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Dear Members

Don't forget opening day on Saturday 11th September. We have invited Vickie Chapman MP, Anne Monceaux (Mayor of Burnside) & Chris Cowley (CEO Burnside) who will bowl the first bowls to open the season.

Our lovely group of volunteers headed by Lyn Witt, Cathie Roff & Jud Thomas are also preparing a wonderful spread of food for the occasion.

Twenty six people have volunteered to prepare food however with the likely numbers attending; another 10 volunteers to bring food would be appreciated.

Please email Lyn lynwitt67@gmail.com if you can help.

New Members

A big welcome to some new members who have joined the club since the last newsletter:-

- Neville Martin - new member (a night owler for many years)
- David Gribble – upgrading to full membership (a night owler for many years)
- Colin Lake – upgrading to full membership (a night owler for many years)
- Christine Davidson – new member (transferring from Robe Bowling Club)

Good news with an increase in pennant playing numbers, particularly on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

New Fixed Shade Structures

Leonie & John have just lodged our second grants submission. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we are successful this time. On behalf of the Club, a huge thank you Leonie & John for your efforts in putting this together.

Bistro

We are very pleased to have our original caterers (Janet & staff) back in the Bistro again. Comments from patrons are very encouraging. Whilst we are trying to encourage more of the public to attend, we still need the support of our members, so please book whenever you can either online or by contacting Leonie.

Covid 19 issues

Unfortunately Covid is going to be with us for some time yet & the level of restrictions will keep changing at least until we are all vaccinated.

Although the restriction on numbers has been lifted somewhat, the wearing of masks inside the clubhouse except when eating or drinking is still mandatory. Members eating and/or drinking must also be seated.

Please carry a mask with you & wear it as & when required.

Pennant Selection Matters

As per a previous email, I am thrilled that Bob Ormston has agreed (with some coercing) to be our Chair of Selectors for the coming season. Some of the new members might well say **“who is Bob Ormston”**.

Bob & his wife Liz joined Beaumont back in 2006 via night owls. He started playing pennant bowls in 2007, served as bowls secretary for two seasons and served as President in 2009/2010. Bob & Liz transferred to Toorak Burnside in 2013 where Bob played in their 1st side then he & Liz moved to Lockleys in 2017 where Bob played Premier or Div 1 for 4 seasons. Bob was also club Secretary for 3 years & has been a first side selector since 2018.

Bob & Liz have come back home to roost at Beaumont to enjoy the benefits of playing closer to home, rekindling some old friendships & making some new ones.

My congratulations also to the pennant selectors who have volunteered & been approved by the Board this year; Paul White, Neville Kirby, Bill King, Robert Field, Don Topsfield, Barry Hanna, Vince Birt, Noelene Bertshinger, Jenny Tregoning, Marlene Haynes, Jenny Turnbull, Jo Kirby, Marney Harley & Lyn Witt. As most people know, pennant selection is neither an easy nor thankful task & I commend each and every one of you for taking on the role in what will be a very challenging season ahead.

Bob will be calling an initial selection meeting very soon to discuss amongst other things the proposed selection structure for the coming season. Once agreed, this will be published to members.

Whilst on the subject of pennant bowls, the availability sheets on the notice board in the hall were very kindly put together by Margie Hilton & printed by Michael Beltrame (Angelo's son). A big thankyou to you both.

Another reminder to fill these sheets in as soon as possible.

Working Bees

At least half the excess grass clippings behind the fence on the western side of “A” Green were removed at a working bee on Monday 2nd August. A big effort and a big thank you to Ian Campbell, Alan Perry, Leon Glynn & Ian Williams for your help on the day. Also a big thank you to Kim Perry for providing a magnificent morning tea. We plan to have a second hit to remove the rest sometime before the end of August so stay tuned for more news.

Club Office

You may or may not have noticed that the office has recently undergone a huge spring clean. Many thanks to Derrick Witt, Cathie Roff, Lyn Witt & Kim Perry – a great effort. We will give the walls a fresh coat of paint soon.

I would ask that you please do not use the office as a dumping area for items of discarded clothing etc. We had enough in there prior to the clean out to hold a used clothing sale.

Social Bowls

Unfortunately Social Bowls has been very lacking of late. If it's not Covid restrictions it is wet weather.

The rainfall records which John Bohner records for the Bureau of Meteorology show that in comparison to last year this winter the rainfall to date far exceeds & there is still more to come. Hopefully temperatures will start to climb soon & we can get some grass back to life.

Student Workers

John Bohner had the pleasure a couple of weeks ago to play host to a couple of young enthusiastic students Matthew Gallasch & William Mencil from St. Ignatius College carrying out community service (William happens to be Peter Baldwinson's grandson).

John had them working on several tasks including cutting & rolling greens, cutting back some of the over-grown shrubs on “A” green and taking some laser level readings of our greens. Here are some photos of the young men in action.



Birthdays

Some milestones during the month of August

Happy Birthday to: -

- George Water
- Stephen Jones
- Bob Scholefield
- Pammie Rowe
- Leon Glynn
- Claire Turnbull
- Andrew Dunda
- John Binks-Williams
- Bob Swinton
- Steph Simms

Congratulations & best wishes for many more.

Apologies if I have missed anyone – some of our early membership records don't always have birth dates registered.

On the sick list

As you all know our dear Jock Jamieson broke his hip in a fall a couple of weeks ago. I've spoken with Lesley on a few occasions and she tells me that apart from a couple of initial set-backs he is on the improve & is now home.

Vonnie Barber's knee operation has had some set-backs. At the moment Vonnie describes it as "one step forward & two steps back". She remains positive however & hopes to be back on deck soon.

Pat Campbell is also recovering well from recent knee surgery & is home reuniting Ian with cooking procedures, ironing & various other household duties.

I'm sure they would all appreciate a call at some stage.

Best wishes, stay upright, keep warm & keep on bowling when the weather permits.

Dave