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Beaumont Bowling Club Update No. 9 – January 2016

Dear Members

I don't think it's too late to start the update from our Board meeting with *Happy New Year*. On behalf of the Board we do hope that 2016 sees everyone happy, healthy and bowling well.

We hope you enjoy reading all the news for our meeting held on Monday 18 January.

Hot Weather Policy:

We have now had 3 pennant matches starting early due to the Bowls SA hot weather policy. Given the positive feedback from everyone with us providing cold sausages and bread, we have decided that this will be the practice if there are any more early starts. They will cost \$1 and we will leave it up to you whether you offer to buy one for your opponent as many of you did last time. The Board knows that you understand the difficulty of providing more "substantial" food given the uncertainty around the length of the games on these days.



Sandwiches:

I will continue with the food theme and on behalf of everyone thank our diligent volunteers who are making sandwiches for our Wednesday and Saturday pennant matches. The cake is a lovely touch and disappearing very rapidly each time. We must also thank **Baker's Delight** which has become a sponsor and provides the bread at a very reasonable cost. So, if you visit Baker's Delight please ask the staff to pass on our thanks to Patricia on behalf of BBC. The trial period has been so successful that we will continue until the end of the season. The Board has been informed that there is evidence that everyone's bowling has improved over the last few weeks due to the quality of the sandwiches!!!



Membership Fees:

In the near future, all members will receive a discussion paper about a change to one aspect of our membership fees. We will be seeking feedback in order to prepare for our AGM and a possible change to our Constitution. We are exploring the feasibility of introducing a level titled "Restricted Membership" to see if we can retain a number of Night Owlers who join at a reduced rate but withdraw when they have to pay \$200 the following year. Your Board studied what a number of other clubs do and feel this will bring us more in line with local clubs. We will look forward to receiving your opinion.

Future Planning:

It is imperative as a Board and Club that we look ahead at our bowling needs and plan for a successful future. Some of these areas include selection, upskilling prospective skippers, coaching and bowler development, etc. The Bowling Operations Portfolio is giving this some serious thought at the moment and will be meeting with selectors and members over the coming months. There is also talk of a regular update from the Bowling Operations group being distributed to members so that everyone is kept informed of not only what happening in our club but also what's available for us in other clubs. If you have any questions or comments, please have a chat to **Stephen Jones** or **Robert Field**.

Happy Hour:

Have you put **Friday 12 February** in your diary? There's a Happy Hour at the club and you will dine on a delicious schnitzel, chips and salad followed by a dessert. Drinks will be at Happy Hour prices between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. However, this one will be a little different as you will need to **pre-order your meal** so we don't end up wasting money buying too much. Look out for the sheet on the table by the office....which is filling up fast.

Easter Raffle:

The women's team will be organising a bumper Easter raffle soon and we are hoping that every member will **donate a chocolate** so we can make a number of lovely Easter baskets as prizes. We will let you know when it's time and raffle books will be given to you around mid-February. Hopefully this will turn into a big fundraiser for us.



Good News:

Have you seen the "big" contraption sitting outside the kitchen window? Well that's our grease trap (at long last) which was installed by our sponsors.....**Chris's Plumbing Service** and **Nick from Humphrey's Electrical**. We can now cook and prepare food in our kitchen commercially so a big thank you to the **Burnside Council** which paid for it. I know you read this in the Facilities Portfolio but just to remind you the council will also be replacing the back part of the roof which is in a sad, sorry state. All we are waiting for now is to hear from the Hon Christopher Pyne that our grant for \$10,000 towards our kitchen upgrade has been approved. There will be a big party if this happens!!

Sponsors:

We now have 25 sponsors supporting our club and very soon there will be a new Sponsors' Wall on the side of the shed overlooking the B Green along with a new Sponsors' Board on the wall in the clubrooms next to the library shelf. It'd not hard to miss this location as all the photos have been taken down in readiness for the new board. Thanks to **Leigh Tonkin** for doing this. The photos will be scanned and saved for prosperity on our new website which is currently being developed. Some of the photos have deteriorated somewhat so we will see what we can do about this.

A Sponsor Directory listing each sponsor's contact details is being printed and each member will receive a copy. A bowling evening and light meal with our sponsors will be organised shortly so we can say *thank you* and offer them our appreciation of their ongoing support.

I'm sure you will agree that we need to really look after our sponsors so they remain with us for a long time.

Calendar:

We are exploring an electronic calendar which will be displayed on our television screen so you can be kept well informed about future events. Our office is also in the process of being upgraded as we have had a printer and computer donated to the club and this will mean we can immediately enter all our winning scores from the club.

Some dates for your diary:

Monday 1, Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 February <i>Please note that there will be NO Wednesday bowling this week.</i>	Country Carnival
Friday 12 February	Happy Hour
Thursday 31 March	Bushwhacker's Day
April <i>(date to be advised)</i>	Bridge Day

The States Singles event held at Beaumont on Sunday 17 January was a great success and a big thankyou to the many members who volunteered on the day. The many people supporting our club in a variety of ways speaks volumes about us as a group.



Thank you also to **Judy Larsen** who has diligently come to the club for 4 years to count our money with **Don Topsfield**. Unfortunately, Judy can no longer do this and I bet many of you didn't know about Judy's fantastic contribution,. We have many unsung heroes who keep this club operating at a high level. **Thanks Judy!**

On a serious note, our Budget has taken quite a hit due to the drop in our Night Owl numbers. We are currently reviewing whether we continue with Thursday nights due to very small numbers and will speak with the current attendees to see if they can change to Tuesday. We will then need to put in a great deal of energy into Tuesday to see if we can lift the number to our previous levels. A small band of volunteers works very hard so if anyone has any ideas we would love to hear from you. It will be a pity if we have to compromise our plans (kitchen, etc) because of this so it will be important that we continue to look for creative ways to raise funds in the future. Your Board is also exploring some Family Days once pennants have finished. If any member wins the lottery please keep us in mind!!!

Our season has started well with a number of sides sitting at the top end of the pennant ladder and it's excellent to see our Metro 1 moving up the ladder on Saturday. Our club championships are also providing some quality matches. All the schedules for the matches are on a sheet on the bench under the Bulletin Board. Please come along and support them.

All in all we have had a good start, so let's keep the momentum going.

Ian Williams
President