

Beaumont Bowling Club Inc.

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Beaumont Bowling Club Update No. 10 – February 2016

Dear Members

There is certainly a great deal to read about after our Board meeting on Monday 8 February. Some important dates for your diary are:

- AGM Friday 6 May
- Friday 15 April Presentation Night 1

If you are thinking about becoming a Board member, nominations are due 14 days before the AGM which will be Friday 22 April. There will be more about these two special events on our calendar later but please make sure you write them down so you keep the two nights free.

It has also been good to hear many positive comments about our new sponsor boards. In fact, a number of other clubs that have visited us have made comments and the boards have attracted two more businesses that are considering becoming sponsors of our club. The Board really does appreciate how seriously you are taking sponsorship and using our sponsors whenever possible. Thank you......

The following are some points discussed at our meeting.

Easter Raffle Draw:

Another date for the diary! On Friday 18 March, we will be conducting a fun tournament afternoon followed by a Happy Hour during which we will draw the winners of our Easter Raffle. Every member has been given a raffle book (10 tickets for a dollar each) and these are available on the table by our office. As we get closer to the date we will be asking for donations and then making up a number of baskets for the lucky winners to take home. If one book is not enough, please see Leonie to obtain another one or two.....



Night Owls Day:

Gosh yet another date. On Sunday 20 March, we are looking to hold a fun session with our Night Owlers and Pennant Players. It will start late morning followed by a barbecue and more play after lunch. Given most of our members come from Night Owls, we are hoping everyone will get involved and make this a fantastic day. Stephen Jones and John Binks-Williams will be planning the day.

We have also cancelled our Thursday Night Owls due to low numbers and the time spent by a few members in organising it. The good news is that we had 96 *Night Owlers* playing bowls last week on Tuesday night and our club was really "rocking". Fingers crossed these numbers continue to build.

A letter has also been sent to Bowls SA about our dissatisfaction in the amount of money they are now asking for Night Owls and also a number of other factors. We will await their reply with great interest.

New Member:

A b-i-g welcome to Susan Johnson who has become a member. Susan is very keen and is already looking at what bowls to purchase so she is ready to join the pennant women when the season starts in October. Welcome Susan.

Board Resignation:

It was indeed sad news to receive a resignation letter from our Board member, Michael Molnar. Michael has been a Board member at Beaumont for a number of years and his contribution has been greatly appreciated. Thanks Michael from all of us.

Rink Duty:

This is just a little reminder that teams really do need to take their turn on Rink Duty quite seriously. On a few occasions other people have spent well over 30 minutes after the game cleaning everything in the kitchen, etc Please think of others if it is your turn and refer to your very comprehensive list of duties.

Pants:

Are you happy with the white pants you wear on pennant days or would you like to change to blue? (not navy!) This has been raised so many times that the Board has decided to gather some information from members so very soon there will be a quick *tick the box* survey on the table outside the office for you to have a say. The cost would be approximately ______

Country Carnival:

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out at the Country Carnival recently held at our club over 3 days. Our hospitality was noted by our country visitors and they were very positive about the quality of our food. One group mentioned that they call some clubs "the fly away clubs" because the food would disappear in a light breeze! They also commented about our greens, so overall it was a great success. Thanks to Jim Feetham and Robert Field for managing the 3 days and to Heather Forrest and Leonie Trimper for co-ordinating the catering.

Barbecue Area:

We are aware that a number of you are concerned about the location of our barbecue on the veranda and we are exploring the cost to erect a pergola next to the shed alongside B Green. We will be meeting with Stratco, but if any member has any suggestions about how we could do this please see Ian Campbell. It would be a lovely enhancement to our club if we had a sheltered area where we could barbecue and have some tables and chairs to relax in. It would certainly be another attraction to hire our facilities.





Bushwhackers:

As you know we have the 25th anniversary of the Bushwhackers event at Beaumont on Thursday 31 March. Nominations are already up to 132 and the Board decided we could extend the number to 160. Phew! This will be an "all hands on deck day" and we are looking for anyone who has a bain-marie to assist with us keeping the food warm. If you can help in the kitchen on that day please give your name to Leonie Trimper.

Bowls:

The Board always spends time looking at how all the sides are going because, after all, this is our core business. We have a few sides doing very well and we hope our Metro 1 Saturday side comes home with a wet sail. Good luck to everyone as we near the end of the season.

It is also terrific to see some of our new bowlers entering the world of tournaments. There are many things happening in clubs at the moment and we wish to really encourage members to play in them because this is a good way to improve your bowls.

Our Club Championships are also entering a number of finals so please keep your eye on pending matches. We will let you know when the men's final is due to be played.

Congratulations to Jenny Tregoning who had a good game in the Women's final against Maxine Swain and came home in the end. Congratulations Jenny.

It was also fantastic to see our women's pennant team have another win on Thursday and this is the first time they have won all three rinks and secured 12 points. Well done to all of you. Major League here we come!



PS Keep your eye on the new noticeboard near the Bar as this will keep you up-to-date with everything that is happening and will include people who are not well, important dates, help needed, etc

Ian Williams President