



## Morningson Bowling Club Newsletter 10 – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear members,

The Committee met at the end of January but unfortunately the newsletter I put together then hit a glitch and didn't reach all the members. (Copies are always placed on the whiteboard for your information.) A lot has been going on behind the scenes.



Specsavers now has hearing tests!

As most members would have heard, there was a complaint regarding one of the Saturday Pennant matches played at Mt Eliza. I'll give you a brief outline so that there will be no Chinese whispers or rumours being spread. The MPB Match Committee received a formal complaint on behalf of the Mt Eliza players regarding the events on 1st February. Due to inclement weather, play in the game was 'suspended' across all three rinks at the time of the alleged 'misconduct' and lasted for approximately 35 minutes before play resumed. The Mt Eliza players felt that "a deliberate act of unsportsmanlike behaviour" had taken place when our players on one rink did not finish the end due to the downpour. The umpire of the day declared the end was 'dead' when play resumed. Unfortunately the MPB Match Committee did not interview our players concerned in the alleged action. This oversight, I believe, gave them a biased view of what actually happened. This gave them the view that our side sought to gain an advantage outside the spirit of true sportsmanship and fair play. Our players concerned, disagree with the recall of the opposition skip unanimously and the view taken. There are always two sides to a story and MPB heard one side only.

The MPB Match committee forwarded their findings to the Bowls Victoria Disciplinary board.

The BV Disciplinary board stated – "... this matter does not contain an allegation of misconduct that is sufficiently serious to result in the establishment of a disciplinary conduct hearing."

With this advice, the MPB Match Committee has had the good sense not to take further action.

This matter is now over and we can move forward.

My thanks to the members who helped setup for the Summer Classic that was held last Sunday. The organisation of tables, morning and afternoon teas, setting up the greens and generally helping out made the day successful which was much appreciated. The winner on the day was the Balnarring team taking 1<sup>st</sup> prize with 3 wins and 29 shots. Thankfully, not all the money left the club!

Our next main tournament is the Jack Glasser day on 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. This will again be mixed fours with lunch supplied for the entry fee.

Congratulations to Trevor Roberts and Chad Muir in getting to the final of the President's handicap. It was a hard fought game with Trevor winning by one shot. Trevor got the Champs, but Chad got the chocolates! (see MBC website.)

The Mixed Pairs Championship has commenced. The first games have started and need to be completed by 8<sup>th</sup> March. Players, please note that club uniform is to be worn for semi-finals and grand final. Games previous to these can be played in mufti.

The final game of home and away Tuesday Pennant was played yesterday. Congratulations to Division 2A who finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. This means we'll have a final at our club next Tuesday. We look forward to seeing many members there to support our players. Division 2B finished 6<sup>th</sup> & Division 4 finished 7<sup>th</sup> on the ladder.

Saturday Pennant plays the final game for the home & away season this Saturday. Currently we have Divisions 2 & 6 in first position with Division 5 second. Division 3 is currently seventh but only six points behind fifth place on the ladder.

My congratulations to the selectors for their work over this season in providing competitive teams. Sometimes we do not agree with the selection, but of course as individuals we can tend to have a very narrow view. The hardest job for selection at this stage is to try to pick out the best teams for the finals. Good luck to all of our players and all of our teams.

To celebrate a successful Pennant season we are having a Pizza evening on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, which is the Grand final day for Saturday Pennant. All members are invited for the cost of \$2.

If you are interested in becoming a Greens Inspector for our region, check the Bowls Victoria website under the heading "Club Assist": Greens Information. A Greens Inspector Course is being held at our Mornington club on March 20<sup>th</sup>. You'll need to be quick as we have discovered training courses on the Bowl Victoria website fill very quickly!

Do you want some coaching? Contact Brian Pyne who can allocate one of our coaches to assist you.

The Past Presidents Association is once again running a novice pairs and singles event in April. The entry sheet is on the pin board outside the kitchen. Paula will be sending this off on Friday. We already have a couple of entries but there are many more players that could participate in this event. If you first started bowling after May 1 2018, then you're eligible to enter.

Uniform?: Club Uniform is our club shirt and BA shorts, skort or trousers (bottle green or white). Bowls Approved dress MUST have the BA logo on all items. Mufti means you can wear casual clothes (collared shirt minimum for our social bowls). Do you need a new club shirt? David will put a list up and will place orders on Friday.

Tournaments. There are a number of new Tournament flyers that can be found in the folder in the back sign-up area. Check them if you're interested.

City of Frankston has the 'Battle of the Arms' on 29<sup>th</sup> of March \$75/team of three.

Rosebud C.C.: Easter Saturday Fours. Two ladies and two men per team. \$80 per team. BYO lunch.

#### **Stoppage or Interruption? (from The Lawman article Dec 2017)**

What is the difference between a stoppage of play and an interruption of play? When does an interruption of play become a stoppage?

Law 32.1 states that a stoppage is called because of darkness, weather conditions or any other valid reason by either the :

- Controlling Body
- The umpires after appeal from the players, or
- By agreement of the players if there are no umpires or members of the controlling body present.

It is not the call of the side managers.

If a stoppage is called the game can be continued on the same day or another day. Incomplete ends must be declared dead.

If all required bowls in an end have been played the number of shots must be determined before the game stops - Law 32.3

A stoppage is a stoppage if Law 32.1 is evoked. If all the required bowls in the end have not been played the end is declared dead.

If a player or players (on their own undertaking) decide to run for cover, for example, lightning, sun shower or to get their wet weather gear this becomes an interruption to play because a stoppage has not been invoked.

So what happens to uncompleted ends when the game is interrupted? Play must continue when the players return to their rinks. Because a stoppage has not been called, the game continues. Incomplete ends are not declared dead.

If while play is interrupted, there is a disturbance to the head by wind, rain, falling trees or any foreseen incident, the skips (or opponents in singles) must put the jack or bowl/s back to their former positions. If they cannot agree on the former position, the end is declared dead and must be replayed. Law 35.

Simply an interruption to play becomes a stoppage when one the bodies listed in Law 32.1 says so.

Bowlers should also keep in mind that they must not delay play by leaving the rink of play unless their opponent agrees, and then only for no more than ten minutes. Law 33.1

John Roberts (Chairman, BV State Umpiring Committee)

Cheers

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