



# Weekly Bulletin

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**bowls victoria**

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## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE NEWS – Peter Hanlon**

### **1. FINANCES – AFFILIATION FEES DUE BY 30 JUNE 2011**

A reminder to all Clubs please that the **first instalment** of your **annual subscriptions**, as invoiced in May, is due no later than **30th June** (next week).

**Thank you** to the many Clubs who have submitted payments already.

### **2. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE – BOARD APPROVAL OF CHANGES**

At the Board Meeting of the 15 June 2011, recommendations from the Bowls Victoria Championship Committee were discussed. Subsequent communication between the Board and the Committee has established the following changes to BV State Championship Events for 2011-12:

#### **a. All State Championships for Men and Women to follow same Format - except (b)**

In 2011-12, all State Championships for Men and Women are to follow the same format of play. The one exception in relation to length of matches is in (b) below.

The Champion of Champions Men's and Women's Pairs will be played as 2x2x2x2 knockout through all stages and over 18 ends,

- b.** The BV State Women's Pairs Championship will be contested as a 2x2x2x2 event played as **knock-out** through all stages and over 18 ends; the BV Men's Pairs will continue to be played as a 2x2x2x2 event played as Sectional of 15 ends and finals of 18 ends;

#### **c. Entries into State Championships – Composite Teams**

For 2011-12, entries into State Championships in Pairs (other than Champion of Champions Pairs), Triples and Fours can come from the **same Club** but they may also come from Affiliated Bowlers from within the **same Bowls Division** OR where no Divisions exist from within the **same Bowls Region**.

#### **d. Conduct of Draws for State Championships**

The draws for all State Finals will be conducted at the 60 and Over State Finals Championships.

### 3. REGULATIONS – PENNANT PERMITS (Regulation 18)

#### Rationale

Graeme Bridge (Operations Manager) has been taking various calls in relation to the possibility of gaining Pennant Permits, and there is a need to clarify what Pennant Permits are and why they exist.

#### Background

Under the RVBA and VLBA a number of bowlers affiliated with one club as their RVBA Club and another as their VLBA Club. As such, they may have played Saturday Pennant with their RVBA Club and Tuesday (Mid-week) Pennant with their VLBA Club.

In the transition year (2010-11) this was able to continue, but it was extremely difficult to accurately know who was playing Pennant Mid-week with one Club and Saturday with another Club. Recording of a bowler's Nominated Club would change only when a Clearance was processed to change to another Nominated Club. But, a number of bowlers are "Dual Members" having paid to join another Club. In fact, some bowlers are members of multiple clubs.

#### Bowls Victoria 2011-12

In all other (unified) State and Territory Bowls Association, an Affiliated Bowler plays all Club Championship events and Pennant with their **Nominated Club** (in NSW where unification has not occurred, two separate affiliation fees are paid to two separate organisations if a bowler wants to play Mid-week and Saturday Pennant).

Bowls South Australia introduced a Pennant Permit Request system where:

*A fully registered member of Bowls SA may play in a **mid** week (Monday – Friday inclusive) pennant competition or Saturday (including Friday night) pennant competition for a Member Club other than the member's nominated Member Club provided:*

- *the member's **nominated Member Club does not participate** in a **comparable mid-week (Monday-Friday inclusive) pennant competition or Saturday (including Friday night) pennant competition**; and*
- ***both Member Clubs involved consent** by completing (this) form.*

In Victoria, the system of Pennant Permit has as a **prime objective** that **Affiliated Bowlers will support their Nominated Club in Pennant Competitions wherever that Club is able to enter Sides**. Therefore, the only basis for a successful application for a Pennant Permit to play pennant with a club other than the Nominated Club will be when the Nominated Club is unable to enter a Side in any of the Pennant Competitions on offer.

It is **NOT** an objective of having a Pennant Permit system to enable Affiliated Bowlers the ability to pick and choose where they will play pennant. The **Nominated Club** of an Affiliated Bowler is where they play Pennant, unless that Club is unable to enter sides as described.

As notified via **Bulletin 43** last week, **Regulation 18** now includes the following:

**Following Clause 18 (a) (ii)**

*For the avoidance of doubt, mid-week pennant includes all scheduled Metropolitan, Region or Division pennant games played on the same day (currently in the metropolitan area women's twelve (12) and eight (8) a side and open twelve (12) and eight (8) a side played on Tuesday).*

For absolute clarity, if a Nominated Club enters sides in both Saturday and Mid-week Pennant (regardless of the days on which they are conducted), no Pennant Permit is available to an Affiliated Bowler to play with another club (of which they are a member) in a pennant competition even if conducted on another day.

The **fundamental basis for the Pennant Permit** system is that **an Affiliated Bowler will support their Nominated Club ahead of all other clubs** with which they might also hold membership.

In supporting one's Nominated Club, a bowler is also supporting the **Division or Region** in which they play. To seek to distort the aims of the Pennant Permit system by, for instance, deliberately **not entering sides** in a particular Pennant Competition so that the players who would have formed a Side for the Nominated Club may then apply for Pennant Permits to compete in other pennant competitions is in all probability to cause strain upon the "home" Division's Competition to the extent that it may well place in jeopardy the conduct of the competition in which they were capable of entering sides, and is certainly not consistent with the aims of such permits.

## **BOWLS OPERATIONS NEWS**

### **Graeme Bridge – Bowls Operations Manager**

#### **Umpiring Committee**

Chairman of the Bowls Victoria Umpiring Committee Haydn Williams wishes to convey the following item of interest.

The Bowls Victoria Umpiring Committee has determined that it will conduct a **series of training seminars**, throughout the State, for the **Umpiring Committees** of the new **Regions**, and the **Divisions** within the Regions (where applicable), and for any other interested **Umpires and Measurers**, in the Regions, during July and August.

The **dates and venues** proposed for the training seminars are:

**Wednesday, 20th. July 2011** – *Euroa Bowls Club* – Central Goulburn Murray Bowls Region & Ovens & Murray Bowls Region.

**Sunday, 24th. July 2011** – *Princes Park Carlton Bowls Club* – Metro West Bowls Region; Northern Gateway Bowls Region; Eastern Ranges Bowls Region; Peninsula Casey Bowls Region; Sandbelt Bowls Region & Yarra Bowls Region.

**Monday, 1st. August 2011** – *Wycheproof Bowls Club* – Bendigo Campaspe Bowls Region & Murray Mallee Bowls Region.

**Monday, 8th. August 2011** – *Stawell Bowling Club* – Central Victoria Bowls Region & Wimmera Bowls Region.

**Monday, 22nd. August 2011** – *Camperdown Bowling Club* – Geelong Bowls Region & West Coast Bowls Region.

**Monday, 29th. August 2011** – *Maffra Bowls Recreation Club* – Gippsland Bowls Region & Strzelecki Bowls Region.

The training seminars will commence at 10.00 a.m. and should conclude no later than 4.00 p.m. Morning tea will be provided, but participants are asked to bring their own lunch.

The training seminars will cover (not exclusively) the following:

- The roles of Umpires, Measurers and markers;
- Discussion on the Laws of the Sport of Bowls;
- DVD presentations on measuring and marking;
- changes to the Pennant competition – mid-week and weekend;
- Bowls Victoria Regulations;
- Appointment of Officials for Bowls Victoria State events for 2011-2012;
- Guidelines for accreditation and re-accreditation of Level 1 Umpires and Measurers;
- Random umpiring questions and Laws interpretations;
- General questions and answers;
- Procedure for timing of Greens;
- Measuring techniques;
- The use of measuring equipment;
- Practical demonstrations of marking, including the proper use of shot indicators (paddles);

Apologies for the relatively short notice, but the Committee felt it was important to conduct these seminars prior to Clubs becoming involved in Greens preparations, pennant training and practice matches.

It is appreciated that some Umpires and Measurers could be on holidays during July and August. Any Umpires or Measurers from your Regions who are unable to attend the Euroa seminar, are more than welcome to attend any of the other seminars.

The Committee will be maintaining contact with the Regions during the forthcoming 2011-2012 season, to ascertain if any additional training or assistance is required on a Region, Division or Club basis.

### **Greens Committee**

The Bowls Victoria Greens Committee will be conducting an **Annual Meeting/Pre-season briefing** for all **Metropolitan Region Greens Chairmen** on **Monday, 19 September 2011** at **Glen Waverley Bowls Club**.

Recognising that a number of Regions/Divisions haven't finalised their committees yet and that most Country Greens personnel would face difficulties in attending a morning meeting in Melbourne it is now proposed that the meeting will be for Metropolitan Region Greens personnel with a starting time of **9.30am**. Details are set out below.

<b>Venue</b>	Glen Waverley Bowls Club, 690 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley
<b>Time</b>	9.30am sharp, to approx. 1.00pm
<b>Purpose</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outline Annual Inspection of Greens procedure, etc.</li> <li>2. Distribute appropriate forms/guidelines</li> <li>3. Explain Greens Inspector Information Kit &amp; hand out to those requiring it if not previously obtained electronically On-green demonstration relative to Greens Inspections</li> <li>4. Guest Speaker – will outline aspects re grass greens</li> <li>5. Questions &amp; Answer session</li> </ol>
<b>Expenses</b>	6. Bowls Victoria will provide lunch on the day and cover travel subsi to those attending.
<b>Agenda</b>	7. Will be provided as soon as practicable

It is planned to conduct a series of meetings in suitable **Country centres** later in the year; hopefully **October/November**, which should be more convenient and enable Country Greens personnel to attend. **Current considerations** are that the meetings will be held **in Bendigo, Horsham, Traralgon, Wangaratta and Warrnambool**.

However, further advice will be issued in due course detailing the arrangements and places where the meetings will be held.

Meantime it is again requested that Metropolitan Region Greens Chairmen:

Advise their personal contact details:

- a. Name
- b. Email address. If no current email address, advise mailing address
- c. Phone number(s)
- d. Advise likely number of attendees for 19 September.  
(Actual numbers/names will be sought later to confirm catering requirements)
- e. Name of Region/Division
- f. Number of Greens Inspector Information Kits required for your Region/Division. (These Kits are now available in electronic format & can be provided via email).

The **details on attendees** should be advised direct to Graeme Bridge by:

**email:** [graemeb@bowlsvic.org.au](mailto:graemeb@bowlsvic.org.au) or **by phone** to 9819 6177.

It would also be appreciated if **Country Region/Division Greens Chairmen** could advise the same information as above, except ignore item d.

## Australian Indoor Qualifying

Qualification rounds have been completed for the 2011 Australian Indoor Men's Singles.

Sectional Play for 150 entrants was conducted at fourteen venues around the state last Saturday 18th June with Section Winners advancing to final qualifying knockout rounds last Sunday 19th June at four locations.

The **nine Victorian male qualifiers** to advance to the Australian Indoor Men's Singles Finals to be staged from 22-25 August 2011 at Tweed Heads Bowls Club are as listed.

**Nigel Cowdery (Clayton BC) & Matthew Muller (Wangaratta BC)** were the successful qualifiers to emerge from **Shepparton Park BC**, whilst **Jack Pater (Heathmont BC), Michael Henderson (Heathmont BC) & John Strybosch (Heathmont BC)** made it a trifecta for the **Heathmont BC** after success at **Vermont South BC**. **Barrie Lester (Moonee Ponds), Lenny Kean (Keilor BC) & Alan Crowle (Strathmore BC)** all advanced from the knockout rounds at **Sunshine City BC** and **Luke Bayley** was the sole qualifier from the final game at **Cranbourne BC**.

The male qualifiers will be joined by the **five Victorian female qualifiers Sandra Connolly (Moama BC), Joyce Lindores (Clayton), Chloe Stewart (Sunbury) and Glenroy BC duo Judy Stainton & Sharon Whana** who all previously gained their spots through the Women's Indoor Singles Qualifying conducted earlier in the year.

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### GAME DEVELOPMENT NEWS Game Development – Kate McLauchlan



### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – Working With Children Check Renewals**

Please be advised all volunteers who were issued with a **Working with Children Check** card in **2006**, that your cards are now due to be renewed. We would strongly encourage all individuals who wish to continue with their 'child related work' to lodge their **renewal application** prior to their card expiring. Expiry dates are clearly marked on the front and back of the WWC Check cards.

Volunteers have a legal obligation to renew their Check if they wish to continue doing 'child related work' after their card expires. The penalties for individuals failing to meet these obligations could be fined up to \$29,000 or 2 years imprisonment or both. All cardholders **should receive a renewal application** in the mail from the Department of Justice **8 weeks prior** to the expiry of their card. Once received, simply take your current card and renewal form to an Australian Post outlet for lodgement.

**Any comments/questions: please email to Peter Hanlon c/o [kareng@bowlsvic.org.au](mailto:kareng@bowlsvic.org.au)**

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