

## NEWSLETTER December 2021

Hi Members

The final of the Ladies and Men's singles were two great games to watch. Heather came from behind to defeat Paula and win her third Ladies Singles. Chad won his 9<sup>th</sup> Club Singles championship. A valiant effort by Neil but he was out gunned. Our novice champion this year is Chris Rye who won three games of a round robin. The runner up was Larry Donnellan with two wins. Congratulations to our winners and the runners up.

The next club championship will be the President's handicap. The signup sheet is on the whiteboard. The new handicaps will be put up within the next week or two. It was noted that a number of members who entered the club championships have not paid their entry fee. Members signing up to play in the Club championships must pay when they sign up. It is preferred to pay by card on the Eftpos machine and place your receipt in an envelope for the back office.



The pre-Christmas Pennant games finish this Saturday with all teams playing away. We'll have a gathering for both Pennant and social bowlers with happy hour from 5:30pm Saturday afternoon. Party pies and sausage rolls will be supplied. Members are encouraged to attend.

Congratulations to David Youl and the many helpers who have made our barefoot bowls program kickoff to such a great start. With Christmas quickly arriving, it is becoming very busy with our barefoot bowls program and functions. If you're at the club when there is a function on, or barefoot bowls, see if you can help by supervising or assisting somewhere in the clubrooms. Remember that we all enjoy the facilities of our club through the hard work of our volunteers.

Co-Vid: Thanks to Leigh Hale who has taken over as the Co-vid Marshall for the club.

MPBR: there are a number of items being reviewed and discussed by the region. The MPBR Match Committee has developed a policy to the end of this year if there is a case of Co-vid in a Club. This policy is on the pin board. If there is a Co-vid case in a club, there will be no entry to the clubrooms except the toilets and no self-serve tea and coffee. Clubs would need to be deep cleaned and remember everyone must QR code into any club. The double vaxxed certificate needs to be shown on entry. Two members from our club will be invited to attend the committee to further review the Co-vid policy.

Also, the Region will now be responsible for the discipline of players who transgress in Pennant or State Events. Already this season three players have faced the tribunal. This makes any discipline matters quickly resolved by the Region.

The next umpiring course will be held at Civic on 11 February. If anyone is interested in umpiring please contact a member of the Bowls committee. Applications are made through the Bowls Victoria website.

Big news for our region is that the Country Women's week of bowls will be held on the Peninsula in April 2022. We will be offering our club as a venue for parts of this tournament.

**Pink Pennant Bowls Day:** Frankston Bowls club initiated 'The Pink Day' last year in support of breast cancer. The Committee has agreed to support this pink day on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. We hope that members will wear pink on the day to support this project. Each player wearing pink is asked to donate \$5 to the appeal. We also would like divisions / rinks of pennant as well as the social bowlers to participate in this program. We have found out that the pink shirts worn do not have to be Bowls Approved to support pink day.

We received notice of a couple of tournaments and competitions that are occurring in our region. Flyers are pinned on the back pin board.

There are also many State events that members can enter. These are firstly played in our region and winners progress onto the State level. There is the opportunity for members to play pairs, triples and fours. This is a great opportunity to improve your game and meet players from other clubs.

We have entered one section of the Twilight league program and are currently on top of the ladder. 6 members play each week in 2 teams for 2 bowl triples. The format is the same as 100 up scoring and is great fun. The next game is January 5<sup>th</sup>. My thanks to Chris Rye for taking on this group and organizing the teams as required.

I've noted that there are still some members who have difficulty delivering the bowls correctly. Please don't be offended if we request that you try a bowler's arm to improve your delivery. We have a number of new bowling arms that members can borrow to have a practice before purchasing their own.

**New members:** We currently have a number of prospective new members who are going through coaching. Please make them feel welcome and involve them in our club.

Have a Safe and loving Christmas and New Year

Cheers.

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Bowls President

