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Dear Members

Well it very nearly didn't happen!! After two days of significant rainfall where "B" green once again resembled Lake Beaumont, we managed to pull off a great opening day. The sun actually appeared on a few occasions and the greens although somewhat damp allowed us 15 ends of some fun & enjoyable bowling.

Proceedings got underway on the dot of 11:15am with special guests Jack Batty & Anne Monceaux in attendance. After some kind words from Jack, some 100 members & guests moved outside to witness some fine bowling prowess from Jack & Anne as they delivered the first bowls of the season. Despite the fact that both bowls ended in the ditch, their bowling style showed great promise – will we see two new members?

Following some photos, the group moved inside to partake of the fabulous array of food provided by members. So that I don't leave anyone out, I'm not going to name names, but my sincere thanks to all the organisers & helpers on the day and to all those who provided the food. What a great effort.



Vale Peter Kitching

As noted in a previous email, a very sad day last week with the passing of Peter Kitching at the age of 95. For those who remember, Peter was a long standing member of Beaumont having served as Secretary for some 13 consecutive years, a 30 year Member & also a Life Member. He also won a Club Pairs Championship & was a member of several pennant winning sides.

I spoke with Peter's son Paul last Saturday who was quite touched that we had set our flag at half mast, although with the passing of the Queen the day after, people passing by would think that it was in honour of her & not Peter. Paul also informed me that Peter passed away on exactly the same day as his late wife some years earlier. A reminder that Peter's funeral service will be held this coming Monday 19th September at the Burnside City Uniting Church 384 Portrush Road Tusmore commencing at 2:00pm.

Vale Lynn Miller

Mike Miller phoned me late last week to inform me that his wife Lynn had gone into palliative care following some years of ill health. Mike had been caring for Lyn right up until then, however her condition had deteriorated to the point where palliative care was the only option.

As I write this newsletter, Mike sent me a message to advise that Lynn passed away peacefully early this morning. Sad times but as Mike said a relief for the family.

Funeral details will be advised in the coming days.

Mike, on behalf of the Board & members, our thoughts are with you & your family during this difficult time.

New Members

Some new members since the last newsletter: -

- Bernie Murray – Full Member
- Andrew Speight – Full Member
- Brad Cunynghame – Full Member

Welcome aboard.

It is worth noting that total membership numbers now exceed 150 across all categories.

Around the Club

Within the next few days you will notice some new outdoor chairs on the front veranda. These are to replace the deteriorating plastic chairs which are faded & have become brittle from UV exposure.

The chairs have been purchased utilising some of the generous donation monies received from members.

Going forward, it is intended that we dispose of the old white timber slatted bench seats used on the western end of "A" green, the western end of "B" green & the western & eastern ends of "C" green during the social bowls season & replace them with some permanent seating. The type & exact location of this seating is yet to be determined.

On & Around the Greens

The OH&S issue of the movement of machinery between the machinery shed & around our greens has been of concern for some years now & in particular our two rollers which are extremely heavy.

We have been approached by Stewart Jones from Bowling Green Automation who has offered to develop a motorised trolley to move these rollers.

His proposal is to design & build a motorised trolley to suit both rollers with the club funding the material components at a fixed price of \$4,250. This would be payable by the club only on the successful completion of the trolley. Stewart Jones would retain all intellectual property rights including design, drawings, software etc.

The Board has given Stewart the go ahead with the possibility of having the prototype within 6 months.

Pennant Bowls

A great initiative by Merv Leaker & Jayne Ingerson has been the introduction of training/information sessions on Tuesday nights conducted very capably by Steve Coultas with assistance from Neville Kirby & Sonia. Steve has now run the first 3 sessions with more to come & the response thus far has been brilliant. The hand-out notes from each session are well worth the read & I'm sure will benefit our games going forward. Thankyou Steve.

Social Bowls

Report from our Social Bowls co-ordinator Graeme Langsford

"We've come to the end of a very successful season. This is judged relative to reports from other clubs and feedback from our members.

At the start of the season, the club proposed fielding "3 bowl triples" teams as this would enable up to 42 players playing 60 bowls per day on C Green so that A and B Greens could be rested. We formulated a "Handicap System" whereby newer and less experienced players were given a small advantage over perceived "better" players. This caused occasional complaints but looking at the results it seems to have given a fair competition.

Importantly, we had a group of 10 members who trained in the skills of identifying allocated rinks, assigning teams, preparing the cards and sorting out where the second game was to be played, etc.. Sometimes we had to use doubles teams in order to balance the rink allocation and this meant playing a triple vs a pair team but the organisers coped with this and the players responded as well.

The team comprised Chris N, Jo K, Viv L, Jane N, Robert P, Claire T, Dick T, Phyl R, Libby L and Graeme L. Lady Balfour and her attendants provided the P, P & SR feast and the bar staff added to the conviviality as usual. Of course, the greenies especially Dennis Reid made it all happen so big thanks to him.

Well, what you've been wanting to know – we averaged about 34 players each day. Great. Only about 5 cancelled days and some days we were allowed to use a few rinks on B Green to meet the demand of all those wanting to play. (37 playing days for 1,264 players!)

An important part of Social Bowls is the interaction of newer players with experienced ones and the greeting and mixing of members of the club many of whom don't know other club members and don't catch up during the pennant season. The contact with experienced players is really valuable to newer players. Also, it was noticed that there was considerable jocularity. Why was this? I'll ask Jock!

So, good luck! Use your extra experience and practice for the upcoming Trials and Pennant Season."

Club Bowls

The subject of the use of club bowls in pennant games came up at the Board meeting last Monday. Club bowls are mainly for the use of Night Owlers & visitors to the club. New members who wish to try various bowls before purchasing their own are welcome to use these bowls however we would expect that these members would purchase their own bowls as soon as possible. Please note that the club bowls have slightly different discs (stickers) to the ones used by pennant playing members and that you may be questioned by an overzealous opposing player during a game as to why the discs are different to the rest of your team mates. **(Note: Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play clause 13.2 reads "In all games where discs (stickers) are being used, all players in a team or a side must use bowls with identical discs. If a replacement player is required, then he/she may use bowls with his/her own club identification discs. Law 52.1.8 and DR 4.7").**

Of course if a Night Owl or an Associate member is called upon to fill in for a pennant game then I would see no problem with them using club bowls.

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to all who have celebrated and all who will celebrate a birthday during the month of September.

The Pie Lady

You may or may not be aware that Janet our Bistro caterer had a fall recently and seriously injured her shoulder which has required surgery. Her daughter has stepped in to take the reins, however she can only cater the Bistro every second week. "No need to be concerned" says the Pie Lady Lyn Witt, "We'll cover the alternate week with a different cuisine".

The "Gourmet Pie with Peas & Mash" on Thursday 8th September was a sell-out and what a great night it was. To the organisers Lyn, Derrick, Cathie & Marney plus the mash makers Ash & Shane my sincere thanks for your efforts. What a great bunch of volunteers we have.

Not to rest on her laurels, the Pie Lady already has some great ideas going forward. Watch this space!!

Sponsors Day

The Sponsor's Day was held on Saturday 28th of August in conjunction with social bowls. Although a number of our Sponsors were unable to attend, it was great to see Brandon Pilgrim, Damien Fong & Vida Bojanic from Ray White, Lisa & Andrew Heuch from Footcare Podiatry, Angelo & Luigi Beltrame from Beltrame Brothers Builders, Louise Phillips & Michael Petrovs from Hearing Australia & Axel Miller & James Quire from the Feathers Hotel.

I was only able to attend the opening part; however I am told that the day was a huge success.

It is intended that we make this or something similar an annual event.

My thanks to Dick Pledge & all those who helped out on the day – well done.

A Joke to finish

Sixty is the worst age to be," said the 60-year-old man. "You always feel like you have to go to the toilet and most of the time you stand there and nothing happens"

"Wait till you're seventy," said the 70-year-old. "When you're seventy, you have trouble with bowel movements constantly. You take laxatives, eat bran, sit on the toilet for hours and still nothing!"

"Actually," said the 80-year -old, "Eighty is the worst age of all"

"Do you have trouble going to the toilet, too?" asked the 60-year-old.

"No, I go every morning at 6:00. I go like a racehorse; no problem at all"

Then I have a bowel movement at 6:30"

Exasperated, the 60-year-old said, "You go to the toilet every morning at 6:00 and again at 6:30. So what's so bad about that?"

"I don't wake up until 7:00"

Dave

Sponsor's Corner

Mr. Mick | Tim Adams Wines

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MR.MICK

Clare Valley, South Australia

Mr. Mick Wines, Cellar Door and Kitchen are named after the late K.H. (Mr. Mick) Knappstein, an Australian winemaking legend and Tim Adams' mentor and friend. Tim and his wife Pam are proud custodians of the landmark property at 7 Dominic Street, Clare that now bears his name and houses a renowned restaurant, cellar door and gallery.

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Tim Adams

CLARE VALLEY

Clare Valley, South Australia

Following an apprenticeship under the guidance of Mick Knappstein (Mr Mick) and winemaking positions at Leasingham and Quelltaler, Tim Adams and his wife Pam Goldsack established Tim Adams Wines in 1986. Passionate about the Clare Valley, Tim and Pam source fruit from their own vineyards and those of excellent local growers from all areas of the valley. Led by the iconic Aberfeldy Shiraz, Tim Adams Wines focus their attention on selecting Clare Valley grapes, for their authentic varietal and regional characters. These wines can be enjoyed in their youth for their vibrant fruit and fresh flavours, or be cellared for five to 15 years, depending on the wine.

Winemakers: Tim Adams and Brett Schutz

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