



Hi Members,

Welcome to the first President's newsletter for this current season.

My thanks to the members who stood up at the AGM to take on a new role that will help our club move into the future. We're looking forward to a great season ahead. Chris Rye has taken on the role of MPBR Rep and will be a member of Bowls Committee. The selectors had their first meeting on Wednesday, and I would like to welcome Margaret Grossbard to the Bowls Committee representing our selectors. At the meeting, Steven Schneider and Ray Metherell became the contacts for Midweek and Saturday Pennant respectively. When our season commences, these are the two contact points if you become unavailable.

Already the Bowls Committee has hit the ground running with some new innovations and some clarification of our current practises.

There has been some discussion regarding social bowls on Wednesdays and Saturdays with shadowing on the greens. I'm pleased to be able to say we will now be playing Wednesdays and Saturdays North / South on Greens 1 and 2 until the end of August. Fridays will change to East/ West over this time. Remembering that we start early through winter until the end of August, our goal is to finish by 4:00 PM at the latest. The gong will be sounded to finish the first game. The Co-ordinators will work out whether we need the gong to ensure everyone is finished by 4 PM.

On nominated days, please try to find your own team. If the numbers do not match up for teams, we will end up with a lot of pairs from the single entries.

If you know prior to the bowls day that you are unavailable for both games of bowls, there are a few things you can do.

- Try to get someone to play the second game for you
- Contact the Coordinator prior - they will try to match you up with one game partner to play the other game
- If you know early, pop a message on What's App to get someone.
- Do Not put your name down if you cannot play the full day or both games.
- If an Emergency happens, contact the Co-ordinator as soon as possible.

Do not leave this until the day and then drop it in the lap of the co-ordinator to resolve. This would be unacceptable.

We would like to start a new game on Friday afternoons called **Scroungers**. Those who have been members of our club from before COVID will recall Sunday's 'Twisty Singles'

introduced by John Evans. Scroungers is a similar fun game of singles bowls. We will have a trial afternoon on Friday 6th of June from 1:00 PM. We will play three games of between 6 & 8 ends to see how well it runs. The scoring for this is the same as 100 up. 4 points, 3 points, two points and one point per end. There are a few rules to make the game interesting. This is a great practise for draw bowling. If it works, we will continue until the end of August. Don't forget to sign up if you would like to play.

The winter challenge against Mount Martha takes place on the last Friday of each month through to August. Our first Winter Challenge is on Friday 29th May playing 6 teams of 2 bowl fours at MBC. The list is in the sign-up area.

The Committee discussed introducing a Mixed Triples Club Championship to our calendar. We are considering running this through July and August. This is still under discussion as to the format and the timing. We would probably need to set dates for the championship games to take place. We have all our usual championships commencing in September, so we might see how this new event pans out. More information to come as we discuss the issues involved.

As there was some confusion regarding the mufti dress code, we have removed the words summer and winter. To be clear, a neat standard of dress is expected of all players. A collared top is required as part of our Clubs mufti dress code. Please ensure you have the correct bowls shoes.

Don't forget that on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month we will be playing triples. This is a trial until the end of June, so if you have comment, please pass on your thoughts to a member of the Bowls Committee.

Cheers and Good Bowling

David Pumpa