



THE BRIGHTON BUGLE

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A PROPOSED CHANGE TO CLUB STRUCTURE

At Brighton, Club bowling has traditionally been arranged in two Sections, Brighton Bowling Club (BBC) for RVBA-affiliated members, and Brighton Ladies Bowls Club (BLBC) for VLBA-affiliated members. The Sections have been managed by two separate Committees. In recent years a number of ladies who play Saturday but not Tuesday Pennant, have joined BBC and affiliated with RVBA only. A number of men have played Tuesday Pennant, and affiliated with VLBA, but have remained members of BBC.

The two Bowling Committees are responsible for player registration and clearances, and arrange socials, club tournaments and non-Pennant club games, and fund raising events.

With the merging of RVBA and VLBA in Bowls Victoria (BV) there is no longer a need for separate bowling clubs, as all players affiliate with BV. Players may opt to be available for one or both of Tuesday and Saturday Pennant, and most club games are 'mixed'. There is no need for two separate Section Committees. In fact, there are advantages in having all bowlers effectively belong to one club, and for bowling to be managed by one Committee. Among these advantages are a reduction in the number of administrative offices required, improved communication between the Club and bowlers, better co-ordination of dealings with BV, a single path to bowler affiliation, and removal of the distinction between men's and women's bowling activities. In particular, it is believed the change from "Ladies Pennant" and "Men's Pennant", to Tuesday and Saturday Pennant will encourage all bowlers to consider playing in both, and make more players available to cover the large 'unavailable' list which has made selection so difficult this year, and caused us the embarrassment of withdrawing our 6th Saturday Side from the competition.

A NEW STRUCTURE FOR BOWLS ADMINISTRATION

Both the BBC and BLBC Committees have unanimously agreed to recommend to you that we move to a single Bowling Section, Brighton Bowling Club, for the 2011/12 year. It is proposed that the transition will be made in the following way;

- a. Information meetings will be held on Wednesday 9th March at 2.00 pm , and Thursday, 10th March at 6:30 pm to discuss this proposal and test opinions on the proposed change.
- b. Subject to general agreement, all BLBC and BBC members will be deemed to be members of BBC for 2011/12.
- c. On 12th March nominations will be invited for the 2011/12 BBC Committee – a President, a Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus 6 Committee members. Nominations will be open to all financial members of BLBC and BBC. There will be no requirements for a specific mix of



genders, but applications will be sought from able candidates regardless of current club (BBC or BLBC) membership. Nominations will close on 27th March.

- d. It is intended to retain two Selection Committees as is the case at present. Nominations will be called for a Tuesday Selection Committee, and a Saturday Selection Committee, and all bowling members will be entitled to nominate and vote for one or both. Nominations will be invited from 12th March, and close on 27th March.
- e. The BBC AGM will be convened on Sunday, 17th April, at 10:30 am. The BLBC and BBC reports for 2010/11 will be presented, and office bearers declared. Any business a member wishes to raise at the AGM should be communicated to one of the two Section secretaries before 27th March, so items can be included on the Notice Paper. (They are Carmel and Alastair Will, phone 9592 1363).

GENERAL COMMENTS

There IS a need for a bowling club distinct from the Incorporated Club, so that BBSCI need not be constrained by BV regulations. BBSCI also has one other associated club (Bayside Community Sports Club), and may establish others. The Board has responsibility for the overall management of the club, and manages membership, finance, club assets including the greens, trading activities (shop, outdoor and indoor greens, bar, club hiring, 'commercial' tournaments), and communications with members (including the Fixtures Book). There IS a need to restrict Board membership and voting rights to Bowling members, to prevent a large body of non-bowling members seeking to change the nature of the club.

Consideration was given to requiring a specific mix of men and women on the new combined Committee, as well as requiring the office of President to alternate between a male and a female candidate, or to have the President and Vice-president to be of different gender. Such rules will merely serve to prolong the feeling of separation of men and women in what is now an integrated sport. It is hoped that a merging of the two clubs will encourage more member participation in social bowls and social activities. It is also hoped that more men would make themselves available for Tuesday pennant, and perhaps more ladies for Saturday, as the distinction between 'ladies' pennant, and 'men's pennant' disappears.

Melanie Young

Greg Crew

POST-PENNANT GATHERINGS

The Tuesday Pennant players are invited to lunch at on 9th March. The Saturday Pennant players are invited to a dinner on 10th March. See the Mobile list for details, and to record your attendance. Both meetings will discuss the recent Pennant series, and discuss arrangements for 2011/12. They will also serve as forums to discuss the merger of BBC and BLBC.



SOCIAL DATES FOR 2011 SEASON

Tuesday	15th February	Charity Day	10.00 am
Sunday	20th February	End of Saturday Pennant Sausage Sizzle	6.00 pm
Wednesday	23rd February	Master Builders – BBC bowlers required	10.00 am
Sunday	6th March	Scone Day	1.00 pm (whites)
Wednesday	9th March	End of Tuesday Pennant Lunch	12 noon
Thursday	10th March	Post Saturday Pennant Dinner	6.30 pm
Thursday	17th March	Delegates and Guests Day	12.30 pm / 1.00 pm
Sunday	3rd April	APT Scone Day	1.00 pm (whites).
Friday	8th April	Givoni Basket Lunch and Fashion Parade	12 noon
Sunday	17th April	BBC AGM (including BLBC)	10.30 am
Thursday	28th April	Presentation Dinner	6.30 pm / 7.00 pm
Sunday	1st May	Scone Day	1.00 pm (whites)
Friday	3rd June	Blooms Basket Lunch and Fashion Parade	12 noon

FRIDAY CARD DAYS 27th May, 24th June, 29th July, 26th August.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE Club Champions for the 2010/2011 season are Lee Schraner and Yvonne Capp, with runners-up Geoff Maskell and Sue Shewan. The men's Pairs Champions are Doug Finlayson and Gary Hedges, and the Mixed Pairs Champions are Ellen Weir and Peter Gawthorne. The Ladies Pairs and Proportional are scheduled to commence on 24th February (entries close on 15th February at 6.00 pm) plus any other finished events

END-OF-PENNANT EVENTS

On Wednesday 9th March at 12 noon (for 12.30) there will be a lunch in the Dendy Room for all BLBC members and any men who usually bowl in Tuesday pennant. Please put names on the list (cost is \$25.00). Following the lunch, at 2.00 pm there will be an Information Meeting to discuss the proposed amalgamation of the committees.

On Wednesday 10th March there will be a Post-Pennant Pizza meal for all Saturday pennant bowlers and any other members who wish to attend. This will be an opportunity to discuss pennant results, problems, and a look toward next season. It will incorporate an Information Meeting to discuss the proposed amalgamation of the committees.

DELEGATES AND GUESTS DAY

This special day will be held on Thursday 17th March. As well as visitors from other clubs, we expect as many members of BLBC as possible to support this day. The cost to members will be \$8.00, and everyone is asked to invite their own guests (at a cost to the member of \$8.00 each guest). As well as a game of bowls, there will be sherris first and afternoon tea provided. This could well be the last of these days in the present format, so let's make it a memorable occasion.



FASHION OPPORTUNITIES

Two Fashion shows, with an opportunity to purchase, are planned for 8th April (Givoni) and 3rd June (Blooms). These shows will be followed by a “Basket Lunch” and should be good social opportunities.

SCONE DAYS

There are three more Scone Days already scheduled for the first Sundays of the month:

SUNDAYS 6TH MARCH, 3RD APRIL AND 1ST MAY

It is hoped that these pleasant afternoons will continue throughout winter. We start at 1.00 pm (arrive by 12.45 please), play 11 ends of Two Bowl Triples, then break for scones with jam and cream, followed by another 11 ends (winners play winners, losers play losers). Our sponsors support us by providing good prizes, and the bar is open!

FRIDAY CARD DAYS

The very popular Friday Card Days resume on 27 May, with subsequent ones on 24 June, 29 July and 26 August. Please book your tables through Verna Patterson on 9592 1353. Sherries are served at 10.30, play begins at 11.00 and a basket lunch is provided, cost \$12.00.