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Dear Members

Pennant bowls

At the mid-point of this season, we have had mixed results in our pennant matches so far. We have approximately half of our teams in the top four at present which is encouraging. The disappointing aspect is the times we have had to forfeit or play short through absences. Let's hope we have full availability in the back half of the season and have a good push towards some pennant wins.

I would like to commend Beaumont players on their attitude and sportsmanship this season. With only minor hiccups we have been supportive of each other and respectful towards each other and our opponents. From what I have seen the matches are played in a sporting manner. We want Beaumont to be seen as a club to be envied, and appropriate behaviour goes a long way towards achieving that. Well done.

Pennant matches resume on Wednesday Jan 8, Thursday Jan 9 and Saturday Jan 11.

Mid-season bowls review

We are open to receiving feedback on bowls operations for the first half of the season. If you have any comments you wish to make (politely) regarding possible improvements, then you are welcome to pass this onto Alan Freeman. Naturally, comments can be made confidentially or anonymously.

Night Owls

Our night owlers have been very loyal and very regular with between 80 and 100 attending every Tuesday. They all appear to be enjoying their bowling if not the cool evenings. They also are now in recess after Dec 17 and will restart on January 21.

Resignation of club coach

By now everyone would have heard of the resignation of Mike Hocking, our club coach. The board has thanked Mike for his contributions over the past year and a half and wished him well. We are pleased he will stay on as a player. No decision has been made about whether we explore options for a replacement coach next year. That will be considered over the coming months. In the meanwhile, members are invited to pass on their thoughts to Merv, Alan or Tom.

Mentoring players

In the absence of a coach, we seek assistance from experienced players who may be available to mentor new and developing players. Again, please speak with Merv, Alan or Tom if you can help.

Functions coordinator

Our functions coordinator Robert Keage has decided to take a break, and we need someone to step up and fill this role please. It involves negotiating with hirers about their needs and the club's requirements. It also involves negotiating with the bar manager, and the greens manager and getting a few helpers to assist with any bowling. Functions do bring in quite a lot of income to our club which we don't have to raise from members, so this is a vital role. Please consider this role and speak with Tom if you can help.

Club Championships

The upcoming break is an ideal opportunity to play some of the club championship matches. Greens will be available. Please remember that Round 2 matches must be completed before Christmas, or you risk disqualification. There is no harm in playing some round 3 matches which are due in January.

Greens availability

From December 22 until January 6, the C green will be available every day except for Mondays and Public Holidays. Please check the white board to confirm availability. Please close the shades after use.

Bar availability

Please note that the bar will be closed from Dec 22 until Dec 2. If any of our authorised bar staff are practicing or playing club championship matches, and you want to open the bar briefly afterwards, there is no problem with that.

Bistro

Our bistro is now in a short recess and will open again on Thursday Jan 9. Please speak, email or text Cathie Roff for bookings.

Club Christmas Dinner

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our hugely successful, Christmas dinner. Thanks also to those responsible for setting up and for decorations. Thanks to our resident choir for leading the carols singing. Thanks also to all our members who contributed to our Christmas raffle. We had 6 large hampers raffled which is a testament to the generosity of our members.



Volunteers Christmas Drinks

Don't forget our volunteers thank you drinks and nibbles this Friday (20 December) at 5:00pm. This is the board's opportunity to say thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way this season. The bar will be open as usual from 4:00 but the official part is from 5:00.

Facilities updates

In recent weeks we have installed a new TV antenna and serviced the kitchen ovens. In coming weeks we will upgrade the eftpos system, replace the defibrillator battery, and service the kitchen dishwasher.

Please note that the verandah between the Clubrooms and B green will be closed for a few days to upgrade the downpipe from the roof.

Bowls SA events

We have such good greens now that we have been asked to host several Bowls SA events.

We will be hosting the State pairs on Sun Jan 19, State under 18s on Sunday Feb 2, Country Carnival pairs on Wed Feb 5. We will call for some help with these events closer to the dates.

Diary Dates

Open pairs tournament on Jan 25. Entries close Jan 12

Quiz night Feb 14

Unwell members

Our thoughts are with those members who have been injured or unwell recently and unable to bowl. I am aware of John Lapidge, Andrew Speight, John Forrest, Jock Jamieson, Robin Anderson, John Elwin, Vince Birt, Marlene Haynes and Robert Keage. I apologise if I have missed others. My understanding is all of these people are recovering and hope to be back with us in the new year. Rest assured we haven't forgotten you and we miss you. See you again soon.

Joke (To be read with an Irish accent if you can)

Irishman Paddy has died. He was very poor and had a very small house with no furniture. He was laid out on the floor. Father O'Flaherty arrived to bless his soul. "You can't lay the good man on the floor" he said. "Get the poor man a chair." The father was reminded that Paddy was now stiff and that he couldn't be placed on a chair. "Quite true" said the Father. "Get two chairs and we will lay him like a plank. No wait! He might sag in the middle. Get 3 chairs." So Paddy's good friend Liam went outside to the gathered crowd. "We need 3 chairs for Paddy" he shouted. Immediately the crowd responded! "Hip hip hooray! Hip hip hooray! Hip hip hooray!"

I hope everyone has a joyful and safe Christmas. Enjoy your time with family and friends and I look forward to seeing everyone in January. May the new year be your best one yet.

Tom

