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Dear Members

Thank you to all who attended the Pennant Players information evening last Tuesday 22nd August. A very informative session delivered by Shane Neal (Chair of Selectors) and Merv Leaker (Bowls Operations). Some robust discussion around the proposed appointment of a club coach – an update on this is included further on in this newsletter.

I look forward to yet another successful season on the greens and remember, our selectors & bowls operations crew have a difficult task ahead of them so I expect that you will all rally and give them all the support they will need going forward.

Opening Day

Our Opening Day is almost upon us, Saturday 9th September to be more precise. Anne Monceaux (Mayor of Burnside) and Jack Batty (Member for Bragg) will once again be our special guests. Members are asked to bring a small plate of sandwiches/savouries/sweets to share. There is currently a list on the information shelf where you can indicate what you will bring. Remember "Club Uniform" and I look forward to a relaxed fun day.

New Members

New member since the last newsletter: -

- John Walker – Full Member (transferring from Toorak Burnside)

A warm welcome John and I look forward to seeing you at the club soon.

Total number of members across all categories stands at **156** with a few more expected within the next couple of weeks.

On & Around the Greens (Dennis Reid)

Whilst still in winter mode the greens are being nurtured along with care and at the same time being mindful of looking after them so come the growing season they will be in a sound position to move forward.

Again minimal rolling and cutting took place over the last four weeks which hasn't affected the playing conditions on social days. All greens are in a "good" place at the moment.

The following spraying was conducted over these last few weeks.....

- Silverado herbicide on all greens for moss and sagina (pearlwort)
- 3D herbicide on "B" and "C" greens for broadleaf weeds and sagina.
- Metha tri combi herbicide on "A" green for broadleaf weeds and sagina.

Looking at the current condition of the greens this spraying has been beneficial and successful.

Members will have noticed the addition of extra rink lines on “C” green (east / west) which allows for better movement of the rinks.

Upgraded Food Handling Laws

Upgraded food handling laws must be implemented before 8 December 2023

The board has been reviewing the impact of these changes on how they will impact the Sausage Sizzle for Night Owls, possible sandwich making for Pennant mid-game breaks and the club catering for functions such as Curry nights etc.

In short, to at least continue with the sausage sizzle we need to have a person who holds a Food Safety Supervisor (Skill Set) Certificate and act as the Food Safety Supervisor. I am pleased to advise that 2 members have volunteered to do the course and the club will pay the course fee.

The other area that has changed is that food handlers need to demonstrate to a Health Inspector when he visits the Club that they have the appropriate skills and knowledge to handle food safely and be able to answer questions in the four required topics.

A “dos and don’ts” sheet has been prepared “Food Safety Easy Reference Guide for persons handling food” and is available in the kitchen as a prompt to the four topics.

The Club also needs to demonstrate that it has taken steps to ensure members handling food have been trained and we encourage members handling food to go online and do a free online course and obtain the “Do Food Safely” certificate (takes about an hour) and this can be filed in the Club’s records.

The course is found at <https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au>

New Shade Structures

The new Shade Structures are gaining momentum. Shadeform representatives have been to the club and marked out the eight column locations. Their excavation contractor will be at the club Thursday & Friday 31st August/1st September to excavate. In the meantime, steelwork & shade cloth manufacture is underway.

You may have noticed that the old shades have now been removed from “B” green & the southern end of “C” green. This was completed by the very capable Angelo Beltrame ably assisted by Brian Purdie, Ian Campbell & me. Brian & I removed the shade cloth & cables on Thursday 24th then the four of us removed the steelwork on Friday 25th ready for the new structure. A huge thank you to all concerned and in particular Angelo (you are a gem!!)



Old shades gone



Simple alternative

I was just thinking how good the place looks now that the old shades have been removed. With that in mind, why bother putting up new ones when a far cheaper option might be to issue all players with the simple alternative above.

Overall the project is progressing well and I am ever hopeful that it can be completed by Opening day???

If not Opening day then certainly by the start of the pennant season.

The Painter

You may or may not have noticed but the metal fence on the western side of “B” green has recently received a lick of paint to match the fence on “A” green.

Once again thank you Dennis Reid – a job well done with little fuss or fanfare.

But he doesn't stop there! All the rink boundary marker tennis balls have received a bright white paint job as well ready for the new season.



Before



After

Club Tournament

Our club Tournament "The Ray White Norwood Classic" next year will be held on Sunday 7th April and I am thrilled to announce that Brandon Pilgrim (Ray White Norwood) has once again offered \$1,000 toward prize money. A flyer will be published in due course.

Sponsor's Night

A Sponsor's Night is arranged for Friday 22nd September. A draft invitation has been prepared and is published on the Club web site. This is a great opportunity to show our appreciation to all our sponsors and provide some exposure to their services. Thank you Dick Pledge & your team for putting this together.

Appointment of Club Coach

As advised in a previous email, the Board of Management has approved the appointment of Mike Hocking as playing Coach for the 2023/2024 season.

Mike is a very experienced bowler, with some 35 years' experience, much at Premier level. He has won State titles in singles, pairs, triples and fours, and has recently been playing and coaching at Toorak Burnside.

Mike will be discussing with our existing coaches how best to structure coaching and training sessions for this coming season.

We will formally introduce Mike at our Opening Day on 9 September. In the meantime, if you should see him at the Club, please introduce yourself and, more importantly, make him feel welcome.

On The Sick List

John Bohner has not been well of recent times with a fluid on the lungs issue. He was a very sick boy at one stage with 5 days in hospital. The good news is that he is now at home recuperating.

In John's words, "it will be a 6 to 8 week recovery process and I am half way there."

Look after yourself John & I look forward to seeing at the club soon for a chat and a beverage.

Birthdays

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

Sponsors Corner



Patricia (Trish) Baggio established Burnside Physiotherapy in 1999 as a part-time solo practitioner. The practice now offers a dedicated team of experienced Physiotherapists and Remedial Therapists who are passionate about delivering the highest quality service.

They are passionate about what they do and their commitment to you is the time, empathy and understanding needed to deliver the best possible outcome. After hours appointment times are available and 50% longer than average consult times. They are always learning new techniques and advances in research to deliver their best practice. They also offer a "second opinion" service with their experienced senior practitioners to resolve complex cases and maximise their client outcomes.

Their experienced team are there to help you improve your general wellbeing. They bring over 80 years' experience and are passionate about ongoing learning to ensure they keep providing the highest quality service.

Please call Burnside Physiotherapy on (08)8333 2433 or email admin@burnsidephysio.com.au to book an appointment.

Your bowling may just improve as a result.

A Lovely Story to finish

I was mugged by a thief last night on my way home from work

Pointing a knife at me he said "Your money or your life"

I told him that I was married so I have no money and no life....

We hugged and cried together

It was a beautiful moment....

Dave