



Hi Members,

The Bowls Committee meeting yesterday has provided some information that you will find useful and interesting.

This Friday we have Kelly McKerihen providing a coaching clinic for our club. I would especially like to encourage our newer bowlers to attend this session. (signup out back) Kelly provided a similar session last year and members who attended this may get some reinforcement of the skills and thinking required before you start play. Kelly will start at 2:00 PM and will be followed in the evening by our social gathering after happy hour.

Our social group has organised a movie and pizza for \$10. Sign-up is essential.

Our greens are moving forward and hopefully more rapidly now that the drainage issues have been resolved. There is still much more work to be done before we will be able to use these greens. The Board will be organising a major opening day when they are complete.

We are organising a huge raffle to provide some extra funds for our greens. Hopefully we'll be able to draw this on our grand opening day. We are fortunate to have a few prizes already in the pipeline. ***If any members have contacts*** with a business that may be willing to provide a prize for this raffle, a service (eg haircut) or an item, we would be most appreciative. If you can assist in this way, please contact myself or a member of the Committee.

The Pennant practise game on 16th September will be followed by a player meeting to go over some of the expectations and processes required for Pennant. Some nibbles will be supplied. Midweek Pennant commences Tuesday 14th October & Saturday Pennant on 18th October. There is still a need for more players to participate in Pennant. Our club uniform for Pennant is bottle green shorts, trousers, skorts etc, our club shirts and bowls shoes. Green fees for Pennant will be an \$8 token that can be purchased at the bar or with the EFTPOS machine. This will save a lot of time and effort on each game day for our division managers. We have a small number of club shirts, hats & caps available at our club – see Trish Clegg. Holland Park Sportswear will have a stall at Rosebud Country Club on 16th Sept from 9:30 – 2:30pm. They will have green shorts etc. available for sale.

The Novice Singles Championship is commencing on the 21st of September. All our novices are entered in this event. Novice list is on the white board. If you are unavailable, please cross your name off the list so that you do not get included in the draw. This is a knockout event, and each game needs to have a marker to assist running the game. If you have any difficulty finding a marker, please come and see me or a committee member. In November there will also be an MPBR Past President's novice event which was won by Finn Armstrong last year.

The Ladies and Men's Pairs commence a week later on 28th September - so be prepared to get your names down on the list as soon as it becomes available.

When our greens are completed, the green fees for social bowls will be \$10. We are currently planning on having a free Jackpot on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month included in the green fee. Hopefully this will encourage more people to play bowls at our club and make use of the greens.

Tournaments: The Balnarring Classic Open Fours Sunday October the 12th. 4 games of 8 ends with \$2000 in prizes. Entry is \$120 per team.

Bairnsdale Bowls Club are offering a **ladies pairs** event over 2 days, 12th & 13th November \$120 entry includes lunch. Information for this tournament is on the whiteboard at the entry.

Good luck to our Country Women's Week players who will be in Barham from 30 Sept – 5 Oct. There are also several State events being run by MPBR in a few different formats over the next few months. If you have any queries, please speak to myself, Wayne or Paula.

****Come & Try Bowls Day 11:00 – 2:00 Sunday 5th October – Helpers required.! See David.**

Afternoon tea (Scones?) – Sausage sizzle BBQ & on Green helpers needed.

Cheers and Good Bowling

David Pumpa