

Presidents Newsletter February 23

Summer Classic is on Sunday 26th February and to date 20 teams have entered, only spots for four more teams remain. If you are interested make up a team and enter, if we can achieve the 24 teams it will make for a great day with \$2500 prize money generously provided by OBrien Real Estate.

Whist lunch is being catered for, help will be needed on the day to set up morning and afternoon tea and man the bar. If we could have 2 or 3 members who are not participating on the day please see myself or Paula.

Pennant home and away season is finished and Div 3 and Div 5 Saturday finished 1 & 2 respectively. Both sides will go into the grand final if they win this Saturday the 19th. Div 3 plays at home and Div 5 at Flinders golf. We wish them good bowling for tomorrow and hopefully the grand final.

Any support by members at either location will be appreciated by both teams.

Div 4 Saturday and Div 3 Midweek missed the finals by one point, so close but so far.

A vote of thanks must go to the selectors this season.

Club Championships The Presidents singles handicap final was played last Sunday between David Pumpa and Martin Cheeseman. The weather conditions were very challenging with a strong Southerly wind. David came out the winner on the day.

The next Club Championships start this Sunday 19th. It is very pleasing to see 16 Novice entries and 18 Mixed pairs entries. The draw will be up on the board at around 5pm tomorrow the 17th. Club singles Champion David Pumpa is contesting the Regional Champions of Champions at Karingal on Sunday at 1pm, we wish him well and spectators are welcome.

Social Bowls There have been lots of complaints about length of green 2 bowling North/South. A trial will commence in a couple of weeks when the greens team will put a solid blue line across at rinks 8 & 14.

The idea is the bowler places the mat on or forward of the blue line, effectively making the green two 7 rinks long instead of 8.

Schools Program Helpers are required on the 2nd, 6th & 16th March & again on the 3rd April, these sessions only go for 1.5 hrs and led by coach David Pumpa. Three or four helpers per session are required. This is an important part of our club community program. Please see David when you can assist.

Mt Martha Medley Thursday the 16th of March is the first of 2 Medleys this year. This one will be at Mt Martha. Barry Castle is the coordinator and will have the sign up sheet out shortly. 40 players are needed it is a great day of bowling with good prizes.

Barefoot Bowls has been very successful to date with most Friday nights fully booked. It appears the online booking system is working well, by having to pay a 50% deposit when booking seems to have reduced the number of last minute cancellations.

Looking to the future The next chapter in your club will be big and exciting as the grass greens are transformed into synthetic grass and along with the surrounds and new shades between greens one and two will be a big investment but one that is necessary.

With the continued support from our many member volunteers the future is bright.

Regards

John Trewin.

