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# Beaumont Bowling Club Newsletter No. 28 – September 2017

Dear Members

What a great start to our pennant season at our Opening Day on Saturday. It was excellent to have Vickie Chapman there to roll down the first bowl (and to hear about our toilets once again!), the food was plentiful, the weather was kind and there was lots of fun out on the green. A big thank you to everyone who worked hard on the day to ensure it was a huge success. We welcomed our new pennant members and there is a very positive vibe around the club that we are in for one outstanding year.



### **Bowls Improvement Plan**

As you know Bowls Operations will be planning a range of activities throughout the year to help us improve our bowling. This will start on Friday September 22 at 4.30 pm (after pennant practice) when John Elwin and John Bohner will share with us tips and suggestions about how they practice, prepare for pennant day, find and maintain their line and length etc. There has been a great deal of interest shown in this so we are asking members to let us know whether they will be attending and if you will be staying on for a \$10 meal of hamburger and chips afterwards.

The booking sheet will be on the table by the office.

As Tuesday and Friday are our official practice days we will have Happy Hour prices at the bar from 5.00pm to 6.00pm every Friday. For the two John's session Happy Hour will start at 4.15pm. We are hoping to see all pennant players out on the greens during the week having a practice. Remember "We can all put down a lucky bowl from time to time, but quality practice can give you the edge by enabling you to be more consistently in the area."

### **Conditions of Play**

The Metropolitan Bowls Association has sent out the Conditions of Play for 2017/18 and while Mike has emailed these to everyone we recognise that 40 pages is a great deal to take in and far too much to run off. A copy will be placed with the measuring instrument's trolley located in the club house for your use when needed.

### **Club Championship**

Nominations for the Club Championships will close on October 24. The cost for each event per person is \$7.00 and this is placed with your nomination form in the tournament box situated right next to the signing on ledge by the kitchen. We do urge you to carefully read the new set of "rules" this year so everyone entering an event can see the timeline etc. They are on our website and we will place some more copies on the table by the office (this will be the third lot we have placed on the table so there is clearly a great deal of interest).

John Forrest will also be running a marking course within the club for all interested members. More about this later.

### Bar Prices

Your board has approved only two price increases for the coming year. A can of Guinness will increase by 50c and a piccolo of champagne will also increase by 50c. The bar managers are also exploring having a full strength beer on tap also.

### New Members

An application for Rod Halliday was approved by the board. Rod has already invested in some new bowls and has his royal blue pants. We love your enthusiasm Rod and welcome you to our club. Robyn Boath has also been approved as an Associate Member. Robyn is well known in our club, played night owls for a long time and of course, is married to the lovely David.



### Working Bee

I am not sure how we attract members to come along to a working bee. The numbers are becoming less and less which means two or three people carry the load every month. A tad unfair.....So the next one is on Tuesday September 26 from 9.00 am. No matter how young or old you are there will be a job for you. Thanks in advance to all the volunteers.

### Sandwich Making

As you know making sandwiches on Wednesdays and Saturdays is an important part of our fund raising. A sheet will be placed on the table by the office and if you can help out on either day or indeed, both days, it would be appreciated if you can put your name down so a roster can be organised. We need people who can count, match the bread slices together so they can be cut properly and have a good sense of humour!

On Wednesday all our sides will be playing home at the same time so we will only be making 88 sandwiches every fortnight.....**that's a lot of sandwiches!**



There will also be 2 teams rostered for rink duty because of the large number of players.

A short sharp shiny board meeting this month and I heard some board members suggested it was because I was an apology!!!!!!!

Good luck everyone when the first pennant game starts which is not far away now.

Regards

*Leonie*