MBC NEWSLETTER 11 - 15th March 2019 -

Hi Everyone.

What a fantastic Pennant season. Three of our Saturday divisions made finals and we still have two teams playing in Grand Finals this Saturday. Division 4 is playing City of Frankston at Karingal and Division 3 is playing Karingal at Belvedere. This has been a great result for our club and we will be celebrating with a Trivia night after the Grand finals. Pizza, party pies and sausage rolls will be provided. **All members are invited** to this celebration but please list your name in the signup area for catering purposes - the cost is \$5 per head. See you at the club by 5:30 pm.



Mixed Pairs Grand final is on Sunday 24th March. The last preliminary is being played this morning between Sue & Leigh Hale and Margaret Milliken & Neil Hayes so still unsure as to who will play Paula and myself in the Grand final.

The 100 Up Handicap entry sheet is on the pin board at the entry. Entries close on 26th March with round one starting on the 31st. The final is on 5th May at 10 am. We look forward to as many entries as possible to make this a great competition. However, if you are away for part of the time that the championship is occurring, please consider whether you should enter or not, because it can be disappointing for your opponent if you have to give a walkover. There are set dates by which games must be completed.

'Be Healthy and Active.' We have booked the Bolton Clark group to run a session on CPR and the Defibulator. Knowing how to use our Defibulator and to perform CPR are good life skills that can be used in emergency. This session will be held on Wednesday, 27th March at 10:30 AM prior to Social bowls. Sign-up sheet is out the back.

We are also fortunate to have live music on Friday 22nd March commencing from about 6pm for our members and Barefoot bowlers. 'Dean & Sam Live at the MBC' will play a range of Music that you will enjoy and hopefully get you up dancing. This 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 nibblies to make it a great night out.

My thanks to the 'Probuskers' who spent time at our club on March 1st providing entertainment to members and barefoot bowlers at no cost. This group from Rye Probus spend time with the elderly citizens clubs, at retirement homes and bowls clubs. They do a great job to bring Music and happiness into the life of the elderly.

The Summer Classic held on 24th February was a great success. Many of our visitors commented on the club's friendly nature, the organization and the high standard of preparation. In this regard I can only congratulate all of the people who assisted on the day. Our members who assisted made this a very successful Summer classic for 2019.

The Mount Martha Medley held on Wednesday was once again a great success with all players enjoying the competition and companionship of our sister club, Mount Martha. Thanks again to Doug Brough for his organization of the teams.

Past President's Novice Singles & Pairs Events. We have four entries into this event. We wish each of our new bowlers success in this event. Singles on 7th April and the pairs on the 14th. All games will be played at Civic.

Club Special Days: We have the Jack Glasser Day on 7th April. Ensure you enter a team for a great day of bowling and companionship. The signup sheet will be placed out the back in the next week or so.

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 on the board. Please check before you have a roll up.

Also note that the GREENS ARE CLOSED prior to 9am every day.

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. Please take care with accessing and leaving the greens.

A few of our members have had injury or illness over the past few months. My sincere thanks to Sandra Spiers and Ken Fyffe, our dedicated welfare officers, who do a great job keeping in touch with these members. If a member is ill or injured, please let Sandra or Ken know so they can follow up on behalf of the club.

No event or activity at our club occurs without a great number of people working behind the scenes, often working without acknowledgement. Barefoot bowls, Functions, Special Event Bowls Days, 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.

Our club's AGM is fast approaching. In what areas are you able to assist or volunteer? Whether you volunteer on the Committee, the Board or assisting one of the many groups in our club, your help can keep our club great and functioning at a high-level.

Cheers & Good Bowling David Pumpa Bowls President