



SBC Newsletter

October 2025



Welcome Steve Dennis

We are delighted to announce the arrival of our new Greenkeeper, Steve Dennis. Please introduce yourself to Steve and help him to settle into his new role with us.

The 2025/26 Pennant Season

There have been many changes to Pennant competitions this year, as well as some differences to how we run pennant days at our Club. Once again here is some information about the changes that we'll all see from next weekend and a reminder about some of the things we do to make pennant days run smoothly.

Pennant breaks

Strictly 15 minutes on Wednesday and Saturday from the time the last rink comes in. The bell will be rung to re-commence play. Afternoon tea on Wednesdays and Saturdays will be sandwiches, individually portioned and available on one table for collection as you come in for the break. Each Somerton member is required to contribute \$10 at home games to cover the cost of afternoon tea for themselves and their visiting opponent. We would like the leads from each rink to ensure that funds for members of your rink make it into the containers on each table at the break.

Raffles

Tickets will be on sale before the game on Wednesday and Saturday, and during the break. Draws will take place after the break, with winning numbers displayed on the notice board, check if you are a winner after the game.

Going direct lists

This is useful information for team managers to find a lift for anyone needing transport to an away game, it also helps to know who will meet at the club beforehand to share a lift. Again, there are lists in the breezeway. A section at the top if you are always planning to go direct, and week by week if your situation changes. Please help your team managers by using these.

Pennant draws and schedules

All available on our website and on the noticeboard in the breezeway. Also, the club information kiosk, which is a great source of up-to-date pennant information.

Unavailability lists

Critical information for selectors to know in advance if you can't make pennant games. Lists are on the noticeboard in the breezeway, please try to provide as much notice as possible. If you are unable to make a game at short notice, please contact your selector as soon as you can.

Duty Rinks

A list of the responsibilities for duty rinks is in the breezeway. Duty rinks are nominated at team selections, so you can see if you are the duty rink for the game by checking on the website or the information kiosk on the day.

Changes to Conditions of Play

You've heard about most of this in recent weeks. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the Conditions of Play, especially this year as there have been many changes, including;

- Restrictions for pre-game practice.
- Thursday games begin at 10.30am.
- Saturday Divisions 1 & 2 will play without a mid-game break.
- Saturday Divisions 6 & 7 will play 18 ends.
- The reference Bureau forecast for cancellation of games (extreme heat) now includes the 4.30pm forecast on the day preceding the game

Full Conditions of Play here [2025/26 CondsofPlay](#). If you have questions or need help with information about the Conditions of Play changes, please chat with a member of the Pennant Committee, Umpires Director Yvonne Bekeris, or Board Member Ray Whichelo. It is especially important that Team Managers and Umpires are fully conversant with the Conditions of Play.

Games cancelled due to weather or forfeits and early starts

If games are affected by the heat policy and therefore cancelled or scheduled to start early, the club will notify you by SMS as soon as we can. Individual selectors and/or team managers will advise players directly if any game is cancelled due to a forfeit. Please make sure your contact details are up to date, Secretary Paul O'Callaghan can help you with that.

Club phone books

Due to costs associated with printing and diminishing demand, we will no longer be printing club phonebooks. If you have a justifiable need for one, please discuss with Secretary Paul O'Callaghan. Its always a good idea to grab important phone numbers like your Team Manager and Selector and store them in your phone.

New Members

A warm welcome to Stuart Anderson, Adrian Edgar, Kaleb Shaw, Julie Whitehead, Mark Barratt and Matthew Shippey. Please take the opportunity to help our new members settle into the club and show them around.



Thanks to all who helped on the day, on the bar, in the kitchen, organisers, raffle sellers, registrars, setup and pack up, and much, much more. And a very special thanks to Nathan and the Crabbe family. Keep an eye out for next year's event.

Upcoming Club Events

The Social and Fundraising Committee are working hard on a number of social events leading up to the end of the year. Some details on those coming up next.

Melbourne Cup - Tuesday, November 4th - 11am start

Social Bowls - Melbourne Cup Sweeps - Door Prize - wear a hat to impress the judges on the day

\$25 includes bowls and light finger food for lunch - selections of pastries, sandwiches, sweets. (please let us know of any dietary requirements).

Great day reported by all that attended last year. 2.30pm watch the race.

Quiz Night - Friday November 14th - 6.30pm for 7pm start

\$10 per person (cash or EFTPOS)

- Multiple Choice questions with mixed categories for all to be able to contribute
- Coin toss - bring along your gold coins
- Lolly jar - count and win for fun
- Pick your captain and a team name
- Guaranteed fun night with lots of laughs
- Bring along a plate of supper to share with your table

Umpires

Pennant games can't take place without umpires and measurers on hand at every club, every week. Becoming a qualified umpire will take you understanding of our game to a new level, and it's a great way for you to support your teammates and the Club with just a little bit of effort each week. Yvonne Bekeris will be more than happy to chat with you about what is involved.

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