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Beaumont Bowling Club Update No. 4 - 2015

Your Board burnt the midnight oil at our last meeting so please find a quiet moment in this wet, cold weather to have a read and keep up to date with what's happening at BBC.

1. You will shortly be receiving an invoice for your membership fees and we would really appreciate prompt payment this year so our bank balance looks healthy. We will once again be asking for an extra donation from those of you who are able to do so. Why? We wish to put every cent you donate into revamping our kitchen area so more people are enticed to hire our facilities which, of course, means extra income for our club. We are going to try to make the hiring of our facilities a major part of our revenue raising. So, if you can dig a little deeper this year, we would really appreciate it. Thank you everyone.



2. It's great to see everything back to normal around the club now that **John Bohner** is back. After much negotiation John is back as a '*Maintenance and Horticultural Employee Level 4*' which has resulted in a financial benefit for the club and a degree of flexibility for John. What we call a win-win.

3. Happy Hour

This Friday not only will you be able to enjoy a steak sandwich (with the works) and chips, but the Glenunga butcher has donated an extra special meat tray and Leonie's 94 year old mum has donated a bottle of red wine. Our member's draw is also worth \$70. So you could be going home with a meat tray, a good bottle of red and \$70 in your pocket. Can you think of a better night than this? At the risk of sounding repetitive, "Thank you for your tremendous support".



4. **Bowls SA** has been extremely busy sending out a range of correspondence to clubs so please find some time to read all the notices which are already on the pin-up board. They talk about a You Tube bowls program, the metropolitan Pennant booklet now only being available online and a call for nominations to the Bowls SA board (any takers?) One memo which did worry us was the talk of Bowls SA registering Night Owls as a trademark and asking for \$10 per Night Owler!! We are intending to contact all the clubs nearby to discuss how they feel about this and to have a possible meeting. Not happy Jan.
5. **Winter bowls** will not conclude until Saturday 5 September as we have listened to a suggestion made by Jock at the meeting we recently held to discuss our finances.....let's keep our social bowls going as they are a good fundraiser.

We have some trial games organised and we are still waiting to hear from some clubs:

- **Saturday 19 September:**
We will be playing Blackwood at home. It would be excellent if the women join us for this one.
- **Wednesday 23 September:**
It will be Beaumont playing Blackwood at Blackwood.
- **Thursday 8 October:**
Our women's team will have a game with Uraidla at home.

Letters have gone out for other dates and once all the responses have been received we will send out a schedule for all members.

6. **Night Owls** will commence on Tuesday 20 October (fours) and Thursday 22 October (triples). We will try again with Thursdays to see if we can increase our numbers. The success of Night



Owls really does depend on a big number of volunteers as it is a huge drain to ask a few people to run it so please have a think about helping out. This is a case when *the more the merrier*. We will do a letterbox drop before they start so if you ticked 'letter box drop' on the volunteer form please start training and get your walking shoes ready as we will be contacting you.

7. Pennant Season

To celebrate the start of the pennant season we are going to have a get together at the club on **Friday 9 October** for family and friends. We will go back to the format of everyone bringing their meat to cook on the barbecue and to bring a salad to share. We would also like to introduce our members who will be playing pennants for the first time. Let's hope everyone can attend so we can start the pennant season with a big bang.

8. A big welcome to **Joe Capasso** who has nominated to be a member at Beaumont. Many of us know Joe and he is an excellent attendee at our Happy Hours. It's good to have you on board Joe!
9. The Board also ratified a range of Work Health and Safety Policies we have developed for our club (with a big thank you to **Joe De Pinto** who provided us with his expertise in this area). We will be placing all our policies in a folder which will be available for members just below our bulletin board (where we place our names for social bowls).

The policies include Risk Assessment, Work Health and General Safety Policy and a Member's Protection Policy. We do however wish to highlight one policy and that is titled '**Code of Conduct**' which is attached. We have high expectations that everyone will ensure that our club is always a welcoming and friendly community of bowlers. Please have a read.

10. We have two trained Safety Officers in our club now. Thanks to **Gail Harris** and **Brian Fisher**.

11. Sponsors

Tony Heneker and Peter Hodgson have joined a committee with **Leonie Trimper** and they are currently contacting all our sponsors to see how things are going and hopefully get them on board next year. **Mauro's for Men and Women** on Portrush Road has come on board so if you need a haircut please try them and mention you are from our club. The more members who use our sponsors the more they want to stay with us. Their names are on the wall next to B Green or just above the bar. We have sponsors for all occasions and I know that many of you take this very seriously. The only sponsor we are hoping you yourself don't need for a long time is Alfred James.

12. Selectors

Simply put, we need more members to nominate so please see **Bob Scholefield** if you would like to have a go. A number of you ticked the 'Selection of Team' box on our volunteer form but just not quite enough. We will also be looking for someone to nominate for the best job in the club.....Chair of Selectors.

13. Our **Don Smith**.....sung to the tune of 'Our Don Bradman'

Don is the oldest living English test cricketer. At age 92 (hard to believe) he is still an excellent bowler despite having two knee replacements 14 years ago. He played three Tests against the 1957 West Indies team which included names such as Sobers, Weekes, Worrell and Walcott. Sit down and have a chat to Don as he has some great stories.



Our Don bowling

14. There are some good practices being developed as a result of our Strategic Plan which drives our Board meetings. The Facilities Portfolio, for example, is developing a framework for the Greens, and doing an Asset Review and Asset Plan. Our club is in good hands and thank you to all the Board members for your hard work.

Ian Williams

President

PS

Next time you walk in to the club, stop and turn right towards the stage area. Now if you honestly can't notice anything different then please contact our sponsor Spec Savers at Norwood. Our club rooms are starting to look good!