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# Beaumont Bowling Club Newsletter No. 30 – November 2017

Dear Members

It's hard to believe that our Board meeting last Monday was the second to last one for 2017 and that very soon we will be wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. This is a very active time of the year for us so let's enjoy the few remaining games we have and immerse ourselves in the spirit of giving and generosity (it's raffle time soon!)

Once again there were many items of discussion at our Board meeting.....

### **Fund My Neighbourhood**

Firstly, thank you to the members who put some effort into this and especially **Will and Sam Dring** who kept our social media buzzing even though our "rap" didn't go viral. The closing date is **November 20** and I have no doubt that this was one of the most complex voting processes I have ever seen. I am not holding my breath that BBC will be in the winner's circle for this one. Still, we gave it our best shot and I know some of you did a letter box drop in your neighbourhood.

### **Club Tournament**

It's all systems go for our Club Tournament on **Monday November 20** as we have 34 teams entered from around the state, which is excellent. Our truly fantastic group of women (led by **Heather Forrest**) will be serving players an array of good food as usual. I must make special mention and acknowledge **Rocco Galluccio** who has donated 2 x \$50 **Golden North** vouchers for the raffle and also a *Giant Twin* for everyone. **Jack High** has given us a nice voucher and several other members have donated wine, whiskey and a slab of beer. Thank you. Thanks also to **Bob Scholefield** and **Robert Field** who have both worked very hard coordinating the event. Good luck everyone if you are playing.

### **Christmas Dinner – Saturday 2 December**

Don't forget to write your name down on the booking sheet by the kitchen. So far, we have about 70 people coming and it's a bit sad that our date has clashed with a cricket game but we can guarantee a fun night for everyone (I don't believe the cricket can guarantee that!) This is just a heads up but there will be a raffle during the dinner as we have been given 2 bottles of Wendouree Shiraz valued at \$125 each. Two people will go home very happy. We have many generous members named "anonymous".



### Christmas Raffle

Your Christmas raffle book will be available soon and we ask that the books and money be **returned by Wednesday December 13**. Donations for the hampers are starting to come in so when you are out shopping please remember to grab something *Christmassy* eg a pudding, chocolates, bonbons, nuts, wine, etc and place them in our Christmas box by the library. A ham and turkey have already been donated so you can be assured that prizes will be top quality.

We will **draw the raffle on Saturday December 16** after social bowls when we will serve some delicious nibbles, eg sausage rolls.

### Sponsorship

It's fantastic that **Haydon's Quality Meats** has come on board as an official sponsor and giving us some very good deals for our meat trays. The meat is top quality and don't forget to thank them for supporting us when you purchase something. This is the time of year when we contact all our sponsors to see if they wish to continue their support and so far the response has been an overwhelming "yes". Thank you everyone for using our sponsors and in some cases all we ask is that you consider them.

### New Members

Isn't it great that we are signing up new members every month? A big welcome to **Ashley and Cathie Roff** (Night Owlers) who have become Associate Members and to **Richard Pledge** who has become a Full Member. Richard is the husband of **Jo Pledge** who plays with the women. Unfortunately, Jo injured herself getting out of her car at the Club by slipping on those pesky nuts from the street trees. Please be careful as they can be very dangerous. We wish Jo a speedy recovery.

### Night Owls

We have had 112 people register to play Night Owls. The weather is always a tad unpredictable this time of year so the maximum number of people who have turned up so far is 90. This is a great night made possible by a large group of volunteers. We have some Night Owlers coming to our Christmas dinner and already bringing donations for the Christmas raffle. We are indeed lucky to have such a dedicated group coming along every Tuesday night.

### Club Championships

Matches have started and we do urge you to keep your eye on the timeline above the draw as these are going to be strictly adhered to this year, rather than having the championships going on and on. Keep your eye on the booking sheet by the kitchen as you might like to go and watch a game. Please see **Tony Read** if you would like to raise any issues. We are a little disappointed at the number of entries this year so will go all out next year to increase the number.

### Club Locks / Security Systems

The Board has approved changing the Club's door locks to enable a safer exit from the Club in the event of an emergency. This means only one key will be needed to open all our doors rather than 4. This will cost us \$1,352.

### A Minor Facelift

Have you noticed the new blinds in the Fulton Hall? The rest of the old ones will be removed at our next Busy Bee. We have also placed new outdoor furniture around the greens and starting to spruce ourselves up very nicely.

### Busy Bee

The next one is on **Monday November 27**. Gee, some new faces would be welcome. No skills are needed - just some enthusiasm and desire to help your Club.



### **Bridge Day**

**Barbara Travis** is an Australian Champion bridge player who will be hiring our hall every Friday to run 2 bridge sessions. The morning sessions will start at 9:30am and the afternoon sessions will finish at 4:30pm. This will not interfere with the Bar area and members will still be able to access all areas. Apparently, bowling clubs and bridge sessions are quite common across the metropolitan area.

Now we have been informed that such is the concentration of a bridge player that if a naked person wandered into a “bridge” room, none of the players would even notice!!! How do we get this level of concentration with our bowls I ask? This will be a great revenue raiser for our Club as Barbara would like to hire our facilities for 48 weeks of the year.

### **Happy Birthday**

**Gerhardt Huebner** celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 12 so congratulations from all of us. You don't look a day over 70 and you still bowl like a 60 year old.



### **Metropolitan Bowling Association**

The Metropolitan Bowling Association is developing a three year plan re our pennant competition. We have been asked to send the MBA Board any comments by December 22. All presidents have then been invited to a meeting on Sunday January 21 to discuss the proposed issues. Some of the starting points from MBA so far include investigating 8 teams per section, starting the season later, reviewing Wednesday and Thursday competitions, etc. If you have any comments, please pass these on to any Board member.

### **Code of Conduct**

A bowling club, like all clubs, is made up of many personalities with different backgrounds. Attached, you will find our *Code of Conduct* and the Board is asking you to familiarise yourself with the Club's expectations and how we interact and treat each other. This is not rocket science and the old adage “....treat everyone how you wish to be treated” will never go out of date. Sometimes the heat of the “competition” can bring out the bad wolf in us.

### **Eastern Courier**

Hope you don't miss our advertisement in this week's *Eastern Courier* inviting new women to consider joining us. The bowler in the ad is looking particularly gorgeous .....well to John anyway!

Again, thank you everyone for your commitment to our Club and remember that this is the season to be jolly. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Regards

*Leonie*