Mount Barker Bowling Club Inc

January Newsletter 2024

From President Leon

I hope you all celebrated the New Year in style and are now ready for the final 6 weeks of pennant matches, before finals start. Unfortunately the matches on Saturday, except for those played under the dome, were cancelled due to rain. Please read the information sent out from the HBA regarding the process for cancellation due to inclement weather. (article next page) It is incumbent upon all club presidents, secretaries, team managers and especially umpires, to ensure they are familiar with these rules.

Lots of club tournament events have been played in recent weeks and congratulations to all participants and especially the winners. It has been great to see an increase participation in club events this year, which has attracted many spectators. We wish the winners of the triples and fours all the best as they battle for the HBA Champion of Champions title. Starting this Friday at Woodside (triples) and Gumeracha (fours) (19 Jan) both starting at 5.30pm. We also have two open tournaments – Cream Bowls Pairs (men only) and Stirling Cup (mixed fours – two ladies and two men per team) happening in the coming months. If interested in entering a team please see John Corner. Flyers on clubroom notice boards

Thursday afternoons is training/practice for everyone (4-6pm). Last week, and again this week, a sausage sizzle at the end of training will occur, so come along and enjoy the company of fellow members.

We have a number of bookings and catering functions occurring in the next month or two. This Saturday night from 6.30—9.30 we have a group of 20 people who have booked to play bowls and access the bar. Also, the Rotary Club of Mount Barker are holding a quiz night on Monday 15 January starting at 6pm. at our clubrooms. \$5 entrance and prizes throughout the rounds and winners of the night. The rotary club has extended an invitation for club members to join in the activity. If you would like to put a table of 8 players together please contact Rae Corner or Chris Cleveland (0437 423132 Rotary Club of Mount Barker)

Night owls start again in the first Friday of February. Thursday ladies team members are scheduled to help on the first Friday night in February, with food service and helping new bowlers on the green.

Reminder, Ladies Thursday pennants match starts a 9.30am (HBA pennant and match rule 3.1).

Please be at venue at or before 9am.

Lots of tournaments available.in the coming months. Please see folder in clubhouse.

Cheers and Happy Bowling – Leon

Upcoming Tournaments held at MBBC

March 10 Cream bowls Pairs (men only)

April 28 Stirling Cup Mixed fours

Night owls Team assistance

5pm-finish

| DATE | DIVISION |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| February 2 nd | Ladies 1-2 |
| Feb 9 th | Div 1-2 |
| Feb 16 th | Div 3-1-2 |
| Feb 23 rd | Ladies 1-2 |
| March 1 st | Last night owls |

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Message from HBA—Bowls Reminders

Section 2 of the HBA Pennant and Match Rules deal with matches affected by Heat, Inclement Weather, and or any other cause.

Rule 2.4-2.6 provides that if a club determines that its greens are unplayable prior to 10.00am on the day of play, the HBA is to be contacted so attempts can be made to relocate the match.

However after 10.00am, the situation is covered by rule 2.7-2.8, and <u>only the umpire</u> can determine whether a match is to be abandoned, and the decision can not be made until one hour after the scheduled commencement time, that is 2,30pm.

These rules have been in place since 2010/2011 season. The issue is no longer in the hands of the greenkeeper or team managers.



Club Fours winners

(Left-Judy, Murray, John and David)

and runners-up

(right– Barb, Dawn Peter, Ted and Chris)







Club Triples winners

(Far left – Graham, Chris and John)

and runners-up

(left—Joy Lawrie and Ann)