



SBC Newsletter

September 2025



Changes to Pennant Conditions of Play

A number of significant changes have been made to the Pennant Conditions of Play for this coming season. They include;

- **Pre-game practice** will be restricted to 30 minutes. Players cannot access the greens until 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- Thursday games will begin **at 10.30am**.
- Saturday Divisions 1 & 2 will play **without a mid-game break**.
- Saturday Divisions 6 & 7 will play **18 ends**.
- The method for referencing Bureau of Meteorology forecasts for **cancellation of games due to extreme heat** has been amended to include the forecast on the day preceding the game.
- Start time for **Wednesday rounds 11 to 14** in January will be 10:30 a.m.

These changes are largely as a result of feedback received in the recent Bowls SA pennant survey. Some changes, such as the earlier start time for four of the Wednesday games, are being introduced as a trial. All pennant players, and in particular team managers and umpires, should familiarise themselves with the full conditions of play for 2025/26 which will be available on the [Metro Bowls Season Information Page](#) soon.

New Members

Welcome to Leonie White and Peter Millowick, great to have you on board as members.

Night Owls Bowls

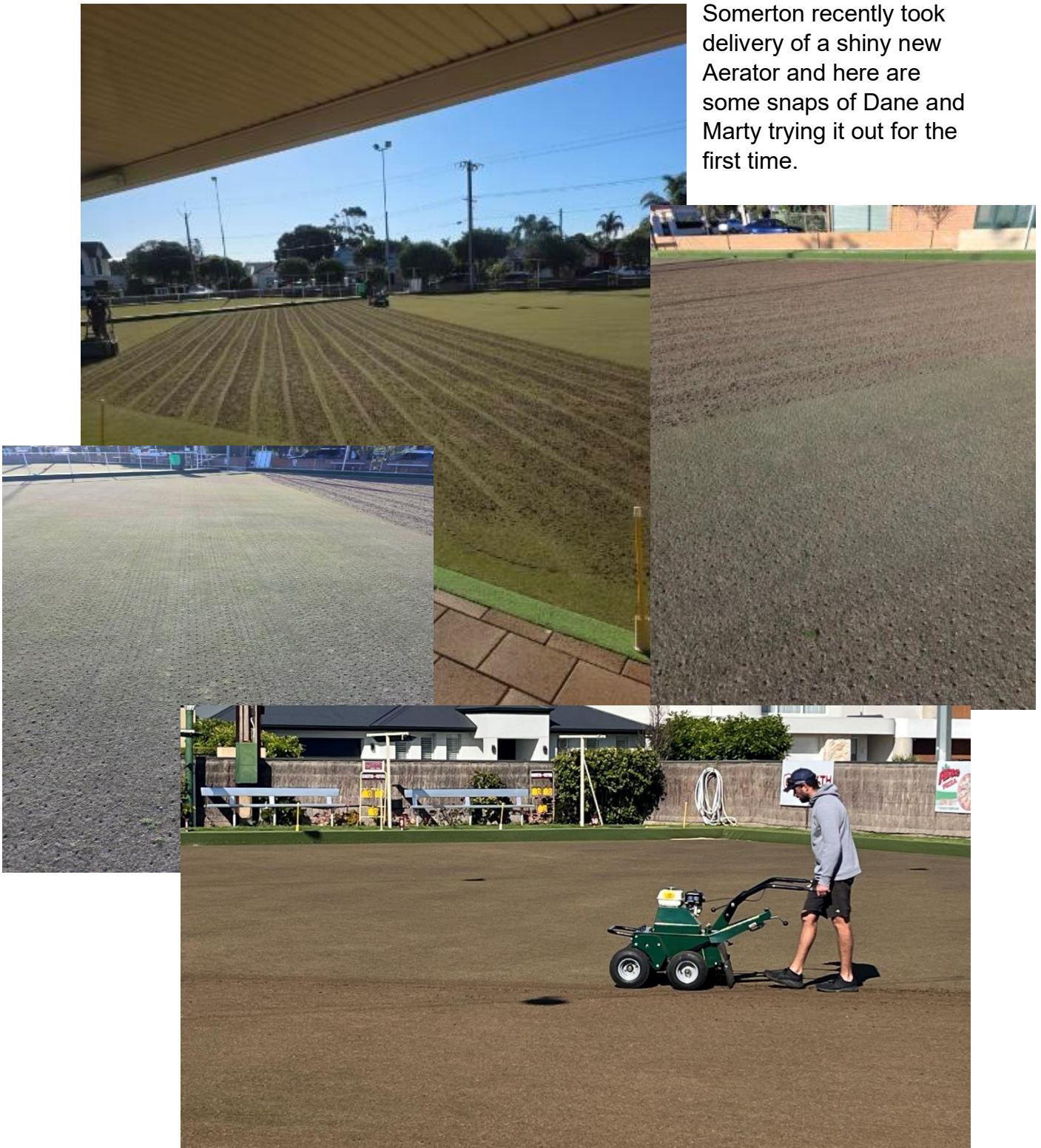
During a recent stocktake of our night owls bowls sets, two pairs appear to be AWOL! They look like these ones here.

The Night Owls team would really appreciate if they were returned to their home ready for the start of the season in a few weeks' time. We also use these bowls for client functions, so we need all the sets we can! Thank you.



Our Latest Addition to the Workshop

Somerton recently took delivery of a shiny new Aerator and here are some snaps of Dane and Marty trying it out for the first time.



This machine will enable us to core the greens just about whenever we like, reducing our reliance on external contractors. Funded entirely from club funds, the aerator will be put to use many times a year and will pay for itself in no time. Thanks to Lynton Modra, Graham Hughes, Dane and Marty for assisting in the procurement of the equipment.

Farewell to our Greenkeeper

On the subject of green keeping, many of you already know that Dane Fulwood will soon be leaving Somerton to pursue an exciting opportunity elsewhere. Dane joined us in 2018 and has been responsible for maintaining our greens since then. He has also been a big contributor in many other areas of our club including bar operations, supporting major projects, assisting with facilities maintenance and purchasing. And if any club official or volunteer needed a hand, Dane was always willing to help. We wish Dane all the best in his new role.

Club Super Challenge

Some members have been asking about the Club Super Challenge (formerly the Taylor Cup) which our club has participated in for many years. For a number of reasons, we do not plan to enter a team in this competition in 2025/26. We understand that Bowls SA is reviewing its viability and so new opportunities may come out of that review.

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