



MBC NEWSLETTER 9 - 10th December 2018

Hi Everyone.

We have a number of things happening at the club as we come towards the end of 2018 and the start of 2019.

Firstly, our thanks to Karen Keegan and Peter Fairchild for getting the Christmas celebrations underway with a shared dinner this Wednesday evening after social bowls. Thanks also to those who have offered to assist. All Members and partners are invited. Please ensure you sign up out the back for catering purposes. Members are asked to supply either a salad or dessert. It would be helpful if you list the type – whether Potato, pasta, green salad, Pavlova etc.

If any member would like to head up a Social group, please let a member of the Board know of your interest.



Brian 'The Renovator' Pyne with some insight for 2 new members.

Club Championships: My apologies for not informing you of the results of our Ladies Pairs Championship in the last Newsletter. Congratulations to our new Ladies Pairs Champions Margaret Milliken & Judy Beresford. Commiserations to Gloria & Joy. A close and tough battle throughout the game.

The Singles Championship Final is this Sunday at 10:00am. Sue Hale will play Paula in the Ladies final and Bernie will play Chad in the Men's final. Good luck to all four players. The winners will be entered into the Champion of Champions in the district on 17th December.

The next Championship entry is the President's Singles Handicap starting on Jan 1st 2019. This is an open Singles event with the first to 25 including handicap.

This sign up sheet is on the board. Handicaps will be published within the next two weeks.

Our Pennant games for 2018 finish this Tuesday with a shared lunch for the visiting teams – a long standing tradition for Tuesday Pennant. Pennant resumes on Saturday 12th January. Currently Saturday Pennant has all 4 Divisions in the top four. A great effort from all involved but the challenges continue with numbers. Tuesday Pennant has been less successful but a great fighting spirit persists.

We are still trying to fine tune the start of Social Bowls for Saturday during Pennant so all bowlers for the day (Social & Pennant) have afternoon tea together. Hopefully we will get

this right for the restart next year. We hope this will create a more inclusive attitude within the club.

Pennant practice is postponed until the 11th January. It will resume on each Friday from 3:30pm to be followed by Happy Hour. All MBC members & players are invited.

Social Bowls next Saturday will be triples as we are expecting a large number of players with the Pennant players joining in. Don't forget that the sign off time is **6pm the evening before play. The effort we ask of our members is to please sign up by 6pm the day prior to game day.** If you do forget to list by 6pm, there is some flexibility if you phone and leave a message after 6pm.

Barefoot Bowls & Functions: Thanks to the many volunteers who have gotten behind these two money raisers for the club. We have a number of RSA trained members who work hard behind the bar with more preparing to get trained. Both Carole Rivett & Ian Muir have full on volunteer jobs getting these activities organised and your support as a member is invaluable.

Club Special Days: We have the President's Day on 16th January. This is a mixed fours event. Check your diary and note the date. We also have the Summer Classic in February and Jack Glasser Day in April.

A group of musicians have offered to play at our club. We will have this live band playing on Friday 18th January from 6:30pm. Come along with your dancing shoes and join in with the fun!

Facebook: Thanks to Peter Fairchild who has managed to get our Facebook exposure up to date. Great work Peter even though I only understood 3 in 10 words you used! If you are a Facebook user, please check to see what is happening and 'like us'. Check with Peter to see how it is working for our club.

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.

Bob Smeeton had an injury at Hastings last Saturday when he tripped and severely dislocated his finger. Surgery was required. Best wishes Bob for a speedy recovery. Please take care with accessing and leaving the greens.

I hope that each of you have a Joyful and Safe Christmas and New Year. Be safe out there!

Cheers

David Pumpa

Bowls President