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Dear Members

The AGM has come and gone & I thank all current Board members for staying with me for another year. I would like to thank Jayne Ingerson for her contribution last year. Jayne is stepping away to spend more time on her golf however I hope we will see her around the club from time to time.

Welcome to Alan Freeman our newest Board member. Alan brings with him much experience in sporting club administration and has put his hand up to assist Merv Leaker with Bowls Operations.

New Members

New members since the last newsletter: -

- Keith Morris – Full Member (transfer from Murray Bridge)
- Brendan O'Donnell – Full Member (transfer from Kensington)
- John Lapidge – Full Member (transfer from Tranmere)
- Sharon Cooper – Associate Member (from Night Owls)

A warm welcome to you all

On & Around the Greens (Dennis Reid)

Not a lot of activity on the greens during the last month due to the elevated number of days where we had rain. For the first five months of this year we have experienced 46mls more rainfall than 2022.

Minimal cutting and rolling will continue as we head into the normally wetter months of the year.

An application of fungicides has been applied to assist with disease and when we get a break in the weather (dry days) James will be spraying to curb the growth of the winter weeds.

All greens have had the east / west lines added which will help with rotation of play.

James also put the Air2 G2 through all greens in the last week which assists in breaking up the layers of soil under the surface. This helps with pooling of water.

Air2G2 Machine is a self-propelled hydrostatic driven, three probe air injection machine which injects compressed air to 30cm depth.

This causes a fracturing effect of the compacted root zone with no surface disruption.



Benefits are: -

Relieves Compaction Fractures hardpan layers of soil without disruption to roots or playing surface.

Increases Porosity Lateral air injections increase porosity, promotes improved absorption and encourages deeper root growth, and improves water drainage.

Enhances Respiration. Forces oxygen in and pushes out CO₂ gases out of the root zone.

Drainage Works

The drainage work in front of the clubhouse is now complete and turf has been replaced. The submersible pump in the grated sump in the corner of "B" green has been tested & works well. To date we haven't had a major rainfall event to really test the system, however I am confident it will do the job if & when it happens.

New Shade Structures

At the AGM we had approval to expend \$47,000 towards replacement of shade structures to the "B" green which also incorporates the southern end of "C" green. Together with the confirmed \$25K contribution from the Council, this will enable us to proceed with the works. At the time of writing this newsletter, we have given Shadeform (the contractor) the go ahead to commence full engineering drawings to enable Development Approval. Once DA is received we hope to have all the works completed by opening day 9th September.

Social Bowls (report from Graeme Langsford)

We've been lucky with the weather so far - we have not missed a game on Wednesday or Saturday. The greens have been playing well and there have been many happy bowlers. We have planned to have teams of triples so that we can best optimise players' needs (sufficient play without getting too tired) and the use of our greens (allowing good turf preparation and maintenance). Remember that it may be necessary to cancel matches if the greens can't be prepared. This is decided the night before, if possible, but sometimes on the day and an email is then sent out. Please let us know if you need to be phoned on the day.

We ask that where possible that you arrive at 11:30am, 11:45am at the latest, so that all formalities can be attended to.

Importantly, we have a group of 10 members who are proficient in the skills of identifying allocated rinks, assigning teams, preparing record cards and sorting out where the second game is to be played, etc.. They do this from 10:45am on the day.

Sometimes, we have to use doubles teams in order to balance the rink allocation and, at times, this means playing a triple vs a pair team but the organisers coped with this and the players responded as well.

Remember, many members help to make our Social Bowls possible. Our greens manager (Dennis), the team – Chris Nance, Jo Kirby, Phyl Reuter, Claire Turnbull, Richard Turnbull, Jane Nehmy, Libby Lock, Peggy Hayden, Viv Leaker & Graeme Langsford – who also have responsibility for club cleanliness, our foodie (Lyn) and of course the bar staff who play a major part in all club activities.

Again, it is noticeable just how great it is to have so many experienced bowlers around who, if asked, are happy to share their knowledge of bowling styles and reading the head or we can just observe how they go about playing. This contact is valuable to newer players and also it is obvious how many members meet and play bowls with other club members who they really don't know during the pennant season. What about the jocularly?

Well, what you've been wanting to know. We have had 508 bowlers attending so far at an average of 36 players per match. Great. The weather may not be holding for much longer though!

Club Tournament

As reported in a previous email, our Club Tournament **“The Ray White Classic”** was held on Sunday 16th April with a near full complement of 34 teams (136 players) registered - \$3,400 registration fees.

\$1,000 of the total prize money of \$2,100 was donated by Brandon Pilgrim (Ray White Norwood) with members who wish to remain anonymous donating the remaining \$1,100.

The raffle prizes were all donated – raffle ticket sales \$800

Wines on the table were donated by our sponsor Tim Adams/Mr Mick Wines.

I did thank all those involved at the presentation & in a follow up email, but I just wanted to again comment on the lunch and the morning & afternoon teas – brilliant!! Thank you Marney and your team of BBC girls, Claire Turnbull, Roxie Brown, Phyl Reuter & Chris Davidson – a tremendous effort all day.

With a bar take of \$2,200, registration fees \$3,400, raffle sales \$800 less costs, we achieved a profit of approx. \$4,000 on the day.

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to all who have celebrated during the months of April & May and all who will celebrate a birthday during the month of June.

In particular congratulations to John Wills who will celebrate his ninetieth this coming Saturday. I am told that John has taken his entire family on a cruise so I guess that means he won't be shouting the bar. A very happy birthday John and may there be many more.

Sponsors Corner

Welcome to our new sponsor **“Spill the Beans”**

Dedicated to quality, Spill the Beans pride themselves on providing locally roasted coffee, combined with the highest quality ingredients such as Tweedvale milk, Milklab alternative milks and Adelaide Hills produce to present the freshest, highest quality offerings.

Sunny days guarantee that their deck will be full of guests enjoying a coffee or treat under the vines.

On not-so-sunny days, they offer comfortable seating inside the café with free wifi available.

Takeaway food & drink is also available in fully sustainable packaging.

Although they offer a wide variety of hot and iced drinks, they also provide savoury, sweet & weekly special food options.

So whether you're stopping for your morning coffee, lunch or an afternoon snack, they've got you covered.

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A Joke to finish

"The Mechanical Engineers"

Ray & Bob, two Government Mechanical Engineers were standing at the base of a flag pole looking up.

A woman walked by and asked what they were doing.

"We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole", said Bob, "But we don't have a ladder."

The woman said, "Hand me that wrench out of your toolbox."

She loosened a few bolts, then laid the pole down.

She then took a tape measure from their toolbox, took a measurement and announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches" and walked away.

Ray shook his head and laughed.

"Ain't that just like a miss-know-it-all woman" he said.

"We needed the height and she gave us the length!"

Bob & Ray are still working for the Government.

Dave