

## Presidents Newsletter January 2024

### Pennant

This Saturday is the second last home as away round of weekend pennant. Next Tuesday will be the last home and away for midweek. The club will have a number of divisions in the finals, possibly as many as 6 out of the 7 divisions entered. With a few exceptions most of the sides have been together as a team for the season, so you know each other well and how you jell together as a team. We all play pennant to win. Practice together when you can and particularly before the game on the day on the rink you will be playing on. Those not playing pennant or in the finals are urged to go along and support the teams as they progress through the finals. Traditionally after the last Saturday home and away game all pennant players gather at the club for a get together and share in pizza. This will be Saturday 10th February and will include those who play midweek pennant.

### Club Championships

Congratulations to Chad Muir and Di Star on achieving the honour of being MBC club singles Champions season 23/24. Of particular note this is Chad's 10th MBC club singles Championship win.

Both Chad and Di will play in the Region singles Champion of Champions. The first knockout round will be Sunday 18th of February at a venue to be advised.

The final of the Presidents open MBC singles handicap will held on Sunday 11th of February at 10am. This Thursday and Friday the semi finals will be held. Ric Newton vs Martin Cheeseman and the Friday match will be between Bob Brownlee and Wayne Wood. Check the site board near the mats and jacks for times of play.

The next club Championship will be the mixed pairs, entry sheet and conditions of play will be on the board next week. Entries close on the 15th of February.

### Summer Classic

Sunday 25th of February will see the annual summer classic sponsored by O'Brien Real Estate, with prize money totalling \$3000. It is an open 4's tournament and Wayne Wood and his committee urge you to enter a team in this great event. If you attend other clubs for pennant or social please take some flyers and spread around, with their permission of course. We need 24 teams to make this a successful day for our sponsors and for the club to break even. More details and help required will be out after the committee meeting this week.

### Barefoot Bowls

This financial back bone of the club continues to be very successful and gives the community an opportunity to come along for a reasonably priced night of fun.

It's you the members who volunteer in some capacity that makes this program so successful. From the BFB manager, the Friday night coordinators, the putting out and returning of the bowls, the instructors, the sign in and bowls office helpers, the weekly BBQ teams and the teams who man the bar and clean up and restock. As many of you know BFB manager Ray Swaine has held the position for 2 years has moved permanently to the Sunshine coast. Ray is still managing the program remotely by phone and computer, until the end of this season, or until we can find a new BFB manager, not ideal for him and very much appreciated by the club. If any member is interested in discussing what the position entails please see Martin Cheeseman.

### Social Bowls

Alice and Gail are always looking for more members to participate in learning the social bowls weekly coordinating. If you are interested see Alice or Gail. As I sit in the office typing this newsletter the greens team are hard at work preparing the synthetic for today's social bowls. On my arrival Darren was busy preparing green 2.

Regards and good bowling  
John.

