

## **From the Secretary - 17th Dec 2015**

What's happening at Somerton.

1. ROAST CHICKEN DAY TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY: Unfortunately the hot temperatures has forced the postponement of Saturday's tournament (19 December). It was the second of the three-series events. Saturday's event has now been reprogrammed to be held on Sunday, 17 January 2016. The final of this series "a Roast Lamb Day" has been rescheduled for Monday, 14 March 2016 (Adelaide Cup Day). For more details contact organisers Paul Higgs and Adrian Bartlett.

2. BOWLS HEAT POLICY AT SOMERTON: The cut-off point remains at 38 degrees (the official Adelaide forecast which is posted at 7.30am). However, in recent weeks we've had members struggle in these extreme heat conditions and rather than have any incidents/issues of player(s) wellbeing the Club would prefer that persons feeling they are unable to safely compete on these days the organisers would much prefer they pull out rather than risk their health. The temperature can be 34 or 35 degrees or whatever that person(s) deems may cause concern to their wellbeing. So it is incumbent on each person whether they play or not ... if the decision is not to play please ring the organisers at the Club as early as possible on these days. If you do play, make sure you re-hydrate during the day.

3. RINKS AVAILABLE FOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS SUNDAY: While the tournaments are moving along well, the spate of hot weather has put a stop to some matches. However, with a cooler change expected from Sunday (20 December) the Bowls Director has asked the greenkeepers to prepare rinks for tournament play this Sunday to enable those entered to fulfil their commitments. So be pro-active and organise that game for this weekend to help progress each round of the tournaments.

4. STATE EVENTS: The Nomination list for the State Men's and Women's Triples has been posted on the board. Those nominations will close on Monday, 1 February. Cost is \$13 per player (\$39 team). 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 for this and other State Events.

5. CHRISTMAS PERIOD RINK OPENING/CLOSING TIMES: From 21 December until Sunday, 3 January 2016. Closed Monday, 21 Dec, one side open on 22, 23 and 24 Dec, Closed 25 Dec (Christmas Day), 26, 27, 28 Dec; One side open 29, 30, 31 Dec and 1, 2, 3 Jan.

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## **From the Secretary - 15th Dec 2015**

What's happening at Somerton.

1. SOCIAL BOWLS HEAT POLICY AT SOMERTON: The cut-off point remains at 38 degrees (the official Adelaide forecast which is posted at 7.30am). However, in recent weeks we've had members

struggle in these extreme heat conditions and rather than have any incidents/issues of player(s) wellbeing the Club would prefer that persons feeling they are unable to safely compete on these days the organisers would much prefer they pull out rather than risk their health. The temperature can be 34 or 35 degrees or whatever that person(s) deems may cause concern to their wellbeing. So it is incumbent on each person whether they play or not ... if the decision is not to play please ring the organisers at the Club as early as possible on these days.

2. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Tournaments are moving along well – some being well advanced - and with pennants drawing to a close until the New Year now is the ideal time to play these games. Look at the Green opening times (posted below) over this period.

3. STATE EVENTS: The Nomination list for the State Men's and Women's Triples has been posted on the board. Those nominations will close on Monday, 1 February. Cost is \$13 per player (\$39 team). 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 for this and other State Events.

4. SATURDAY ROAST TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY: This is in extreme doubt now because of the forecast temperature of 42 degrees. A decision is still to be made on whether it goes ahead, however, organisers Paul Higgs and Adrian Bartlett will advise at the soonest possible time. It is planned to run this second of the three tournaments in January and possibly move the third to March (Adelaide Cup Day). Stay tuned.

5. CHRISTMAS PERIOD RINK OPENING/CLOSING TIMES: From 21 December until Sunday, 3 January 2016. Closed Monday, 21 Dec, one side open on 22, 23 and 24 Dec, Closed 25 Dec (Christmas Day), 26, 27, 28 Dec; One side open 29, 30, 31 Dec and 1, 2, 3 Jan.

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#### **From the Secretary - 4th Dec 2015**

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1. SATURDAY PENNANT BOWLS FOR 5 DECEMBER: Because the forecast temperatures is 39 degrees for tomorrow, pennant games will start at 9.15am (Sat morning). Side managers and selectors note that cards etc for each side will be available at the Club from 7pm tonight (FRIDAY). Please also note that the sides playing away must be at the club by 8am unless listed on the noticeboard as going direct. By mutual consent Somerton's bottom side Metro4 SW White will record a draw with Marion; a good piece of negotiating to prevent our elder statesmen from enduring the hot weather.

2. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Could those involved in the club tournaments please play their allocated games as soon as possible. We haven't included section round end deadlines, however, we the tournaments' directors – David Kay, Delma Williams and Tony Reed – are relying on all those participating in these events be prompt in organising matches. We'd like to get through all the preliminary rounds as quickly as we can.

3. FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS: The Club's Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 11 December in conjunction with Fast Friday social bowls. Bowls will begin at 2.30pm with the Christmas Party starting at 5pm; a sit down meal is to be served from 6pm and will be at a cost of \$15. Happy Hour prices will apply from 4pm and there will be raffles and the usual Friday Members' Draw. A names list will be placed on the noticeboard for catering purposes ... and while on the Members' Draw, don't forget you have to be there to win it, this week it is up to \$130 and the weather is perfect drink a cheap bar prices.

4. STATE EVENTS: The Nomination list for the State Men's and Women's Singles has been posted on the board. Those nominations will close on Monday, 14 December (not as originally advertised on 21 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 for this and other State Events.

5. SATURDAY ROAST TOURNAMENT: The second of the Roast Day Series is on SATURDAY, 19 DECEMBER. The Roast Chicken Day has two games of four and two games of pairs. Start time is 9am for a 9.30am start (club uniform). You can either nominate a team on the noticeboard sheet provided or contact the club, Paul Higgs 0411 125 82 or Adrian Bartlett 0468 845 596. As a precaution and in line with Bowls SA policy tournaments will be postponed if forecast temperature exceeds 38 degrees.

6. FRIDAY NIGHT PRACTICE: For those players not in the top 2 sides. Ray Whichelo is to run the training sessions on Friday nights from 5pm. He will post a list for those interested on the noticeboard, however, to make it viable he needs at least a minimum of 8 to make the practice worthwhile. So if you wish to join the practice place your name on the list.

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