

PRESIDENT'S NEWS September 2024

Hello Members, this is the first President's newsletter for 2024. Stephen is doing a great job in keeping our members informed of the activities and fun around the club through social media. I hope you have found this informative.

I would like to inform you of some of the discussions and decisions taken at Committee level.

Over 7 years ago we were to incorporate bottle green pants, skirts, skorts or shorts as part of our Club uniform. For numerous reasons this was put onto the back burner and had not happened. As of next year, start of season, it has been decided to incorporate green bottoms in our uniform. Pennant players especially need to be aware of this.

Some terminology can be confusing for newer members. Club uniform means our club shirt and green bottoms. Bowls Approved attire means that shorts and shirt must have the Bowls Australia logo (BA). Mufti means a neat and tidy standard of dress with a collared shirt/top. These do not need to be Bowls Approved. Footwear on our greens must always be Bowls Approved bowling shoes. If there is any doubt, please see one of the Committee members for clarification.

Our 'Try Bowls Day' is on Sunday 6th October from 11:00 – 2:00pm. This is a change from previous years when we had two-hour sessions each week for 4 weeks. This year we are asking for help over one day. We are asking members to select an area from the map on the pin board and deliver our 'Try Bowls' flyer to houses in the area. We will also need help on the day for the barbeque and for people to assist visitors.

The start of our **Championship** games commences with Men's and Ladies pairs and the Novice event. This year all novice bowlers have been listed to play in this club championship. If you are unavailable to play, please cross out your name. A novice is a player who has been a bowler for less than two years. Novice Championship is the first player to 21 shots and a marker is required.

AFL Grand Final Day is a nominated bowls day. Wilma will be coordinating a day of 2 Bowl Triples starting at 10 for 10:30 start. 2 games of 10 ends with the games finishing at 1:30pm. Bring a shared lunch and nibbles if you are staying on to watch the AFL Final at the club.

Nominated bowls days. We have many new bowlers at our club. I would encourage them to be proactive and ask more experienced players to include them on Nominated bowls days. ***I would also encourage our more experienced bowlers to include a newer bowler into their nominated teams.*** This can only enhance their experience of being a member of our club.

Mt Martha Medley: Barry and Gail Castle have organised this on behalf of MBC for the past 3 years but will not be continuing next year. My thanks on behalf of the Club for their hard work and dedication in making this a great event. We need to have two coordinators for this commencing next year. The dates for the medley are Tuesday 15th April 2025 at Mt Martha (Tuesday before Easter) and Tuesday 9th September at Mornington.

Winter Challenge 2025 dates are:

Friday 30th May at Mt Martha, Friday 27th June at Mt Martha, Friday 25th July at Mornington and Friday 29th August at Mornington. These may change due to our greens' reconstruction.

Cheers and Good Bowling.

David Pumpa

