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Dear Members

Well there's not long to go now before we will be donning our royal blue pants (hopefully they still fit nice and comfortably after a very l-o-n-g, cold winter) and the bowling season gets under way. Don't forget to let us know whether you will be coming along to **Opening Day on 9 September**. The sign on sheet is on the ledge near the kitchen. There are also copies of the Opening Day Programme and the Pre-Pennant Practice Timetable on the table by the office.

Your Board met on Monday night so here is all the news and issues that were discussed at our meeting.

Pennant Sides

We have now sent our pennant sides into the Metropolitan Bowls Association and this season we will have a total of 8 sides.

Wednesday - Division 2, (16 players) Division 3, (16) Division 4 (12)
Thursday - Division 3 (12)
Saturday - Division 4, (16) Division 5, (16) Division 6, (12) Division 7 (12)

On Wednesday we are requesting that all sides play home on the same day and on Saturday we have 2 sides home and 2 sides away each week. We can ask but of course it doesn't mean it will happen. Division 2 on Wednesday will now be playing straight through without a break which will impact on our finances because we will not be making sandwiches for them. I wish the powers to be would think about smaller clubs when they make a decision as that is approximately \$1,000 we lose. *Not Happy Jan.....*

Club Championships

We have now formed a Club Championships Committee **A big thank you to Tony Read, John Bohner, John Forrest, Robert Field, Jim Feetham and Don Topsfield.** Tony will be our Championship Manager.

The committee has developed a set of rules for our club championships and these were endorsed by the Board. They are attached and will be available on our website and some copies will be placed on the table by the office. This is excellent and will bring us into line with most other clubs.

Whilst we recognise that you don't have to be qualified to be a marker Tony will be organising an internal training session for any interested member.

Bowls Improvement

On Friday 29 September we will be running a panel session at the club from 4.30pm until 5.30pm with John Bohner, John Elwin and possibly a bowler from another club. We will hear from them how they prepare and practise, get their line and length etc. This will be a very practical session followed by hamburgers for those who wish to stay on. The bar will serve drinks at Happy Hour prices from 6pm -7pm.

New Members

A h-u-g-e welcome to Barry Hanna who has become a full member from Hawthorn, Michael Mazurek, Frank Cufone and John Coombe who have all become Associate members. David Inglis (one of our lovely night owlers) has joined as a social member. We know you will enjoy bowling at this very friendly club.

Membership Fees

So far 25 members have paid their fees which leave quite a few still to pay (including me) so if we could get them paid by the end of August that will be excellent. Thank you also to everyone who has made a donationevery little bit will help towards our toilet upgrades. Still no news about our submission but I will let you know as soon as we hear something.

Risk Management Policy

Your board has now endorsed a Risk Management Policy for BBC and we will place part of this on the notice board and the full policy on our web site. This policy shows the way we have assessed any risks in our club and we are now following this up with a review of our insurance policies and our compliance to health and safety regulations. Thanks to Tony Read for this.

Venting in our Kitchen

If you have worked in the kitchen you would have noticed that the lack of adequate venting causes problems when we use the dishwasher and the Fagor oven. Well the good news is the Burnside Council has agreed to share the cost with us for our lovely sponsor Humphries Electrical to remedy the situation. The total cost is \$2,508 and we will be contributing \$1,000. This is a good example of why fundraising is so important in our club because most members are usually not even aware about issues like this. **Thanks to Ian Campbell and the Burnside Council.** Once this is completed our kitchen will be finished.....Yeah!



Working Bee

Can you think about giving some time to come and help on **Tuesday 19 September***pleasepretty please?* We just can't leave all this work to 2 or 3 people every month. Please put the date in your diary now thank you so much.

Happy Hours

Our last Happy Hour was a hoot as 55 people came to wine and dine. We only have 2 more to go and our next one is on August 25. The menu will be fish and chips, salad and crunchy bread and the dessert will be an ice-cream bar. Now this means you get your ice-cream and walk along choosing from bowls of m&m's, mars bars, snickers, kit-kats etc etc. I think you get the picture. The booking sheet is on the table by the kitchen.

Our final one is on 15 September and we will be providing entertainment of the highest quality. There will be an Elvis impersonator in the building and no he isn't one of our members. What a way to go out. I would put this date in your diary now.

Our new blinds will be installed over 2 windows on Thursday.....this is good news.

Regards

Leonie

