

# Mornington Bowling Club

## Newsletter for 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020



Dear Members,

The recommendations for bowls clubs in all areas of operation are very fluid due to the coronavirus. Each 3 or 4 weeks we seem to have new rules to follow. The main rules as always are to keep social distancing, use sanitiser or wash your hands with soap before you play and afterwards.

Bowls Victoria issued a new set of recommendations to commence last Monday.

Below are the key points from BV.

1. Clubs can accommodate up to 32 people on an outdoor green at any one time.
2. Clubs with an indoor green can accommodate up to 20 people only.
3. Clubs can have up to 8 players on a rink, but if 8 players are on a rink, rinks must be spaced 1.5m apart.
4. Spectators around an outdoor green at all matches are limited to 20 people per green (spectators are numbers in addition to those playing) and should be scattered around the perimeter at least 1.5m apart.
5. Club houses with licensed venues can operate for 20 people as per the Premier's advice from June 20.
6. Change rooms and showers can open for up to 20 people.
7. Club Championship Games (and other competitions) are permitted.
8. Clubs must have all appropriate signage at the club to advise members on the requirements of play in Stage 3.

Members may not realise that the Shire has priority as to what we can implement in the current situation. Yesterday (Wednesday) the Shire approved the Bowls Victoria recommendations.

Susan's report for the Board regarding our building program is positive. A great job is being done by Quadracon with more work to come. We need to complete the bar, clean, restock and wash our glasses before we do a deep clean. The timing of this is not clear at this point in time. The Board will let you know when we will be calling for a working bee so that this can occur.

Members of the Bowls committee met today to work out how we can implement the bowling aspects of these new measures at Mornington. A number of decisions have been taken.

This Saturday will remain as it is planned for bowls. We will play 3 bowl pairs in the morning and afternoon sessions. A Green fee of \$3 per game remains.

Starting next **Wednesday, 30 June**, we will play nominated 3 bowl pairs in the morning starting at 10:00am to 12:00.

**In the afternoon**, we will play 3 bowl triples, Club select commencing at 1 pm & finishing at 3 pm. The fee will remain at \$3 for each game. We require 24 players minimum and a maximum of 60 players for the afternoon game. Be aware that you must sign up the day prior for the triples game in particular.

\*(If you had signed up for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June already, please check and sign-up again on the new sheet.)

We did not complete all of our Club Championships and are now able to do so.

We would like to start the 100 Up Championship on 5 July. The new signup sheet will be placed on the board at the signup area at some stage tomorrow.

There are only two games left for the Mixed Pairs championship that we would hope to complete by the end of July at the latest.

We will retain all of the safety measures we have implemented at this point in time. There will be 1.5 m between rinks meaning that we will have five rinks available on Green 1 and Green 2. Disinfecting equipment, washing hands, no handshakes, keeping a record of attendance and social distancing must be strictly adhered to for the health and well-being of our members.

As the situation with the coronavirus is very fluid, we will be monitoring the situation and keep you informed to the best of our availability.

Cheers

David Pumpa

Bowls President