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Dear Members

I trust you all enjoyed Opening Day last Saturday. It was great to see so many members in attendance & in particular some elder statesmen in Peter Kitching, Ken Hawke & Gerhard Huebner.

I would like once again to thank the following people for all the hard work they put in to make the day so successful.

- Cathie Roff, Lyn Witt & Jud Thomas for co-ordinating the food & setting up the clubhouse
- All those who supplied food on the day & those who served
- Marlene Haynes for the flower arrangements on the tables
- Tom Pointon, Bob Turville & Paul White behind the bar
- Chris Nance, Dick Turnbull, Rob Warhurst & Ash Roff for cleaning up outside
- Derrick Witt for helping fix the bunting on the shades
- Daynor Trigg for help with preparation of the greens
- Pam Huntley who cleaned up & re-painted the steps adjacent the front door
- Bob Ormston, Neville Kirby & the selection team for organizing the bowling
- Maz Falahey again for her camera work

Again apologies if I have missed anyone

What a great looking team



New Members

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

- Mike Dwyer (transferred from Toorak)
- Jan Chinnery (transferred from Toorak)
- Denis Reid (transferred from Toorak)
- Jan Miller (transferred from Toorak)
- Barrie Spalding (transferred from Kensington)
- Russell Dunstan (night owler)
- Olivia O'Neill (night owler)
- Paul Moorfield (transferred from Robe Bowling Club)

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

New Point of Sale registers behind the bar

You will have noticed our new point of sale registers behind the bar. Apart from some initial teething problems, the new registers are proving to be a great asset. A big thank you to Kim Perry for the countless hours she has put into firstly the research then implementing the system & training all the bar staff.

We continue to trial different processes in regard to payment for things other than bar purchases plus the serving of members in a timely & orderly fashion. I ask you all to please be patient while this is happening.

Bistro

The Bistro continues to thrive with more than 80 attending last Thursday night. Please continue to support Leonie with this venture. The time & effort put in each week by Leonie, John, Prue & Janine is extraordinary. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Nonagenarians

You wouldn't believe it but the three distinguished young gentlemen pictured below are all in their nineties. From left to right, Gerhard Huebner (still playing pennant & social bowls twice a week), Peter Kitching (past secretary of the club for 13 consecutive years from 1988 to 2001) & Ken Hawke (past president 1998 & 1999). Not in the photo is Arthur Kent who unfortunately couldn't make opening day when the photo was taken.



Pennant Selection Matters

Trial games are now well underway & by all accounts the competition is fierce. If you haven't ticked your availability on the sheets for the remaining trials & the pennant season, please do so asap.

As mentioned in a recent email, with the recent influx of new members, the Board on the advice of the selection committee has nominated a 6th side in the Saturday competition. As we could only nominate the side in the bottom division, we have filled a gap in Division 7 North. Although not ideal from a travel perspective, the introduction of the 6th side alleviates having to rotate players each week which can be very frustrating for those affected.

Club Championships

Availability sheets for the Club Championships will be posted on the notice board this week. Please note that nominations close on Tuesday 19th October.

Note that the Open Pairs Championship is no longer. We now have an Open Men's Pairs & Open Women's Pairs Championship.

I would encourage as many members as possible to enter the championships – a great way to experience singles & pairs formats

Social Bowls

We had our last social bowls game last week with record numbers in attendance. It was remiss of me not to thank the organisers on the day so I would like to do that now. Our organisers this year who put in a lot of work to ensure things ran as smoothly as possible were Chris Nance, Graeme Langsford, Jo Kirby, Viv Leaker, Phyl Reuter & Kim Perry. Take a bow – you all deserve a medal (a bit like herding cats I heard someone say).

Did you know??

Prue and Graeme Langsford would prefer to go about their club activities with a certain amount of anonymity but that's not easy given their efforts. What you see and hear, quite literally, are one result of their contributions.

Their partnership began 55 years ago in the time-honoured fashion of meeting at a Uni of Adelaide (science) Ball. Prue was working as a Kindergarten director and Graeme was working as an analytical chemist at CSIRO for 13 years before moving to the Adelaide Uni Medical School. Prue subsequently completed a Special Education Degree enabling her to work with children requiring special needs. Since Prue was raised in Waikerie, they had many weekends water-skiing there.

Forward some years to their homemaking plans and fortunately for the BBC they did not continue with their first choice of residence, a jarrah weather-board cottage on an acre of land at Eden Hills. Was it because Graeme demolished much of it along the way? (A swimming pool filled in, an axe through 3 toilets (oops), etc.) They have clocked up 50 years at their present address near the Beaumont Bowling Club. For those with an eye for garden establishment par excellence, you may be acquainted with their verge project which has received awards from the Burnside council.

For those with an interest in wooden boats operating the internal waterways of Australia you will find no more experienced boaties than Prue and Graeme who have experienced the highs and lows over many years! They were known as travellers who, on several voyages, re-enacted explorer Capt. Charles Sturt's logged trip and experienced some equivalent boat traumas.

Along the way Graeme served 25 years in the Psychology Corps of the Army Reserve. He is still a member of the CFS Mt Lofty Tower Brigade.

Similarly, if you want to know about camping without the comforts afforded by today's vehicles and equipment have a conversation with this couple who raised two children in the process of regularly visiting remote areas off the beaten track (e.g. the Eyre bird observatory at the head of the bight, Flinders Ranges, etc.). Covid has caused some sadness with not being able to catch up with family in Melbourne.

Graeme's experience with lighting and sound (and now props) at theatres around Adelaide have benefited our clubrooms with hours spent setting up PA, music and projection systems in Fulton Hall.

We can be thankful to Leonie for dropping in on a Mah-jong session that Prue was attending as the resultant invitation for her to try bowling brought both Prue and Graeme to the Club.

Birthdays

Some milestones during the month of September

Happy Birthday to: -

- Noelsey Bertshinger
- Nobby Walch
- Michael Mazurek
- Glenda Davidson
- Peter Hodgson
- Davinia Hodgson
- Jim Daws
- Tom Pointon
- Peter Anson

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

Jock Jamieson continues to improve despite some setbacks – it was good to see him out & about on opening day & last Saturday at our trials game.

John Bohner had some surgery done on Monday 6th September. All successful John tells me & I for one am glad to have him back on deck

A Joke to finish



Bob suddenly realized his wife had fallen off her horse, which was quite a relief to him as just an hour earlier he thought he'd gone deaf.

I'm sure I'll be reminded that I have missed something, so if I have, stay tuned for the next exciting instalment.

Best wishes, stay upright, be nice to each other & bowl well

Dave