



## July Newsletter 2026

From President Lawrie and Board members

We welcome the appointment of Martin Smithies as the clubs new Treasurer. Martin has many years of treasurer experience. We thank Kevin Bollmeyer for undertaking the treasurer role since the AGM and acknowledge that the role as bar manager and treasurer was too large.

You may see Good Sports signs and bar mats around the club. Mount Barker Bowling Club has achieved gold status. This means we promote responsible drinking and ensure there is an area designated for smoking or vaping. This status also helps when applying for sporting grants.

The club is using Facebook to promote our activities and sponsors. I encourage members to be a follower. We have also developed a brochure for new members promoting our club. These have been placed at the bar.

Reminder about being a financial member for 26/27 season. Subs are now overdue. For those members who have paid their subs, Joy has recorded them as financial members on Bowls link for 26/27 season. This makes them eligible to play pennants and in State and National tournaments, like the BPL.

John Corner has already received 14 entries for Dennis the Menace Tournament to be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, so it's a full house. He has also placed nomination sheets on the notice board for club championships. This year he has included mixed pairs in the club championship.

Reminder about dates: Jay and Nick Shepherd, our coaches for this season, have organised the pre-season activity for pennant players. The coaching program will start 26 August each Wednesday night until start of pennant season. It will be 5-7pm under lights. Drills and fun activities promised. A sausage sizzle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week (9<sup>th</sup> September) and last week (30<sup>th</sup> September) will occur. Once pennant season matches start coaching will go to Thursday nights.

Another reminder about feedback for meals provided on a Wednesday night during the last pennant season by Olive Branch Catering of Balhannah. We would like to know if we should continue to have these on a Wednesday night when we have home games. Were the menus and costs of meals offered suitable? Any feedback to board members would be greatly appreciated. Alternatively, email the club with your comments.

Good bowling everyone! Lawrie