



## Mornington Bowling Club Newsletter 7 – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The building program over the last month has caused some disruption to our bowls program and our access to the club. Problems with our roof were first noted more than four years ago. My congratulations to the Board of Management for its' tenacity in focusing on this roof problem over a long period of time. We were fortunate that the works did not disrupt our Pennant season or Barefoot bowls start. Next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of November, will be a free member's social bowls day as a thank you for your support of the roof rebuilding program. We have a sponsor for the day so there will be prize money on offer. We can now only hope for good weather to continue our bowls through November and December when we are the busiest. Our Social activities will continue with a more formal Christmas gathering at the Kirkpatrick's Hotel in December. Make sure you check the Social section of the pin board outside the kitchen servery to select your meal when you have signed up. You can sign up for this with payment at the bar.



The first evening of Barefoot Bowls was a slow start to the season with only about 20 players. As the weather warms up and we get more players, we will need help to assist on the greens to ensure that the non-bowlers have support in how to play our game. If you can assist our coordinator Ian, by supervising bowlers or with the barbecue, please contact David. I know that there are many social functions through November and December that puts a lot of work on a small number of members. Please help wherever you can to assist these fundraisers for the club.

A recommendation has been made to the Committee that Saturday Social Bowls during Pennant season be Club Select. The Committee believes that this is a good recommendation and it will be implemented. Further, the prize format for Social Bowls on Wednesday and Saturday was creating some confusion. Prizes will be 1<sup>st</sup> - 'Winners 2 Games Aggregate', 2<sup>nd</sup> - highest margin Game 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> - highest margin Game 2. We will implement this to the end of December and then review. Any change to this format will be noted on the entry sheet and extra prizes may be awarded.

**The Ladies and Men's Pairs Championships Finals** were held on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Congratulations to our Lady's winners, Di Star and Margaret Grossbard. It was a good game of bowls against Pam Colley and Paula Pampa.

Congratulations to our Men's winners Glenn Taylor and Michael Adams. This was another tough game of bowls against Tony Hunt and Brian Pyne. Thanks to the many spectators who attended both games.

The **Ladies and Men's Singles** started last Sunday. It is recommended to complete the games as soon as possible as the weather may disrupt planned play. The final will be played on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. The winner of each of our club singles final will be entered to represent our club in the Champion of Champions. (Nominations for this close with MPB Inc. on 16<sup>th</sup> December.)

**Pennant:** We have had two days of Midweek and Saturday Pennant so far. Unfortunately one of the Saturday pennant days was cancelled due to the weather but we did share the points for the day. We still require more players to support our pennant teams. If you can help please contact one of the Mid Week or Saturday selectors to have your name added to the list.

It is unfortunate but due to personal circumstances two of our selectors have had to resign from Saturday Pennant selection. Thanks to Rob Curtis for stepping up as a selector. We are still considering if there is a Lady Bowler who would be keen to assist the Saturday pennant selectors.

As the 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast Bowls did not take place in October, we are considering introducing a social bowls evening on a Thursday once a month. We will follow the format of pizza night but play a game of 'Last Person Standing', Skins or 'Twisty Singles'. Start time will be 5:30 with pizzas at 6:45 p.m.

**STATE Ladies and Men's Pairs.** The entry forms for these 2 State Events are on the pin board next to the kitchen servery. **Please have your entry completed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> November for Paula to send off. (Entries to MPB by 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.)**

**Open Twilight Competition.** As we only had one person wanting to play in this event, we will not be entering a team.

**COACHING: "Come & Try Bowls Month"** program has now been completed with five ladies joining in. Even though the program was disrupted, 3 or 4 of the ladies are considering joining our club. Thanks to the many members and coaches who supported this program.

Our coaching of the years 9/10 from Mornington Secondary College has continued after a disruption by the building program. Thanks to the many members who have assisted this program that continues with the last session next Tuesday.

Brian Pyne (coach coordinator) & John Evans attended a coach's seminar lead by advanced coaches that included the Australian coach, Steve Glasson. Brian and John picked up a few ideas to improve our coaching. We're considering inviting an Advanced Coach (10 in Australia!) to work with our coaches and other members of our club to improve bowls.

Are you delivering your bowl from higher than 15cm (6 inches)? Have someone check your delivery. Don't be offended if you are approached by one of our coaches to assist you. Our intention is to improve the bowling of our members and keep our greens in the best condition possible.

**Tournaments.** There are a number of new Tournament flyers that have arrived from a variety of Bowls Clubs. These can be found in the folder in the back sign-up area.

**Dromana Bowls Club** Rosebud Hospital support day. 17<sup>th</sup> November 10am \$60 /team Open 4s.

Bring your own lunch - Proceeds donated to Rosebud Hospital.

**Yamala Park** Frankston. President and Gala Day – Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Fours \$60/team. *Lunch provided*

**Main Ridge Bowls club.** March 18<sup>th</sup> 2020. Fours \$120/team. *Lunch provided*

I was reading through the Bowls Victoria November Newsletter and found an interesting article by John Roberts, a lead umpire for Bowls Victoria, called 'The Lawman'. I have selected some interesting points made in this issue. (A full copy is on the whiteboard near the kitchen.)

➤ The use of chalk in marking touchers? Law 15.1 clearly states a toucher **MUST** be marked with chalk. This means chalk, spray chalk or chalk-based marker pens. In pennant there is **NO** requirement to use spray chalk (but it is the preferred method). The use of a non chalk-based marker pen to mark touches is not allowed.

➤ STOP or LIFT?

If a bowl on its correct bias enters your rink from a neighbouring rink and it looks like it will disturb your head what should you do?

STOP or LIFT? Points to remember:

- Any player at the head can lift or stop the bowl;
- Any player at the head can only lift **ONE** bowl;
- Under no circumstances can the jack be lifted. You must stop the bowl;
- You can only lift the bowl if in doing so it will not affect the result of the game
- A marker in singles must stop the bowl;
- If in doubt stop the bowl and return it to the player on the mat. This is the preferred method in Victoria.
- if the bowl entering your rink is on the wrong bias it must be stopped and removed from the game as it is a dead bowl

Cheers

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