



“Top Shot” – September 2021

Board of Management News

Due to Covid Restrictions, the Board August meeting was held electronically. It is hoped that some of the restrictions may be lifted to at least be able to “have a practice roll”. The Business Planning session is scheduled for a Thursday following weekend pennant practice. All members interested in the direction of the club for the coming five years are invited to attend and/or participate in a club survey. Here are some of the issues up for determination in the next five years:

- Regional Premier League – do we aim for this level?
- Club Coach – do we need/want one?
- Recruitment and retention – How do we do it?
- Building of a BBQ deck – Is it a priority?
- Lighting for Turner Green – Is this a priority?

Club Booklet

The collator is appreciative of all members who have updated their contact number in BowlsLink as this will assist in making the booklets available hopefully by early October.

Regulations continue to be reviewed and updated. Match Committee and Club Championships have been updated and are available at the clubrooms and are posted to the club website.

0481 486 221 is the new mobile number for the club. Members may phone and/or leave voice or send text messages as the phone will be monitored by Board members on a regular basis.

Tournament Director for the Men’s Section.

Thank you to Trevor Lamb who has accepted the role.

Season Opener

The club has scheduled the Season Opening day for Sunday 26th September. Hopefully, restrictions will be eased sufficiently to be able to hold our annual season opener in a format where, not only will we be able to play organised games and have spectators, but also share a scrumptious “Hillies” afternoon tea. More information as to the format will be conveyed via email.



Life Member Norma Attrill in action at the 2020 Season Opener

Weekend Pennant

Practice Matches planned for 11th September at Kilmore and Woodbury have been cancelled due to current restrictions.

Marong – Saturday 9th October at Marong.

Players are asked to make themselves available by adding your name to the list on the notice board OR by message to **0481 486 221**

Check Covid Restrictions:

Training for weekend pennant will commence Thursday 16th September 4:00-6:30pm

Midweek Pennant

Check Covid Restrictions:

Training for midweek pennant will commence on Friday 10th, September 2021 at 10.30am

Team Managers 2021-2022

To all Side Managers during the past seasons, the club appreciates your role and, in preparation for the 2021-22 season, invite you and all other members to contact Frank G (Weekend Pennant) and Ann C (Mid-week Pennant) with your expressions of interest. Appointed team managers will have the opportunity to take advantage of the online training webinar “A *Team Managers Role for Pennant*” through Bowls Victoria. Recommended reading: Club Regulations # 2.1 Code of Conduct and # 5- Selection available on our website.

It is expected that Pennant “Conditions of Play” and rules pertaining to the Bendigo Playing Area will be available soon through Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields Region.

Club 9’s Tournament

Sunday 10th October - the first of its kind to be played in Bendigo at White Hills (*depending on Covid Restrictions*) **Invitational Club 9’s sponsored by Moama Bowls Club**

Based on the Bowls Victoria Model, clubs are invited to enter teams of nine players to compete as three rinks for the day. (1 x fours, 1 x 2 bowl triples and 1 x Mixed pairs). Apart from the mixed pairs, the selection of the competing rinks during the day is flexible. Dependent on interest, section one will be for teams from Division 2-4 and section two will be for teams in Division 5-9. The clubs will be responsible for their entry and selection of their teams. All affiliated members are invited to make themselves available. by placing their names on the Notice Board Lists OR message **0481 486 221**

Quote for the Month

“Blessed are the flexible, because they won’t be bent out of shape” – Sophie Thompson (April 2021)

District/Regional News

Pennant/Match Committee

Bendigo- A Tomkins, S Howes, Tas Wallis.
Campaspe- K Anderson, S Peter, J McArthur.
Goldfields- M Vernon

Selection Committees

Men's

Bendigo- Darren Burgess, David Keenan.

Women's-

Bendigo- Susan Howes, Sharon Koch
Campaspe- Marilyn Stephenson

Umpires Committee

Bendigo- M Gorrie (Assessor) P Simmons
Campaspe- M Law (Assessor)

Junior Development Committee

Bendigo Dragons- V Greenwood, S Priest
Campaspe Cannons- S Cunningham, S Brighton

State Events Season 2021/22

For season 21/22, all State Events will be an all-in draw. Meaning all playing areas will be entered into the same draw. All events shall be played in Bendigo playing area as it is geographically the central playing area of the region. Entry Fees for all events will be \$10 per person. Entries will close 2 weeks before each event on Monday at 5pm. No Late entries will be accepted.

- > 60's qualification- must have turned 60 on or before 16th February 2022

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Birthday Wishes are extended to our September "babies" Marg Baldwin, Ray Crothers, Elaine Hood, Lynley Lightburn and John Pasternak.



Vale: Past Members - Dot & Evan

"Dot" Fenley (Died 7th August 2021) Aged 93

Ladies Section Secretary 1990 and 1991.
Club Singles Champion 1988 and 1998.
Club Pairs Champion 2004 and 2006.
Member Division 1 Pennant premierships teams 1988 and 1998.
Winner Association Triples 1988.
Winner Association Fours and Jubilee Fours 1992.

Evan Field (Died 20th August 2021) Aged 87

Men's Section Treasurer 2006-2009
Evan commenced his bowling career at White Hills later in life, playing Pennant, Social and Night Pennant. Traditionally he missed the first two rounds of each Night Pennant season due to him accompanying his fellow Ulysses Bokie Club members on their annual jaunt in the Tasmanian wilderness.
Evan would have been the first to admit that he wasn't the greatest bowler to grace our greens. However, he was blessed with a jovial sense of humour which he employed often as he tried to conquer the many challenges he found with a bowl in his hand on our bowling greens.

Covid Restrictions as at 09/09/2021

Thankfully we are in a regional area and can appreciate the reprieve from the tough restrictions. However, we must remain vigilant and take as much care as possible. Current restrictions for community sport allow minimum number of members for training, however spectators are prohibited except one parent is permitted to supervise children.

Masks MUST BE WORN and should only be lowered to enable a player to play their shot, communicate game play (tactics or instructions) to momentarily regain composure if a player is short of breath or any other valid safety reason.

QR codes remain mandatory (or sign in)
Remember not to touch bowls, apart from your own, no handshakes, high fives etc. The full particulars are displayed at the clubrooms.

News from BPL Cup

Sadly, our BPL Cup section winners Des Feidler, Steve Arbuckle and Jim Brennan, did not get the opportunity to progress in the BPL Cup, as the Regional Finals have been indefinitely postponed due to Covid restrictions. We keep our fingers crossed that they will get the opportunity at a later date.