

OVER 60's STATEWIDE PENNANT AT KINGBOROUGH, TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

On Tuesday 9 December Kingborough hosted the first round of the Seniors Statewide Pennant for 2014-2015, which involved men's and women's teams representing Bowls North, Bowls North West and Bowls South (as the "home" region Bowls South fielded two men's and two women's teams of twelve bowlers each). A total of 96 bowlers participated, enjoying fine, sunny weather, which contributed to pleasant conditions for bowls.

This was an excellent opportunity for the Club to demonstrate its ability to organise and conduct a large, major tournament successfully. As always, the Club's fantastic team of volunteers did a superb job in preparing and serving more than 120 two course meals during the break for lunch.

The Board of Management, on behalf of all members, extends a heartfelt thanks to all of the helpers on the day: Nona and David Clark, Beryl and Bill Reeve, Norma Lovell, Kathleen Page, Judy Hansson, Diane Fleming, Diane Willett, Rosemary McHugh, Pauline Connell, Dot Peterson, Yvonne Fogarty, Gail Garth, and Ros Bridge who were involved in the preparation and plating of the meals, waiting on tables, the clearing away at the end of lunch, and the cleanup in the kitchen afterwards. Their selfless contribution of their time has ensured that the hosting of the event was a financial success for the Club.

The Club was further assisted with the running of the event by Geoff Price, who acted as Tournament Director, Verona and Tony Kerrison, and Peter Kirby, who were the Officials (Umpires) for the day.

MANY THANKS, EVERYONE!

SATURDAY 24 JANUARY RANDOM DRAW BOWLS

With the Saturday Pennant roster suspended on Saturday 24 January, because of the Australia Day long weekend, it has been decided to conduct a random draw social bowls event at the Club during that day, 12:30pm for 1:00pm commencement. Sheets on which to register interest in participating are displayed in the "Notices" section of the whiteboard near the bar, and on the Ladies' noticeboard.

This should be a fun event - bar facilities will be provided.

MIDWEEK PENNANT

To avoid any further confusion in regard to the playing of Midweek Pennant home games all members who participate in the pennant competition are informed that all home games to the end of the season will be played in the Indoor Bowls Centre.

Chair, Men's Match Committee.

KINGBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB MONSTER RAFFLE.

Approximately \$2,000 was raised through the selling of tickets in the Monster Raffle, which was drawn on Friday 19 December.

The Board of Management expresses its extreme gratitude to Kathleen Page for her initiative, firstly in proposing this fundraising event, and then in obtaining the fourteen prizes for the raffle, all of which were donated by local businesses. Kathleen, also managed the distribution of the raffle books to Club members and local businesses, and then their collection prior to the raffle draw.

Excellent work, Kathleen, congratulations for achieving a rewarding outcome for the Club.

DIVISION 2 SATURDAY PENNANT INDOORS, FRIDAY 30 JANUARY

All members are advised that Kingborough's Division 2 Saturday Pennant team, rostered to play Cremorne at home on Saturday 31 January (the Saturday of the "Doubleheader" weekend) has been rescheduled to be played in the Indoor Bowls Centre on Friday 30 January, by mutual consent of both teams (and approved by Bowls Tasmania South).

The match will commence at 6:00pm, with the pre-game roll up to start at 5:45pm.

All members (not playing, of course) are strongly encouraged to attend the evening match to support our Division 2 team.

POOR BEHAVIOUR AND LANGUAGE

The Bowls Tasmania South Board is gravely concerned with the unacceptable behaviour of some players at BTS Championship events, and in Pennant competitions. The Board has advised all clubs that swearing, over-exuberant behaviour (such as "over the top" celebrations and encouragement of teammates), as well as conduct unbecoming, or any other behaviour that brings the game of bowls into disrepute will not be tolerated in future. The Bowls Tasmania South Board has further resolved that it will take action against any players undertaking such behaviour.

BTS 2014-2015 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SINGLES

Bowls Tasmania South intends to conduct its Women's Champion of Champions Singles events from 4 to 6 March, 2015, and its Men's Champion of Champions Singles events from 16 to 20 March. KBC representatives need to be known prior to the commencement of each event.

There will be no BTS C of C Pairs this season.

CHEMSEARCH CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS OPEN THREE BOWL PAIRS

Through the initiative of Craig Griggs sponsorship has been obtained to support the staging of a Champion of Champions Three Bowl Triples event in the Indoor Centre in early April. An invitation has been sent to all clubs in Southern Tasmania inviting their 2014-2015 club pairs champions to enter the Kingborough event.

This event does not have official status with Bowls Tasmania South, yet, but it does provide club pairs champions to test their skills against similarly qualified pairs champions from other clubs.

The Club is grateful to Craig for obtaining the sponsorship from Chemsearch, which has enabled the allocation of prize money to support this event. Watch for more details.

MARKER'S COURSE MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY

Planning is underway to conduct the first of the Marker's courses in Southern Tasmania in the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre on Monday 9 February. At the time of publication of this issue of the Club Newsletter full details of the course (i.e. start time/duration) were not available but it is safe to assume that this will be held during the evening to enable those with work commitments to attend the course.

Although this course will be open to all bowlers in Southern Tasmania, our Club requires a good number of Bowls Australia-accredited Markers to support the staging of the Tasmanian Indoor Open Singles event, therefore all members of the Club, male and female, are strongly encouraged to attend the course.

Why is Marker accreditation necessary? Firstly, because the role of Marker for singles matches, from 1 January this year, has undergone significant change. The traditional role of the Marker as being silent and "unseen", unless asked a question by the player in possession of the mat, is no more. From now on the Marker will take on a much more active role in play, especially after each player has delivered his/her second bowl. From that point of each end the Marker will provide information spontaneously, without being questioned by the player in possession of the mat, informing the players of the situation at the head (i.e. using coloured "paddles" to indicate which player has the shot, and the number of shots up), and any other information considered by the Marker to be relevant to give the players a good understanding of the "state of play".

Secondly, all singles competitions in future, above club level, will require accredited Markers.

A form on which to register your interest in participating in the Marker's Course on Monday 9 February is on display on the Pennant noticeboard (under the television in bar).

WORLD BOWLS AMENDS THE LAWS OF BOWLS

Amendments to the Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls (Crystal Mark 3), endorsed by World Bowls during the Commonwealth Games in 2014, came into effect on 1 January, 2015. Some of the changes are "cosmetic" in that some of the laws have been renumbered and grouped so that laws pertaining to a particular aspect of the game are together, in sequence.

Other changes to the laws have had an immediate effect on play. These are:

1. **Position on the mat prior to delivery:** players standing on the mat, preparing to deliver a bowl (or jack), must have **at least part of one foot** on the mat (before 1 January the player was required to have the whole of one foot, at least, on the mat). There has been no change to the position of the feet at the point of delivery of the bowl (part of one foot, at least, must be on or over the mat).
2. **Who keeps the card/adjusts the scoreboard?** The scorecard, and the adjustment of the scoreboard, are now the responsibility of the seconds of each team.
3. **Playing one short:** In any game of fours, where one team is a player short, either for the whole game or for a number of ends during the game, the players of that team will play two bowls each (6 in total). The four players of the other team will also play two bowls each (8 in total). During play, the leads, threes and skips will play their bowls in turn, whilst the second of the team of four will play his/her bowls consecutively. The penalty of a 25% reduction in the total score (or for the number of ends the team played one player short) no longer applies. The penalty that is now incurred for being a player short is that that team will put down two fewer bowls than the opposing team for the period of play that the player is absent.

Points 2 and 3, above, are Domestic Regulations, adopted by Bowls Australia, and permissible under the amendments to the relevant laws.

Notes and explanations in relation to the changes to the Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls, prepared by Bowls Australia (two separate documents), are available and on display on the on the Pennant noticeboard under the television in the bar. Each of the documents are so displayed as to enable interested members to remove them to read. It is requested that after reading they are returned to the board for the convenience of other members.

The Board of Management has agreed to purchase a copy of Crystal Mark 3 for each of the Club's accredited umpires. Copies are not yet available.

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PEET/KAY-RNSWBA VISIT TO KINGBOROUGH WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

The First Test of the Peet/Kay Group's 2015 Test Series between Tasmania and the Royal NSW Bowls Association will be played at Kingborough Bowls Club on Wednesday 4 February. The staging of this event will occur eight outdoor rinks, with a total of 96 bowlers in action on our greens.

The action will commence at approximately 10:00am, after a short welcome from President Allen and the calling of the cards. A match of twenty one ends will be played, with play to conclude some time between 1:00pm and 1:30pm, when players will adjourn to the Club's dining room for two course lunch, which will be catered for by our wonderful Club catering group.

All Club members who can are encouraged to be in attendance at the Club on Wednesday 4 February to support our Tasmanian representatives, who will be playing against a team of high quality bowlers representing NSW.

GREENS REPORT

Advice has been received from Tas Turf Solutions that a build up of thatch in our outdoor greens is the cause of moisture retention and their continued softness, due to the thatch build up hindering the drying process. A program of scarifying, to thin out the thatch, as well as grooming, has commenced but this cannot be too aggressive because of the risk of putting the greens under too much stress. The scarifying/grooming program is setting a foundation for future years, which will produce annual improvements in playing conditions, eventually getting the greens back to the standard preferred by the Club's members.

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SATURDAY PENNANT ACTION GROUP

The following is an extract from the January, 2015 edition of the Bowls Tasmania South Newsletter, and is published here for the interest and information of all Kingborough Bowls Club members:

"A Saturday Pennant Action Group was recently established as a consequence of the Bowls Tasmania South decision to establish non-gender specific Saturday Pennant in 2014-2015. The Group is made up of representatives of up to ten clubs who attended a meeting at the Black Buffalo Hotel and is pressing for a return to the previous Saturday format of conducting both a Men's Pennant and a Mixed Pennant. The Group has approached clubs with a survey seeking views of members as to their preferences for the 2015-2016 season. The Saturday Pennant Action Group has not approached BTS and its activities including the survey are not condoned by the BTS Board. The BTS Board has already agreed that non-gender specific pennant will be reviewed at the end of the season."

The above article would indicate that the "survey" currently doing the rounds does not have "official" status and will have no effect on BTS policy, in regard to the format of Saturday Pennant for the 2015-2016 BTS pennant season.

There are a number of concerns that are raised by the circulation of the current "unofficial survey", the most important being that many members of the clubs at which the "unofficial survey" has been on display, and members requested to express their views, may not be so inclined to participate in the **official BTS survey of Saturday Pennant structure** when it finally appears in their clubs. This will not be helpful for either Bowls Tasmania South, or bowling members.

Furthermore, there will be a number of clubs where the "unofficial survey" may not be made available to the members. This will cause the distinct possibility of the data obtained by the Saturday Pennant Action Group, through its "unofficial survey", to be skewed to an inevitable result (e.g. a majority supporting a return to the previous structure of Saturday Pennant [the 2013-2014 model]). Even in those clubs where the "unofficial survey" has been circulated amongst the members, there will be a number of members who will not participate, again adding to the problem of the lack of quality of the data that will be produced by the "unofficial survey".

Whilst it is acknowledged that the non-gender format of the BTS 2014-2015 non-gender specific Saturday Pennant has caused great angst, pain and loss for many "traditionalist" male bowlers, vigilante, non-approved actions by groups such as the Saturday Pennant Action Group will do more harm than good for their cause, and will not be the catalyst for a reversal of the BTS decision. **It would be in the best interest of all parties if we all wait for the opportunity to express our views regarding the structure of BTS Saturday Pennant until BTS issues its extensive 2014-15 season review.**

