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This newsletter has information about many coming events.
Get out your diary and write them in now!



Pennant Matches	Wednesday Men	14 December 2, 15, 22, 29 February	11, 18, 25 January 2012 7, 14, 21 March
	Thursday Ladies	15 December 2, 9, 16, 23 February	12, 19 January 2012 1, 8, 15, 22 March
	Saturday Mixed	17 December 4, 11, 18, 25 February	14, 21, 28 January 2012 3, 17 March
Asia Pacific Championships		28 November - 11 December 2011	
Dinner		Friday 9 December - Club Christmas Dinner \$18 per head Turkey & Ham roast with vegies & Dessert. Karaoke at 7:30pm	
New Year Eve Event	7:30pm - 1am	31 December 2011- bring a plate, Includes bowls \$8,	
New Year Day Breakfast	10am	1 January 2012 - includes bowls if able \$10	
Skills Promotion	10am	Sunday 8 January 2012. 10am skills course, 12pm BBQ, & 1pm Talk by Andrew Smith	
Weather replay matches		Saturday 24 March 2012 Wednesday 28 March 2012 Thursday 29 March 2012	

CLUB JACKETS

A number of members have expressed an interest in the Club Jackets -
NOW is your chance to order.

Please speak with either Keith or Heather Souness if you are interested.
The cost for these jackets will be around \$100
(depending on number ordered).

**Please notify the club if you have any change
of contact details - including phone, address or email.**



OUR EASIEST FUNDRAISER IS WITH US EVERY DAY

Our Bar with its shared profits, only needs a little time from the Kellara Centre members. The Bar is currently open on Monday 4-8pm, Tuesday to Saturday 12-8pm, Sunday for special events.

I urge all members to consider helping say 1/2 to 2 hours, even once a month would help lighten the load on the willing volunteers already helping. If you are unsure of pulling a beer, try operating the till, or washing glasses, every bit helps.

I can't speak too highly of the present Volunteers who continue to say yes every month when asked. Well done fellows.

I am sure Neil Bayliss would appreciate volunteers for bar duty on Night Owls Wednesday & Thursday nights.

For any more information, and you are prepared to help at a time to suit you,

Please contact Allen Hurst or Chris Lee.

STATE PAIRS

A number of Club Members recently played in the State Pairs. All teams representing Brighton Bowling Club acquitted themselves well with a number of teams proceeding to post sectional play.

At the time of writing we have one team continuing in the competition and representing our Club in the last sixteen.

Good luck to Jennie Jones and Heather Souness on December 18th.

TRADING TABLE

Please we need good quality goods to sell.

DVDs, CDs, Jewellery, Bowling accessories, Jigsaw puzzles, Games etc.

Thank you

Ann Duddy

COACHING

Nearly half way through the season and seeing some positive results, and also hearing some whinging and white-anting from a few people. Negative vibes spread through a bowls club can cause disharmony, If you have any personal issues please speak to the individual or the selectors, the whole club doesn't want to hear your problems.

Now for some positive stuff, some of the divisions that have been promoted this season are holding their own and doing well consolidating their spot. All premier two sides are doing well in a tough comp this season, keep it up. Well half the season is nearly over, and we all know what we have to do next season to take that extra step, and go one better than last year, SMART PRACTICE. On one last note, I hope everyone associated with the RSL and Bowls Club have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, Good Bowling and remain POSITIVE

Cheers

The Coach



NEW YEAR'S EVE BOWLS & FIREWORKS - \$8

Bowls game one from 7:30 to 9:10pm
Watch the fireworks off Brighton Jetty at 9:30pm
Bring a plate for supper at 10pm
Then final game of bowls to celebrate the end of 2011 & the start of 2012.

GREEN'S CLOSURE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

Please note the greens will be closed from December 17th until Tuesday January 12th for organized tournaments. During this time there will be one green available, at all times, for individual practice and Club Championship Events.

Keith Souness
Green's Manager

THE KEELARA CENTRE SOLAR PANELS ARE PERFORMING

The installation of our solar system was completed and up and working in mid July 2011 and we have now received the first full Account/Summary from AGL for 4 months until mid November

We are pleased to report that in that period we have received \$3600 in solar credits reducing our usage to \$1200.

But that's not all-due to some errors in AGL's readings we have received further cash credits for overpayments in the past to the extent that we are currently holding a credit of \$1300 towards our next account.

David Dowling

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the Brighton men's team for their Grand Final win at Croydon at the end of the men's metropolitan indoors. If anyone is interested in playing mixed indoor bowls on Wednesday's and/or men's indoor on Monday, keep your eye open for a sheet in the usual place after the pennant season. It's a lot of fun and more challenging that it looks.



Jack Bouwman, Brian Lee, Ben Grotegoed, Lou Ferguson

Next newsletter comes out in March
Please get all articles to Linda by 14 February. Thank you.

Editor: Linda Kirby

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Half the year has gone of our pennant season. The club is going OK but still a lot of ups and downs do occur. I am disappointed about the number of people who do come out for practice Tuesday & Thursday nights There is only about 25% of people interested in skills practice. The results showing on the result board really isn't good enough. We are paying the best coach and player. He is disappointed in the roll up.

After Christmas a sheet will probably be put up for person to sign with times when they have practised.

Please check out the ladder in The Advertiser & Sunday Mail. All members put ypur thinking caps on.

Another big problem is the LOADING BAY. This is not for casual parking. I come to unload purchases for the bar or to collect bottles to take to bottle refunds. It is hard to unload or load when you cannot park in the loading bay. Please be considerate. We have a new car park in Keelara Street. PLEASE USE IT.

On a good note, I would like to thank my committee, kitchen staff, the people that look after night owls, also the volunteers. The Club is getting larger so we do need more people to put their hand up.

Keith Souness, James Gregory & Co are doing a great job. We have saved quite a few dollars by buying more machinery and doing repairs. The gardeners are doing well.

As you probably aren't aware the Solar System is really paying off.

On behalf of Lynne, myself & committee, have a Happy Christmas & New Year. Drive Safely

EDITOR'S COMMENT

The Council check the parking areas behind the club. Anyone parking in the Loading Zone risks a fine. I might also put the make & car number plates in the newsletter. Watch this space.

The loading zone needs to be kept clear for loading or unloading heavy awkward items.

Please be considerate.

MEN'S FACILITY

I would like to thank Ray Isherwood who has been the Almoner for the last 18 months. Due to his current health problems he has asked for someone else to take over. Anyone who could take on this role please contact either myself or Jim.

We will be running a skills morning on Sunday 8 January, commencing at 10am. BBQ lunch from around 12pm and then a talk by Andrew Smith from 1pm for 1- 1.5hours. We would welcome all club members to attend the sessions.

During the break the Wednesday teams have been experimented with, sometimes this is a good thing to do when there are no matches. I hope that a large number of Championship matches have been played over the 2 week break as this was an ideal opportunity with no pennants.

Our teams have been very variable this year with the top teams for both Saturday and Wednesday doing very well. We need to be mindful that for the next 2 years, the lowest 3 teams in each Metro division on Wednesdays & Saturdays, will be relegated, until all the divisions are back to a 10 team group.

The practice match between the State RSL and ourselves played Sunday 4 December was interesting to discover how many members from the top team were playing for the RSL. A good day was had by all with the RSL winning overall by 3 points. The RSL will be competing on the Gold Coast after Christmas.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and safe New Year, Merry Christmas.

John Kirby