

Newsletter October 2021

Hi Members,

All members have been in a difficult situation with the lockdown for the past 77 days. Our club has survived again and is about to resume bowls now that the restrictions are being relaxed.

It is great for all of you to be back at the club and able to catch up with family and friends face-to-face. Paula and I are also pleased to finally be home from our travels to far north Queensland and back at our club.

My thanks and congratulations to John Trewin, the Bowls Committee and the Board of Management who have worked tirelessly over the past four months to keep you informed of what we can do at our club. This has been a difficult and slippery job with the continuing changes to the rules and regulations of being in lockdown. A job very well done.

The Board of Management and Committee got together to discuss policy regarding vaccination. Our club policy is that only double vaccinated members and guests can enter our grounds. Please ensure you have sent your vaccination status to Martin Cheeseman. This will be recorded on Bowlslink and make our contact with other clubs for pennant and championships easier.

MPBR have brought into policy that only double vaxxed players can participate in State or Pennant events.

A number of restrictions are still in place. Currently masks must be worn indoors and outdoors. You must use the QR code to sign in when you enter our club.

We have a working bee this Friday from 3 PM to get ready to get back to bowls. The list of items we need to follow up has been sent via email to members.

Our Barefoot Bowls program commences this Friday. My thanks to David Youl who is continuing to run this program. A new online platform for bookings will be started soon to take a bit of pressure off the telephone calls. A great job with Martin leading the way in this with David.

At the Board of Management meeting, it was agreed that we redesign the MBC club shirt. This would be registered with BV as our club shirt. The shirt would be partly funded and a minimal cost to members. A number of attributes would be retained but a more modern and attractive shirt is our goal. We are looking for a sub-committee of 4 members, independent of the Board and Committee, to assist in the process. If you would like to be in this group, please see David P so this can get started.

It has been observed that a number of members are dumping their bowls. It was recommended by the coaching group to purchase bowling arms so members can try them out to improve their bowls. They will be available for loan through the coaches. There will be a number of sizes for members to try.

The club championships are starting soon. The first of these is the Ladies and Men's singles. The signup sheet is in the sign up area. Entries close on 3rd November.

There are also a number of State championship games that members can enter. Please check to see if you would like to enter one or more of these events.

The Handbooks have been printed and are available at the Bowls office. John has delivered some already as a part of his bike exercise in lockdown.

Happy Hour started last Friday with about 16 members attending and will continue each Friday evening from 5 PM.

Don't forget that Pennant practice starts this Saturday with an intra club game. Team lists have been emailed and will be on the pin board.

Cheers David Pumpa

