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Dear Members

Let the games begin! **From Monday June 1**, we will be able to have **20 players on each Green** and **20 people in each enclosed area in the clubrooms** as long as we **adhere to the social distancing rules**. For example, our Bar area will be able to hold 17 people at any one time because of its size. The area behind the partition and the hall will be able to hold the maximum of 20.

However, before we can get started we must complete an online compliance form which will be required to show if the police or COVID-19 officers call into our club. We have set up a COVID-19 sub-committee with Ian Campbell, Tom Pointon, Dave Thomas, John Binks-Williams and me. This group will complete the form to ensure we meet all the necessary requirements before we open everything up and also become our COVID-19 officers to monitor different areas. **We all need to take this very seriously because if we don't, the consequences are quite severe.**

Social Bowls

Given the preparation needed, we are aiming to start social bowls on Wednesday June 10 and Saturday June 13. Social bowls will be a little different this year as we will be trialling Handicap Pairs on Wednesday and the usual Triples on Saturday. Players will be able to nominate as an individual for Wednesday or as a Pair. The handicap will be based on which division you played last season so we feel the more experienced bowlers will have a challenge to score more points within 11 ends and our less experienced may just score a win against some top players. New bowlers will also be very welcome. It will be a 2-4-2 competition so you might like to phone a friend as the registration forms will be out next Wednesday ready for the following week. Cost will be \$8 and the start of social bowls is very timely given our income has been zilch.

Pennant Availability Form

Yes, our pennant availability form is ready to go out and will be sent out at the start of week 2 in June and due back on July 7. This is around the same time as last year as the Metropolitan Bowls Association will be asking us to nominate how many sides we will have in early August. For new members this form indicates what days you would like to play, whether you need a new shirt (who doesn't after the lock down!) or fill in when sides are short, etc.

Chair of Selectors

Gee it is going to be very different this year as Jim Feetham who has served as the Chair of Selectors for 11 years has decided to step down. Jim, you have been a legend and we really appreciate you taking on such an “easy” role. The Board is now looking for expressions of interest from members who may be interested in this critical job. The Board makes the final decision so it would be good if we could have expressions of interest before our next meeting on Monday June 15. Any expression of interest can be sent to me or left in my tray in the office.

Facilities

It was agreed at our Board meeting to proceed with the construction of our new Honour Boards for the back wall and also to have signs printed that indicate “A”, “B” and “C” Green which should help visitors and new members. These costings come within our budget which was approved by members at our last special meeting. This leaves only the side wall in the Hall to complete and this will be discussed at our AGM.

When you walk into the clubrooms cast your eyes to the back wall and you will see the partition been painted and it looks fantastic. It will be a great sense of achievement when we complete our Hall and can move to the outside areas.

Thank you

A b-i-g thank you to Angelo Beltrame who, as you know, helped install the edging around our Greens. Angelo has kindly donated the cost of removing all the asbestos which is a wonderful gesture. You will also notice all our assistance poles around the Greens have been painted by Dave Thomas and John Bohner. They look great, so thank you.

Competition

The last competition and I am pleased to announce that Richard Pledge is the winner. His caption of Viv and Merv Leaker was “Another leak Viv? er no Merv”. Judges were Robin Anderson, John Binks-Williams and me.

There were lots of good entries such as:

- What do you mean I have dug up the wrong garden? (Mike Miller)
- Offer an Irish girl a shovel and a spade then ask her to take her pick. (Ian Williams)
- How long will dinner be Viv? I’m hungry. (Jo Kirby)

Thanks everyone for joining in a bit a fun to keep us all connected during these times.

Our local member, Vickie Chapman, called in today and loved the look of our clubrooms and had a chat. She was eager to tell us that she was the guest at another club’s Opening Day and actually hit the kitty. We have had great support from Vickie and her assistants, and it was excellent that she took the time to call in.

Not long now, so get those bowls polished.....

Leonie