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# Beaumont Bowling Club Newsletter No. 72 – January 2022

## Dear Members

Well the New Year is well & truly underway and I trust you and your loved ones all had a great Xmas & New Year celebrations.

With the latest Covid restrictions now in force, it is already proving to be another very challenging year for the Club. The Board met last Monday night and at that meeting some hard decisions relating to Covid issues were made. I will report on these further in this newsletter.

## New Members

No new members this month

## Night Owls

Night Owls was due to re-commence on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Unfortunately due to the limited numbers allowed both in the hall & bar/lounge areas, the Board has decided to delay night owls until the restrictions are lifted. Whilst disappointing for all our faithful night owlers, the prospect of trying to manage 120 people particularly at half & at full time would have been a nightmare. We will keep our fingers crossed for a return as soon as possible.

## Some Housekeeping Matters

Further to an email I sent out regarding Rink Duty tasks, there still seems to be a state of confusion about timing & the tasks that must be completed before & after the game.

Without sounding like the proverbial school teacher, can I remind you all once again:-

- The skippers in each duty team are required to make contact with the other team members to determine:-
  - What time do we need to be there (recommended times are 9am Wednesdays, 8am Thursdays & 10am Saturdays – N.B. you may agree to different times if that suits however the tasks must be completed on time particularly the filling & pre-heating of the urns)
  - Who should carry out the tasks prior to game & who should tidy up at completion
  - The list of tasks are clearly defined & posted both in the kitchen & on the wall above the information ledge in the bar/lounge area

## **Covid Matters**

At the last Board meeting, the issue of the recent Covid restrictions was discussed at length. Apart from the restriction of numbers in the clubhouse and what that means for members, regular users, night owls etc., the Board has adopted a revised Covid 19 Policy and in particular the adoption of "NO JAB – NO ENTRY".

We had already taken this approach with pennant players as have all bowling clubs in South Australia. We now need to ensure that all other visitors to the club are double vaccinated & that we sight proof of same. This will no doubt prove to be challenging, however necessary to ensure the health & wellbeing of our members.

## **Bistro**

Provided there are no further changes to Covid restrictions, we are confident that the Bistro can re-open on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The numbers will be capped at 44 in the Hall & 18 in the Bar/Lounge area = total 62.

Kitchen & bar staff personnel are not included in these numbers.

Under our new Covid policy, all those attending must be at least double vaccinated & will be required to show proof prior to entry.

## **Green Keeping Matters**

As Greens Manager, I am pleased to see some real improvement in the condition of our greens. Finally some warm weather together with the usual applications is finally producing some results. Well done & thank you to John Bohner, Daynor Trigg, Dennis Reid, Ian Williams & Michael Molnar for your efforts.

Associated with the greens are the surrounds & gardens which are looking a treat at the moment. I often get comments from players from other clubs & the general public on how good they look. Thanks to Chris Nance, Merv & Viv Leaker, Leon Glynn & to Dennis Reid. Speaking of Dennis, you may have noticed the fence on the western side of "A" green is changing colour. A big thank you to Dennis who has commenced repainting to match our club colour scheme. The same fence on the western side of "B" green will not be repainted. This fence which is slowly deteriorating & leaning into the reserve will be replaced in due course by the Council.

## **Pennant Selection Matters**

Paul White has made the decision to step down as a selector for the remainder of the season citing some personal reasons. Whilst I am disappointed, I do understand. The task of being a selector is not an easy one. On behalf of the Board, thank you Paul for your efforts over the last couple of years & I wish you well for the remainder of the season. I am pleased to announce that Steve Coultas has kindly offered to step in for the remainder of the season as co-selector for the top side with Neville Kirby.

## **Training**

This coming week, a sub-committee will be formed with the view of commencing some structured & regular training for the Wednesday & Saturday playing groups. Ian Williams has been running a Drills session on Fridays between 3 & 5pm last year & again this year. Whilst I thank Ian for his efforts in this regard, the sessions have not been particularly well attended.

The ladies Thursday group have been holding regular Tuesday morning training sessions for some time now & the results are clearly evident with the top two sides sitting at the top of the ladder.

The sub-committee intends to focus on the following: -

- regular practice/training sessions for Wednesday and Saturday players
- regular coaching sessions for individual players

- periodic tutorials or workshops for the playing group in etiquette, tactics and general on-green behavior
- a mentoring system for new players
- the qualification of more members, and especially our women players, in umpiring, measuring and marking
- the introduction of a player assessment system for pennant performance
- further meetings of the playing group to agree longer-term performance objectives, including the style of play needed to attain those objectives.

## Taylor Bowls

As a result of the latest Covid restrictions, the remainder of the Taylor Bowls competition has been cancelled. As Bob Ormston noted in a previous email, whilst it is disappointing news, he trusts that those who participated have all benefited from playing in a different format, at different venues and against varied opponents.

I would like to thank Bob for his efforts in organizing this event and let's hope that the opportunity will present again post this Covid mess.

## Milestone Celebration



For those of you who missed the event, one of our cute little BBC girls celebrated a big birthday recently.

In the photo above, along the lines of Where's Wally, see if you can spot the party girl. Happy birthday once again Pet.

### Did you know?



These four cute little BBC girls recently took on & beat convincingly some very experienced well heeled gentlemen who normally would remain anonymous. Not one to spill the beans, I believe the gentlemen in question were Jim Feetham, Barrie Spalding, Brian Fisher & Gerhardt Huebner. Well done girls!

### Birthdays

Some milestones during the month of January.

Happy Birthday to: -

- Connie Choy
- Brian Purdie
- Maz Falahey
- Vonnie Stanley
- Peter Kitching
- Charles Gristi
- Graham Short
- Tony Heneker
- Libby Lock
- Jo Kirby
- David Inglis
- Jock Jamieson

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

## Easter Raffle

I know we have just got over Xmas, but a reminder that Easter will soon be upon us and the ever popular raffle. Raffle tickets will be out soon along with the plastic tubs for receipt of donations.

## Club History

Merv Leaker had been sorting some archival documents recently and came across a few newsletters from the past. Attached is one from September 1996. **Note:** one Ian Campbell accepted as a new member.

## A Joke to finish

When my doctor asked me if I led an active life I told him about my day.

**"Well, yesterday afternoon, I waded across the edge of a deep lake, barely escaped from a wild pig in the heavy brush, marched along a treacherous trail up & down sharp rocks & ledges, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled in & out of quicksand and barely escaped jumping away from an aggressive brown snake."**

**Inspired by my story, the Doctor said, "You must be an awesome outdoorsman!"**

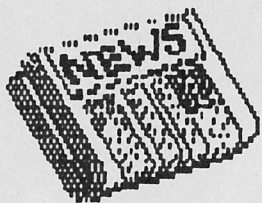
**"No, I replied, I'm just a shit golfer."**

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

Stay upright, be nice to each other (including the President) & bowl well

*Dave*





# BEAUMONT BOWLING CLUB NEWS LETTER

Editor:- Fred Killick

September 1996

The Management Committee has appointed me to be the Club's Publicity Officer. So my first duty will be to publish a newsletter. I have selected a number of items that I think will interest members, but in future I hope members will also provide items of interest to readers. It is proposed that a newsletter be issued approximately September, November and February. I shall be pleased to receive items, either written or verbally.

The Building Committee has submitted plans to the Burnside Council for approval but the plans have to follow a lengthy procedure before they receive final approval. So we have to sit and wait!

The Management Committee Chairmen for 1996/7 are:-

Selection - Fred Ingham

House - Manolo Luno

Bar - David Andary

Greens - Bob Landers

Tournaments - Ken Hawke

Maintenance - Ben Wray

Sponsorship - Peter Kitching

Publicity - Fred Killick

Fundraising - Jack Nicholas

New Members:- S. Ayliffe, I. Campbell, R. Lister, A. Trowbridge, R. Huebl.

The RSABA will be producing a revised Constitution in the near future and the Management Committee will be reviewing the Beaumont Bowling Club's membership categories in conjunction with it.

Tournaments:- Bank of SA mixed triples commence Friday 18th. October.  
Inflight Travel mixed triples commence Friday 25th. October  
Tournament Director Ken Hawke is looking forward to strong support for all tournaments this year.

Fresher's Night will be on Saturday 19th. October at 7 P.M. Cost \$12 per person. Come along and make the new members welcome.

Social Bowls will commence on Wednesday 2nd October and Saturday 5th. October and will continue through the Pennant season at a cost of \$1 per day. It is hoped that, if the need arises, some social bowlers will fill gaps in Pennant teams caused by illness or any other reason.

The Management Committee continue to work towards improving the standard of the greens and to this purpose a Topcon AL508B laser levelling unit with accessories has been purchased to assist Greens Manager Bob Landers and Greenkeeper John Bohner also helpers in maintaining level greens. I am sure John Bohner would be pleased to show you it's advantages.

Chairman of Selectors Fred Ingham has arranged pre-pennant matches with Blackwood and Kensington Marryatville. The Management Committee have appointed Angus Mcrae deputy chairman of selectors.

Don Colegate has been appointed Coaching Co-ordinator, so do not hesitate to approach him to seek assistance with your coaching problems.

Remember when you are right, you can afford to keep your temper.  
When you are wrong, you can't afford to lose it.