



Mornington Bowling Club

Newsletter 5 – 16th September 2019

Welcome back to all our members who have been travelling interstate and overseas. We hope you had safe travels.

Again many things are happening around the club, especially at this time with the new bowls season commencing on Saturday 7th. My thanks to Sue Hale who has filled in for Paula and myself while we've been away. I'm sure all members would agree that she's done an admirable job in keeping you informed of all the club's activities.

The opening day was once again a fun day to celebrate bowls. My thanks to the many people who organised the teams, set up the greens and made the day a great success. Once again Sue, John Trewin, Margaret and the committee were heavily involved in making this day work.

Pennant: This season sees some changes to how our Pennant competition is structured. Decisions have been made based on the 'Time for Change' document that we responded to earlier this year. The result of this restructure is that Mid-week & Saturday Pennant are both 21 end games. Division I remains the same on Saturday but Divisions 2 & 3 have been condensed from 16 teams North and South to being 8 teams across the Peninsula. This means that 16 teams have been pushed down in the divisions. For example, our Div 6 on Saturday is the equivalent of the Div 5 we played last year.

Our selectors have proposed the Divisions we should enter for Mid-week and Saturday Pennant as a club. We should know the result of this proposal within the next four weeks. For our clubs success this year, it is important to have as many players available for Pennant as possible. We have had occasions when up to 16 players were unavailable. (for illness, injury and personal reasons) Please consider adding your name to the Pennant list to help out.

A number of practice games have been organised for Tuesday and Saturday Pennant. Members who have elected to play Pennant should check to ensure that they are available for these practice games. The list of these games will be displayed on the back pin board.

The selectors would like each player to indicate which division & position they would like to play. The selectors will take this information into consideration when developing teams. The practice matches will assist in firming up the teams so that we are competitive.

Mid Week selectors will be choosing teams for the 1st Practice on Tuesday 24th September

IMPORTANT DATES ETC:

Reminder - MBC Novice competition concludes with the final starting at 10:00am. on Sunday 22nd Sept.

The **Ladies and Men's Pairs Championships** entry form is on the back pin board. Please organise your pairs and add to this list.

Do you want to play in an **Open Twilight Competition** to be held on Wednesday evenings commencing November 27th? If you would be interested in this, please sign your name on the sheet on the pin board. Each evening will consist of two games x 8 ends of 2 bowl triples. All members (**inc. non bowling Social members**) are encouraged to consider playing in this competition over 10 weeks.

The coaching group is offering an afternoon catch up for our bowlers who have played for less than one year. The date set is the **4th October** commencing at 3:30p.m. Measuring, Basic laws and some skills will be incorporated into the session. (Any Social members who would like to attend, please contact David Pumpa.)

BREAKFAST Bowls - Friday 20th of September - \$10 entry for Nominated 2 bowl triples. 2 games of 8 ends. 9:00a.m for 10:00a.m. start. Finish by 1:00pm. Bacon & Egg or Sausage & Egg rolls supplied. Entries close Wednesday 18th September.



Johnny Vegas Rock'n'Roll show - Friday 20th September. Showtime starts at 7 PM. Bring your own nibbles. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, contact Peter Fairchild.

Mt Martha Challenge. This Competition has now been running for 5/6 years and originally was an idea put forward by Barry Graham of Mount Martha and Vern Broome / Doug Brough of our club. Mount Martha won the competition in the first 2 years & Mornington has won the last 3 years in a row. The Competition is held on the last Friday in May, June, July & August each year so that members who are available can participate in an event similar to a pennant game. 6 teams (or more) of 4 players are selected by each club to participate. Scoring is simple, total shots up over the 4 months of play wins the competition. This year we retained the shield winning by a total of 110 shots up overall. A great result for Mornington. A special thanks is extended to both Doug Brough & Greg Gibbons (MM) who coordinated the competition over the whole 4 months & to our players who represented our club in such a fine manner, displaying good sportsmanship throughout the entire event.
Neil Hayes.

The club diary is back from the printer. Unfortunately there are a few errors that we will attempt to correct over the next two weeks with some glue-in addendums. We will also be printing the Pennant Draw when it becomes available for inclusion in your Handbook.

Our "Come & Try Bowls Month" program is on Thursday mornings at 10:00am through October. This has been promoted through Bowls Victoria, the U3A and the Shire website. Our first day is **3rd October** when we will have our **'Come & Try Bowls' Devonshire Tea for Ladies**. We will be seeking volunteers to assist and also make some scones for the morning. Thanks to our coaches for ensuring the players are introduced to our great game.

A few of the year 9/10 classes from the **Mornington Secondary College** have booked coaching sessions at our club during October. Hopefully some future members! The 1st session is on 7th October at 9:30am.

Tournaments. There are a number of **State Events** approaching. Entry forms received are on the pin board near the kitchen. Please consider entering. New tournaments have been placed in the folder at the back sign-up area.

The Regional Cup idea has been cancelled and we did not manage to get enough players to enter a team into the 'Quick Chicks' Ladies only triples competition.

Greens protection is an ongoing issue. Please ensure that you place your bowls on the green and try to deliver your bowl from no higher than 15 cm (6 inches). If you know you are struggling with your bowl release, please speak to one of our friendly coaches. Please do not be offended if one of our experienced bowlers speaks to you & you are requested to get input from one of our coaches. Our intention is to keep our greens in the best condition we can & everyone bowling for as long as possible.

We all benefit from the countless hours put in by the people who volunteer in many different ways to keep our club ticking along. Without the work put in we would not be in the enviable position that we are.

Cheers
David Pumpa
Bowls President