

From the Secretary - 29th August 2016  
What's happening at Somerton.

**1. CHANGE TO THIS WEEKEND'S TRIALS AND TIMES:** Note that on SATURDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER there has now been trials organised against Henley Bowling Club. TRIALS WILL NOW START FROM 12.30PM. Our first two selected teams (Division 1 & 3) will play at Henley. Those selected in the third and fourth teams (Division 4 & 5) will remain at Somerton to play Henley. Those not named in these selected teams will play internal trials at home. Selection for all trials will be tonight (Monday). For more information head to our website: [www.somertonseagulls.com.au](http://www.somertonseagulls.com.au).

**2. PENNANT SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Time is running out as subscriptions are now due no later than 31 August (THIS WEDNESDAY); if you are wanting to be selected for pennants then they must be paid – “NO PAY, NO PLAY” and that may well include trials. Payment can be made at the bar or via Internet Banking. BSB: 015-220. Account No: 405629739. Account Name: Somerton Bowling Clubs Inc. If you wish to pay your fees in instalments please contact myself or Treasurer Eddy Strudwick and we can make suitable arrangements.

**3. 2016-17 CLUB TOURNAMENTS:** Notices with conditions of play and nominations for this season's Club tournaments have been posted on the Club noticeboard and can be viewed on our website. The cut-off date for entries will be 1 October for all events except the Open B-Grade (for players in the third team or lower) until after Round 1 selection. The Men's Pairs Championship sectionals will be held on Sunday, 16 October. Note that for this season's events there will be a STRICT PLAY-BY DATE for each round. Tournament entry again will be \$5 per player for each event.

**4. PAINTING OF CLUBROOMS:** Work has begun on our clubroom which is to be repainted inside and out. Work is being undertaken by MADEC and there is no cost to the club other than minor incidentals. We are very pleased to have MADEC's support and involvement on this significant project. Please be mindful to take care while the painters are around as it will take many months before the task is completed.

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**6. STATE EVENTS:** The Nomination list for the State Men's and Women's Pairs has been posted on the board. Those nominations will close on Monday, 10 October. Playing dates are Sunday 30 October and 6 November. Finals, Champions Week 1 – 16 to 18 December. Cost is \$13 per player. While this can be organised by the Club Secretary, those interested can circumvent this tiresome system and go directly to the Bowls SA website and register/enter/pay online at ONLINE EVENTDESQ for this and other State Events.  
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**3. PENNANT TRIALS BEGIN SATURDAY:** Teams have been selected and they can be found on the Club's noticeboard or on our website. Games this week (27 August) start at 10AM for the first game of 12 ends. A BBQ lunch will be followed by an address from Coach Steve Foster before the second 12-end game in the afternoon. And don't forget Club Coaching sessions are on Thursday nights from 5pm; Friday afternoon 3-4pm and Sunday morning from 10am. Coaching and trial times and dates are posted on our website: [www.somertonseagulls.com.au](http://www.somertonseagulls.com.au).

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- 1. PENNANT AVAILABILITY FORMS/SUBSCRIPTIONS:** If you haven't already submitted your Pennant Availability Form, please do it now as a matter of urgency because we need to know exact player numbers for the coming season so we can submit the correct amount of teams for 2016-17 to Bowls SA by 25 August. Forms can be passed on to the club by either hand (there is a box under the teams selection Board), post or e-mail. Remember subscriptions are now due; if you are wanting to be selected for pennants the cut off is 31 August. Payment can be made at the bar or via Internet Banking. BSB: 015-220. Account No: 405629739. Account Name: Somerton Bowling Clubs Inc. If you wish to pay your fees in instalments please contact myself or Treasurer Eddy Strudwick.
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- 3. PENNANT TRIALS AND COACHING SESSIONS:** A reminder to all that the first Pennant trial date is set down Saturday, 27 August. Start time is 10AM for the first game of 12 ends. A BBQ lunch will be followed by an address from Coach Steve Foster before the second 12-end game in the afternoon. Coaching sessions are on Thursday night from 5pm; Friday afternoon 3-4pm and Sunday morning from 10am. Coaching and trial times and dates are posted on our website: [www.somertonseagulls.com.au](http://www.somertonseagulls.com.au).
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- 7. PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMMUNITY LOTTERY:** Somerton Bowling Club has become a ticket seller in this lottery which closes on 31 August. There are over 150 prizes and the cost per ticket is \$2. Please visit the Somerton Seagulls website head to "What's news" for more information and to purchase tickets. The link is: [www.somertonseagulls.com.au](http://www.somertonseagulls.com.au).

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