

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE No.24 - NOVEMBER 2019

Most of you do not know who is on your MBA board of Management? So here we are:-

President - Mike Porter (Tranmere), Vice-President - Peter Walter (Glenelg), Secretary - Ron Mulliner (Payneham), Treasurer - Mike Sheehan (Salisbury), Committee members - Lesley Slattery (Hawthorn), Steve Franks (Henley), Henk Smelter (Blackwood) and our new arrival Trevor Horne (Toorak Burnside).

We also have a very active Match & Program committee - Chairperson - Jeff Allen (Marion) with Steve Hicks (Adelaide), Riina Bradbrook (Ascot Park), Bob Tuck (Brighton), Jim Nitschke (West Lakes) and Chris Yeardeley (Morphett Vale). Steve Franks also represents the MBA board on the committee.

A new Pennant season is now well under way. I believe that we are all thankful that the Bowls Link software is achieving most of what we require for recording our Pennant program results. A few minor software amendments are still in the process of being addressed especially those that will simplify the procedures that our Match and Program members have to try and complete to maintain the integrity of Pennant results.

The staff at Bowls SA have applied themselves most diligently in assisting so many Clubs with the procedures they needed to carry out to use Bowls Link correctly. A big thank you to all of them.

Once again, our Major Sponsor, ECH, will be providing considerable financial support towards our end of season Grand Finals program that enables the MBA to provide medals and plaques for every one of our division/section winners. If your Club has in house TV advertising, for your Sponsors, then please consider adding some ECH pictures to your Club program. It goes a long way to maintaining keen Sponsor interest in your MBA.

Thanks to Myles Griffin of Focus Energy and lots of running around by our Secretary, Ron Mulliner, our proposed bulk electricity savings scheme for member Clubs will commence from 1st April 2020. Some 13 Clubs have signed up to be included in the scheme for a 12 month plan. Before the 12 months has been completed all Clubs will be advised of the savings that have been made under the energy bulk buying program such that they can decide to join for the following 12 month plan.

A recommended "Conditions of Entry and Care of Greens policy" has been introduced by many Clubs. It's a good policy to make all members and visitors aware of the need to encourage everyone to look after the financial investment made by Clubs to upgrade their facilities to retain and attract members.

Good Behavior whilst playing bowls also goes a long way for everyone participating to enjoy this great game that we have all chosen to play.

We have organized a Bowls Tournament, in conjunction with the Torrensville Bowling Club, to recognize the magnificent contribution made by Ron Mitchell, the inaugural President of the M.B.A. The drive, passion, enthusiasm and Ron's administration skills, supported by a small group of very willing volunteers, has seen our fledgling association to be up and running very efficiently. Unfortunately, Ron's current state of health is not good and we can only hope that with his determination it can improve.

We have asked Bowls SA if they can organize some more courses for Umpires and Measurers. Most Club's would be experiencing a reduction in their Officials numbers.

A few reminders: -

Bowls SA have informed us that within the next couple of years that Club's should be reviewing their Constitutions to have a board of management with a content of 40% male, 40% female and 20% open gender format. Another requirement will be to have 2 year terms of office. Where each year only half the board retires and the other half continues for the second year, and so on. This is to encourage continuity of Club management. Early indications are that these changes will be linked to grant applications via the SA Department of Recreation and Sport - no comply - less opportunity to obtain one of those beneficial funding facilities.

8 badges and 50 badge claims - Please get them into the M.B.A. Secretary - ASAP. All we need is a scan of the scorecard (both sides) and email with the appropriate MBA (PDF format Please)

Pennant match results - AWAY Clubs must verify the results that have been entered on the Bowls Link database - otherwise the league ladder will not reflect the results properly. This task will be amended as soon as possible. Clubs will be advised when this requirement is no longer necessary.

With the hot summer months coming up please be aware of early starts to Pennant matches and the Conditions of Play that are applicable to them. Each of our Pennant days for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday have a few differences to be aware of.

If any Club has any suggestions to improve our Pennant competitions then you are welcome to submit them to your M.B.A. board. Please remember that when submitting suggestions please consider the impact of them on ALL Clubs and the administration of them. The old saying "it seemed like a good idea at the time" needs to be considered - Confucius (but he did not play bowls)!

A note for the Presidents Diary our next MBA Presidents meeting will be held Sunday 12th January, 10.00 am at Adelaide Bowling Club.

Please enjoy your Bowls

Mike Porter

On behalf of your M.B.A. Board of Management