

MBC NEWSLETTER 1

- 3rd June 2019 -

Hi Everyone.

Paula and I have been overseas and not only missed the Federal election but more importantly - the MBC A.G.M.! We are back on deck and looking forward to another year of bowls. The Bowls Committee met on Thursday 30th May for their first meeting after the AGM.

My thanks to John and Paula for taking on the roles of Bowls Coordinator and Bowls Secretary.

A number of issues were discussed at the meeting and are listed below.

The early start for winter (11 a.m. for 11:30am) will continue to the last Saturday of September this year. The effect of Sunset and shadowing has created some difficulty for bowlers playing East/West. The Committee has agreed that each Social day, **the first game would be played East /West and the second game North/ South**. This will ensure that we give our greens even wear and tear through winter and resolve the problem of the sun and shadowing.

To implement this, it is important for players to move the mats, jacks and rakes at the end of game 1 to the same rink number at the south end of the green, on which they have just played.

It has come to the attention of the Committee that there is some confusion on Social days when the player numbers on a rink do not match. Unfortunately at times, there will be **Irregular** formats for Social Bowls due to lack of numbers to form full teams. The Committee has agreed to leave the playing formats on these odd occasions as already set out by the MBC Committee in previous years.

When a triple plays a pair, the skip in the triple plays 2 bowls and the pair should always play 2-4-2.

When a Triple plays a Four, the skip of the Four will play three bowls.

A written guideline for these formats is displayed at the Bowls Office window.

The Bowls Committee, with the Board, are concerned about the delivery of bowls that can affect our greens' life expectancy and may necessitate maintenance. Our new synthetic green is a valuable asset and to protect this, a panel of coaches, umpires and committee members will be developing a policy to improve Bowls delivery and cut Dumping from the delivery repertoire of members. It is suggested that the definition of dumping is from a height equal or greater than 30 cm from the ground. If you're having difficulty delivering your bowl smoothly onto the playing surface, from a height of less than 30cm, you are asked to seek assistance from one of the Club Coaches. More information to come.

The day after our committee meeting, we received notification of the MPB Inc. decisions from responses submitted to the 'Time for Change' discussion paper. As you would recall, the paper looked at the format for Pennant and other competitions. 24 of 25 clubs responded to this discussion paper. A copy of this report is on the pin board next of the kitchen. The report sets the starting dates and times for Pennant, its structure and other competitions. We will be asked to complete a couple of surveys in accordance with BV & VCAT determinations regarding the single gender competitions proposed.

The Mt Martha Winter Challenge started last Friday with a close win over Mt Martha by 6 shots after 144 ends of bowls! Well done to all our players.

We continue the challenge on the last Fridays in June, July and August. We will need 6 teams (rinks) of 4 each month to defend our title from last year. There are still some places available on the sign-up sheets out the back and we do need a few reserves to help out.

The next game is at home on 28th June: 10:30 for 11:00am.

John, our bowls Coordinator, has gathered a subcommittee of members to ensure that our social bowls and tournaments run efficiently in the coming year. This group is made up of John Trewin (Chair), Doug Brough, Russell Rees, Barry Emerton and Alice McLaughlin. A number of bowlers have also committed their time to assist this subcommittee organise individual social days. My thanks to all these members who have committed the time and effort to ensure our bowls activities are successful.

Pennant 2019/2020 Season

MPB Inc. have decided that Saturday Pennant will commence on 26th October and Tuesday Pennant on the 29th October. Prior to these dates, there will be some organised pennant practice and also a Pennant information Night. Sign up lists for the 2019/20 Pennant season are on the pin board in the back area. This will give our Selectors and the Committee an idea of the number of Divisions to enter.

Selectors: Lance Rechsteiner has agreed to chair Tuesday Pennant and Colin Campbell has agreed to chair Saturday Pennant.

SOCIAL NEWS!

My thanks to Margaret Milliken for following up with the Membership Officers regarding interest shown (on the membership forms) to be part of a Social Group. Margaret has informed me that a Social Activities Group has been formed with Ray Metherell happy to coordinate this for our club.

Ideas If you have an idea of something you think would be a good event for our club, please add it to the list sheet on the whiteboard with your name next to the idea. The social activities group will then be able to follow-up and put activities in place.

Last year our Melbourne Cup Day Idea came from Maureen Badger who co-ordinated a fun day for all members.

Italian night - Ron Hines has offered to run an Italian night starting with Soup and then Pasta followed by a Trivia Session with prizes. This is on the 21st June from 5:30pm for \$10 a head. The sign-up sheet for this is on the whiteboard near the kitchen. Please pay over the bar if you would like to attend. We still need a few helpers to make this night work. If you can help, please contact me. (David)

We will be trying Breakfast Bowls Friday on September 20th. We will trial this in September and follow up in October. We are planning breakfast at 9:00 for 10:00am bowls finishing at 12:00.

GREENS ARE CLOSED through winter prior to 10am every day. There are notes on the Direction of Play on the board. Please check before you have a roll up.

Cheers & Good Bowling
David Pumpa
Bowls President