

East Gippsland Bowls Division Inc.

B.V.R.R. Report

AGM May 2016

Well the 2015-2016 seasons are now over, and you would have seen me at the majority of the Men's & Ladies State Events Games and at all the Pennant Finals.

It was great to see all the spectators supporting their members.

The Combined Competitions Committee will have more events played together where possible next season this is good for the players to have their Club/s support and it gives the host Club support as well, with only the host Club green/s to prepare for the said event.

Once again we must congratulate all of those who played in the Sides Championships, ladies at Murray Downs Country Club and the men at Corowa. Bowls Vic have announced a new format for next season. (More on that later)

The Bowls Victoria Region Meeting went very well, there were more East Gippsland attendees than North Gippsland, although we did have a few observers attending.

❖ **The Equal Opportunity** Issues hopefully should be sorted out on Monday 2nd May 2016; this is for the running of Single Gender Events. (Tournaments etc.)

❖ **B.V. Volunteer of the Year Award.**

- North Gippsland are proposing candidates for the Award,
- (Most Clubs recognise their volunteer on Presentation night.)
- Clubs have lots of volunteers who work tirelessly for their Club and it is hard to pick a particular person.
- However if you start the ball rolling this year, then next year it will be easier, in time all volunteers will be recognised. It is for the 2015-2016 season only.
- Simply send their name **to Region Secretary: John Lewis** and the Region will then pick the one that they think is most worthy from all the Clubs in North & East Gippsland.
- The winning applicant from the Region will then go to Melbourne to be presented with the Victorian Volunteer Award.
- The applicants name must be in to **Region Secretary J. Lewis by 13th May 2016** as it has to be into **Bowls Victoria by 30th June 2016**.

❖ **B.V Survey regarding Barefoot, Pennant, Social Bowlers etc.**

B V would like all members to fill in the survey, as they have stated this is not a hidden agenda; this is to get the Government to give more funding for the Sport, please encourage your members to fill in the said survey.

(Guy Hand is on standby to help in any way)

❖ **Region and Division Review (BV)**

- When Bowls Vic split everyone up into Divisions/Regions, some Clubs in their Region were not happy with the outcome, North Gippsland for example has lost 3 Clubs, and they would like to join with either East Gippsland or West Gippsland.
- Say for instance they link up with East Gippsland, when you play pennant it would only mean that you had to go to North Gippsland once, and they would come to us once.
- North Gippsland have some very competitive players, this would give pennant a new outlook. B.V will look into maybe changing the boundaries. (Don't hold your breath)

❖ **Affiliation Fees (Lindenow, Heyfield, Sale & Bairnsdale Golf Bowls Club.)**

The said Clubs had their say on what their problem with Bowls Vic was, however let's hope that it is now all behind us.

For those interested please have a look at the Heads Up program on 21st February 2016 as there was an item regarding Affiliation Fees.

❖ **Membership database:**

Club databases can now be linked to the Bowls Victoria database. By choosing to utilise this element all changes to your database will automatically be replicated with Bowls Victoria – therefore there would be **no need to fill in a BV4 for a new player, no need to fill in a BV6 for a Change of details and no need to supply a club membership list at the start of a season.**

❖ Clubs are reminded that they **ARE NOT** to add a new member to their database that is transferring in from another Club nor delete anybody who is transferring out.

The clearance process within the system will do this for you.

Clubs are also reminded that they **ARE NOT** to delete members from their Club listing, especially people who are likely to transfer out of the Club.

All you are required to do is make the member inactive.

❖ **Region Pennant Finals (Sale Bowls Club)**

Bowls Vic hands are tied when it comes to the fining of Club/s, for the non participation of the Pennant Finals (because it is classed as another Tournament)

it is a sad state of affairs when Clubs do not follow through with their obligations.

However they did say that they should be ashamed of what they have done (Sale) and in the future makes sure it does not happen again.

❖ **The return of State Pennant Finals- Saturday & Midweek:**

Previously Bowls Vic sent out a survey asking Clubs if they would pay for accommodation etc to send the Pennant teams away, the overall response was no, however if Clubs are willing to pay the said costs they will have another look at it.

Country Pennant:

❖ It was brought to the attention of Bowls Vic regarding the Region Country Pennant.

They had not heard of it, but it is along the same lines of State Pennant, **only that the country Region participates.**

BV was not happy that we would not include the Metro in it, (if it were to go ahead.)

It would be the same scenario if Bendigo could not find a sponsor for the accommodation etc. Clubs would have to still find the money to participate.

❖ **Regional Bowls Manager. (Barrie Lester)**

Barrie Lester is there as our Regional Bowls Manager, he is there to help and has loads of ideas and information, all you have to do is ask.

❖ **It was stated in General Business that the Heads Up was mostly Metro news.**

BV stated that it is up to the Clubs, Divisions & Regions to send articles of interest to the fortnightly Heads Up.

So let's get cracking and have East Gippsland on the front of Heads Up.

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❖ **Bowls back on Air: Sunday 15th May 2016.**

Free to air on the Sunday 15th May 2016 will be back on TV at 1pm. plus SBS's catch-up service for smart TVs, mobile phones, tablets and set-top boxes.

The show will run for 20 consecutive weeks, until September 25, and will also be available to stream from the internet via SBS on Demand – – SBS's catch-up service for smart TVs, mobile phones, tablets and set-top boxes.

The show will include action from the recent Australian Premier League and World Cup as well as action from the upcoming Australian Open - which will also be broadcast live on Fox Sports on June 23 and 24 from 11.00am.

Therefore tell your entire neighbourhood etc to tune in or we will lose our bowls again.

Please drive carefully to all those that will be travelling on their winter break.

And to all those staying at home good bowling.

Fay Lewis: *F. Lewis.*

(Bowls Victoria Region Representative)