

Presidents Newsletter March 2023

Mt Martha Medley. Thank you to all players who have signed up for this event. Mt Martha are hosting this round this Thursday starting at 10 for 10.30am, Entry \$10, dress Mufti and BYO lunch. Afternoon tea will be provided. A prize pool of \$800 has been generously donated by Bendigo Community bank. This is a great event for new and experienced bowlers.

Pennant Finals. Congratulations to the teams who made it to the grand final. Unfortunately both participating divisions fell just short on the day, with Div 3 going down to Karingal and Div 5 down to Finders. Both divisions finished 1st & 2nd respectively on the ladder, a great effort by all involved. A sheet will shortly go up for bowlers put their names down for next season.

Jack Glasser Day. Unfortunately the Glasser Day has had to moved to the 23rd of April due to the Vic Bowls Open being moved from November to March 24th to 31st. A number of visiting clubs who enter teams in the annual Glasser day will be attending the Vic open impacting entries. The new sign up sheet is out the back, please get your teams in early, we need a minimum of 20 teams to make it work.

Club Championships. The Novice singles and mixed pairs final will be held at 9am on Sunday the 19th. The Novice will be between Deb Wood & Steve Stanwick and the Mixed Pairs between Martin Cheeseman & Carole Rivett vs Gail Birmingham & Bob Brownlee. Next and last club championship for the season is the 100 up, a great handicap open singles competition. Entry sheet and conditions of play are up on the blue notice board.

Social Bowls. Our Social bowls coordinator Alice looking for new helpers to join the team, at least 3 new day coordinators are needed, full training will be provided and then only rostered on every month to 6 weeks.

Extra Bowls Days. Bowls committee keen to introduce another club bowls event, Monthly or fortnightly. To be called breakfast bowls starting at 9am on a Monday morning \$10 including bacon and egg roll, 15 ends of bowls and finish by 11.30. If you are interested in playing or can offer suggestions see David Pumpa or myself.

Mentors. With the current influx of new members the bowls committee are in the process of refreshing the mentoring program for new members. Members of the bowls committee will be approaching experienced members to assist in mentoring a new member.

Selectors. Being a selector is one of the most difficult jobs in a bowls club. This year our pennant selectors did a great job in getting 2 divisions into the grand final.

Coaches & Umpires. Any bowling member interested in becoming a qualified coach or umpire please approach one of the bowls committee members.

Schools Program. David Pumpa has been facilitating the schools program and on Thursday 16th March & Mon 3rd April helpers are needed when the club hosts Mornington Secondary College. 2 or 3 members are required for each session of about 3 hours. See David if you can help.

BFB. As Barefoot Bowls is coming to an end for this season, as has been the tradition in past years, there will be an end of season pizza for all the volunteers who made BFB such a great success once again.

If you played any part in the BFB program over the season you are welcome on the last night of BFB on the 31st March.

Greens. Winter social bowls will necessitate more North South play on green 2. Green 2 N/S is 8 rinks and approximately 4 metres longer. To assist social bowlers with long ends the bowls committee have agreed to trial a solid blue line one rink in at both ends. This means leads can place the mat on or forward of the solid blue line effectively making the green 7 rinks not 8.

