



GBR Executive Day 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

Host Club CLIFTON SPRINGS

A lovely day at Clifton Springs with mostly sunny weather and a light breeze was enjoyed by all. GBR Executive Day has not been held for a few years due to COVID-19 issues and it was great to be back here with you all.

We were honoured to have with us our Bowls Victoria President Pat Schram. Also, Bowls Australia Regional Bowls Manager-Metro Melbourne & Geelong, Mark Coleman.

19 Clubs were in attendance, an extra team supplied by Clifton Springs and two GBR executive rinks played a 10-end game. After completing Ditch to Ditch to commence play we all enjoyed an afternoon on the greens. Afternoon tea, presentations and raffles followed. BV President Pat addressed Club members and amongst other topics provided some insight into the new rule changes coming into effect from April 1, 2023.

GBR President Michael Kelly touched on our GBR Charity this year, which is again Lazarus Community Centre and introduced Jodie Whiteley who presented a more in-depth summary of the assistance provided and the needs of Homeless. The Centre, located in the old Geelong Gaol provides daily, 2-course meals, clothes washing, showers & change of clothes for large numbers. Jodie, a Volunteer worker at the centre, emphasised the need always exists for clothing and the funds donated from today's event will be greatly appreciated. It is sad to hear that so many people in our community are homeless or disadvantaged.

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Prize winners: -

- Ditch to Ditch – Green 1 Barry Culph-St Leonards, Green 2 Helen Gliwa-Portarlington.
- The cards were fanned and Executive Day Rink of 2023 was Lead Les McInerney-Bannockburn, Second Geoffrey Pentecost-Point Lonsdale, Third Allan Smith-Clifton Springs and Skip Peter Slater-Torquay.
- Raffle Winners – First Prize: – Bob Poole-Ocean Grove Meat Pack DONATED BY Hommy's Quality Meats, 16 High Street Drysdale, Second Prize: Mike Jenner-Clifton Springs and Third Prize BV President Pat Schram both receiving Wine and Savoury Hamper prepared by our Treasurer Maureen Reynolds.

From GBR, thank you to the Clubs attending, and for all Clubs and individuals who donated to our Charity and also to those who purchased raffle tickets. Thank you to the Clifton Springs support staff who prepared the venue, waited on tables and prepared the Afternoon Tea.

A total of 94 members enjoyed the afternoon.

The monies raised will be presented to a Lazarus Community Centre representative at our AGM in May.

Thanks again to all.

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