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# Beaumont Bowling Club Inc Newsletter No. 89 – October 2023

## Dear Members

Thank you to those members who stayed on after pennant bowls last Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October for the official opening of our new shades on "B" Green. Following some lovely words from our Mayor Anne Monceaux and Mark Soulsby from Shadeform we proceeded out to the front of the clubhouse for the official opening of the shades.

I'm sure you will all agree that these are a great asset, easy to operate and look good to boot.

The Board is now in discussion with Shadeform regarding the remaining shades to the bottom of "C" Green and to both ends of "A" Green. We are ever hopeful that the Council will come to the party with some financial assistance towards these.

The important thing going forward is that we look after them and make sure that they are retracted & tied up properly after use.

If anyone is unsure about how to use the shades, please see me & I will demonstrate for you.



## New Members

New members since the last newsletter: -

- Stephen Carr – Full Member

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

I'm sure that Stephen won't mind me mentioning this but at the age of 51 he happens to be the youngest member of our club by the proverbial long shot!!

## On & Around the Greens (Dennis Reid)

With the continuation of favourable weather James has been able to work on all greens without the heavy rainfall we had last season.

Example of the weather shows: August / September 2022 212mls  
 " " 2023 88mls

All greens have been scarified and fertilized and have been sprayed for black beetle and wetting agent. The colour and general coverage is well ahead of the same time in 2022.

This season James will be watering A green on Thursday night after the ladies pennants which will then be closed until Tuesday morning practice and general roll up time for all others.

This will ensure that this green will be dry for Tuesday practice and the Wednesday and Thursday pennant games. For Wednesday and Thursday, pennant games we will be across the three greens.

Saturday games will played on B and C greens.

Watering for B and C greens will be on Sunday nights as has been the general pattern in past seasons.

## Sundry Working Bees

You will have noticed some new concrete paving in front of the clubhouse adjacent the paint store. Being a high traffic area, we have always had trouble growing grass so a decision was taken to concrete the area.

A big thank you to James Gregory who cut out the old turf and transplanted that to the bare area in front of the machinery shed. Thank you also to Robert Keage & Ian Campbell for helping to remove excess soil and to Angelo who placed reinforcing fabric & assisted the concrete finisher with the finished product.

We now have a considerable amount of soil, concrete & sundry rubbish accumulated in the Hay Street driveway. We have arranged for a contractor to come and remove this in early November.



## Concertina Doors

After forwarding photos of our current concertina doors which badly need replacing, Ian Campbell spoke to a folding doors rep who felt we should be either looking at Timberline doors (similar to the current ones) or Acoustic, which have a slightly larger fold and with more soundproofing. Quotes were received for both - Timberline \$5,665 (not including installation) and Acoustic \$8,041 (not including installation). We would either have to install them ourselves which is a major undertaking or arrange for a contractor to install which would not be a cheap exercise. A couple of door suppliers in Adelaide have been contacted but do not handle concertina doors. Further investigations are being undertaken.

## Pennant Bowls

The pennant season is underway with four games played thus far. Some interesting results, however the disturbing aspect for me is that we had to forfeit a Saturday & a Wednesday side in the first two games due to a lack of available players.

Prior to the start of the season we were confident we had sufficient numbers however for a variety of reasons that is now not the case. If we can't get players back there is a possibility we may have to pull one side or maybe two from the competition which is not ideal.

## Robert Keage

Following the departure of Lyn Witt, Robert Keage has stepped up to the plate and taken on the role of Events Co-ordinator. Thank you Robert – very much appreciated.

## On The Sick List

I advised in the last newsletter that David Gribble had suffered a major stroke. A message recently from his son Martin was that the stroke was just too large. He hasn't seen any progress with David's recovery from rehab, will wait another 2 to 4 weeks but will probably be looking at getting him into a nursing home. I have passed on to Martin our best wishes.

## Birthdays

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

## Sponsor's Corner



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**As part of our major sponsorship arrangement with Shadeform, we will soon be featuring their company logo on our bowling mats.**

## **A Joke to finish**

### **WOMEN DRIVERS**

This morning on the Southern Expressway, I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a brand new Mercedes doing 100kph with her face up to next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner!

I looked a way for a couple of seconds to continue shaving and when I looked back she was halfway over into my lane still working on that eyeliner.

As a man I don't scare easily but she scared me so much I had to put on my seatbelt and in the process I dropped my shaver which knocked the doughnut out of my other hand.

In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car and using my knees against the steering wheel, I knocked my mobile phone away from my ear which fell into my coffee which was between my legs, splashed and burned Big Jim & the Twins.

It ruined the damn phone, soaked my trousers and disconnected an important call.

**Women drivers eh!!**

*Dave*