

# Presidents Newsletter October 2023

## Pennant

Pennant season commences this Saturday with our 1 & 4 sides at home and 2 & 3 sides away at Sorrento & Belvedere respectively. Good luck for the season to all the players representing our club in the weekend & midweek competitions. Play your game with sportsmanship & the desire to bring your team home with a win. Where possible travel together as a team when playing away and take the opportunity to practice on the green you will be playing on. Saturday practise is allowed between 11.15am & 12.15pm with the following exception.

No pre-match practise is permitted for either competing club for any Saturday or midweek pennant game on the day of play that has a scheduled or adjusted start time prior to 1pm.

## Club Championships

The final of the Men's, Women's & Novice will be held on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. The finalists will be decided this weekend. Some of the favourites to win have not made it through to the semi-finals which should make a very interesting finals day.

## Come & try bowls month.

There are still two Thursdays of come & try, please if you know someone who might be interested ask them along. Membership is the future of any sporting organisation, and our club is no exception.

## State & Regional Competitions

Dates and information about the region & state upcoming competitions are on the notice boards and MPBR website. The MPBR website has been overhauled and has a lot of information available including notice of early Saturday starts when forecast hot weather for Saturday pennant. The website is [mpbr.bowls.com.au](http://mpbr.bowls.com.au)

## Challenge by the Bay

The next round is next Monday at Mt Martha. The team will be selected and posted on the website tomorrow Friday from the 18 entries.

## Barefoot Bowls

The weather has put a dampener on the start of the BFB season. There are bookings for this Friday night and Happy hour is 5pm to 7pm The BBQ will be operating from 6pm.

## Greens

Our club volunteer greens team are doing a great job on green 1 along with Darren the club contract greenkeeper is doing a great job getting green 2 to play well.

Direction of play always a contentious issue, the bowls committee along with consultation with the greens committee have made the decision to make the greens direction the same as last year. This will be reviewed in April for the winter season.

Daylight saving direction of play M/T/W/T east west F/S/S north south.

The exceptions are BFB E/W and Club Championship all games N/S

## Social Bowls

The coordinators will be meeting in the near future, if any member has any issues or constructive input please approach Alice or any of the coordinators with your suggestions. Members can also email Alice.

More coordinators are needed please talk to Alice if you think you can help.

## Schools Program

The schools' program has started, the first group from Balcombe Grammar were in last Thursday. At least five helpers are needed on Thursdays for about 2 hours, see David Pumpa if you can assist.

Regards John