

Newsletter March 2021

Hi Members,

My congratulations to Chad Muir, who represented our club in the Regional Champion of Champions. Those members who attended, or watched on the Internet, will already know what a great job he did representing our club to get to the final. Two of our ladies will be representing our region in the State Ladies Over 60's Pairs on 13th – 15th April at Bendigo. We wish Heather Hayes and Pam Colley all the best at this state event.

We are now coming to the pointy end of the Presidents Handicap championship with only a couple of games to get to the semi-finals.

The signup sheet for the 100 Up Handicap is on the board ready for you to enter. These are important competitions that can improve your bowling.

The MBC Summer Classic was a fun day of bowls for all those who attended. We achieved the minimum of 14 teams for the day with a great lunch put on by our members. Thanks again to Doug for organising the bowls aspect and Paula with the many helpers who organised our lunch.

Our final tournament for the season is **Jack Glasser Day** on 21st March commencing at 10:30am. My thanks to Doug Brough for his work again in getting this day organised. We need at least 14 teams to make this day viable. The format is 2 games of 15 ends with the Bell to stop for lunch at 12:30pm. Once again Paula will be organising the luncheon, morning and afternoon teas. Paula will **require the assistance of at least three more people who are not bowling. If you can assist please contact Paula at the club or on 0400 302 090.**

My thanks to the many helpers who gave up their time to assist with the Mornington Secondary College School groups. The students and staff enjoyed the experience of bowling and the expert coaching by our helpers. We have Flinders Christian College attending on the 31st March from 9 am for 2 hours. I will be looking for helpers to assist with this group in the morning prior to social bowls. A Working With Children needs to be held by all helpers at BFB, Coaching and with School groups. These can be applied for on the internet and are free for our volunteers. (Martin can help.)

A Members Pizza evening is being planned for Wednesday 24th of March from 5pm. This follows social bowls and will provide general information for members regarding social bowls and pennant. We hope to have a further evening prior our Pennant 2021/22 season – most likely in September.

Coaching: if you have joined our club within the last two years, it is a good idea to catch up with your coach to see how you are bowling. A fine tune up now is a good way to imbed good habits and provide an opportunity to increase your knowledge of the game and ways to improve your play.

Anyone interested in becoming a Coach or Umpire? Please see David for details.

The Committee received some positive feedback regarding our social bowls program. A couple of adjustments have been made to our Saturday social bowls. We're reinstating nominated pairs starting this Saturday. It was agreed to make a couple of changes to the Prize allocation. It will now be 1st Prize – Two game winners, aggregate, 2nd Prize – First Game winners and 3rd Prize – Losers of the 1st Game winners of the 2nd Game when there are three prizes allocated.

Don't forget to sign up by 6pm the evening prior to be sure of a game of social bowls. Late entries may not be guaranteed to get a game. Please do not rely on others to put your name on the sheet.

I hope members have had an opportunity to inspect the new colours around Green 1. These will assist the placement of Rink markers and numbers.

Our Barefoot bowls is still very popular with up to 100 people booked for the remaining evenings during daylight saving. Please ensure you assist David Youl and his helpers in getting the bowls out and packing up again at 8 PM. A great job is being done by the BBQ Teams. Well Done.

Cheers and Good Bowling
David Pumpa