



# Mount Barker Bowling Club Incorporated

## February Newsletter 2025

From President Leon

Our 2024/2025 pennant season has only two more matches for most teams remaining. This is due to the Men's Country Carnival, Harrison Shield and Country Round Robin events held in February. We have a good chance to have most of our pennant teams play in the finals. Well done and good luck in the remaining matches.

It has been brought to our attention some players are unaware of some rules and etiquette requirements when playing a game. These include position of players, in relation to the rink of play, in relation to neighbouring rink and when in possession of the rink. I have included the rules from Bowls Australia "Laws of the sport of bowls" in this newsletter for members to refresh their knowledge.

The board is also wanting more players to become markers, measurers and /or umpires. If you are interested, please let a committee member know and we can arrange a session at the club. It would be great to have more people share this job during pennant competition matches.

There are a number of bowls events happening in the next few weeks. At our club, we are hosting Region 6 Women State pair knockouts on Sunday the 16 February starting at 9.30am. On the same day, Region 6 Men's state pairs are being held at Meadows and the HBA Triples and Fours championships (postponed from 2 Feb due to weather) at Oakbank will be played. Triples start at 10am and Fours at 1.30pm.

Our club tournament is down to the final playoffs for Men's and Ladies Pairs competition. Final will be played on Saturday 8 February at 1.30pm. Rink 1 for Men's and Rink 3 for Ladies. The Men's and Single's finals is proposed for Saturday March 1. The committee thank John for his efforts to organise and manage the club championships. John has created a Mt Barker Bowling Club, Club Championship—Domestic competition document that outlines rules from Bowls Australia, Bowls SA and HBA requirements for all club championship and tournaments. A copy will be placed on the club website and noticeboard for members.

We have two upcoming tournaments, Cream Bowls Pairs on Sunday 9 March starting at 11.30am and Stirling Cup (Open Fours) on Sunday 30 March starting at 9.30am. Please refer to club notice board and contact John if you are interested in putting in a team.

Night owls starts Friday 7 February and we hope members can help on the green or in the kitchen as it's a major money raiser for the club. Please refer to the roster on the next page.

You may have seen a recent courier news item acknowledging that the council has approved the go-ahead of a disability toilet unit to be placed at the clubrooms. We will contribute \$15,000 towards the cost and the same by MBDC. More information to come in the next newsletter.

Vale Merv Miles, Patron of HBA. We remember him, in recent years, sitting at Gumeracha clubroom entrance and welcoming players as they arrived. A kind and generous man who will be sadly missed.

Finally, we have set the end of **season presentation dinner for Saturday 22 March at 7pm**. It is grand final day, for Saturday Pennants. Choice between beef or chicken schnitzels. Please indicate on the notice board if you can attend and which choice of schnitzel you prefer. Salads and sweets supplied by the club. Cost will be \$15 per person. Hope to see you all there!

Cheers and happy bowling, Leon

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## ROSTER FOR NIGHT OWL

DATE	TEAM
Feb 7 <sup>TH</sup>	DIV 2
Feb 14 <sup>TH</sup>	LADIES
Feb 21 <sup>ST</sup>	DIV 3 GOLD
Feb 28 <sup>TH</sup>	DIV 3 SILVER
Mar 7 <sup>TH</sup>	DIV 1
Mar 14 <sup>TH</sup>	Everyone help

### Presidents Shield

Open Triples winners,  
John Corner, Rae Corner  
and Chris Nicholls. Plaque  
presented by secretary  
Joy

Monday 11 November



Club Championship fours winners.

Nick Shepherd, Dawn Honson, Chris Charman  
and Ted Charman

*Congratulations!*

Club Championship triple winners.



Tony Wetherall, Chris Nicholls and John Corner.





### Section 1.3 – Possession of the rink

#### 12 Position of players

##### 12.1 In relation to the rink of play

- 12.1.1 Players at the mat-end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl must stand at least 1 metre behind the mat.
- 12.1.2 Players at the head-end of the rink and who are not controlling play must stand:
  - 12.1.2.1 behind the jack if they are members of the team which is in possession of the rink;
  - 12.1.2.2 behind the jack and away from the head if they are members of the team which is not in possession of the rink;
  - 12.1.2.3 on the surrounds of the green if the jack is in the ditch; or
  - 12.1.2.4 well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds.
- 12.1.3 As soon as a bowl is delivered, a player who is controlling play from a position that is either level with or in front of the jack, must take their position as described in law 12.1.2.
- 12.1.4 If a player does not meet the terms of this law, law 13 will apply.

##### 12.2 In relation to a neighbouring rink

- 12.2.1 A player must not go into a neighbouring rink where play is in progress.
- 12.2.2 A player must neither go into nor walk along a neighbouring rink, even if it is not being used, while an opponent is about to deliver or is actually delivering a bowl.
- 12.2.3 If the rink of play is an outside rink (see law 49.6), a player must neither go into nor walk along the section of green that lies between the outside side boundary of the rink and the side ditch while an opponent is about to deliver or is actually delivering a bowl.
- 12.2.4 If a player does not meet the terms of this law, law 13 will apply.

#### 13 Possession of the rink

- 13.1 Possession of the rink will belong to the player or team whose bowl is being played.
- 13.2 As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink will transfer to the opposing player or team after allowing time for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest.
- 13.3 A player must not deliver a bowl before the previous bowl comes to rest and possession of the rink has transferred to the opposing player or team.
- 13.4 If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal by one of the skips or opponents in Singles, decides that a player has delivered a bowl before the previous bowl has come to rest, or the players in possession of the rink are being interfered with, annoyed or distracted in any way by their opponents,
  - 13.4.1 the first time this happens the umpire must:
    - 13.4.1.1 warn the offending player, while the skip is present; and
    - 13.4.1.2 tell the coach, if they are present, that the player has received a warning.
  - 13.4.2 on each occasion after this, the umpire must have the bowl last played by the offending player or team declared dead. If that bowl has disturbed the head, the opposing skip or opponent in Singles must choose whether to:
    - 13.4.2.1 replace the head;
    - 13.4.2.2 leave the head as altered; or
    - 13.4.2.3 declare the end dead.



#### Bowls for Blue

Bowls SA and Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia have joined forces to launch “Bowls for Blue,” a campaign running throughout February 2025 to raise funds for prostate cancer research, awareness, and support services. With prostate cancer now the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia, this initiative provides a unique opportunity for clubs to make a significant impact. We encourage clubs to get involved by hosting their own fundraising activities during February.

Donations can be made directly at the bowls SA website

[PCFA - Bowls for Blue](#)

**Interested in becoming a  
Measurer,  
Marker,  
And / Or  
Umpire?**

**Then please speak to a board member**

