



Hi Members,

Welcome to another newsletter from the Bowls Committee. Our meeting this month was full of important information as we continue our new Bowls and Pennant season.

Our Try Bowls day was a great success with 27 people signed up and with 23 of those attending our try bowls on the day. Thanks to Bob and Rob Van der Meer for coming to assist at the Wednesday market prior to our day. They did a great job promoting our club to all and sundry. 4 have already submitted their paperwork which is currently being processed. My thanks to Heather, Jean and Annie for making the scones for morning tea. Also, thanks to the members who came along to assist on the day and make sure that our visitors had a good time finding out about our sport of lawn bowls.

The Bowls Committee asked Larry to go through some of our basic lawn bowls rules for our members. It has been observed that quite often players will be standing in the middle of the rink discussing shots to play when they are not in possession of the rink. Players should move to the other end quickly and have a look at the head on the way through. You cannot take possession of the rink until the previous bowl has stopped.

Some things to remember:

Members are reminded that a collared top is standard for social bowls. The work done on our floors and carpet make our club rooms look great. Please avoid rolling your bowls bags through the wood floor area and lift chairs to position rather than drag them. An old adage - 'if you make a mess - clean it up.' This helps all our members and keeps our club room clean and tidy for everyone's enjoyment.

Pennant. Our first week of Saturday Pennant was very challenging and a stressful time for our selectors. 10 players became unavailable and several withdrawing from Pennant. All available players were utilised, with additional players recruited to fill vacancies. Despite the results on Saturday, there were positives to take from this opening round. Our Tuesday Pennant sides also had some mixed results with two wins and one loss. Members are asked to wear club uniform to Saturday social bowls to support our players and with the possibility you may get a call up to play Pennant.

The next game in the Challenge by the Bay series is scheduled for Mon 19th Oct at Mornington Civic. Please submit your name by Thursday if you would like to have a chance to play. We will be playing against Mt Eliza.

Our Novice and Pairs championships are in full swing currently. Don't forget to have a marker if you are playing singles. There have been some great games of bowls that have been well worth the effort of watching. The sign-up for the Club Singles is on the whiteboard.

The Peninsula Secondary Schools Sports Assoc. will be attending our club on Friday 16th to play their annual competition. There are 22 teams involved in this event. Juniors (years 7- 9), and Seniors (years 10 – 12) will be playing on Greens 3 & 2 respectively commencing at about 9:30am. Any members who would be able to assist in the morning would be greatly appreciated. We will need help to set up the bowls, mats and jacks.

Volunteers that help with school groups and Bare Foot Bowls are required to have a Working with Children Check (WCC). We currently have only 23 members with the WCC. Volunteers who do not currently hold a WWC and would like to gain one can go to

<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children/home> There is a no charge for this certificate.

Barefoot bowls commences on 30th October. If you can help on the BBQ or on the Greens, please contact myself or Ian.

On the last Jackpot Wednesday (30th Sept.), 2 teams claimed the Jackpot with an aggregate of 1! The jackpot was not claimed yesterday and now has a balance of \$72. The Red Snapper Jackpot is on the 2nd and 4th nominated Wednesdays of the month. We have been achieving 72 or more players from the start of the jackpot with a high so far of 84. We are limited to 32 teams of Triples (96 players) and are concerned that we could achieve more than the 96 players with our current sign-up process. This creates problems for our coordinators. We have decided that the Online sign-up will not be available for the jackpot days. This will assist our Coordinators with managing player numbers and team allocations. We ask our members to sign up early with a team. The Sign-up sheets are available for the week prior to the day so there is plenty of time for you to get a game. The Committee will trial this and see how it goes. If you have any ideas or comments, you are most welcome to speak to a member of the committee.

The MPBR State O60 singles commences this Sunday. If you would like to enter any of the MPBR state events, you will need to enter via your bowls link membership. Events available are pairs, mixed pairs, triples and fours. Check the whiteboard for the MPBR calendar of events. This year the novice singles and pairs have been changed to women's novice and men's novice games. There is a push by BA, BV and MPBR to encourage more women to play bowls. It is deemed that having separate competitions may achieve this.

Cheers and Good Bowling

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