

Hi Members

MAY 2024

This is the first of my newsletters as the incoming President. I hope to keep you informed of things happening within our club.

I would like to thank John Trewin for the great work he did as our club president. John has led us through some new innovations and processes so that we can move forward as a Bowling Club. John is still involved with assisting our Mount Martha challenge team and other areas within the club. Once again, thanks John.

The Bowls Committee is pleased to welcome back Wayne Gullidge as the coaches' rep, Neil Hayes as the MPBR Rep and Colin Campbell representing our Selectors.

Pennant: The sign-up sheets for Saturday and Tuesday Pennant are on the back pin board. We would like to provide the opportunity for as many players as possible to be involved in our Pennant teams. Please sign up as soon as possible. This will assist our selectors offer the correct number of Divisions that we can field in the coming season.

The MPBR Pennant competition is expected to commence on Saturday 12th of October and 15th of October for Tuesday. Last Pennant season we saw four of our divisions make the final. A credit to our selectors.

Our Club is determined to improve its Pennant capability through various practice and training activities and our Club Coaches will play a key role in this initiative.

Mt Martha Challenge starts on 31st May and continues the last Friday in June, July and August. Open to all bowlers and is club select 4's.

More details of our special dates and events will be published as we come closer to our new bowls season.

Do you remember what it was like when you first became a bowler? At times we did not know what was going on nor did we know what the processes were to become involved. We have quite a number of new bowlers coming to our club - some are experienced, but most are not. They all need assistance from our experienced members to become a part of our bowls family. We will be asking members to be mentors to our new bowlers. This might require you to welcome them into the rooms, introducing them to members and occasionally playing with them to show them the ropes.

Are you interested in becoming a Club Coach? This process goes through BV. If anyone is interested in becoming a club coach, please speak to Wayne or myself as to how to go about this.

In the past we have had Come and Try Bowls days each Thursday in October. However, this year the Club plans to have a "Come & Try Bowls" **Day** on October 6th, which will hopefully attract more members. To advertise the day a brochure has been drafted for a letter drop by our members.

MPBR is seeking about 12 Volunteers from Clubs in the Region to assist with all the Tasks for which the MPBR Match Committee is responsible. The areas are Pennant, Rules & Regulations, Region Championships for Novice & Over 60's, MPBR State Championships and Region Selection. If interested, please contact David ASAP.

My thanks to Brian Pyne who has offered to do the Coaching Facilitator/Assessor Course run by BV for MPBR.

Greens direction of play. During the winter off season, we will play North / South on Saturdays and Wednesdays. This will alleviate the problems with looking into the sun as we finish our second game. The rest of the time we will play East / West. The Bowl's Coordinator for the day may change the direction under special circumstance such as belting rain and the need to protect our members. As you all realise, Green 2 suffers wear and tear and damage on the club room side of the green. We will mainly play North / South on Green 2 as recommended by our greenskeeper.

A few of our members may not realise that the rink markers are placed according to a plan to share the wear and tear on the green. Please do not move the markers to suit yourself as this should only be done by our Green's Liaison team and recorded.

I hope this newsletter finds you fit, healthy and bowling well. Be aware that there are still some covid cases in our area, so if you are unwell, please test and keep our other players safe.

Regards and good bowling.

David Pumpa

