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Beaumont Bowling Club Newsletter No. 26 – July 2017

Dear Members

Your Board met on Monday 10 July and, as usual, there is a great deal to share with you even though this is a very quiet time for our Club. I hope you notice something in this newsletter because there is a very consistent theme running through it which is excellent and says a great deal about us. Will you identify what it is?

Selection Panel

Our selection panel for the upcoming season (Wednesday and Saturday) is **Bill King, John Forrest, Robert Field, John Rixon** and **Peter Baldwinson**. As you know, **Jim Feetham** has been appointed by the Board as the Chairman. The selection panel for Thursday is **Marlene Haynes** and **myself**. We welcome Peter as the “new kid on the block” and the Board is delighted with the calibre of selectors who have nominated this year.

Our Greens

Please note that **John Bohner**, our Greenkeeper, is on leave from this week and will return in 4 weeks. The greens will be looked after by **Ian Williams** and **Ken Hawke** during this time and will be prepared for social bowls, etc. This might mean though that the clubrooms are not quite as accessible throughout the week as they usually are. Thanks Ian and Ken.

As reported in the previous update, John Bohner’s contract finishes in July 2018 and in preparation the Board has formed a committee to explore the available options for us as a Club. The committee will consist of 2 Board members, **Ian Campbell** and **myself**, and two non-Board members, **Paul White** and **Tony Myles**. There will be a fair bit of work for the group so thank you Paul and Tony for volunteering.

Pennant Availability Forms

Thank you for the prompt responses in returning your Pennant availability form and at this stage we only have 4 members (2 men and 2 women) who have yet to respond. Our current figures for the season ahead at this stage are 49 for Wednesday (3 sides), 15 for Thursday (1 side) and 60 for Saturday. As Bowls SA requires a 10% buffer to accommodate players who are not available, we are 1 player short for 4 teams on Saturday. If you remember, our Division 6 red side won the premiership last year and Division 5 requires 16 players rather than 12. The Board is not too concerned at this stage as we are confident we will end up with more than the required number and we also know we have a number of members ready to help out. There are also a number of beginning bowlers who may play.

Our nomination form for the number of sides is due on 18 August.

Every BBC member needs to adopt the title of “recruiter” - you never know if there is a friend / neighbour who may be ready to pick up a bowl and have a go.

Subscription Fees

It's that time of the year again and your membership fee invoice will be sent to you around 20 July and will be for the amount of \$305. **Your membership fees are due by 31 August** but, like all payments, the earlier we receive the money, the healthier our bank balance becomes for this time of the year.

We are also asking for donations once again to assist with the upgrade of our toilets. It doesn't matter how small your donation is it will help, so please consider giving something this year if you can afford it. We do recognise the generosity of members and also understand that some members help us in other ways.

New member

A h-u-g-e welcome to **Connie Choy** who has been accepted as a member of our Club and will be playing on Thursday (yeah!) and Saturday. Connie will be making a curry and some curry puffs for our next Happy Hour so she has become a great asset already. Thanks Connie.



Strategic and Business Plan

Our Strategic and Business Plans have now been finalised and are currently on our website and noticeboard in the clubrooms. These Plans will guide our actions and budget for 2017. Once again, thank you to **Tony Read** who has cracked the whip (gently) to complete these so early.

BBC Tournament

We recently sent you a pre Pennant programme and dates for our BBC tournaments. We are now changing the November tournament from Monday 6 November to **Monday 20 November** as we were alerted to the fact that the original date was the day before the Melbourne Cup and is also a day that Probus meets at our Club. Can you please make sure you change this date in your diary? **Bob Scholefield** will be the Board member convening a tournament committee to ensure our tournaments are successful. Thank to those who help Bob.

Should we hold a Melbourne Cup luncheon this year?

Would many members come?

I would love to hear any comments you may have.

Club Championships

You will see some changes this year with our Club Championships as we will be developing a set of procedures for all championship events. For example, there will be deadlines for games to be played which will need to be adhered to unless there are mitigating circumstances, guidelines for markers, etc. Most clubs operate their championships with a set of strict guidelines and we feel we need to follow suit. **Tony Read** and **John Bohner** will be convening a committee to develop these procedures. Thank you to the members who get involved in ensuring this prestigious event continues to be a highlight in our bowling calendar.

Night Owls

The Board has agreed that our Night Owls Programme will start on **24 October until 12 December 2017** and then recommence on **9 January until 3 April 2018**. We will let our current night owlers know as they are such an integral part of our Club.



Outside Tournaments

Bob Swinton and **Peter Hodgson** will be organising members to play in tournaments at other clubs throughout the season. This is an excellent way to improve your bowling as I believe last year about 24 members indicated they would like to be kept in the loop about playing in some tournaments. Thanks Bob and Peter for organising this.

Bowls Improvement

Earlier this year, **Mike Miller** worked with a group of members to help them improve their bowling. Those members have again been invited to work with Mike throughout August (Mike's availability and weather permitting) as part of our pre-season improvement programme. If you weren't part of those sessions and would like the opportunity to join in, please don't hesitate to contact Mike.

Working Bee

What a sterling job our volunteers achieved at our last Busy Bee and if the group expanded they would be able to get even more done. Are you free on **Tuesday 25 July**? You don't need any formal qualifications, just a willingness to work and support the Club. That sounds like you, doesn't it?



New Blinds

In our quest to ensure our clubrooms look their very best, we will be slowly replacing the window blinds that we currently have. The plastic connections on the blinds are now breaking and groups such as Probus find it difficult when their guest speakers use PowerPoint presentations because of the light streaming through our windows. We are starting with the 2 windows by the stage and thanks must go to the **Glen Osmond Probus group and the Combined Probus Club of Burnside for donating \$200 each** towards the cost.

Sponsors

Martin Easson, our wonderful handyman sponsor, has asked me to let you know that he is going overseas and will be unavailable until mid-October.

Private Function

On Thursday 20 July, there will be a function at the Club for 70 people from 10am until 12pm. They are paying \$5 per head for morning tea and I would like to thank **Heather Forrest, Noeleene Bertshinger, Jo Kirby and Susan Johnson** who will be providing some slices and biscuits. There will also be a number of the women helping on the day. The women may be small in number but gee, they bat above their weight! Thanks everyone.



Did you spot the consistent theme?

Of course you did.....There is a great deal happening because so many members are ready to pick up a whole range of tasks to ensure we continue to move forward.

Regards

Leonie