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GEOFF COCKSHUTT RETIRES

Geoff Cockshutt, the Club's Greenkeeper for many years, has decided to heed his doctor's advice and retire from his position with the Club. The Board, on behalf of the members, thanks Geoff for his many years of fine work in the preparation and maintenance of the greens. We wish him a comfortable retirement.

Geoff's decision has caught the Board somewhat by surprise and arrangements will be made for a Club function specifically for the members to celebrate with Geoff his excellent contribution to the life of the Club.

INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GREENS

Tasmanian Turf Solutions has been engaged to prepare the outdoor greens for the coming pennant season, until such time as permanent arrangements are confirmed.

At the next meeting of the Board decisions will be made as to the process to be adopted for employing a new greenkeeper for the Club.

OUTDOOR GREENS AVAILABILITY

Depending on the weather, the Worsley Green (back green) will be open for this coming Saturday (21 September) only, for an intra-club practice day. The back green will then be closed until Sunday, 29 September. From then on it will be available for use every day, except Mondays for maintenance.

The fHazell Green (front green) will remain closed for play until the end of October, at least. Its availability will depend on how quickly it responds to the remedial work to be done on by Tasmanian Turf Solutions.

The indoor green will be required to be used for pennant play until the front green is available for use. The decision as to which divisions are required to play their home pennant games on the indoor green will be the task of the Chairman of Selectors.

MELANIE JEFFERTS—NEWSLETTER EDITOR— RELINQUISHES HER ROLE

The Board of Management has, regretfully, accepted Melanie's resignation from the role of Editor of the Club's Newsletter. On behalf of all members, the Board thanks Melanie for her contribution to the functions of the Club, and her fine efforts to keep the membership informed on a wide range of matters relating to lawn bowls.

Due to the importance of the information included in this issue of the Newsletter it is being distributed by post to members for whom no email address is available. Future issues of the Newsletter will be distributed to those members who have supplied an email address, with the remainder being available for collection in the Clubrooms.

It is the intention to issue a newsletter during the week immediately after each general meeting of the Board.

Peter Kirby Hon.Secretary

PRE-PENNANT PRACTICE COMMENCES SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Practice for men's pennant players will commence this Saturday, 21 September 12:30pm for a 1:00pm start. It is hoped that the weather will be fine, enabling practice on the Worsley Green, otherwise practice will be held in the Indoor Centre.

Dress code for the day: MUFTI

BTS PENNANT AVAILABILITY

The date is fast approaching when it is necessary for the Club to nominate to the BTS its list of pennant players from whom the Club's selectors will be selecting the pennant sides to represent the Club in the various divisions in which the Club has entered.

If you have not yet put your name on pennant lists available in the Club, and you intend to play pennant this coming season, please do so immediately.







KINGBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB INC.

The 2013-14 Season
OFFICIAL OPENING
29 SEPTEMBER 2013
OF THE GREENS
1PM for 1.30PM

at

The Kingborough Bowls Club 1615 Channel Highway, Margate

A SOCIAL GAME OF BOWLS
WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE
OPENING

OPENING OF THE GREENS

PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME ON THE LIST ON THE BOARD IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND



MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO
PLEASE BRING A PLATE FOR
AFTERNOON TEA

DRESS: CLUB UNIFORM

For Information Contact

Peter Kirby Hon. Secretary Ph. 62294480



INTER-CLUB PRACTICE MATCHES SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

Arrangements have been made with Sandy Bay to play full inter-club practice matches on Saturday, 5 October, 12:30pm for a 1:00pm start. All Saturday Pennant teams will be involved in the matches.

This will be the last opportunity for full Club practice before the commencement of BTS Pennant on 12 October, and it is important that as many bowling members as possible make themselves available for selection.

A sheet will be placed on noticeboards in the Club by Friday 20 September for members to lists their names to indicate to selectors availability for selection.

Dress code for 5th October: Club uniform

MAINTENANCE OF THE SURROUNDS OF THE GREENS

With the change of arrangements for the maintenance of the outdoor greens it is now necessary for members to maintain the gardens and grass verges of the greens. An excellent working bee was conducted on Sunday 15 September to do the bulk of the work to bring these areas up to a good standard of presentation.

Another working bee is planned for next Sunday, 22 September, commencing at 9:00am.

Craig Griggs, Greens Committee Chairman, is keen to develop a roster of members for the ongoing maintenance of the grounds and gardens so that a coordinated weekly program of maintenance can be put in place. If you are willing to volunteer some of your time to assist in the creation of a visually pleasing environment for the Club please inform Craig.

Many hands will make light work of an important aspect for the Club.

CLUB COACHES—KINGBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB

The Club now has five accredited Club Coaches: Hilary Bennetto, Dot Peterson, Tony Riley, Alex Stanelos, and Peter Kirby.

The Club Coaches are available to assist bowlers with any problems, and all bowling members are encouraged to seek out any of the Club Coaches listed above, at any time for help.

The Club Coaches will also provide assistance to bowlers as part of the Club's *Playing, Selection and Coaching Policies* document.

CHANGES TO BTS PENNANT CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Bowls Tasmania South has advised that the Conditions of Play for the 2013-14 season have been amended in regard to the use of opposite gender players, so that:

- Extension of opposite gender players from the Club's lowest side to any side in Division 3 and below;
- No requirement to complete opposite gender declaration forms, and;
- Clarification that Women's Division 3 players equate to Men's Division 3 and 3 Reserve players and Women's Division 4 players equate to Men's Division 4 and 4 Reserve players and vice versa.

BTS ANNOUNCES ITS NEW WEBSITE IS OPERATIONAL

Rob McGuire, BTS Secretary, has announced that BTS' new website is now functioning and work is progressing in the uploading of all information that was previously available on the old website. The web address for the n e w B T S w e b s i t e i s: www.bowlstasmaniasouth.bowls.com.au

Information in regard to 2013-14 pennant rosters, etc, is available on the website now.

2013-14 BTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry forms for 2013-14 Men's 'B' Grade and Open Triples are displayed on the main noticeboard in the Clubrooms. **Entries close on 14 October**. BTS levies a charge of an \$8.00 entry fee per player which should be placed in the **red box** on the shelf below the main noticeboard.

Further 2013-14 BTS Championship entry forms will be displayed on the main noticeboard within reasonable time before the scheduled closure of entries.

NEW BOWLS TASMANIA WEBSITE

The web address for the new website for Bowls Tasmania, which now appears to be fully functional, is:

www.bowlstasmania.com.au

2013-14 CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

Kingborough Bowls Club membership fees, for all categories, are now due and payable. If you are yet to pay your membership fee, and you intend to play pennant bowls in the 2013-14, or you wish to continue to make use of the Club's facilities to the extent that your membership category allows, please pay your fee amount at the bar of the Club as soon as possible.

MEMBERS' ITALIAN DINNER SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

The first of the Members' dinners, an Italian-themed three course gastronomic delight, will held in the dining room of the Club on Saturday evening, 12 October (the evening of the first round of the 2013-14 Saturday Pennant season.

The Board would like to decorate the dining room with an Italian flavour for the evening and requests assistance with any items that may suit the theme, such as Italian flags, Chianti bottles, etc. If you have any items that may help the decoration effort please advise Russell Dale, the Club's Providore.

Cost for the full three course menu is \$25.00 per person

Partners most welcome to attend.

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MEMBER CARDS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BAR OF THE CLUB

2013-14 Kingborough Bowls Club Member Cards, for all member categories, are available for collection at the bar in the clubrooms — after payment of the appropriate membership fee has been received.

Please allow several weeks after payment of your fee before making a specific request for your card as the processing of member cards is the task of a Board member other than the Treasurer or Secretary.

AFTERNOON TEA-SATURDAY PENNANT

If the afternoon tea roster for the men's Saturday games goes ahead, as it has in the past, a roster will be issued to you all. If you are unable to do a particular day please could you swap with someone else.

LADY BOWLERS' MEETING 24 SEPTEMBER

On Tuesday 24th September there will be a meeting from 11.00 a.m. regarding the Laws of Bowls and Laws of Marking. This will be presented by Verona and Tony Kerrison. It will be held in the Bowls Club where we usually meet and NOT in the indoor centre. Please come along and listen to what Verona and Tony have to say.

LADY BOWLERS' PRACTICE BEGINS 1 OCTOBER

Ladies will start their practice sessions on Tuesday 1st October. There will be a ladies meeting commencing at 10.30 a.m. Following the meeting there will be practice then time for some lunch before the commencement of the 2 bowl consistency competition. It would be appreciated if you could all be there.

Please keep an eye on the notice board for team selection.

LADY BOWLERS' PRE-SEASON COACHING

Hilary Bennetto (Club Coach) has been giving some members specific training on Tuesday's and Thursday's in the indoor centre which has been very well received by all and I thank Hilary for giving of her time to help us all out. Thank you to Dot Peterson who has been giving Hilary a hand over the past few weeks. This training will cease on Thursday 19th September.

LADY BOWLERS' CLUB COMPETITIONS COMMENCE

The lists for the "2 bowl consistency" and "100 up" club competitions are on the notice board inside the club. Please put your name down as soon as possible if you want to participate otherwise you could miss out. The first 2 bowl consistency match will be played on Tuesday 1st October.

The "100 up" competition will start on Sunday 6th October with the time being determined by Verona closer to the date.

THURSDAY PENNANT GIFTS

Don't forget your 3 gifts for Thursday Pennant days. Please drop them into the box marked Ladies Pennant Gifts which will be placed on the table outside the office of the Club Secretary or contact Mavis Gordon for any other details.

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