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Two Competitions – Two Premierships!

What more could we ask for? Our winter indoor men's teams entered two competitions (Premier League and Lightning Premiership) and won them both. With other club supporters I was able to watch at least one final and while it may be an unpolitic comment at the moment, I saw our club mates put down bowls that were better than anything I've seen bowled on the ABC! The competition was tough but our Club's performance bodes well for the coming season.

Thanks to authors Chris Bye and Graeme Paine who have kept us informed on our progress throughout the competitions, through email and the notice board (and *The Mercury*).

There will be a celebratory BBQ at the club after the match on Saturday 22nd October. Please add your name to the list (when its on the noticeboard) so we can cater for the BBQ.

Geoff Dannock
President



Skip - David McLean at the Lightning Premiership

New Greens Sign

There is a new sign indicating which greens are open or closed. It is on the front of the water cooler between the top and lower greens. Remember that I need to work on them until around 10.00 a.m. on most mornings.

Andrew Norris
Greenkeeper

Welcome Karen

Most members would have noticed by now that we have a new staff member behind the bar. Karen Purcell will be our regular barkeep on most pennant days over the coming season and at functions; assisted by our capable team of volunteers. Karen is studying for her Master degree in Teaching at Tas Uni, after completing her Fine Arts degree majoring in Sculpture. Welcome Karen.

Phil Manning
Bar Committee

Performance Development, Social and Practice Games

It was good to see so many involved on Sunday 25th September.

Over 30 members attended the development session with Mike Pursell from the Bowls South coaching panel. Mike facilitated a number of interesting and sometimes testing bowls activities. All appreciated the opportunity to be involved in structured practice activities.

It was particularly pleasing to see Jean Hemmings provide individual support for a new bowler. Many also appreciated the involvement of Andrew Norris. It was great to see a first division bowler sharing his knowledge and expertise with others.

Stephen Graetzer tried to improve my style and I thank him for the effort!!!!!! Thanks for trying.

The participation by many members demonstrated their enthusiasm for planned development sessions. We can look forward to others in the future.

Later, we played a number of social games and while I tried to keep the teams even, there were some **BIG** winners. I am sure all enjoyed the experience.

I would like to offer a special thank you to Vice President Celia who provided the refreshments after the game.

That finished off an excellent day in true Sandy Bay style.

It has also been great to see the number of bowlers who have participated in Wednesday and Saturday practice matches. Their enthusiasm will help to ensure the teams get off to a flying start when the pennant begins.

Graeme Paine has done an excellent job in organising appropriate teams for these events. I would like to thank Lindsay Lovell for assisting with the organisation of the practice matches against Howrah and Royal Hobart. Also thanks goes to selectors John Milliss and Terry Bowes for their team selections.

Bernard Knight
Vice President

Sponsors

Our list of sponsors is growing.

We have the support of DJ Motors, Acrodata, Artemis Publishing Consultants, Brown Brothers Wines, Papergrass, Sandy Bay Newsagency, Bennett's Regent St. service station, ID Clothing, Scrubber's Car Wash, Andrew Jones Travel, The National Australia Bank (and we hope to have some information from NAB for members in the near future), Boag's, Vermey's Quality Meats, Turnbull Family Funerals, Golding & Son Jewelers, Beauty for You, Charlotte Peterswald and Say Thank You. There are more prospective sponsors to come.

I encourage all members to use our sponsor's services whenever possible. Put simply it is far easier to keep a sponsor on board if they can see a direct benefit to their business. Our endeavor is to build long term relationships with businesses in the area however this won't happen unless they can see that we are supporting them and that it is not just a one way street.

When you want petrol go to Bennett's in Regent street when you need meat go to Vermey's, if you're booking a

holiday use Andrew Jones Travel and if you need a loan or have a spare \$10k or so deposit it with the NAB. Make sure when using these people you tell them that you are doing so because they sponsor the Sandy Bay Bowls club.

Finally if any members have any leads in regards to sponsorship please let me know.

Craig Bishop
Sponsorship Committee

Jackpot Nights

Don't forget our Friday Night Jackpots. Next Friday's Jackpot will be worth \$250 and will be drawn between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. As mentioned in previous newsletters, eligible winners must be financial members of the Club or registered barefoot bowlers.

Some members might be wondering why we've included registered barefoot players in the draw. In short, we need to increase our bar turnover to keep bar prices down and Club income up, and one way of achieving that is to encourage the increased participation of non-members who are already involved with the Club. Our sponsors also expect the best audience we can provide in return for their continuing support of Jackpot Nights.

Geoff Dannock
President

Acrodata Barefoot Bowls

We have 29 teams registered for Wednesday nights so we'll have one bye for each team in one Division for the season. There still a few gaps in Geoff Squibb's Friday nights' competition.

Wednesday night games will commence on 19th October and Friday night games on 28th October.

The Committee was going to roster BBQ squads for Wednesday and Friday nights but they've now decided to give volunteers another try. If that doesn't work they'll go back to rosters.....I understand, from combinations of men's, women's and mixed teams. The volunteer list will be on the board soon if it isn't already there.

Graeme Paine

Bowls South

Our Club has been asked to host the Ladies Southern 'B' Grade singles on 3rd and 10th February 2012. We're confident it can be done without interfering with Bev and Trev's (or Trev and Bev's) regular Friday afternoon social games.

Division 2 Reserve players should note that they can now enter 'B' Grade championship events, but will continue to play 25 end pennant matches (BTS Conditions of Play 3.3).

Laura Best
Secretary

Saturday Pennant Afternoon Teas

I'm sure you all know by now that there is a \$4 charge on Club member's playing home games on Saturdays to cover part of the cost of afternoon teas (refer Bay Bias August 2011). We'll leave the usual bowl on the table and trust that everyone does the right thing. If that doesn't work we'll ask No 2 players to collect.

There will also be a nominated duty rink on Saturdays to complete a few pre and post match tasks. The responsibilities of the duty rink and the afternoon tea provider will be on display in the kitchen.

We'll be running a meat voucher raffle on Saturday afternoons but if you win and happen to be a vegetarian, vegan or can't redeem your voucher for some reason we can offer an equivalent reward from our bar stocks.

Geoff Dannock
President

PS I won't necessarily be making all the Saturday afternoon tea speeches!

Club Raffles

It's great to see the interest in our Club raffles. Recent prizes have included gallons of Dewar's Scotch, bottles of Chivas Regal, Moet & Chandon champagne and the popular Vermey's \$50 meat vouchers.

Peter Kirby
Bar Committee Chairman

Club Functions

Keep your eye on Club notice-boards for news on forthcoming Club functions. You'll also find a calendar of forthcoming bowls related events (social and otherwise) on the notice board under the clubhouse TV screen.

Helen Smith
Catering Committee

Side Captains

If selected as Side Captain please make yourself familiar with the BTS Side Captain's Guide, and your role and obligations in ensuring that the game is conducted in accordance with all rules. A copy of the Guide is on the notice board and our web site under 'Club Documents'.

I can provide you with a copy if you can't access the web.

Laura Best
Secretary

SBBC Code of Conduct

A new SBBC Code of Conduct has been endorsed by the General Committee. The SBBC Code of Conduct has been kept brief so that it can be printed on one A4 page for display in the clubrooms, and in the Club Documents section of the SBBC website.

The SBBC Code of Conduct has been written in positive terms to encourage all members to become involved in ensuring good sportsmanship on the greens and a comfortable, enjoyable environment in the clubrooms. The SBBC Code of Conduct should be interpreted as a vehicle for supporting each other in maintaining the healthy competitive spirit and friendly, welcoming atmosphere that is the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

Peter Kirby
Committee Member

Monday Morning

Any assistance that Club members can provide on our Monday morning task force will be welcome. It doesn't have to be every Monday, but if the day is nice and you

feel like being out in the sun and fresh air then join the regulars from about 9.00 a.m. onwards.

Our special thanks to Libby Calvert on her retirement from the Club gardening group. Libby has worked hard and donated many plants to get the garden looking as good as it does.

Keith Bailey
Maintenance Committee

New Members

We have several new members, both men and women, Please make them welcome around the club.

Laura Best
Secretary

And Finally, Pennant Matches

The days we've been waiting for are almost here. Pennant starts this week and the Committee takes this opportunity to wish all our teams every success and enjoyable bowling over the season. Pennant rosters are on the notice board, our website and the BTS website.

I have to admit I was worried that our men's teams may have lost players as a result of our relegations but I'm pleased and grateful to see that not only have we kept players with the motivation to fix the problem, we've also recruited well.

Ladies team numbers seem to be healthy too.

Geoff Dannock
President