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# Beaumont Bowling Club Newsletter No. 57 – September 2020

## Dear Members

What a wonderful Opening Day we experienced last Saturday!

We were so lucky to have **The Honourable Vicki Chapman, James Stevens MP, Anne Monceaux, Mayor of Burnside, and Chris Cowley, Burnside's CEO** launch our swish new clubrooms and cut the red ribbon and bowl the first bowl for the start of the season. They were genuinely interested to hear about our journey and we look forward to their continued support as we now seek to upgrade our watering system, shading and outdoor lights. Everyone looked gorgeous in their uniforms and there was lots of laughter out on the greens. The lunch was excellent, as were the greens. A great day so thank you to all of you for your enthusiasm and support.

## Beaumont Bistro

Our Bistro will be opening on **Thursday October 1** and will then continue **every Thursday** if it is successful. **You can now book online**, and it is a quite simple process. Given the popularity on the first night, it would be good if times could be varied and not everyone book for 6.30pm. Booking times are 6pm, 6.30pm, 7pm, 7.30pm and the last meals can be ordered at 8pm. You can also let me know you if are coming and I will place a sheet on the communication ledge. We already have 31 people booked for the first night.

## Letterbox Drop

First, we printed 3,000 postcards to letterbox drop around the community advertising Night Owls and our Bistro, then we added another 2,000 and would you believe, we have added another 2,000! Thank you to all the members who are delivering them and I have already had 3 calls booking 3 teams of 4 for Night Owls. That's a good result at this early stage. The map is in the office and could you please give yourself a tick when you have completed your drop. The extra postcards should be in the office from 4pm on Thursday.

## Pennant Discussion Paper

The Metropolitan Bowling Association has developed a discussion paper about the future of pennant bowls.

The paper asks many questions such as:

- Is the season too long?
- Do we start the season too early or too late?
- Are we playing on the right days?

Ian Campbell, John Binks-Williams and I will meet to develop a response and then send it out to you for comment. We know, for example, that 99% of our members do not want to shorten the season at all. Once we have your feedback, a Board member from MBA will meet with us so we can share our views. We will need to get this done fairly promptly.

### **Pennant Selection Board**

Our idea to have selected sides displayed electronically each week is facing a glitch.....the reflection from the glass makes the screen difficult to read so there are many heads trying to come up with a solution. If anyone has an idea we would love to hear from you.

### **Coffee Machine**

The Board has decided to buy the coffee machine. We have been very lucky to have had the machine rent free for quite a while but now need to either buy or return it. So all you coffee lovers can now relax.

### **Smoking Policy**

The Board decided on Monday night that **from January 1 next year** we will become a **smoke free club**. Some of our designated areas are very close to rinks and for players who suffer from asthma this can be very disconcerting and uncomfortable.

### **Painting**

A team of wonderful volunteers did a great deal of painting prior to our Opening Day but there is still quite a bit to do. For example, if you have a spray gun, the fence could be painted in a short time. All the railings on A and C greens also need doing. The weather is stunning for this activity so **please see Ian Campbell or Dave Thomas if you can help**. To have the club colour-coordinated would be fantastic and the work done so far looks terrific. Thank you everyone.

### **Hay Road Fence**

Did you know a car ran into part of the fence along Hay Road some time ago? It looks terrible. We are seeking a quote to replace it so that part of our fence (which is all buckled and twisted) fits in with the look of the club.

### **Shirts**

We have asked our designer to also design the shirts with long sleeves and we will display these as well for you to discuss. We are not in a hurry but will seek your opinion so the Board can make a very considered decision. Please remember that the vote to change the shirts was an overwhelming "Yes".



Our trial games start this week which means pennant games are not far away.

Have a great pre-season and as John Elwin said to all the girls at practice on Tuesday, *"Practice doesn't make you perfect, but it does make you permanent"*.

Regards  
*Leonie*