

Hi Members.

It's been a long time since I've been able to share information about our club and ongoing activities for the season. The Bowls Committee met last Thursday and discussed a number of issues about how we can get our bowls season jumpstarted after the Covid lockdowns. My thanks for their great input to getting us back to bowls. Hopefully there will be more significant changes after Sunday.

An incredible number of things have been done at our club since the lockdown. The bar was completed, the floors sanded and polished and, finally, the windows facing the bay have been replaced. Our thanks to Quadracon who did a fantastic job on the bar and windows.

My thanks to the 19 members who attended the **deep** cleaning of the club last Thursday. Every surface, chair and table was cleaned and then disinfected as well as the windows washed. We must continue to disinfect after each use of the tables and benches.

The **Pennant** selectors have considered the number of members that have signed up and made a recommendation to the Committee for the Divisions to enter this season. The recommendation is for 3 x Saturday sides and 2 x Mid week sides.

**MPBD Division 7:** This is being offered with one side of 3 players for Tuesday and Saturday from 10 o'clock to midday. The game is 2 bowl triples. This would be a short season over five weeks starting mid January. Players in this qualify as Pennant Players! Saturday morning players are also allowed to play Saturday Pennant in the afternoon. If you are interested in this please, contact the selectors ASAP so we can enter the sides by this Wednesday. A great game for novices, social bowlers and the more experienced.

We have entered the **Twilight competition** with 2 teams of Triples to be played Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to approximately 8:15pm. Glenn Taylor has offered to be the team manager for this competition. This home and away competition has 10 rounds commencing 25<sup>th</sup> of November with all teams in our area playing at one venue. We will host on one or two occasions during the season. If you are interested in playing, please contact Glenn or myself.

**Club championships:** Unfortunately, with the club closure from 20<sup>th</sup> of March and again from July, a number of our championships were not able to take place or be completed. The Committee has made adjustments to our championships for this season. As you can see, the Ladies and Men's singles have commenced. *President's Handicap* will be put back to the 14<sup>th</sup> February and replace Mixed Pairs. (Mixed Pairs will be dropped for this year). *Men's & Ladies Pairs and Club Novice* will be played concurrently, starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January. The Novice will finish on 30<sup>th</sup> January, and the Pairs the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Please make these date changes in your Handbook. **Handbooks** are available near the microphone stand – please make sure you cross off your name as you take a book.

The **Social bowls** program has started slowly due to the restrictions. Currently, Social Bowls is limited to 4 rinks on Greens 1 & 2 and 2 rinks on Green 3 - a total of 60 players. Restrictions are changing all the time but are easing. Next Saturday will see the start of our normal social bowls commencing at 12:30 with 2 games. Green fees go back to \$7.

At the moment, with restrictions in place, it was agreed that only MBC members could play in our Social Days. I know that some of the clubs will not allow visitors until next year.

The current Covid restrictions allow 70 people outside with groups of up to 10 with a 10-metre gap. In-doors we are able to have 40 members with a 5mtr gap between groups of up to 10.

Barefoot bowls started last Friday with about 30 bookings. A great job by David Youl to get this up and started. Thanks also to the many members who assisted our visitors enjoy the evening. There was no barbecue operating but hopefully we will have more news on this for next Friday.

Cheers & Good Bowling - David Pumpa