



Mornington Bowling Club

Newsletter 8 – 12th December 2019

The Bowls Committee wishes each member an enjoyable & safe Christmas. We wish you good bowling & health through this festive season and into the New Year.



Our Social activities continue this evening with a Christmas gathering at the club at 5:00pm and then onto the Kirkpatrick's Hotel for dinner. This Friday evening we have a singer performing live for our members and barefooters starting at 7pm. Next Wednesday we will have Christmas drinks at happy hour prices after our social games. Members are encouraged to bring some nibbles for both Friday and Wednesday.

Barefoot Bowls has quickly become busy and Ian and the helpers are under the pump. More help is needed on the greens to instruct our visitors on how our game is played. We also have a number of functions where barefoot bowls is included. If you can help with any of these please contact Karen.

Our sponsors are another important source of income for our club. Please check who our sponsors are in the handbook. We will soon have a sponsors board. If you use the services of any of our sponsors, please let them know you are from the Mornington Bowling Club. This encourages them to keep sponsoring our club.

The Ladies and Men's Singles comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the final starting at 10:00am. Pam Colley plays Heather Hayes and Bernie O'Connor plays myself. We're looking forward to two great games of bowls.

The next club championship is the Presidents Handicap. Entries for this close on 1st January 2020 and the first round commences on 5th January. You can check out the new handicaps of all players as they have been updated by Neil, Trevor and Rob Curtis.

Pennant: We've had a number of successes in Tuesday and Saturday pennant and also some tough games where we haven't quite played to our ability. The selectors are doing a hard job for our club. Please make sure you approach the whole group of selectors if you do want to offer any advice.

Social Bowls: Members with an illness or physical concern, who are limited with their walking, will be offered a new format to play in a normal team. This format will see them remain up the same end with a partner at the other end for the whole game. They then share their place in the team position (eg Lead or 2nd) with their partner. This will cut down the amount of walking and assist members continue to play the two games. If you are in this situation, please contact John Trewin to let him know. You will need to negotiate as to whose bowls are used.

State Events: Entry forms for the State Ladies and Men Triples are on the pin board. Please have your entry completed by the 15th of December for Paula to send off. (Entries to MPB by 16th Dec.) Round one of this event is on 18th December with a night game.

The State Mens and Ladies singles entries close on 6th January with round one on 19th January. The fours entries close on 28th January with round one on 5th of February with a night Game. We had one entry for the ladies pairs and two entries for the men's pairs. Gloria and Paula made it through the first round but were defeated in the second unfortunately. The men's pairs of Chad & Steve Hacklin and Mick Adams & Glenn had tough games and did not get to the second round.

At our Club we are trying to cut down on waste and how we sort our rubbish. Sue Hale and Heather Hayes are looking into ways for us to achieve this. Single use plastic is an issue in all clubs and is a major issue going into landfill. Cutting out single use plastic is a stated goal of our Shire. As a club, we are particularly trying to reduce the amount of plastic water cups used. With this in mind, we would like to encourage all bowlers to bring their own drink bottles when playing. We have already taken the step to paper straws in our bar.

Coaching: A 2 day Coaching course is being offered on 2nd & 9th of February next year at Civic. If you are interested in becoming a club coach, please contact Brian Pyne to discuss your nomination.

Tournaments. There are a number of new Tournament flyers that can be found in the folder in the back sign-up area. West Rosebud has President's Day on February 19th. Members are invited to enter a mixed fours team (\$60/team).

I was reading through some old articles by John Roberts from Bowls Victoria and came across this piece of trivia. We often use the phrase 'jack high' but do we really know what it means? Below is John's determination from the laws. Do you know what 'bowl in front' or 'bowl behind' looks like?

“So where is the bowl when is it truly Jack High?

The Laws of the Sport define Jack High as: when the nearest part of a bowl is in line with and at the same distance from the mat line as the nearest part of the jack. (C.26 , page12, 3rd Edition Crystal Mark)

This diagram clearly shows a bowl jack high or jack level. The arrow indicates the direction of play.”

Cheers
David Pumpa
Bowls President

