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Dear Members

Social Bowls.

Wednesday and Saturday social bowls has been going well recently, aided by beautiful autumn weather. Between 30 and 40 bowlers have been attending regularly. It's a good opportunity to play with some players who you may not normally bowl with, and no one takes it too seriously.

Pennant Availability sheets

An email will come to you soon asking your intentions for pennant bowls next season. We need you to promptly reply please as we need to know numbers when we nominate how many teams we want to enter.

Coach

Thanks to the many members who responded to the survey or send their thoughts through to us. Whilst a few people don't believe we should be employing a coach, the vast majority were pleased with what he did last season. The board has determined to enter negotiations with Mike about this role for the coming season. There are a few discussions to be had about some things that could be done differently but subject to him agreeing with these suggestions we are planning to continue with Mike as our club coach.

Selection procedures

Also coming from the survey, and from a call for comments about selection, a few issues have been identified as needing to be done differently next season. A small sub committee is working on recommendations for change and the board will obviously be very receptive to potential change here. It's not too late to send through your thoughts if you missed the opportunity earlier.

Bistro

We are currently trialling the new version of the Rinkside Bistro to judge its viability going forward. Chef Rhys is eager to do so every week, but obviously we need to be sure it's what members want, and he needs to be sure enough people attend to make it profitable. Judging by the first week there are no problems with the menu, the pricing or the quality or quantity of the food. Please try to attend in coming weeks as if it's a success it will add significantly to the club's finances as well as our club's social interactions. Bookings with Cathie Roff.



New members

We offer a very warm welcome to 3 new members.

Lindsay Power has rejoined after a couple of years off, Brenton Key has transferred from Trinity Gardens, and Barry Liston has joined as an associate member. Welcome gents.

Shades

A small team is continuing work on plans to complete the shades project. We hope to be able to duplicate the B greens shades on A green and complete C green also. The club is in a healthy position financially but not that well off to complete this project in one hit. We are negotiating with Burnside Council, who have been very good to us in recent years, about supporting the project financially. If we get a positive outcome with Council, there will be a special general meeting with members to determine if we should spend this money. It is anticipated that we would spend \$70,000.

Volunteers

Over recent years our club has thrived on the wonderful work of many volunteers and we hope to continue this way. We are extremely grateful for all the work done by our volunteers in many ways. I ask all members to consider what you can offer and talk to me anytime about this. The more people who volunteer the better our club becomes. Recently we have publicly acknowledged the “volunteer of the week.” Our thanks go to:

- Gordon Jackson for bar work every Wednesday.
- Graham Langsford for assisting the social bowls coordinator.
- Marney Harley for being the clubs house manager for the past 12 months.
- Jan Chinnery for her bar work every Saturday.
- Kim Perry for being pie lady in addition to many other tasks.
- Jane Nehmy for her assistance with social bowls.
- Dave Thomas for covering for sick grounds staff.
- Richard Pledge for being a weekly wine courier from Clare.
- Viv Leaker for taking over the bar manager role so capably.
- Brendan O’Donnell for being available to help in many situations.
- Brian Purdie for continuing to assist the board in governance issues.

Subs

Members at the AGM authorised the board to adjust annual subscriptions in line with the CPI increase. Full membership this coming season will rise by \$10 to \$335 with other classifications of membership rising by an appropriate pro-rata amount. Research by one of our members showed that last year we were amongst the lowest charging clubs, so a small rise is justified.

Sick List

Our thoughts are with our dear friend Don Topsfield who is quite unwell and in respite in a nursing home currently. We all miss his company and hope he is comfortable.

A Joke to finish

As requested by Lui, newsletters must end with a good joke.

Four bowlers were practising on the green next to a busy road. As one was about to bowl, he noticed a funeral procession approach. Instead of bowling he removed his cap and placed it on his chest with his head bowed until the procession had passed. The other three congratulated him on his decency, saying “That was incredibly touching.” The bowler answered “Well I was married to her for 50 years. It’s the least I could do.”

Many thanks and enjoy our club

Tom