Dear Members,

A quick update on happenings at Club Holdfast.

A reminder that all are welcome to attend the Barrie Lester coaching clinic on Wednesday 24 April from 4-7pm. BBQ afterwards, \$10 for members, \$20 for non members.

On Thursday, we also have the ANZAC Day triples at 12:30pm. If not playing still come along for a drink and catch up with Mates.

We are holding a social get together as our end of season dinner, presentation night. This will be Friday 10 May. Details will be provided in a separate email. Hope to see you there.

Important, please note. We have had to change the date of the AGM to Sunday 26 May at 11am. Whilst we would have liked to have held it the following week, for reasons that will become evident at the meeting, the Constitution requires it to be held by not later than the last Sunday in May, unless extenuating circumstances exist, such as the Club being closed by the Council last year for maintenance to be undertaken. We are not sure if the reasons for delaying can definitely be regarded as extenuating, thus the change to a week earlier. I hope this suits many of you, so you can attend.

Now I would like to address a couple of items that seem to have some Members concerned. Yes, we have called for Tenders for the Greenkeepers position. This is also in keeping with the Constitution. The current contract with Bradford Porter ends 31 May. Any expenditure over \$30k needs the approval of Members at either an AGM or SGM. The Tenders will be considered and a recommendation made to the AGM. Also, to clarify, there was a rumour circulating that the current contract had an option for a further year. This is incorrect.

Another important item to inform you of is regarding the cessation of Bingo at Club Holdfast. Anthony and his team have been employed by Club Holdfast for a number of years now doing a great job at running the Bingo sessions. The money raised by Bingo has done us well. So this decision was not taken lightly by the Board, but in the end it was agreed that the Bingo model did not align with the direction of the Club. All Board Members were asked to speak with their fellow bowlers and croquet players for their input. Ultimately the Members' voice is that they want their Club back. If anyone has concerns regarding this, then please call me for further clarification regarding our Board decision. (0429 000 006).

Lastly, I would like to apologise for my lack of presence around the Club this year. However, as I mentioned in my message early in the year, I am pretty much based over on the west coast in Streaky Bay due to work now. I hope to see many of you at the events I have alerted you to in this message.

Best Regards Damo

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