



BOWLED OVER BULLETIN

GVBD Pennant:

In the final stages of Pennant and to assist Clubs from forfeiting due to lack of numbers GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) co-ordinated with all Clubs (especially Weekend Division 6) – directing the availability of Players from other Clubs to fill rink positions to ensure all Players can play Pennant instead of their or another Club from forfeiting.

The Board are considering appointing Midweek/Weekend Co-Ordinator/s for the coming 2018/19 Pennant Season to assist Clubs experience lack of Players during the season to support Clubs having not to forfeit their pennant game.

Midweek Pennant last game for the season was the 13th February, 2018 with the finals being held over the following Tuesdays:-

- Qualifying & Elimination Finals – Tuesday 20th February, 2018:
- Preliminary Finals – Tuesday 27th February, 2018 and
- Grans Final – Tuesday 6th March, 2018.

Venues: Yet to be decided – details will be broadcasted out to all Clubs.

Weekend Pennant with the last game being on Saturday 24th February, 2018 and the finals being held as follows:-

- Qualifying & Elimination Finals – Saturday 3rd March, 2018.
- Preliminary Finals – Saturday 10th March, 2018.

Grand Finals – Divisions 2 to 6 – Saturday 17th March, 2018.

Grand Final – Division 1 - Sunday 18th March, 2018.

Venues: Yet to be decided – details will be broadcasted out to Clubs.

Central Goulburn Murray Bowls Region – Women’s & Men’s state Events Finals 2017-18: GVBD Host Division - Season 2017/18.

Goulburn Valley had a very successful year winning 6 out of the possible 11 Titles :-

Dave Daws (Shepparton Golf) – Men’s Singles

Daniel Nichols, Paul Nichols (Nagambie) – Men’s Pairs

Josh Thornton, Jordan Thornton, Geoff Franze (East Shepparton) – Men’s Triples

Brad Orr, Col Power, John Stokes, John Dagger (Shepparton Golf) – Men’s Fours

John Stokes, Mia Nosowad (Shepparton Golf/Kyabram) – Mixed Pairs

Josie Michelin (East Shepparton) - Ladies Champion of Champion Singles

State Champions Week will be at Bendigo April 17-23, if anyone from the Goulburn Valley has the opportunity to travel to Bendigo, please come down and support us

Item Briefs from both the GVBD Executive Board Meeting and GVBD General (Delegates)

Meeting:

- Important Information as advised by GVBD Director (Gordon Nash): THONGS – Bowls Australia have now approved a brand of thongs, (flipflops), available from Bowls Shops.
- Heat Rule – is to be observed by all Pennant Managers and in the case of Tournaments by the Controlling Body.
- Behaviour – It is the duty of the Umpire to monitor behaviour on the green – report any unruly behaviour. If you see or hear any upsets, call the Umpire immediately.
- Eligibility rules for finals are clearly outlined in the GVBD Handbook. The Match Committee have the authority to make an exception for extreme criteria.
- Coaching Clinic is to be held in the Goulburn Valley in the first weekend of May. This is a great opportunity to become an accredited coach. The cost of the course is 4100-00 per person over two days.
For further information contact Director –Don Ristrom.
- GVBD Mixed After Pennant Twilight Competition has been cancelled for this season due to the lack of support from GV Clubs except for three Clubs being: Avenel: Nagambie and Rushworth interested.
GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) advised Club Delegates of his disappointment in the lack of Club interest and stated this will become a programmed event for the coming 2018/2019 Season and is hopeful to expecting full support from all Clubs
- Presentation Evening – To be held on Monday 30th April, 2018 at the East Shepparton Bowls Club commencing at 6.30pm – Cost \$30-00 per head. Further information will be forwarded out to all prior – please place this date in your diaries.
- Presently the GVBD Chairman (James McLeod) and Secretary (Joy O'Donnell) in consultation with Bowls Australia Representative (Josh Thorton) are busy undertaking review of the GVBD Strategic Plan.
- GVBD Electronic Pennant Recording – Following many issues experienced over this season with both Midweek and Weekend Pennant Results. GVBD Web Master (Bill Chilcott) has offered individual training to Club Pennant Managers whom would be responsible to ensure all Club results are correct before submitting and confirming to the website.
Clubs please note this would be great opportunity for incoming next season Pennant Managers to experience this training prior to undertaken the role.
- The Board are delighted to announce the appointment of Publicity Officer – Daniel Nichols with the aim to improve communication to all G.V. Grass root Bowlers what is happening either by a regular GVBD Newsletter and updated news items in local papers and also information on the GVBD Website.
- For the information of all GVBD Bowlers the Board in conjunction with the Match & Pennant: Umpires and Green Committees and Web Master have commence to review the program and competition rules in readiness for the coming 2018/19 season. Presently indications state that two additional days will be added to Pennant Season to allow for missed days due to unforeseen circumstances.

GOULBURN VALLEY DITTY

The Ballad of Jack Bowles and Kitty Whyte:-

There are strange things done in the noon-day sun
by the people who bowl on the green;
The battle for glory can be civil or gory

and cause the strangest things you ever did see;
But the strangest of all twixt the spring and the fall
That was witnessed by day or by night
Was the night when Fame wrote down the names
Of Jack Bowles and young Kitty Whyte.