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Dear Members

The pennant season kicked off on Wednesday 12th October with some mixed results. Fortunately the weather held off enough for us to complete all games. Congratulations to Division 2 North men who had a narrow win over Playford at home on Wednesday, Division 2 North ladies who had a good win over Woodville at Woodville on Thursday & Division 5 East, Division 6 East Red & Division 7 East Red who all had good wins on Saturday. Onward & upward.

New Members

Two new members since the last newsletter: -

- Lynne Franks – Associate Member
- Rod Buick – Associate Member

Welcome aboard Lynne & Rod. I look forward to catching up with you both at some stage.

Around the Club

Ian Campbell has been busy of late investigating other forms of shade structures. This coming Monday, Ian & I will be meeting with a representative from a company who manufacture motorised retractable shade units as an alternative to fixed. Subject to cost & stormwater considerations, this could be just what we need given that shade encroachment on to greens is of concern.

We recently advertised for sale some surplus items of machinery, namely a Scott Bonnar motor driven scarifier, a Ryan corer & a Fulton electric scarifier. Within 3 days all items were sold netting the club \$3,300. Together with the sale of the PSM roller recently for \$1,500, this will well & truly help defray the cost of the new Mowmaster Vert-mower/Groomer. This unit was due for delivery 2 weeks ago but has been delayed for unknown reasons. We hope to take delivery sometime this week.

Information

Derrick Witt has asked me to let you all know that there is now a plastic tray unit on the information ledge near the bar that contains items such as Contact Lists, Membership Forms, Pennant Availability forms etc.

The "Rink Allocation" whiteboard on the wall adjacent the front door is for the sole use of the Greens Manager & the President. Please do not write anything on this board. The "Going Direct" whiteboard next door is there for its intended purpose, to advise if you are going direct to a pennant game. If you need to erase any writing, please use a damp cloth or cross your name out. The whiteboard material does not take kindly to dry cloth, dusters, hands etc.

On & Around the Greens (Greens Manager Dennis Reid)

How much more rain can we expect ??????????

The total rainfall over the last 3 years for the period May / September is as follows: -

2022	505mls
2021	352mls
2020	305mls

So from these amounts you can see that this year we have exceeded last year by 153mls or in the old money six inches.

Because of these circumstances James Gregory is taking a clear **cautious approach** to the preparation of all greens, he is mindful that with the continuation of the rain they can easily turn nasty in a short space of time. During the month the continuation of spraying took place with wetting agents to help some of the drainage problems, fungicide to combat “fairy rings” and general broad spectrum diseases.

Cutting kept to a minimum and adjustment to the height to normal playing conditions.

“A” green was lightly scarified on 7th October which will enable it to be gradually brought back into play for pennants.

Scarifying the other two greens will take place asap depending on the weather.

Fingers crossed that we get a turn in the weather to enable all greens to be rotated to ensure healthy growing time.

Pennant Bowls & Rink Duty

A timely reminder for those teams who are nominated for Rink Duty each week.

The team Skippers for each team must confer with each other to determine who will carry out the set-up tasks in the morning & who will carry out the clean-up tasks at day’s end. They should also contact each team member with the same information. All too often in the past, there has been total confusion with people turning up at different times, some not turning up at all, tasks not being completed etc. Very frustrating for me I must say. So far the system seems to be working so keep up the good work.

On a related matter, we now have a roster system going for clean-up at the mid-game break on Wednesdays & I believe Thursdays which is great news. We are still looking for two or three volunteers who do not bowl on Saturdays to do the same. Alan Perry has kindly offered to do the bar and has been for a while now. If anyone can help with the mid-game break clean-up please give me a call. The task shouldn’t take any more than half an hour to an hour max.

Women’s Lunch

The ladies recently held a lunch at the Robin Hood Hotel. Some 35 in attendance and judging by the photo below there would have been 35 different conversations going at the same time. I am reliably informed that women can do this & still hear & understand every word spoken. I’d reckon the decibel levels would have been similar to a 737 jet taking off at Adelaide Airport.

Thank you Jud & Jane Nehmy for organising the event.



Night Owls

Night Owls will commence this coming Tuesday 18th October. All indications thus far point towards some good numbers with several new teams coming on board. Night Owls is an important revenue stream for the club and requires a lot of work by a dedicated team each year, however we can always do with more helpers. If you can assist, please approach Merv Leaker at the club or contact him on his mobile 0427 520014.

Xmas Raffle

Xmas is fast approaching & now is the time to think about what to do with those expensive bottles of wine that you no longer need or perhaps the odd turkey or leg of ham, chocolates etc. Within the next couple of days there will be a couple of plastic buckets under the information ledge for you to deposit such items. Raffle tickets will also be handed out to members to sell in due course.

Birthdays

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

The Pie Lady

I know I have mentioned this before and I am going to mention it again. Our lovely pie lady (Lady Balfour aka Lyn Witt) never ceases to amaze me. She has been extremely unwell over the last couple of weeks but that doesn't stop this girl. The pies, pasties & sausage rolls magically turn up each Wednesday & Saturday and the events bookings keep rolling in, all while she is incapacitated in bed. At the same time Derrick has become very familiar with whitegoods, vacuum cleaners etc.

Lyn you are an absolute gem – the club would be lost without you.

On The Sick List

Our thoughts & best wishes go out to new member Bernie Murray who was badly injured at Penola recently when a car either reversed or drove into him while he was loading some things into the boot of his car.

Unconfirmed reports are that he suffered some serious injuries in particular a femur broken in 3 places.

On behalf of the Board & all members, I wish you a speedy recovery. If there is anything you need Bernie feel free to contact me or Derrick.

Sponsors Corner

Glenunga Gourmet Meats have decided not to continue as one of our sponsors. Oh dear I hear you say.

Not to worry, we are now purchasing our meat trays & sausages from Churchills Butchery at Marryatville. The meat trays so far look good & we are hoping that Churchills will come on board as a sponsor going forward. Watch this space.

A Joke to finish

“With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very well known person which almost went un-noticed last week.

Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote “The Hokey Pokey” died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 93.

The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin.

They put his left leg in and that’s when the trouble started”

Dave