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Beaumont Bowling Club Newsletter No. 59 – December 2020

Dear Members

The last newsletter for 2020 and what a crazy ride it has been!

We have experienced highs and lows on the greens with a few sides languishing near or at the bottom of the ladder. On a positive note though, we entered an extra side in the Wednesday and Thursday competitions which means our membership is continuing to grow quite significantly, completed our clubroom renovations and started up the Beaumont Bistro which is totally booked out for the final night this year. It is great to see the Mayor and some councillors coming to dine. The other bit of good news is nearly everyone was available to play each week which means there were very few vacancies to try to fill with night owlers etc (you would have loved that Jim!) There is always an upside.

Lots of news from our final Board meeting, so time to relax and have a good read.....

Bar Times

Please note that the Bar will be **closing from Wednesday December 23 until Tuesday January 5**. A h-u-g-e thank you to all our Bar Managers and helpers. They do an amazing job and donate hours of their time to ensure you do not go thirsty. The best way we can help is to return all our bottles and glasses, smile and say thank you.

Make Up Rounds

The memo from the Metropolitan Bowls Association about Rounds 7 and 8 has been sent to you and we hope you have noted the times to play them. A new availability sheet will be up soon for these two rounds so please tick or cross as appropriate.

- Wednesday's rounds will be March 3 and 10
- Thursday rounds will be Tuesday January 19 or February 16 and Thursday March 4
- Saturday rounds will be March 6 and 13

The season has been extended, which is a good thing, so the competition is a fair one.

Special Meeting

We do hope you can attend our special meeting about a new watering system on **Monday December 21 at 6.30pm**. The Bar will be open. We received donations of over \$10,000 towards a new system which speaks volumes about your generosity and commitment.

New Members

Welcome to **Jane Nehemy** and **Colin Lake** who have become Associate Members. They are avid night owlers, good bowlers and lovely people. A perfect combination for our club.

Championships

Whilst the timeline for all our championship games was rudely interrupted by COVID, there are games aplenty now we are back on the greens. Many of the games have been exciting to watch with a few surprises thrown in. Well done everyone for moving the competition forward at a rapid rate.

Selection

This is a hard job and it takes a great deal of time. Please do not think the selectors just rock up on a Monday, pick the teams and then head home. There are calls to make and most put in hours on Sundays to prepare for the meeting. Two of our selectors have resigned and we would like to thank them for the contribution they both made in the first half of the season. Thank you to **Dave Thomas** and **Daynor Trigg**. The committee will be looking for volunteers to fill the vacancies.

Thank you to all our selectors for the important role you play.

New Shirts

We haven't forgotten that the majority of members would like to see new shirts but the Board has given up on the predominantly yellow ones (I can hear a few cheers) and two Board members with some contacts are going to see if they will help us out to come up with a new design. Why don't some of you have a go? That is how Walkerville designed their new shirts. We agreed we would still like white, blue and yellow to feature. Get your creative juices flowing over the break.

Facilities

The Board has three major priorities:

1. A new watering system.
2. To replace our greens lighting to LED and replace two of the poles which do not fold when work is needed to be done.
3. Fixed metal shades at the back of all the greens.

Hopefully, number 1 will be decided on Monday night.

There are now several grants we can apply for the lighting and the shades and the submissions are due on January 21. The lighting is going to cost around \$32,000 and the shades around \$180,000 (structure, demolition and water run off). The grants require applicants to pay fifty percent of the costs so you can see that this makes the shading structures out of our reach unless we can find other support. We have written to the Burnside Council to see if they would contribute and we are waiting to hear back from them. If the shading is not possible, we will write a submission for the lighting.

The grants are going to be made available next year as well so we may have to have a big fund-raising year again!!!! Fingers crossed.

Fencing

A few years ago, a car ran into our fence along Hay Street and of course did not stop. It does look ugly and we have received one quote of around \$4,000 to replace the fence. We will keep you posted on that one (a nice pun).

Footbridge

Thank you to **Angelo Beltrame** for replacing the footbridge on the side of the A green. The wooden bridge had deteriorated to a point where it was not safe. Typical of Angelo, the time and materials were donated. One day Angelo there will be a goat in the club!

Volunteers

Thank you to all our volunteers who work tirelessly for you. To John and all the members who mow, roll, dig, curse, plant, water, etc etc.

Night Owls is going gang busters with around 120 people there on the last night. This requires a dedicated army. You are all appreciated.

Christmas Raffle

The raffle this year topped all our expectations. Each year, 5 members just quietly donate \$50 each to purchase hams and turkeys, and this year we received two \$50 vouchers to **Coffylosophy** on Hutt Street and one voucher to **Spill the Beans**. We also received many items from members and two \$50 vouchers from Rocco for **Golden North** ice-cream and **Jen Elwin** generously donated skin care packages for all the hampers. Such generosity from everyone. A member from another club could not believe all the hampers we had and their quality.

And the winners were.....

1. **Brian Humphreys**
2. **Bill King**
3. **Rocco Galluccio**
4. **Barbara Field**
5. **Vonnie Barber**
6. **Mike Miller**
7. **Phillip Pledge**
8. **Don Topsfield** (*don't ask me how but somehow Don gave his Coffylosophy voucher to a group of women and they will be taking him for a coffee in the new year*)
9. **Vince Birt**
10. **Jo Kirby**

We have some members doing it tough health wise at the moment, so all our thoughts are with them to make a full recovery and get back onto the greens.

The Board wishes everyone to put this *annus horribilis* year behind them and look forward to spending time with all your family and friends and of course, your bowling family.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and perhaps we will see you over the next few weeks playing a tournament round or practising ready for the first game on **Wednesday January 6**.

Stay safe

Regards
Leonie

