

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022

Club Championships. The Men's & Women's rounds are under way with 26 entries in the Mens & 11 in the Women's. To date there have been many really close and exciting matches and this could lead to there being a champion from each group this year who has never won before? The grand final of both Men & Women will be held at 10am on the 11th of December. If good numbers of spectators turn up, the organisers may run a sausage sizzle.

With regard to payment for club championship entries please ensure that your receipt for payment has your name and event written on it before dropping it into the slot at the back office on or before the closing date of the event you have entered.

Due to non availability of some novice entrants in September the Club Novice Championship has been deferred to late January/early February, again dependant on having the minimum 8 entries required to run the competition..

Pennant. After round 5 the club pennant teams are continuing to have mixed results, there have been some close games in all divisions. Saturday division 3 are on top of the ladder while all other divisions Saturday and Midweek are running 5th or 6th on the ladder. There are still 9 rounds to go and the teams are settling well so we look forward to more teams making the finals.

To ease congestion at the bar and hopefully members not having to ask a RSA to specially open the bar to make a payment for pennant, Martin will be setting up another Eftpos terminal which will be available on pennant days at home only. While we ask pennant players to pay the exact \$8 in cash, the bowls committee acknowledge there are some members who don't carry cash.

Coaching. There are currently a good number of prospective members being coached by the dedicated team of club coaches. If you feel you need some skills coaching from one of the club coaches whether it be pennant or social bowls ask them, they will be happy to help you improve your game.

MPBR. Congratulations to David Pumpa who has been invited to be a director on the MPBR Board. In turn Neil Hayes has accepted the position of MPBR delegate for MBC on the bowls committee, replacing David.

Barefoot Bowls. From next week the 25th, all BFB nights are booked out until Christmas. With all 3 greens being occupied the barefoot bowls team will be looking for top up volunteers. There are rosters, however there are particularly busy periods on the night. They are, when guests arrive at 5.30 and are allocated their rinks, they need to be shown the basics and how to put a bowl down without damaging the green or other guests. Then between 8 & 8.30 when guests start to leave, the bowls have to be matched and returned to the cupboards. If you can help out contact the coordinator of the night when you arrive.

Barefoot Bowls bar sales & green fees are responsible for around 40% of the club income, a very important and ongoing contribution to greens 2 & 3 replacement.

Social Bowls. The remote online sign up trial page is accessible by all members.

Go to the members page on the club website, scroll down to the bottom of the page click on one of the 2 dates. When the password window comes up type in 1917 and you will then be able to sign up on line. You can also take your name off if you can't play for whatever reason.

The 6pm cutoff still applies, the coordinator of the date will take a snapshot of the list after 6pm and anyone who signs up after that will go on the reserve list.

The manual sign up out the back in the clubhouse will remain and will still suit a lot of members who attend the club during the preceding week for social bowls or practice.

Pink Pennant Day. On the 21st January MPBR will again be supporting the 3rd annual "Pink Pennant Day" organised by Frankston Bowls club. MBC bowls committee have agreed to support this fundraiser for Breast Cancer Network Australia. The Australian Statistics on Breast cancer are high with 1 in 7 Australian Women expected to be diagnosed in their lifetime. So as we did last year members are encouraged to wear pink on the day at pennant and social bowls.

The bowls committee would like a club member to coordinate this event within our club. Please contact myself or Paula Pumpa for details.

State Championships. Our club has 2 teams entered in the Mens State triples, with the 1st round to be played on the 30th of November. This is a prestigious event so we wish them well.

Regards
John Trewin
President.

