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Beaumont Bowling Club Update No. 15 – July 2016

Dear Members

Given all the wild weather we have experienced, I thought I would start with some real positives to warm you up. Your Board braved the weather last Monday and as you will see there is a great deal of good news to report.

Selectors

A b-i-g congratulations and thank you to the following members who have nominated as selectors for our upcoming season: **Gavin Brown, John Forrest, Bill King, Peter Kitching, Brian Molloy and John Rixon**. All nominations have been ratified by your Board and the group will be working with **Jim Feetham** as the Chair of Selectors. There will not be any need for Board members to go looking for extra bodies to make up the numbers as this year the 6 positions advertised have been filled first time around. As you know there will be a consultative process used this year with the group working together. A nomination form will also be sent to the women who will be playing on Thursdays.

Website

Our new website is nearly ready and **Mike Miller** presented the new site to the Board for the first 45 minutes of our meeting. There was a general consensus that the site is looking great and, like red wine, will keep getting better and better as we add more photos and information. Mike deserves a h-u-g-e thank you as he has spent hours and hours uploading all the current information including our Honour Boards, Life Members, etc. I know for a fact that he spent 5 hours enlarging all the sponsors' logos given they were so tiny on the screen. Mike will continue to be our web manager and any information that needs to go on will go through me as the President. This way Mike won't be bombarded by bits of information coming from a variety of members. We are very hopeful that the site will be launched by the end of July. Thank you also to **Tom Pointon and John Binks-Williams** who have been involved in the site's development.

New Members



Three new members joined our Club this month, which is indeed great news so a b-i-g welcome to **Joanne and Terry Kirby and Graham Short**. Many of us know Jo and Terry who are avid night owlers and have been very busy playing social bowls throughout winter. Graham, a very experienced bowler, comes from Coffin Bay and will be a great asset to our Club. We know you will all enjoy your time at friendly BBC.

Pergola

The Burnside Council has approved the erection of a small pergola by the shed which will house our barbecue and provide some shelter for the cooks. The pergola is being erected by *Olympic Industries* at a very reasonable cost and we will be adding them to our wonderful list of sponsors. Now picture this.....the weather is a balmy summer Friday evening, food is sizzling on the barbecue, there are tables and chairs set up so members can have a drink and dine al fresco, some members and visitors are bowling under lights.....we will have to see if we can make this a reality. The pergola has been designed so we can build onto it when there's available money.

We are also currently exploring the cost of having gas connected to our kitchen, toilets and possibly to the new barbecue area.

Pennant Availability Form

Thank you to everyone who returned their pennant form but there are still a number due back, so once we have received these we will be able to look at the number of sides we can enter on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Did you know that our top pennant side on Wednesday will have a side of 16 players who will play 2 games of fours, 2 games of triples and one pairs so they will need 5 rinks each week?

Volunteer Form

Gee, the response to our request for volunteers in the Club has really been rolling in and your Board would like to say a very sincere thank you to everyone who offered to dedicate some of their free time. It's not too late and just in case you have forgotten to fill out your form, **Tom Pointon** may contact you to see if you can help out.



Budget



John Binks-Williams, our Treasurer, presented the 2016/17 budget to the Board and while it was endorsed, it did present a challenge for us as the budget is a very tight one with a very small, almost negligible, profit. We have no doubt that fundraising needs to remain a very high priority for a good while. Our goal is to update and modernise our clubrooms as much and as soon as possible, with the aim to significantly increase the number of people who hire our facilities. This way, long term sustainability will be assured. I actually met a member from a small club the other day and asked them how their club finances were going and he said there wasn't a problem because of how many people hired their facilities. We will be working hard to increase our number of night owlers this year and the recent support for our Happy Hours has been fantastic. The weather has not been kind to our social bowls for a while which is disappointing.

Do you have any fundraising ideas?
Please talk to me if you have any suggestions.

Subscriptions

Your 2016/17 subscription will be sent to you shortly and will be due by Wednesday 31 August. As you know, Bowls SA has increased the capitation fee by \$4 which will not be added to your fees this year. The Club will be picking this up on your behalf.

We will be asking for donations again and whilst we know this cannot continue forever, we are asking you to be as generous as you can be so we can complete the kitchen. (We are hoping to add another \$10,000 to your last year's donation and to the Government grant.)

Your Club would like to be able to start on the men's toilet but this may have to be a *wait and see*. We understand not everyone can donate but if you can thank, you in advance.

Card Day

A b-i-g thank you to **Judy Day and Liz Brown** who are organising a Card Day on Thursday 28 July.



This is a tremendous effort and we are only short by 16 players at this stage to reach the magic number of 100. I must acknowledge *Clip Joint Hairdressing* as they have donated a raffle prize worth \$260 for a haircut and Keratase products. Judy and Liz will be preparing all the food so their efforts for BBC need to be recognised.

Action Plan

We have almost completed our plans (just some tidying up to do) and they will soon be displayed for those of you interested in having a look at what we are planning. If you have any comments/issues the Board members who will be coordinating the areas are:



- **Governance and Finance:** **John Binks-Williams**
- **Bowls Operations:** **Stephen Jones and Don Topsfield**
- **Night Owls:** **Brian Molloy and Leonie Trimper**
- **Facilities:** **Ian Campbell and John Bohner**
- **Social and Fundraising:** **Leonie Trimper**
- **Communication and Membership:** **Tom Pointon and Leonie Trimper**

Just thought we would let you know that we are exploring the Club obtaining EFTPOS facilities in the near future. For example, at a recent 21st at the Club, there were so many attendees who came up to wave their card as they didn't carry any cash. We missed out on a number of sales because of this.....

John Binks-Williams, Bob Scholefield and I will be attending a meeting at the Adelaide Bowling Club on Friday to hear about the establishment by Bowls SA of a governing body which will represent Metropolitan Bowlers.

Never a dull moment.....

As we have been saying repeatedly recently.....keep warm and hopefully we will see you at the next Happy Hour on Friday 22 July where Rex is going to cooking up a storm.

Regards

Leonie