

MBC NEWSLETTER 10

- 8th February 2019 -

Hi Everyone.

We have a number of important items to share with you in this newsletter.

Firstly, this Sunday at 10am is the final of the Presidents Handicap. This will see Chad Muir and Doug Brough playing off. Members are encouraged to support our players at this final.

The Mixed Pairs Championship sign up sheet is open until 19 February. The first game can start on 24 February. We look forward to as many entries as possible to make this a great competition.

We wish Gloria all the best as she tries out for the Regional 4's to be held in Swan Hill.

We have been selected by *Bowls Victoria* to host a regional meeting at our club on 15th February. We will need the assistance of four or so members to prepare sandwiches and fruit platters for the attendees at 9:30am. The meeting will go from 11am to 3pm. Contact Paula if you can assist. Thanks to those who have already offered.

Our Pennant games for the 2018/19 home & away season finish on Saturday 16th February. We would like to invite all bowling members to come along and join us from 5:30pm to celebrate the season with Pizza. I'm planning on a Pizza delivery at 7pm! Please sign up out the back for catering purposes. The cost is \$3/person. **Everyone is invited** including partners. NO EXCUSES! It looks like we may have 4 Divisions in the Saturday Pennant finals. Well done!

The Summer Classic day is on Sunday, 24th February. All members are invited to participate on the day and become part of a team. We have a maximum of 28 teams that can be accommodated. The entry sheet is out at the back sign up area. We will need some non-playing helpers to assist in organizing the lunch. The lunch will need to be heated while the games are in progress. Please contact Heather or Paula if you can assist. My congratulations to Doug Brough for his preparation of the day and ensuring that other clubs are invited to this major bowls event.

There will be a coaching clinic for our newer bowlers (who have played for LESS than 12 months) on Friday March 15th at 3pm. Our coaches will work through basic elements of the game, technical advice and provide an opportunity for these new members to ask questions that have arisen from their experience of bowling.



Our congratulations to our new Super Vets - also known as our OBEs. Keep on bowling and contributing! Thank you to Judith Thorpe, the Peninsula/Casey rep for Bowls Victoria, who presented these medals.

The Probusers group of musicians will again play at our club on Friday 1st March from 6:00pm. We have also invited members of the Ulysses MC to join in barefoot bowls on this night as they are in Mornington for their National General meeting. Come along with your dancing shoes and join in with the fun! The Band will be downsizing and streamlining their playlist.

We are also fortunate to have more live music on Friday 22nd March commencing from about 6pm for our members and Barefoot bowlers. Dean & Sam, the dynamic duo, perform at hotels & private functions. We will be requesting a gold coin donation to offset the cost for the evening. Please come along and bring some nibbles to make it a great night.

Past President's Novice Singles & Pairs Events. We have received notification that this will be run in April at Civic. A player eligible for entry in this year's competition MUST have commenced bowling after 1st May 2017. The Singles competition will be conducted on 7th April, and The Open Novice Pairs will be played on, 14th April 2019. The entry sheet is on the pin board under the television for our novices to enter. Please consider entering if you are eligible.

Social Bowls Don't forget that the sign off time is **6pm the evening before play**. If you do forget to list by 6pm, there is some flexibility if you phone and leave a message after 6pm.

Club Special Days: We have the Summer Classic on 24th February and Jack Glasser Day on 7th April. Ensure you have the opportunity to participate.

Greens use: Note that the direction of play is East/West on Mondays to Thursday and North/South on Fridays to Sunday. This is to share the wear & tear on Green 1 in particular. There are notes on the Direction of Play board. Please check before you have a roll up. Also note that the **GREENS ARE CLOSED prior to 9am** every day. Please take care with accessing and leaving the greens.

No event or activity at our club occurs without a great number of people working behind the scenes, often working without acknowledgement. Barefoot bowls, Presidents Day, the Championships, Functions, Australia Day bowls, social bowls, marking our greens, mowing lawns and doing the edges all takes great effort. And this is not an exhaustive list of all the help and volunteer work that occurs within our club. As a committee, we would like to thank you all for your contributions to make our club truly a 'Great Club'.

Cheers & Good Bowling
David Pampa
Bowls President