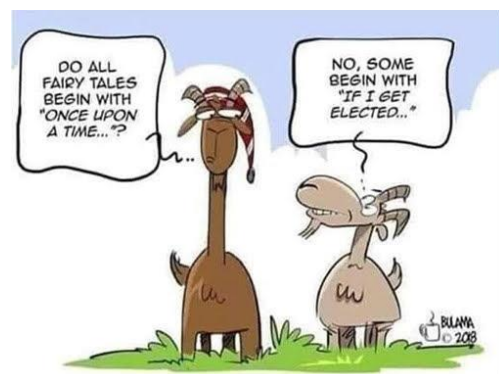


NEWSLETTER January 2022

Hi Members

We have had a number of Co-vid cases in our club. We know that they are isolating and recovering from this illness. If you have any symptoms, please get tested and do not attend the club for the safety of all members. The BoM met on Monday to put in place a number of ideas to protect members due to the current Co-vid issue.

For social bowls, if members enter the Clubroom they must wear a mask with no more than 4 to a table. The coffee station will be on the kitchen bench for social bowlers. We will be using throwaway cups until further notice. Pennant players will have a coffee and tea station available outside near the barbecue. so players can remain outside. If a break is required we would like a staggered break for each rink. We will be flexible and if it is a hot day and pennant players need to get relief from the heat they may go indoors. To improve airflow, the fans are to be left on and if the air conditioning is on the windows should be shut. If the windows are open, the aircon should be turned off. When travelling together to other clubs for pennant, please wear a mask in the car to protect the driver and other passengers. We have a number of vulnerable members at our club and it is hoped that everyone will help by following these simple procedures.



The President's handicap commenced last Sunday with 32 entries. Well done! The games commenced last Sunday with the first round to be finished by this Sunday, 16th January. Please ensure that you have paid for your entry before your first game. It is preferred to pay by card on the Eftpos machine and place your receipt in an envelope for the back office.

President's Day is on 19th January with a limit of 24 teams. Get your teams in now to ensure you have a place. It consists of two games of 15 ends with a BYO lunch. We use the day to also celebrate our veterans, the OBEs. We require some helpers for the morning and afternoon tea as well as in the Bowls office and to sell raffle tickets. **If you can assist in any way, please contact Paula.**

MPBR: The region has met with clubs and discussed how to deal with Pennant games that are Co-vid affected. The relevant rule for team selection is rule 8.1.5. This rule been adjusted to take into account teams affected by Co-vid.

Rule 8.1.5 Sides will be filled by available Players in descending order of ability. Subject to Rule 8.1.3 of these Rules for Competition, if there are insufficient Players available to fill all Sides entered by the Club in the Pennant Competition the lowest ability Side will be the Side which forfeits or shares points subject to conditions as below.

If a Club withdraws a Side and a lower Division Side from the same Club plays in the same Round of that Competition, then the withdrawn Side will forfeit all points.

If a Club withdraws a side due to Covid and does not have a lower Side than the withdrawn Side, then the withdrawn Side will share points with their opponent.

If a Club, due to Covid, follows Rule 8.1.5 and subsequently withdraws one or more Sides from their lowest Divisions, then the withdrawn Sides will share points with their opponents.

If a Club, due to Covid, needs to withdraw all their Sides from a Round of the Competition, hence cannot follow Rule 8.1.5, then the withdrawn Sides will share points with their opponents.

The MPBR Match Committee reserves the right to revoke the sharing of points if Clubs do not demonstrate sufficient reason to satisfy the Match Committee. This includes communicating with the Match Committee with as much notice as possible.

This rule means that we must fill our highest division teams first if players are unavailable. Players from the lower divisions will be required to step up to a higher division as required by the selectors to fill positions in each division. Our social bowlers may also be requested to fill in to help the Pennant teams.

Pink Pennant Bowls Day: 'The Pink Day' in support of breast cancer is on Saturday, 5th February. We have agreed to support this day and hope that members will 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.

Country Women's week: we believe this will take place from 2nd April to 7th April on the Peninsula. This is big news for our region and we have offered our club as one of the venues. We'll be looking for volunteers to assist if we are selected to be part of this week of bowls. We would hope our ladies will enter teams in the pairs and fours.

We've had a number of members playing in the State events. Our ladies pairs will progress to the semifinals with our ladies fours getting to the grand final. We still have entries in the men's singles and men's triples.

A reminder to all members that a green is closed when it is having work done by our Green's volunteers – whether grooming or marking. Please keep off the green and give them an opportunity to work uninterrupted.

The hot weather is finally arriving in Mornington. A reminder to members that the correct uniform for social bowls is a collared shirt. T-shirts and singlets are not appropriate when we're playing social bowls. Please ensure you keep up fluids and use sunscreen.

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.



Cheers and Stay Safe

David Pumpa
Bowls President