



## Presidents Newsletter December 2023

**Club Championship singles competition-** Congratulations to Chad Muir and Di Star on winning their respective singles final match. For Di it was her first win and for Chad, his 10<sup>th</sup>. Their names will go up on the honour roll board in perpetuity. Runners up Heather Hayes and Trevor Martin well done on a hard-fought campaign.

The next club championship event is the Presidents open singles handicap. Entries close on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, the entry form and conditions of play and handicaps are on the blue notice board. Being a handicap event, it gives newer less experienced bowlers a good chance of winning.

**Pennant-** Our sides are continuing to do well on Saturday and in midweek. There are only 4 rounds to go before the finals. Saturday div 3 continues to dominate and on top, div 4 moved up to 5<sup>th</sup> after a good win over Civic on Saturday, div 7 on top and div 8 sitting 7<sup>th</sup>. Midweek sees div 3 safely in the 4, div 6 on top and div 9 also on top.

Our club has 4 of the 7 sides on top of the ladder, well done and it looks set for an exciting final series.

**Club Presidents Day-** Will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of January, entry sheet and full details of the day are out the back in the sign-up area. If you have any questions about the event, please see Wayne Wood or David Pumpa. Teams are filling so make up a team and enter the day which is sponsored this year by KIA motors Mornington to the tune of \$1000.

**Barefoot bowls-** The extra number of bookings on run up to Christmas has put a big load on our volunteer members. Ray Swaine and David Youl have done an enormous job in coordinating all the volunteers. A huge thankyou to all the volunteers who have pitched in, only a few more days to go and BFB will be back to normal on Friday nights only. Unfortunately, over the last 3 years there seems to be an obsession with making money for the club. To me we are a bowling club first and foremost and we need to get that balance back into perspective. I am possibly stepping over the mark here, if you have any thoughts on, this talk to any of the bowls committee or board members. I think it would be appreciated. I am concerned about volunteer burnout.

**MPBR region events-** Jennie Deravin represented our club in region novice event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, well done Jennie for having a go and representing Mornington Bowling Club. Several of our members, Chad, Glenn, David, Gloria, Pam & Paula were invited to try out for the region sides to compete in the State events in January. Well done to those who will be selected.

**Social Bowls-** Until 20<sup>th</sup> of January when pennant recommences the dress code for social bowls on Saturday will be mufti.

**Challenge by the Bay-** The next round will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January at Mornington Civic.

**Finally-** On behalf of your hard-working bowls committee we wish you and your families a happy Christmas. May 2024 be full of happiness and joy.

Kind  
Regards  
John

