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Dear Members

Welcome to the pennant season of 25-26. We have high hopes that our teams will be successful and potentially bring home some pennants. We had a great start on Saturday with 5 wins from 6 teams (admittedly one was a forfeit). We hope that you enjoy your bowls and each other's company.

I thank the selectors for their efforts already this season. It is an extremely challenging job trying to please everyone. If ever you feel you are not happy with the selectors, the first thing to do is to speak to one of them or to Shane or Leonie the chairs of selection. Better still play well wherever you are selected. If you play well, you will be successful and have more fun.

Supporting others

What do good club members do when someone is having a tough time? They encourage and support each other. So too with bowlers who have difficulties. We have members who have hearing issues, mobility issues, vision issues, cognitive issues, balance issues. These people are our fellow teammates and our friends, so we encourage and support them. We will never tell someone they can't play because they have difficulties. Please support me in this.

Sport4all

The Burnside Council has asked us if we would participate in this program. It is about allowing people with disabilities to be members, either playing members or social members. It costs us nothing. There may be no benefit to us, or we may pick up a few new members. The first step is to ask as many members as are willing, to complete a very short online survey about how inclusive you think our club is at present. The link is below. Please consider doing this within the next few weeks. Thanks

<https://sport4all.com.au/club-form/?club=Beaumont Bowling Club>

New members

We offer a warm welcome to Silvana Jones (a new full member), Brett O'Neill (a new associate member), and Maxine Swain (a full member transferring from Toorak Burnside). It's good to have you on board.

Club uniform

We have been reminded by Bowls SA that when playing pennants, bowlers must wear the approved club uniform. This includes hats and caps. Sadly, there is no approved club beanie!

Instant penalties

We have also been instructed by Bowls SA that umpires must police offensive or abusive language and behaviour. Instant penalties could apply including possible forfeit of the entire match. Now I know no Beaumont player would be offensive but some of our opponents may need a gentle reminder at times. Please use the umpire to remind them to avoid a conflict situation. Similarly, there is no drinking on the greens, no smoking on site, and of course no cheating.

Duty rinks

Duty rink tasks have recently been emailed to members and are also on the whiteboard in the club. Skippers are to ensure that their team is aware of a duty rink responsibility. There are usually 2 rinks allocated this task, and it is quite acceptable to negotiate which rink does which component of the duty.

Side managers

If you are nominated as a side manager, you need to collect the cards and take them to the game. At the set time you draw the cards with your opposing side manager and very often the umpire of the day. After the game is finished you check the scores are correct with your opposing side manager. Cards need to be returned to Beaumont as soon as practicable. Home side managers are responsible for entering the scores on Bowls Link (or ensuring someone else will do so.) Away side managers need to confirm the scores on Bowls Link (or arrange someone to do this.) It is not appropriate to drop the cards on the desk by the computer and assume that someone else will do the entry process.

Solar panels and battery

You are reminded that there is a Special General Meeting next Monday at 7:00 to approve or reject this proposal. We need 20 people to attend please for a quorum. Hopefully we get a lot more people than that.

Mascot process

At the end of the month, we will close off the discussion period and conduct a whole of membership email ballot to select the shortlisted suggestions. There are just a few members who can't access email so we will accept their written ballot. You will be asked to select up to 3 suggestions that you like or are comfortable with. We will then have a second ballot to select the most popular option. You are not obliged to vote but it is your club, and you are entitled to have a say. Once the mascot is finally selected, we will consider how and where it is used. The board will manage this entire process.

Just for fun

What do you do with someone who can't draw a shot, can't roll the kitty, can't keep score, can't set the mat and won't listen to advice? Make them a skip.

See you on the green.

Tom