



## MEMBERS UPDATE 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

We trust everyone enjoyed their festive season and celebrated the New Year despite the lingering restrictions. It is probably a good time to rejoice and remember what we have to be thankful for rather than bemoan the challenges.

After the Christmas lull, we do have events coming up to put in your diary.

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: Midweek pennant practice resumes, followed by the first Round of Men's Veterans Singles at 3pm.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: The Men's and Women's Club Singles Championship Final will be played at 3.00pm. Gary Banks vs. Daryl Kitchin and Corry Hooiveld vs. Effie Wake. Come and give them your support and witness what one would expect to be first rate bowling.
- Also Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: Our Happy Hour and meat raffles will recommence, starting at 4.30pm. The two Members draws, sponsored by McCartney Real Estate and Champion Blinds, will also restart – and they are currently \$1000.00 each!! You must be there with your membership card to win, good luck.  
Please remember the venue has a person capacity and to remain socially distanced (1.5m from others). Masks are required inside.
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan: After Pennant practice there will be a Pennant pre-season BBQ (free) prior to the 2019/20 Championship trophy presentations from 5.30pm. Come along and congratulate those winners & runners-up from last season. Due to COVID, they have all been very patiently waiting their well deserved kudos.
- Entries to the Open Novice Singles will close 6pm Saturday 9/1. This is an opportunity for anyone with up to 2 year's bowling experience to play a Singles championship against others at their level. Entry is open to any affiliated bowler who first joined a bowls club after 16/1/19. Get your entries in!
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan: Minor Singles Championship will commence with Round 1 at 10am and Round 2 at 1pm. There are 24 entrants playing.
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: Also delayed because of - you guessed it – COVID, is our annual shield battle against Fitzroy Victoria Bowls Club. Their top pennant side will visit us for a 12.30pm start game of pennant conditions. Keep an eye out if you are one of the lucky ones to have been selected to play.

A timely reminder COVID is still with us.

The further outbreaks of the virus in Victoria is a wake-up call to not become complacent. When we play bowls and meet with friends it is easy to fall back into familiar habits. We must however keep ourselves and each other safe. With so many visitors to our area, it only takes one to be in our midst for it to spread. We are lucky to be able to continue our sport and to make it safer takes little effort.

Bowls Victoria's guidelines are clear and this is a reminder to follow them at all times:

- You must register your attendance every time you visit the club, inside or out. QR codes are available for scanning on your phone or there is a manual register. If you have registered to play social bowls or selected for Pennant, this is sufficient.
- Masks must again be worn inside the clubhouse, except if eating or drinking (this exception is not to be taken advantage of, if you are not actually eating or drinking-wear your mask)
- Our density limit inside the clubhouse is 1 person per 2sqm. This allows for you to remain 1.5m away from others – please do so.
- Do not shake hands or have contact with others
- All players should keep 1.5m apart at all times. This includes at the match window, pre-game, during play, after the game. Where you can't maintain 1.5m, wear a mask.
- You should sanitise your hands upon arrival at the club and on leaving. BV state: Leads shall also sanitise their hands regularly. All other players should sanitise their hands after every 6 ends.
- Carpooling is allowed. BV state: Your passenger should preferably sit in the back seat. All passengers should wear face masks, increase ventilation in the car by opening windows where possible. Avoid having air-conditioning on recirculate. High touch surfaces should be cleaned.
- Tea break is not recommended.

- Be prepared for bad weather – not everyone may be able to access shelter at the one time. Have raincoat or umbrella.
- Equipment must be sanitised. Spray or liquid chalk only to be used to mark bowls.
- Handling of mat and jack to be limited as much as possible to the leads. BV state: Leads should sanitise hands prior to picking up mat/jack for each end. Skip is to centre jack with foot. Should jack/bowl go out of bounds a lifter should be used to pick it up. Skips picking up mat should use lifter or bowls cloth or sanitise hands regularly.
- One player only to touch scoreboard.
- DO NOT go to the club if unwell, even a sore throat or cough.

In other news, our Stainless poles for assistance stepping from the bank are coming soon for our new synthetic green. We are also in the process of organising seating. Some members have offered assistance in purchasing these and to have a plaque on the seat registering their generosity. To make sure no-one misses out on this opportunity, please contact Joe Issell to make sure he has a note of your interest. If you have any queries about this incentive, please contact Joe.

Until we have installed sunshelters at the carpark end of the synthetic green, be aware on hot days you may wish to bring a personal umbrella to seek shade when playing bowls.

Members please note that our front gate will again be locked overnight. Our greens opening times are 9am to 7pm for the synthetic and 10am to 7pm for the grass green. There will be times however when the greens are being used later than this by an organised event or booking.

Stay safe