

## Presidents Newsletter August 2022

**Season opening day** is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday 3rd of September. This is a members day and a special day on our calendar so I hope you can attend. Even if you cannot play bowls on the day please come down in your club uniform at 9.30am and attend the opening ceremony.

The day will start with members arriving from 9.30 am to have a cuppa and get bowls ready and out by 10.15.

The Mayor and perhaps another Councillor representing the Briars Ward will arrive at 10.15. Members will convene in the Clubrooms for the opening speeches at 10.30, at 10.45 the Mayor and our current Club Singles Champions will roll the 1st Bowls of the season followed by a group photo of all in attendance.

At 11am the first game of 8 ends commences and at 12.30pm Members will be provided with a free BBQ & salad lunch & desert. A special thanks must go to Peter Butler who is donating the meat for the BBQ.

At 1.15pm the next 2 games of 8 ends commence. Your cooperation will be appreciated by being ready with your bowls out and all members back in the Clubroom by 10.15.

There are sheets on the blue notice board one for sign up to play & the other asking if you can help with a salad or slice for dessert.

Dress for the day will be Club Uniform,

Green fees \$8.00,

3 games of 8 ends & prize money as normal.

**Club Website.** In the last newsletter I mentioned using the club website [morningtonbowlingclub.org](http://morningtonbowlingclub.org) to get information. Martin has offered to run 5 minute info shows on the club television at half time during social bowls for those who are not sure how to access information. The only protected area of the website is club member phone numbers, the passcode for member access is 1917. Special thanks to Martin has spent many hours integrating the handbook to the website. Members who have concerns about using the Website please talk to Martin or myself.

**Social Bowls** The Social Bowls online signup is still in the making. In the interim the social bowls coordinators are offering those members who live in places other than Mornington the opportunity to text the coordinator of the day to sign up. The coordinator of the day name & phone number can be found on the website roster. Please do not phone up use the text.

While on Social Bowls, Grand final day 24th September, there will be early social bowls finishing at 1.30.

**Coaching.** We welcome a new Coach to our club. Milton Maunder who has transferred from Mt Martha and is also a qualified Arm Coach. With Pennant season approaching Marg Grossbard is putting a program together for Pennant Coaching.

**Winter Challenge.** The 3rd round of the Winter Challenge against Mt Martha was held at their venue. Mornington came away with another close win. Thanks to Barry Castle and the selectors team for their work in making the day successful. The final round will be played at Mornington on Friday the 26th of August.

**Pennant** entries close very soon so if you are interested in playing either Midweek or Saturday Pennant the signup sheet is pinned on the wall out the back signup area. September Pennant practice dates are now on the website.

**Barefoot Bowls** will be commencing on Friday 26th of October, the reason for starting a week earlier than previously planned is because it is Melbourne Cup weekend and should be very busy in Mornington.

David Youl as booking coordinator has found four very enthusiastic young men to do a turn once a month as Coordinators of the Friday night Barefoot Bowls sessions. Thank you Ian Muir, Russell Bakey, John Coles & John Gardner.

They will need helpers, 6 or 8 each Friday night, I will be helping to make up rosters so if you can help. Soon there will be a signup sheet out the back at the social bowls signup area.

**Come & Try Bowls.** The successful "Come & Try Bowls" program run before covid came along is going to be run again this October. Once a week, for four weeks probably on a Thursday 10am to 11 then a cuppa and chat. If you as a member know someone invite them to participate.

David Pampa is coordinator and will release details soon.

The Annual Blue Ribbon Bowls day will be held at Frankston on the 10th of September, full details of the event are on the blue notice board. Entries close on the 4th of September.

A very warmly worded card from Rosalie Fyffe is pinned to the blue notice board for all members to read.

On behalf of the Bowls Committee I would like to thank Jeff & Robin Seager for generously donating their bowls to the Club. Jeff and Robin have been members and contributors to our club for many years since moving down from Main Ridge, we miss their presence around the Club.

Regards,  
John Trewin