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Dear Members

It will come as no surprise to you that we spent our recent Board Meeting discussing bowling a great deal given our Opening Day is fast approaching.....which of course will be followed by the start of the pennant season. It is all looking good.

Opening Day

Our day will start at **11am on Saturday 10 September** and will include a lovely light lunch, (sandwiches, sausage rolls, chicken wings and some sweet treats) acknowledgement of our new players and hopefully, a few words from our local **Mayor David Parkin** who will be invited to roll the first bowl. We felt it was important to publicly acknowledge the work that the Burnside Council has done at our Club over the past few years. There will also be a group photo taken given everyone will be in their beautiful brand new royal blue pants for the first time. At approximately 12:30pm we will head out to the bowling green to officially start our season. A programme will be sent to you prior to the day.

Now for the really good news!

As part of **Stephen Jones' retirement celebrations**, he has kindly donated some money towards the light lunch and drinks at the bar for everyone at the end of the day. How good is that? We could bowl for half an hour and then retire for drinks....only kidding Stephen! There are also 3 members who will be donating some excellent raffle prizes. **Thanks to Brian Molloy, Ian Campbell and John Binks-Williams.**

Number Of Sides

We discussed the number of sides we need to submit to Bowls SA by 25 August and what is excellent this year is that we have had an increase in the number of members wishing to play pennants. We will have 3 sides on Wednesdays (1 side of 16 and 2 of 12), 1 side of 12 on Thursdays and 4 sides on Saturdays (1 side of 16 and 3 of 12). Bowls SA recommends that you have your sides plus a 10% buffer and we well and truly meet this criteria, particularly on Wednesdays.

We are intending to contact Bowls SA to make some enquiries about Wednesdays as a number of clubs have contacted them to say that they have a significant number of reserve players given they have now lost a side of 16 to 1 of 12 under the new restructuring of Divisions. Bowls SA has said it will look at this issue. Your Board is also conscious that we have 3 sides in Division 6 on Saturdays and that our more "senior" players should be spared from extensive travel.

Our Greens

As you know, John Bohner is away and during this period we will be resting our A and B Greens as much as we can in preparation for Opening Day and our pennant season. Clearly this means that C Green will dominate for a while.

New Members

A b-i-g welcome to **Maria Raymond** and **Noeleene Bertshinger** who have become members of BBC. Gee it's good to welcome another 2 women to Beaumont and hopefully the number will continue to grow.



Bowling Arms

To arm or not to arm.....

The Board is really enthusiastic that bowlers who thought they couldn't play any more can now access an arm to assist them. In fact, this option has attracted numerous players back to the game. We trust that all members will support any member who starts playing with an arm and see it as a really positive thing rather than a negative. The more people on the greens the better.

Carpet Cleaning

Our carpet will be cleaned on **Monday 15 August at 10am** by *Lightning Cleaning Services* which has given us a very generous quote. To do the job properly, we will be shifting all the furniture out of the area which means the **Club will be closed for 2 days** so we ensure it is completely dry before we start walking on it.

Happy Hours

There are only 2 more to go and we know it is rather messy for members to book given the Club is not open as often as it usually is, but please try to make our last 2 the biggest ones yet. You can always respond to this message because **Mike Miller** makes sure the organisers are notified.

On **Friday 19 August** it will be a curry night.....with a very refreshing dessert.

Heather Forrest, Prue Langsford and Connie Purdie will be cooking up a storm with a small group of helpers. On **2 September** we will be holding another *Tasting SA* night. We are under strict instructions from Vilis, the kitchener bun Bakery and Balfours that **orders must be in by 11am on 1 September**. So let's make the last Happy Hour a big celebration of the end of winter and the beginning of spring. A pie floater is a good way to do this.

Pool Table.

It was unanimously agreed at our meeting that we sell our pool table and replace it with a solid, portable table which can be stored when it is not needed.. This will give us more flexibility on where we place tables for meals, presentation nights, etc and of course, open up the room and provide even more space for our bar furniture. We will explore what is a reasonable price to expect given it needs to be relevelled. If you are interested could you please contact me?

Night Owls

We have a very simple goal this year for our night owl programme.....attract more players! We are starting night owls on **18 October** and a well done to **Brian Molloy** who is walking the beat along our main roads to meet and greet business workers and share a letter and flyer about our programme. Our lovely sponsors have also been invited to think about coming along as well.



Gas Supply

It was agreed at the meeting that we connect gas to our upgraded kitchen and toilets and replace our hot water service. This will prove cost effective in the future but is going to cost nearly \$4,000 to do now. This will also include members completing some of the work. One step forward and a small step back!

Lawn Clippings

Did you know we have a number of years of lawn clippings which will be finding a new home at the Monastery Gardens at the top of Portrush Road? There will be a **Busy Bee** coming up and if you have a trailer to cart some of the clippings, we are really going to need your help. **Ian Campbell** will let you know times at a later stage.



Thank you for all your positive feedback about our new website (www.beaumontbowlingclub.org.au) and don't forget the site now has a calendar and Mike has included every possible event we have planned so far.

Well, by the time you read this, John and I will be on our way to Perth and if you need to contact anyone while I am away, **Brian Molloy will be Acting President**. Ian Campbell, our other Vice-President is also going to Perth (unbeknown to us) and will return on 21 August. We return on the 30th in time to have a pie floater on the Friday. Yum!

Regards

Leonie