

BEAUMONT BOWLING CLUB – SOCIAL BOWLS UPDATE

Hello again.

We are progressing well with our plans for commencing Social Bowls on Saturday 9th April. The first Wednesday Social Bowls will be on 14th April. Thanks to the volunteers.

First, we have decided to play 10 ends for each game. This will ensure matches will not run too late.

By way of an explanation, we agreed on “3 bowls triples” format for the following reasons:

1. We have more members interested in playing and also some “Night Owlers”.
2. The suggested “2 bowls triples” (proposed initially) would only allow for playing 20 bowls each per session. This compares with 44 bowls (11 ends) in the doubles system last year.
3. “3 bowls triples” allows 30 bowls per session – 60 bowls per day.
4. Using 2 Greens, and thus 14 rinks, only allows for 56 players with the doubles format, whereas triples allows up to 84 players. Thus, we hope that we won’t be excluding any people from playing.

Next, it is usual that some players will criticise that handicap system. We will start the season by using the following ratings:

These are based on Saturday Pennants but this will be used to apply Wednesday and Thursday players’ levels.

1. Bowlers at the top level being given 0, Next, Division 5 players = 1.
2. Division 6 East = 3, Division 7 Red = 4, White = 5, Blue = 6.
3. Night Owlers who are not pennant players will start with 7.

We will review the handicaps every few weeks.

Please note that we plan to review the playing options during the season. After a few weeks we will seek feedback from players. For example, is the handicap working and it has been suggested that we include a weekly jackpot draw so that a random draw of a player’s name and a rink can allow a prize to be awarded. We will expand on this in a review. We might be able to allow doubles games if numbers drop off during winter.

Also, it would be appreciated if you could observe the card preparation system before each match and as you pick up your card mention to the scribe that you’d be interested in putting your name on the list of volunteers so that you might help, say, once a month.

Remember to be at the club before midday. If you need to withdraw from a match, please contact Graeme Langsford (0407 715 666) on Saturday or Chris Nance (0412 711 680) on Wednesday as soon as possible.

Note that you need to collect a token and the token is taken to the table so that the taken token can be put in the token bowl and the token is not taken home!

Bar open, biscuits, tea/coffee, pies and pasties, ... it’s all going to happen.

Well, we have quite a few nominations already.
Enjoy yourselves.

Graeme Langsford