

Presidents Newsletter August 2023

Dear Members,

Season Opening Day

To mark the start of the 2023/24 bowling season your club will have the traditional season opening day on Saturday 2nd of September 10 for 10.30am. Lunch supplied and 3 games of bowls. Flyers with full details are on the club notice board or will be emailed to you. Sign up sheet is out the back.

Mornington/Mt Martha Medley

To be held at Mornington on the 12th of September again details on the notice board and a flyer emailed to you, This is a great day where 35 members from each club play with and against each other, it is a great event for all skill levels. OBrien Real Estate are the sponsors for the day and are generously putting up \$800 in prize money. The sign up sheet is out the back.

Challenge by the Bay

As mentioned in my last newsletter a new perpetual competition will be starting on the 18th of September. The name of the competition has been changed to "Challenge By The Bay" Again a flyer is on the notice board and will be emailed.

Club Championships

The first of the club Championships start in September with the Novice singles and the Mens & Women's pairs commencing on the 24th of September. Entry forms and conditions of play will go up on the notice board by the end of the month. Newer members should not be afraid to have a go as it is a great way to gain experience.

Pennant

The selectors along with the bowls committee have submitted 4 divisions for Saturday pennant and 3 divisions for midweek pennant. We will know if our application for our requested divisions is successful when MPBR announce the division allocations the 12th of September.

All clubs were asked to submit their ideas to MPBR on a range of proposed changes and I am pleased to say that your club with the input of many members, submitted a detailed response.

Social Bowls

September brings the start time of social bowls on Wednesday and Saturday back to 12.30pm.

The first social bowls at 12.30 will be on Wednesday 6th of September until the AGM in May next year. Your relieving social bowls coordinator Gail Castle would desperately like 2 or 3 more members to step up and become coordinators for a day. You would only have to do a turn every 4 to 6 weeks. See Gail and she will explain what is involved.

Club Members Handbook 2023/24

On the club website in the members section you will notice the handbook has been updated to reflect all the dates of club events for the next year. You will also notice on social bowls days on the tables will be the plastic holders, on one side is the dates of club events and on the other the flyer next club event on the calendar.

Region & State Competitions

Bowls Victoria have advised all regions that they will be running state novice and over 60's competitions. This means the previous region Novice and over 60's will not be a feeder to state competition. MPBR are considering running a region novice and over 60's stand alone competition.

Regards

John.

