

NEWSLETTER February 2022

Hi Members

We are slowly coming back to Co-vid normal at the club. There are still a number of Co-vid cases in other clubs on the Peninsula. If you have any symptoms, please get tested and do not attend the club for the safety of all members. We have a number of vulnerable members at our club and it is hoped that everyone will help by following these simple procedures.

- ◆ Sign in with the QR code every time you enter the club - even if not entering the clubrooms.
- ◆ Wear a mask when in the clubrooms. Only take it off when eating or drinking.
- ◆ Use the hand sanitizer when you enter the club
- ◆ We have removed the requirement of 4 only at a table. Please be sensible with this.
- ◆ Allow for 2 m² of space for each member when in a group.



The final of the President's Handicap on Sunday morning was a hard fought battle between Martin Cheeseman and Harry Hawkins. The game was well played by both finalists with many tight heads. Harry ran out the winner with some brilliant bowling. Thanks to John Trewin for marking the game.

Some issues were raised at the Bowls Committee meeting last Monday that need to be addressed. It was noticed that after Social and Pennant play, a large amount of equipment is not being put away. Leads need to put away the mats and jacks, shades need to be rolled up and flags and rakes put away. When you finish your game, look around and see what needs to be done.

Kitchen duty is both before and after the games. Please do not leave it to Peter and Patti to clean up the mess and put away the tea and coffee. The kitchen benches and tables used for coffee and cups, both inside and outside, should be wiped down with disinfectant. The new roster for February is up. Please check for when you are rostered.

Social Bowls: For personal reasons Stephen Schneider has stepped away from bowls for a time. Stephen has done a great job and we look forward to his return. As an interim, Alice McLaughlin has been requested by the Committee to step up into Steven's role. Our thanks to Alice for taking on this important job. We need more helpers to assist organise social bowls on Saturdays and Wednesdays to ensure our bowls program continues smoothly. If you're up to volunteer for this job please contact John Trewin or myself.

Greens Direction of Play: This has been an ongoing problem but we believe it has now been resolved. For Green 1, we will play **N/S Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday**. Exceptions to this rule are barefoot bowls that is controlled by David Youl. This makes his job much easier. We will play **East /West Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**. We will re-evaluate at the end of March to see how this is working. Keep your eye on the direction board, as David and Ray may need to change directions due to works on the greens.

The Summer Classic is on 27th February with limit of 24 teams. Get your teams **in now** to ensure you have a place. This has been advertised to other clubs in our region. The day consists of 3 games of 10 ends with lunch, morning & afternoon tea supplied. We will also use the day to celebrate our veterans, the OBEs. Paula and Sandra will be organizing the food on the day.

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.**

The Ladies and Men's Pairs was drawn last week with the first round to be completed by 27th February, which is our Summer Classic Day.

MPBR: The region has sent an email with changes to the conditions of play for the rest of the Pennant season. They stated there would be no promotion or relegation for this year due to the Co-vid pandemic. Also there are changes to qualification to play finals. The situation seems very fluid and may change again. We will try to keep you up to date and informed.

Pink Pennant Bowls Day: 'The Pink Day' in support of breast cancer on Saturday, 5th February was a great success with over \$600 raised. Well done to all members for their support and John Trewin who took on the co-ordinating role.

Country Women's week: We have been informed that the event has now returned to Echuca / Moama after it was cancelled for the Peninsula. It appears we were unable to gain sponsorship for the event. Hopefully our region will have the opportunity in the future to run this event. I believe we have one team entered into the Echuca Country Women's week.

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 novice singles and ladies' triples.

A new Novice 2 Bowl Triples event has been organised to be played at Karingal. This is open to members that joined a club for the first time from 30 April 2019. This could include more of our members as 'novices'. The entry sheet is attached to the back of the whiteboard.

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