

# **Beaumont Bowling Club Inc.**

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# Beaumont Bowling Club Inc Newsletter No. 88 – September 2023

# **Dear Members**

Another successful Opening Day is now behind us and what a day it was with some 70 members and guests in attendance. Our guests Jack Batty & Anne Monceaux delivered some very kind and encouraging words before venturing out on the green for the customary delivery of the first bowls of the season. Thankyou Marney and all your helpers for your efforts leading up to and on the day and to all those members who provided the wonderful array of food. The greens workers really appreciated the left overs. Thank you Maz Falahey for once again recording the event with your camera – always appreciated.

# **Board Resignation**

With the recent resignation of Derrick Witt, I am pleased to formally welcome Mike Miller who has agreed to fill the vacancy. For those of you who don't know, Mike has been officiating as Assistant Secretary for some years now including managing our web site. He was also Secretary to Robert Field back in 2013/2014 and 2014/2015.

# **New Members**

New members since the last newsletter: -

- Mike Hocking Full Member (transferring from Toorak Burnside)
- Keith Holding Full Member (transferring from Prospect/Broadview)
- Rob Coulls Full Member
- ➢ Janie McMichael − Full Member
- > Dale Hanlon Social Member
- Dawn Lilley Permit Player

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

# On & Around the Greens (Dennis Reid)

Early in the month we continued to cut and roll the greens in a sparing way. With no real growth cutting and rolling was kept to a minimum. "C" Green continued to provide a good surface for winter social bowls.

James has now commenced preparing the greens for the start of the season. During these times be aware that the greens speed may vary from week to week depending on what the circumstances are at the time.

"A" Green has been sprayed for weeds, been lightly scarified and fertilized and weeds sprayed on the surrounds.

"B" Green has had a light scarify and fertilized second week of September.

"C" Green same as above but done the week after.

So during this period we will have two greens available for trials and practice.

At this stage the greens are in a good condition and with the planned preparation and fingers crossed with the weather we hope to start the season in a positive manner with the playing surfaces.

# Social Bowls Review 2023 (Graeme Langsford)

"To bowl, or not to bowl ... that was the question"

Whether to chance the weather or suffer ... perchance to dream – wondering!

Well, we had a very successful season. For autumn and winter play, the greens were in great condition and we only cancelled one game and were not able to play the second game on a couple of days. We planned for 3-bowl triples where possible so that we could optimise the use of rinks and minimise player fatigue. As usual, it was noticeable that some players benefitted from sharing the experiences and knowledge of some more accomplished bowlers. Also, we had a few visitors from other clubs and a few new players.

One feature, from the initiative of Cathy Roff, Lyn Witt and Jan Chinnery, led to us running a "Handicap Tournament of 2 bowl triples over 3 (non-consecutive) competition days". Each day had a different, featured gourmet lunch and it was provided between the 2 games by a wonderful group of our "player-chefs".

The competition **winners shared the first prize of \$750** which went to the **"3P's"** – Jo Pledge, Dick Pledge and Kim Perry. **Second prize of \$225** went to **"The Drivers"** – Richard Kent, Ash Roff and Noelene Bertshinger. There were 2 specially donated prizes - for 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Samtass Seafood** gave 3 vouchers for \$50 each (going to **"Easy Rollers"**) and for 4<sup>th</sup>, **Spill the Beans** gave 3 vouchers for \$20 each won by the **"Toorak Escapees"**. Thanks to those sponsors.

Now, to recognise the wonderful helpers who made the season possible.

Rostered helpers were Chris Nance, Jo Kirby, Jane Nehmy, Phyl Reuter, Claire and Dick Turnbull, Libby Lock, Viv Leaker, Peggy and Denis Haydon and me. We had a little community working well together!

The greens were always great for the conditions and Dennis Reid was brilliant – even sorting out the best, usable rinks for the nominated number of players.

As usual, we relied on the commitment of our bar staff that are always there and cheerfully provide an essential service that is part of the enjoyment of our club.

Lyn Witt reliably provided pies, pasties and sausage rolls as required and this was welcomed and appreciated.

Well, I know that you've been wanting hear the stats! So, we had a total of **1,446** bowlers attending during the season.

Good luck to you all with the upcoming trial games and pennant matches. It was noticeable that many players are playing well and that might make the selectors' jobs interesting!



**Social Bowls Co-ordinator** 



Social Bowler

#### **New Shade Structures**

As mentioned in previous email updates, the new Shade Structures are progressing slowly but surely.

Shadeform have done an outstanding job thus far with all eight posts now concreted in.

The cross beams will be bolted in place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September ready for stainless steel cables and ultimately installation of the shade material.

I mentioned to Anne Monceaux (Burnside Mayor) that she might like to officiate at a small unveiling ceremony once they are completed and she has accepted I will provide a further update soon.





# **Another Painter**

You may have noticed that the timber slat seating on the eastern side of "A" green has just received a paint job courtesy of Merv Leaker. Thank you Merv – a job well done.

# Sponsor's Night

Unfortunately the Sponsor's Night arranged for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September has had to be postponed due to limited numbers of sponsors being able to attend. We plan to re-schedule the event to early January. Keep an eye out for further updates.

#### **On The Sick List**

It was good to see Chris Nance back at the club last Saturday following hip replacement surgery. Chris claims that he will be back on the greens very soon.

On a very sad note, I was advised that David Gribble has suffered a major stroke. He is currently in Royal Adelaide in a very serious condition. Our thoughts and prayers are with you David.

# **Birthdays**

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

# **Sponsors Corner**



#### History

We started building homes and extensions in the late 1980s and haven't stopped since. Who are we? We are Angelo, Luigi and Michael Beltrame and there's nothing we can't build. From the city to the suburbs, to the coast and even on Kangaroo Island, we work everywhere.

#### **Custom Designs**

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#### **Bowling Ability**

Average? Just kidding – very good bowlers and great volunteers who have and continue to do much work around the club

#### Contact Angelo on mobile 0408 841 450

#### **Interesting Facts**

It takes 7 seconds for food to pass from mouth to stomach.

A human hair can hold a weight of 3kg.

The length of a penis is three times the length of the thumb.

The femur is as hard as concrete.

A woman's heart beats faster than a man's.

Women blink 2 times as fast as men.

We use 300 muscles just to keep our balance when we stand.

A woman has read this entire text.

A man is still looking at his thumb.

# Dave