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# Beaumont Bowling Club Newsletter No. 82 December 2022

## Dear Members

We have now reached the halfway point of the pennant season with some great results thus far. We currently have 3 sides sitting in first place on the ladder – Div 5 East (Saturday), Div 2 North (Wednesday) & Div 2 North ladies (Thursday). Div 3 East Red ladies are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Div 7 East Red (Saturday) are in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Just outside the top four are Div 3 East (Wednesday) in 6<sup>th</sup> spot and Div 7 East White (Saturday) in 5<sup>th</sup> spot.

Let's keep the momentum going in the second half.

## New Members

A member upgrade since the last newsletter: -

- Nobby Walch – Associate to Full Member

Welcome to the big time Nobby – great to have you on board.

## On & Around the Greens (Dennis Reid)

Commencing last Sunday James Gregory has started renovating our greens. He used a machine called an "Air2G2" which is used to penetrate up to 30cm below the surface and break up the layers of compacted soil. This was carried out on all 3 greens.

Next step will be to solid tine all greens and add new soil to the holes and given the right weather conditions there will be some light dustings spread over the surface. This work will be carried out over the Xmas break.

This period is the only opportunity to do this type of work in order that we can get the greens up to a more suitable condition after the heavy rainfall from May onwards this year.

At all times over Christmas / New Year break there will be at least one green available to members. However please be aware the running speed will not be great. Slowly they will be brought back to speed for the start of pennants.

If rolling up over this period and if using the shades would you please remember to roll back the shades after using as we need the maximum sunlight on the banks and ends of the greens.

**N.B. Please read the Rink Allocations board prior to play**



A couple of photos of James Gregory's Air2G2 machine

### Drainage Works – “B” Green

As reported in the last newsletter, there is an urgent need to carry out some long overdue drainage works to the “B” green. The works will involve inserting a sump in the south eastern corner of the green including a submersible pump with connections from the Paint Store & the sump adjacent the locker room which will divert storm water from the steps in front of the main entrance doors. Further works will entail replacement of the current earthenware stormwater drain under the southern bank of “B” green with PVC.

We have since engaged Northway Plumbing to undertake these works commencing 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### New Shade Structures

Since the last newsletter, the Board & in particular Brian Purdie & Ian Campbell have been working feverishly to complete a comprehensive grant application to partially fund new shade structures to “B” & “C” greens. We approached 3 companies to provide costings for the work however only one, a company called Shadeform had the expertise to undertake the work. Together with some concrete cutting and remediation works by others, the total cost would be \$109,450 (plus GST). Our thoughts on funding for this scenario were (Grant - \$45,000, Council \$25,000 and BBC \$39,250).

A meeting was held with James Brennan (Burnside Council) to present to him our thoughts on the proposal & more importantly requesting funding assistance. I am pleased to report that the Council has since committed the \$25,000 towards the project.

We won't find out if our grant application is successful or not until March next year. If it is, the new shades could be in place by April. If the grant is not successful, the Board will need to investigate alternative funding arrangements.

Watch this space!!!

## Club Championships

The Club Championship rounds are being completed in a timely fashion with some interesting results thus far. Please complete as many rounds as possible prior to Xmas if you can.

## Night Owls

The last Night Owls before the Xmas break was held last Tuesday with some 90 in attendance – a good number considering a very cold night & conflicting Xmas functions. The club is blessed to have such a great fun loving group of people every week.

I do mention it most weeks, but again thank you to all the volunteers. It is a big effort each week.

I'd also like to thank those night owlers who have filled in for pennant games at very short notice. I hope you have enjoyed the experience.

## Xmas Dinner

Once again a very successful & well attended Xmas dinner on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. No less than 118 festive members, night owlers & guests in attendance. The table settings, the atmosphere, the food, the beverages could only be described as superb.

Thank you Marney, Maz, Jud, Lyn & Cathie for putting it all together. A great effort.



Winners of the Best Dressed



A coupla good looking BBC sheilas

## Xmas Raffle

Thank you to all who donated items for our Xmas raffle. We managed to put together no less than 12 magnificent hampers as prizes. Thank you Cathie & Ash, Lyn & Derrick & Marney for co-ordinating the raffle & putting together the hampers & congratulations to all the winners.



## Birthdays

A very happy birthday to all who have celebrated and all who will celebrate a birthday during the month of December & in particular Mr. Secretary who just clicked over the number 75!! Well done Derrick and to think we nearly lost you two years ago.

## On The Sick List

I am pleased to report that Bernie Murray has been discharged from hospital and is making good progress. We look forward to seeing you back at the club soon Bernie.

Robin Williams has recently had a pacemaker inserted following a couple of unexpected whoopsies (blackouts). Good to see you back at the club last week & look forward to seeing you out on the greens in the second half of the season.

## Sponsors Corner

The boys from Ray White appeared at Night Owls a couple of weeks ago sporting their new team shirts – very impressive indeed.

Spotted at the BBQ - the one & only Brandon Pilgrim



## A Joke to finish

*At a crowded city bus stop, a woman who was waiting for a bus was wearing a tight leather skirt. As the bus stopped and it was her turn to get on, she became aware that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to come up to the height of the first step of the bus.*

*Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little, thinking that this would give her enough slack to raise her leg.*

*Again she tried to make the step only to discover she still couldn't. So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more.*

*For the third time, she attempted the step, and once again, much to her chagrin, she could not raise her leg. With a little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was unable to make the step.*

*About this time, a large Texan who was standing behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus.*

*She went ballistic and turned to the would-be Samaritan and screeched, "How dare you touch my body - I don't even know who you are!"*

*The Texan smiled and drawled,*

*"Well, ma'am, normally I would agree with you but after you unzipped my fly three times, I kinda figured we was friends."*

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members & their families a very happy and safe Xmas & New Year.

*Dave*