contact Roy Brown Ph 0476044981.

Emergency Contacts

An update on emergency contacts. It has been brought to my attention that you can add emergency contacts in your mobile phone and these can be accessed when the phone is locked i.e. in an emergency. To find/enter emergency numbers tap on the 'emergency call' on the front page of your phone. This will tell you how to enter numbers & show emergency contacts on the phone, there is also the option of entering medical conditions. Do yourself and your family and friends a favour, take a few minutes to do this now. If you would prefer to carry a piece of paper/card and place it in a front pocket of your bowls bag where it is easily found in an emergency, I have prepared some proforma slips for those who need them, they are next to the Newsletters on the cork notice board inside the club.

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 \$25, 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.



Club Champions:
Joy Gardam and Shane Edwards



B Grade Champions:
Maxene Moore and George Davis



Pairs Champions:
Kate Bush and Tracey Loughhead
Kelvin Rogash and Ray Sellwood



'Stirrers' Spoon won by the Men. The trophy was presented by Joy and accepted by Graeme Myers.

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, please show your appreciation by supporting these businesses.

We have lost some sponsors, in our current financial difficulties we really rely on the help of our sponsors, If you know of a business that might like to sponsor us please let Angelo know Ph 0414476206.

One of our long term sponsors is GV Vets, for all your pet care please consider the team at GV Vets.

Congratulations Club Champions



Pairs Runners Up:
Sue Tyson and Marg Thorne
Ian Jennings and Roy Brown



A Grade Runners Up: Marg Thorne and Ray Selwood
B Grade Runners Up : Lorna Coucill and Chris Meek