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Beaumont Bowling Club Update No. 12 – May 2016

Dear Members

Annual General Meeting

It was good to see 50 members attend our AGM last Friday night with 9 apologies. There was a very positive feel in the room and a sense that members are ready to support the new Board to continue to build upon the successes of the previous year. Congratulations to our members who have been elected to the Board. It's important to remember that these members either work or are retired and devote much of their spare time to make a difference at our Club. We have a good solid Board with a variety of experience and skills.....thank you to everyone for volunteering.

Your new Board is:

- **President** : **Leonie Trimper**
- **Vice Presidents** : **Ian Campbell and Brian Molloy**
- **Secretary** : **Bob Scholefield**
- **Treasurer** : **John Binks-Williams**
- **Members** : **Tom Pointon, John Bohner, Don Topsfield and Stephen Jones**

There is still one vacancy and we will discuss this at our first meeting on Monday 16 May.

A b-i-g thank you to **Ian Williams** who retired as our President and took on the role at a very challenging time. Much was achieved last year. We also thank **Robert Field** and **Michael Molnar** who were also previous Board members. Michael was elected as a life member so congratulation for this prestigious recognition by our Club for the role you have played at Beaumont over the years.

Membership Fees

One of the changes to our fees highlighted at the AGM was the cost of an Associate Member dropping from \$200 to \$65. I have already chatted to 2 *Night Owlers* who are going to join at this fee. A letter will now be sent to all *Night Owlers* informing them of the change and encouraging them to join.

It was clear during the discussion about fees for new members (men and women) that it may be time for the Board to discuss some of the issues raised at the meeting around this topic. It is important that everything relating to our fees is transparent.

Club Closure

Just a reminder that our Club will be **closed from Monday 16 May until Thursday 19 May** as the Council will be replacing our roof. This means that social bowls will be cancelled on the Wednesday. We have developed a good relationship with the Burnside Council and your Board will ensure that this relationship continues to prosper.

Happy Hours

Raising much needed funds will also continue to be a priority, so our Happy Hours will start again on Friday 27 May. Drink prices will be reduced from 5:30pm until 6:30pm and each week there will be a member's draw of \$50 which will increase by \$10 each week if the member drawn on the night is not present.



Every menu will consist of 2 courses; a main and a dessert. You will be offered casseroles, curries, prawns and calamari, lasagne, schnitzel, etc and desserts such as apricot and ginger cream, tiramisu, chocolate and almond cake, trifles.....and the list goes on. This is rather an ambitious menu for us but we are going to give it a go. Sometime during the Winter, work will begin on our kitchen.....so fingers crossed there will be minimum disruption to our Happy Hours.



There will be an important proviso for Happy Hours this year because we will be asking members to **pre-book**. This will ensure that we don't waste food, time and money with over-catering. We know you will appreciate why we need to do this so a good idea might be to cross out every Friday night in your diary now. Whilst this was a great fundraiser last year, it was also a great time for members to greet and meet each other.

Royal Blue Pants / Trousers

As you know, we have 2 suppliers: Jack High and Kelli Wray. Kelli has left some samples at our Club and as you can see from the photo of Marlene Haynes, they are all very large sizes, but remember, they are only samples. Kelli will be at the Club on **Saturday 14 May from 10am until 11:30am and also Tuesday 24 May from 7pm until 8pm** (*this time has been changed because of the Club being closed the previous week*) for you to try on a suitable size. Members are free to go to Jack High at their leisure but do tell Steve you are from Beaumont so you can get the discount. I must say that John and I have bought some royal blue shorts and the colour looks terrific with our white tops, although my shorts reveal a very white set of knees given I have worn ¾ pants for 2 seasons!



Clothing and Bric-a Brac Sale

As previously advertised, this will take place at the Club starting on Saturday 11 June and continuing on the Sunday and the Monday given it will be a long weekend. The sale will continue the following weekend on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June. We will be looking for volunteers to help out during this time and hopefully you are saving all your household treasures and any quality clothing you no longer wish to keep. **Maxine Swain is** our clothing sale guru and I know a number of you have already spoken to her about a number of items you have to sell. This is a huge amount of work and we will be asking a charity to collect anything left-over at the end of the 5 day sale.



Bridge Day - Advance Notice

On Tuesday 26 July, **Judy Day** and **Liz Brown** will be running a Bridge Day at the Club so you may like to add this date in your diary.



Sick List

It was good to see **Gavin Brown** coming to see everyone at social bowls last Saturday after his hip replacement operation and it looks like he will be throwing away his walking stick soon. We will also be thinking of **David Andary** who will be undergoing a major operation shortly and **David Both** who will be having a knee reconstruction.

Are there other people on the sick list? Sometimes a card, call or visit lets our bowling colleagues know that we care and are thinking of them.

Your Board will be developing a calendar of events, with the first 6 months being as detailed as possible. Our new website will include a calendar and will be up and running by the start of the bowling season. **Mike Miller** is spending a great deal of time uploading information onto the new site and is currently working on all the names on our Honour Boards. Thanks Mike.

Do we have any members who would like to become our 'official photographers' around the Club? It will be important for the new site to be regularly updated with photos of all our events so that potential members see how much fun we have and how friendly everyone is.....in fact a recent new member came to check out our Club, along with a number of other clubs, and chose Beaumont. There's nothing quite like walking into a club and having members say hello and welcome.

As mentioned above, your Board will be meeting on Monday 16 May so if there are any hot issues you think we need to address, please let us know.

We are committed to working hard with your support to ensure that Beaumont is a friendly community club with a very strong future. We understand that bowling is our core business and this will be at the centre of our decision making.

As the new President I am looking forward to the next 12 months. I am also doing jury duty for the month of May which will keep me fairly occupied.

Leonie Trimper
President