



## Beaumont Bowling Club Inc.

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# Beaumont Bowling Club Update No. 13 – May 2016

Dear Members

Your Board had its first meeting on Monday 16 May and for the first hour we spent time discussing our priorities and directions for 2016/2017.

Our identified priority areas are:

**Bowls Operations** which will include Pennants, selection, tournaments, club championships, social bowls, coaching, etc. **Stephen Jones and Don Topsfield** will be taking the lead to formulate an action plan.

**Night Owls.** This was seen as a priority area given the disappointing attendance last year. **Brian Malloy, John Binks-Williams and I** will be leading this one.

**Facilities.** **Ian Campbell and John Bohner** will continue to implement the directions that were started last year. The upgrade of our kitchen, a pergola for our barbecue and a start on our men's toilet will keep everyone busy this year.

**Social and Fundraising.** This is a new priority even though there were many new initiatives last year such as our Happy Hours, Clothing Sale, Hire of Facilities, etc. I will be leading this one.

**Governance and Finance.** This will include the bar, applying for grants, setting budgets, roles and responsibilities of different people around the club. **John Binks-Williams, with support from Don Topsfield,** will be leading this area.

**Communication.** This will include our new website and social media, newsletters, noticeboards, etc. **Tom Pointon, supported by Bob Scholefield,** will look after this one..... and finally

**Membership** - including an induction package for new members, the role of an almoner, recruitment of new members, celebrating milestones, role of volunteers, etc. **Tom Pointon, John Binks-Williams and I** will be leading this area.

All Board members left the meeting with the task of developing an Action Plan for their area to present to the Board at the next meeting on Monday 6 June. The Board's commitment is very obvious given we have only allowed 2 weeks to complete their tasks. Clearly the priorities will be modified and refined as we explore them further.

This, however, is only the start.....Board members will be looking to establish committees and will be seeking help and advice from many of you. Is there an area above that you feel particularly passionate about and think we could be doing things better? All of our priorities rely on a great band of supporters at our club and I can assure you that this year will be no different.

### **New Members**

A big welcome to **Bob Egerton** who has been very active at social bowls and **Raymond Young** who is looking to start social bowls next Wednesday. You will find the Beaumont Bowling Club a terrific place to spend part of your week given everyone is so friendly and welcoming.

### **Bowls SA: Metropolitan Pennant Restructure**

By now, most of you would have read the memos from the Match and Program Committee of Bowls SA about changes to next year's Pennant Season. The Board discussed the implications of having 3 sides in Division 6 on Saturday and we have listened to many of you voice your concern about the potential travel that could be involved for some sides. We will be making recommendations to Bowls SA about this and it provides a great challenge for us to lift one side into Division 5 for the 2017/2018 season.

### **Bowls SA: Affiliation Fee Model - Proposal**

Bowls SA is considering a new fee proposal moving to a Club-based fee structure rather than capitation fees for individual members and \$10 per Night Owl. Included is a percentage increase of 7% to allow for CPI increases, World Bowls and Bowls Australia fee increases. In fact, their memo reads like they want us to include all club members in our numbers, no matter what their involvement. The supposed increase in the numbers of bowlers across the state would give Bowls SA more bargaining power, according to the memo.

There has been one meeting with club Presidents which Ian attended and another meeting is planned for 6 June. We do urge you to read the memo on the noticeboard as a number of concerns were raised by your Board at our meeting. There will be much discussion and analysis around this but as announced at the AGM, we will not be passing on any increase to you this year.

### **New Member Joining Fees**

Given the issue of fees for new members to our club was briefly raised at our AGM and consequently discussed at our meeting, it was unanimously agreed that membership fees for women would continue to be waived for 2016/2017 until our numbers grow. They will be asked to pay a capitation fee if they play Pennants. As we have always done, any men who join will be entitled to a significant reduction. Our membership Categories and Subscriptions form will be updated so everything about our fees is transparent.

### Safety Poles On Our Greens

We have been approached by a member to look at the number of safety poles we have around our greens to assist bowlers get up and down. Our Facilities Portfolio has taken this on board and will be exploring ways to do this. It's great that members are getting so involved and sharing their concerns and ideas with us.

### New Roof

Would you believe the council workers replacing our roof discovered some wires that went over the purloins with some nails/screws going through them?? Sheesh! This posed quite a dangerous situation and the Council urgently needed to employ an electrician to fix the problem.

### Events Calendar - Metropolitan

Bowls SA has released its calendar for the season and you might like to put the following dates in your diary:

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| Wednesday Pennants: | will commence on 5 October and finish on 14 December |
| Thursday Pennants:  | will commence on 6 October and finish on 15 December |
| Saturday Pennants:  | will commence on 8 October and finish on 10 December |

January 11, 12 and 14 will be the starting dates in the New Year.

We will be developing a calendar with all the important dates you need to know but Bob will place the Bowls SA Events Calendar on our noticeboard for you to read.

As you can see, our meeting was very productive and we have made a great start.

So.....we hope to see you at our first **Happy Hour on Friday 27 May** for a gourmet beef casserole, rice and a beautiful apricot dessert. Yum!

Don't forget that you need to book this year and the booking form is on the table by the office.

Can I conclude by saying thank you to all the members who have approached me offering their support. It really has been appreciated.



**Thank You!**

Regards

*Leonie Trümper*  
**President**