

# Upwey-Tecoma Bowls Club Inc

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## **Tiger Tales – March 2010**

### **Pennant Wash-up**

At the end of the 2009/10 Metropolitan Pennant season the top side finished 9<sup>th</sup> due to an inferior shots up record to Chirnside Park CC and will be relegated to Division 3 in 2010/11 while the second side did just enough to remain in Division 5. The third side made the most of a difficult season with many walkovers and unavailabilities in higher teams meaning side consistency was not what you would hope for.

Well done to everybody involved and thanks to the selectors for doing their best.

### **Upwey-Tecoma Junior Footy Club – Jumper presentation**

The UTFJC will be holding their jumper presentation at our club on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Assistance with running the bar, BBQ and bowls is required. Please let Peter Jeffery know if you can help.

### **2010 AGM**

The AMENDED timeline for the coming AGM and the relevant dates leading up to the AGM are listed below. The change has been made due to a number of key people not being available on the original date.

The AGM will once again be run in conjunction with the Presentation Night and will this year be run at the club with a catered 2 course meal. A list is up for those attending to put their names down. Remember that family and friends are welcome.

- Nominations open: 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- Nominations close: 23<sup>rd</sup> April
- All motions must be received by: 5pm 30<sup>th</sup> April
- Notice of meeting posted no later than: 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> May, 7pm

While nominations do not formally open until 2<sup>nd</sup> April, have a think about what you can do for the club.

All positions are up for re-election and with some current office holders NOT standing again, it's time for some new blood to step up and make a difference.

Not everybody can commit to various positions and that is understandable, however there is something that everybody can do and it's high time some people put up or shut up.

Without the thankless hours and hours put in by committee members you wouldn't have a club to call home. So rather than complain, make a difference.

### **Improvements over the past 4 years**

Along similar lines, some members have been overheard to complain about the condition of the club or the club in general.

Below is a list of improvements and initiatives that have been made to the club over the past 4 years. These improvements are in a large part due to the effort of a few members who take on massive amounts of work for the benefit of all

members. So before you openly bitch and moan about what the club ISN'T DOING FOR YOU, read this list and tick the items you've actively helped with.

If there's something I've missed, I apologise. If there's something else you feel should be done, volunteer to do it – or at least help to make that change.

- Secured finance for and rebuilt the synthetic green – twice!
- Secured finance for and built the flood wall and associated earthworks
- Acquisition of new drinking fountain
- Acquisition of new bowls mats
- Establishment of the Museum
- Secured finance for and installed rainwater tanks and sprinkler system for the grass green
- Clubrooms painted internally
- New bar fridge purchased and installed
- New logo and uniform adopted for the club (uniform provide at

- subsidised prices for initial garments)
- Establishment of valuables locker in the ladies room
- Secured finance for and installed steel shelters on the Eastern edge of the grass green
- Recommissioned the external toilets adjacent to the front green
- Secured insurance for full replacement cost of the front green in the unlikely event of another disaster
- Established the green replacement fund to ensure the club can cover the majority of the cost to replace the front green in the future
- Purchase of a motorised edger, self propelled lawn mower and ride-on lawn mower
- Secured finance for and installed replacement external blinds for the club house
- Installation of movement activated security lighting
- Secured finance for and installed replacement overhead lighting on the front green

- Acquisition of 2 new garden/storage sheds
- Acquisition of new seats and sunshelter for the BBQ area
- Conducted and 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and developed a booklet to mark the occasion

Other initiatives that have been undertaken by members include:

- Photo collage of members
- Painting of the front gates and development of new signs around the fenceline
- Building of bowls boxes for spare bowls
- Building of a new achievements board

Over this time the club has achieved:

- 2 sectional Pennant flags
- 3 promotions (Div 4 to Div 3; Div 3 to Div 2 and Div 6 to Div 5)
- An increase in members from 40-odd to over 70
- A successful Open tournament for the past 2 years
- Several successful social functions in spite of the lack of assistance by many members

- A return for barefoot bowls

And all of this has been achieved with an meagre increase of \$15 to your fees over that period.

There is no doubt that Upwey-Tecoma Bowls Club is NOT the same club it was 4 years ago. There is also no doubt that if it were, we would not be here today.

If you continue to do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always got!

If changes had not been made to the operation of the club, dwindling membership and financial resources would have dictated that we close the doors.

Next time you hear somebody complain, remind them of that.

### **Name Badges**

The first order of name badges have been picked up and are now ready for those who ordered them.

A list is up at the club for anybody wanting a badge in the next order (minimum order of 6). The price is \$10.

### **RVBA Pairs**

All those members who entered the RVBA Pairs please

remember that this event is being run 5 weeks after Round 18!

Sectional play is being held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010 with knockout play being held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> (if necessary).

The draw will be forwarded to all players once it is received.

We have a good number of teams entered in this event this season so good luck to all.

### **REMINDER – Club cleaning and maintenance**

As you are all aware, the cleaning of the club and the maintenance both internally and externally is carried out on a voluntary basis by club members.

Your assistance in thoughtfully disposing of rubbish and putting equipment away after use is appreciated.

### **Tiger Tangle**

Upwey-Tecoma will host Richmond Union Bowling Club on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

A list is now up for all interested bowlers. We need 21 bowlers and 6-8 kitchen helpers for the lunch.

Get your names in quickly for this great day on the green.