

Presidents News - February 2025



Dear Members

There is not too much to report currently and so this newsletter will be brief. We have now concluded the Club's prestigious Championship events with the 100 Up event today. Congratulations to Finn Armstrong and Chad for a tough fought game with Finn being the new club 100 Up champion. Well done. It was great to see so many of our members, and especially new members, enter our club championships over the last 6 months.

Pennant Sign-up Sheets: The sign-up sheets for Pennant, Tuesday and Saturday, have been placed on the back pin board. Please consider signing up as we need to inform MPBR of the teams we want to enter for the 25/26 season in June. We proposed the 8 divisions for Pennant last season. Some of our players were disappointed that they were not able to play every week. The more players we have, the more divisions we can submit. Play for your club and join in with Pennant.

Vote on Change to By-Laws

When we had segregated Pennant, our ladies had three selectors for Tuesday, and the men had three selectors for Saturday. This changed around about 2012 when our club abandoned segregated Pennant. We played open Pennant. Last season, of the 30 odd players who listed to play Tuesday, only a few did not play Saturday. The Bowls Committee and Board of Management have discussed a proposed change to the bylaws. Both groups agree that it would be a good change to have all the selectors working as a team to select our Pennant sides. We do not think that there is a need for two separate selection groups for one club, especially when we see that there is little difference with our players. If the change to the bylaws is passed, this change would not take place until next May (2026). We hope that our 2 groups of selectors voted in at the AGM will work together this coming season. If you have any queries regarding this, please see either myself or a member of the Committee or Board.

Our new greens will take approximately 6 to 10 weeks to complete once they get started. A lot of work behind the scenes has been taking place with seats and other equipment being removed in preparation for the works. A new outfall drain has been put in for Green 2 thanks to the background work by Leigh. We're also looking at the materials we need to set up the new greens. Your patience will be requested as we will only be able to use Green 1 for this block of time. The Bowls Committee is considering a few possibilities of how we can approach this issue.

My thanks to the many helpers who continue to jump in and get things done around our club.

Cheers and Good Bowling

David Pumpa