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Season Opening Day



Thanks to everyone for a highly successful opening day.
Thanks to Shadeform for successfully completing the new shades on time and to Mayor Anne for officially opening our season.

I can see I will need to clarify it when I ask for a small plate of food to share for lunch. What a banquet!

Pre- season trials:

These are all locked into place.

Wednesday men:

17 Sept Clarence Gardens 24 Sept Sturt 1 Oct Payneham 8 Oct Happy Valley

Thursday ladies:

18 Sept internal 25 Sept Happy Valley 2 Oct Kensington 9 Oct Tranmere

Saturday open:

20 Sept Clarence Gardens 27 Sept (GF day) internal 4 Oct Happy Valley

Please use these trials to prepare for the pennant season so you start the season in good form. As I mentioned on opening day, I ask that all bowlers play their part. No rink can be successful unless all players are contributing. If you play well at the position the selectors have asked you to play, it is likely our teams, and our club will be successful. Remember there is no I in the word team.

Conditions of Play:

There have been a few modifications to COP, some determined by Bowls SA and some my MBA.

There are restrictions to pre-game practice. No practice will be allowed before early start games.

Thursday games will commence at 10:30

Saturday Div 6 and 7 will play 18 ends

Wednesday games in January will all start at 10:30

These changes will be reviewed after the season to see if they are popular or not.

Welcome new bowlers to Beaumont:

We welcome the following new members to our club:

Chris Nedin, Peter Garncarz and Rob Webb, transitioning from night owls

Garrick Lehman, Anne Marie Glazbrook and Deirdre Allen, new to bowls

Darren Niblett and Brett Wilcox transferring from Hawthorn

Mike Hocking, returning from Brighton

Les Hocking, transferring from Croydon

Peter Vincent, transferring from Kensington Marryatville

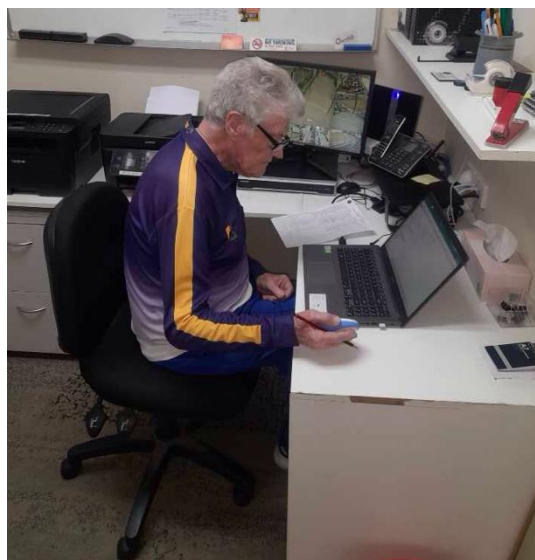
John Mack, a new associate member

Thanks for joining us and we all look forward to your contributions to our club.

Winter Social Bowls:

between 30 and 60 bowlers enjoyed the winter social bowls program. Thanks to Robert Pope for his organisation, Brendan O'Donnell and Graeme Langsford for assisting him, bar staff Mike, Jan, Dave and Gordon and social tournament organisers Jan and Cathie.

Pictured is Robert "adjusting the handicaps."



Greens:

Our greens are looking in top condition for this time of the year and as the weather fines up we will be intensifying the preparation for pennant season with more cutting, rolling and scarifying. We will be fertilising and there will be another use of the Air 2G2 machine to assist with drainage.

Odd emails:

There have been a spate of emails sent and received recently appearing to be from BBC members that are fake. Someone has hacked into our email lists. I can't imagine what gain anyone would get from being a nuisance. Please check emails before responding to them.

Volunteers:

Thankyou everyone who responded to the call for volunteers a while ago. We now have a spreadsheet and know who to go to when there is a need. I encourage members to download the Whats App app and join the BBC volunteers group. You will then be contacted whenever help is needed.

Board of Management:

No one has yet volunteered to be a Vice President, so we have two positions unfilled. We can co-opt anyone at any time so if you can assist us at monthly meetings I would love to hear from you. It doesn't need to be an onerous role and there is no obligation to take on extra duties apart from attending board meetings monthly.

Night Owls:

Night Owls recommences on Tuesday 14 October. If you are one of our valued night owl bowlers, it's time to chat to your friends and submit a team. Night Owls takes a number of volunteers to run various functions so we will be calling for your support. Please seriously consider helping out. Night Owls ensures our club has a sound future.

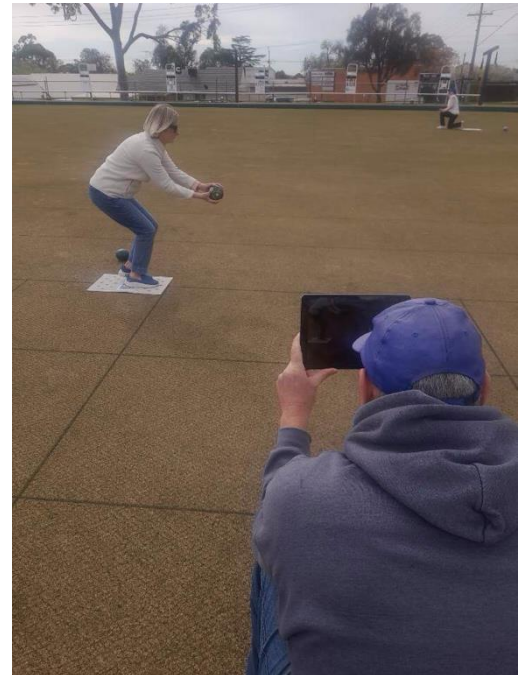
Coaching the newbies:

Hats off to Steve Coultas for several coaching sessions with our beginning bowlers. He has been incredibly busy, but our newbies will now have a much better understanding of how to do things.

We also thank the 20 or so experienced bowlers who have been mentoring new and developing bowlers. This is a big opportunity for less experienced bowlers to benefit from the wisdom of higher level players. This can last for a few weeks or all year if you wish. All support given is appreciated.



Thanks: The door came off its roller to the machinery shed and 1 hour later all was fixed thanks to handyman Dave.



The mascot:

At this week's meeting the members advised the board that they are in favour of the club adopting a mascot. From here we will run a process of taking suggestions and seeking feedback on preferred options. It will take a couple of months to finalise this process. Members can be assured that the existing uniform will remain unchanged for the time being.

Solar energy:

The board is currently investigating solar panels and batteries. Federal rebates and State government power grants mean such a project is currently very feasible. We have 3 quotes and are in the comparison phase now. Currently we spend almost \$20,000 a year on energy and for an outlay of approx \$30,000 we could reduce our bills to \$3000-\$4000 a year. That means a total payback in 2 years then massive savings for a guaranteed 25 years. It seems good sense to seriously consider this. When we have an agreed recommendation (in coming weeks) we will put that recommendation to members. Watch this space.

Beer lines upgrade:

Our sponsorship agreement with Lion brewery has changed this year. It is now based on the number of kegs we buy and no longer on bottled products. So, it is in our interests to sell less bottled beer and more keg beer. To this end we are making minor modifications to our beer dispensing equipment to run 4 kegs rather than 2 pairs of kegs. It's a very minor cost to make these changes. We could vary our offerings frequently and potentially have a beer of the week promotion. The options are many. If you would like your favourite beer to come from a keg we can trial it. Just speak to the bar manager Viv.

Melbourne Cup Day:

We will be running a Melbourne Cup function on Tuesday November 4. Before you look at other functions at other venues, please remember we need your support.

Spirit of the club:

Graeme Langsford was recently sick with pneumonia. He was so grateful for the dozens of people who contacted him and wished him well. That is the kind of club we want to be, where we all look out for each other. Well done.

See you on the greens soon

Tom Pointon