

Presidents Newsletter July 2023

Dear Members,

Your bowls committee have been working hard in the background preparing for the upcoming season of bowl's events.

A new 6 round bowls competition will commence on the 18th of September.

The competition will be called the 4M Perpetual Competition between Mt Eliza, Mt Martha, Mornington Civic and Mornington. To be held on the 3rd Monday of September, October, November, January, February and March. The format will be 3 bowl triples with 18 players from each club. Conditions of play and entry forms will be posted on the notice boards in the first half of August. We expect the competition to be strongly contested. So if you are interested in playing and want more details have a talk to Wayne Wood or myself.

Winter Challenge between Mt Martha & Mornington has completed 2 of the 4 rounds.

In previous years Mornington have been convincing winners in most games and overall. This is not the case this year as we have come up against stiff competition from Mt Martha. Mt Martha is 13 shots up after the 2 rounds. Next round is at Mt Martha and Barry Castle still needs some players in reserve to come into the side should players cancel.

Social Bowls on Wednesdays and Saturdays has endured some very ordinary weather. That hasn't deterred a large group of members who front up no matter what the weather.

For Safety reasons due to congestion between greens 1 and 2 during winter all games on green 2 will commence at the south end.

The social bowls coordinators have guidelines set down by the bowls committee and do their best to give you a good bowling experience. It is not an easy job as weather, late cancellations due to illness and no shows complicate the draw. Hence pairs against triples are unavoidable at times. If you miss putting your name down by the 6pm cut off and still want to play, the coordinator of the day will offer to put you down as a reserve. So if there are late illness cancellations or uneven numbers there is a good chance you will get a game, however not guaranteed. At the bottom of the sign up sheet you will see the disclaimer. The coordinator of the day sometimes has to make one day only changes to balance things up or make the game more interesting depending on numbers and circumstances.

Etiquette on the green. It has been noticed that etiquette has dropped off somewhat at social bowls, so Skips please, it is your responsibility that your team follow the rules of etiquette when playing. If experienced bowlers are not showing the way newer bowlers will get into bad habits.

Pennant for season 2023/24 will start Saturday October 14th and Midweek on Tuesday October 17th. The season starting and finishing dates will be displayed from today on the pennant notice board out the back. There is still time for you to sign up to play this season. The selectors would like more names down for the Midweek pennant.

There are changes in the structure this year. After 9 years the region will be moving away from North/South divisions to an across the region configuration, all for the long term good of the competition. All clubs have the opportunity to respond with their views on the draft proposal by the 20th of August.

It is important to remember that clubs and pennant players will not be disadvantaged under the new structure. It is only a number change you will still be playing with the same skill level players and playing against the same level of player. Most regions already operate under the structure proposed by MPBR.

Club Championship Dates are on the notice boards, the first club championships will be the Novice and Mens and Women's pairs commencing on the 24th of September.

Medley. The 1st of the new season Mornington Mt Martha Medley will be on Tuesday the 12th of September at Mornington. For those who have played this format, it is a great day of social interaction between Mornington & Mt Martha. Prize money is plentiful as it is a sponsored day.

Club Website. The club diary will soon be updated with all the new dates for the season commencing September 1st.

Good Bowling
Regards John.

