



MEETING DETAILS: Friday 29th Sep 2023 @ 1:30pm, Boardroom, Windang.
Wednesday 15th November 2023 @ 1:30pm, Auditorium, Windang

ATTENDEES: Dave Tyrrell, Bowls Manager (DT)
Kaye Taylor, Bowls Organiser (KT)
Jim Wolter, Bowls Organiser (JW)
Joyce Sawers, Match Committee (JS)
Judith Voltz, Match Committee (JV)
Don Lowe, Match Committee (DL)
Russell Connell, Match Committee (RC)

OPENING

Attendees were given an agenda for the meeting with the following topics:

1. Social Bowls - Thursday
2. Social Bowls - with only 2 greens (14 rinks) in play.
3. 2 bowls formats leading up to pennants.
4. Minor Player Status and eligibility
5. Spectators and the definition of "Boundaries of the Rink" (At Windang).
6. General Business

Attendees were also given a copy of the Minor Player eligibility including the By-Laws and Standing Orders.

1. SOCIAL BOWLS - THURSDAY

DT opened with the following:

- 1.1 In an attempt to improve the participation numbers on a Thursday, as of Thursday 23rd November, Thursday Social Bowls will be Nominated teams with single name entries permitted. Online entries via the Bowls Website will be available, including written entries at the club. The Match Committee will do their best to get all single name entries a game.
- 1.2 The Match Committee to decide on the default format for Thursday. E.g. Triples or Pairs, taking into consideration that Wednesday and Saturday are Triples and Friday is Pairs.



1.1 *The topic was discussed and there were no proposals put forward in an attempt to improve the participation numbers on a Thursday. The majority of the Match Committee were in favour of attempting the Nominated teams format, however the following concerns were put forward.*

KT voiced concern that the nominated teams format would not be readily accepted by the female members participating on Thursdays and we would lose participants rather than gain them.

On behalf of some of the female social bowlers on Thursdays, JS wanted it recorded that some of the female bowlers on Thursday would prefer single names and selected teams reinstated.

1.2 *The format for Thursday was discussed, whether to play Triples or Pairs.*

KT stated that we have bowlers in their senior years, with some of our players playing half games due to physical limitations, and some players not being able to stand for too long and preferred to play triples where they can sit down after they've delivered their bowls.

The Match Committee agreed and was of the opinion that this was the best option for our social bowlers.

The decision was made by the Match Committee to make Thursday's, Nominated Triples with single name entries as a secondary option. As Thursday 16th Nov had 25 entries, the Match Committee was tasked with making decisions on the teams with a random entry for the rink draw. This is consistent with all other social bowls days.

KT was also concerned that some players did not like playing with, or against the same people week to week. It was noted that with an average of <30 participants, there was a high probability that players found themselves with or against the same players. It was not a requirement, but it was optional for the Match Committee to keep track of teams and opposition. KT volunteered to manage this.



DT - It is not the Match Committee's role to keep track of which players play together or who their opposition is on a weekly basis, for social bowls. With regards to social bowls, their role is to conduct social bowls efficiently and provide players with an opportunity to play social bowls wherever possible. Sometimes this cannot be accomplished due to the participant numbers and players must be made aware of this.

ACTIONS REQUIRED - DT

*Format online entries for nominated teams on the website - **Done 16/11/23.***

*Format written entries for nominated teams - **Done 16/11/23.***

*Provide Social Bowls daily planner for participation numbers and data recording - **Done 16/11/23.***

Provide shortcuts for all documents and links on both bowls computers.

*Bowls Office - **Done 15/11/23.***

Women's Bowls Computer - in progress.

*Attend Thursday Social Bowls on as an observer and generate any recommendations - **Done 16/11/23***

2. SOCIAL BOWLS AND COMPETITIONS WITH ONLY 2 GREENS (14 RINKS)

Pairs to Triples or Triples to Fours when required with Championships taking precedence.

It is up to the discretion of the Match Committee to determine the formats and rinks of play when limited to only 14 rinksfor the next 3 months.

3. 2 BOWLS FORMATS LEADING UP TO PENNANTS

One thing we must consider going into 2024 is our pennant season coming up in Jan/Feb and introducing fours or 2 bowl triples formats, so our players get used to playing with 2 bowls. This is not just for Thursday, but for any day we choose.

In the past, we've found it better to do 2 bowl triples or Fours on Saturdays. We'll be down to only 14 rinks from Nov to Feb as well.

Women's Pennants commence 23/1 and Open Pennants commence 3/2



***In an attempt to expose the bowlers to 2 bowls play, Saturday Social Bowls will be Fours Format x 18 ends in January 6/1, 13/1, 20/1 & 27/1..... / 2024
It is recommended that the Selection Committees make use of these days with regards to their pennant teams and selections.***

4. MINOR PLAYER STATUS AND ELIGIBILITY.

The Match Committee were given the By-Laws relating to the Minor Status of a player for the Minor Championships.

Minors will be classified according to the current By-Laws. Minor status according to the Women's Club Standing orders shall not apply for any 2023-2024 Minor events.

Basically, players winning a Club Triples or Club Fours Championship are still eligible to play as a Minor in Minor Club Championships.

Players winning a Major Singles, Major Pairs (or higher) are ineligible to play as a Minor in the respective Minor Club events.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

KT to generate a list of players who are now eligible to play in any Minor Club Championships. With regards to these players, the Match Committee's decision is final.

The By-Laws concerning Minor player status will be reviewed prior to the 2024-2025 season in an attempt to maximise the numbers for Minor Club Championships. This may include a reference to a player's open pennant gradings, similar to State Open Reserve Championships.



5. SPECTATORS & THE DEFINITION OF BOUNDARIES OF THE RINK (AT WINDANG).

When playing on Green 1 in the North/South direction (South End).

For the purpose of Law 45 Spectators (Page 63)

The definition of the “boundaries of the green” includes the aluminium seating at the south end of the rink of play. It does not include the walkway and the seating provided for patrons.

Spectators and patrons are permitted in this area so long as they are not disturbing the players in any way.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

DT to communicate to Members, Illawarra Zone 16 & IDWBA regarding the boundaries at Club Windang.....

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were tabled by members of the Match Committee

1. How can we generate new members from Barefoot Bowls? - RC
2. Should we provide a “new member pack” for new bowlers? - RC
3. Name Badges for Officials and Members? - RC
4. Women want to go back to selected days on Thursday. - JS.
5. Match Committee Roster for Social Bowls days. - JW
6. Umpire Roster. - KT
7. Club Culture and verbal abuse of Committee members. - JV

See below for outcomes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. GENERATING NEW MEMBERS FROM BAREFOOT BOWLS.

In general, Barefoot bowlers just want to play bowls and have fun.

However.....there is nothing stopping us from “guiding them” in the right direction to join the club as a bowling member.

Northmead Bowling Club and Club Cambridge have a trifold pamphlet describing benefits for bowling members, which may be something to consider.



See the links below"

- [Northmead](#)
- [Cambridge](#)

2. NEW MEMBER PACK

Having a new member pack could "entice" a new bowler to join the club. Our goal is to give them a reason to come here, and then give them a reason to stay!

The pack may include:

- *Free coaching.*
- *Reduced membership fee for the first year and/or payment of the Bowls NSW transfer fee (for a transferring bowler).*
- *Windang Pen, Bowls Cloth, Spray & Measure Pack.*
- *Trifold pamphlet.*

3. NAME BADGES

Name Badges for our officials. I can source name badges from any supplier. ACE IT comes to mind straight away. Bowlers can order badges if they want, but it may depend on minimum order numbers.

4. SELECTED DAYS ON THURSDAYS

[This has been dealt with in item 1.1](#)

5. MATCH COMMITTEE ROSTERS

JW forwarded a draft roster for our Match Committee. See Below:

- *Wednesday Mornings - Joyce & Russell*
- *Thursday Mornings - Joyce & Judith (or Don)*
- *Friday Mornings - Russell & Don*
- *Saturdays - Judith, Don & Jim*
- *Dave & Jim to finalise results for the day and Jim to assist when required.*

A roster would be set in place to provide all members of our Match Committee experience on the respective days. This does not take into account the Club Championships and higher events where a Match Committee and/or Controlling Body are required.



Once Thursday Triples are running efficiently, and DT aligns both the Men's and Women's programs for the remainder of the season, a roster can be set up to have coverage for every "scheduled event".

6. UMPIRES ROSTERS

KT requested an Umpires roster so the role is shared and all umpires have the same opportunities and can accumulate their accreditation hours equally.

As above - Managing the entire program, including rescheduled games outside of the normal bowling days, and times is required.

Until this happens, the best way to deal with the Controlling Body and/or Umpire roster is to utilise the data when making the respective payments and sharing the opportunities.

7. CLUB CULTURE AND VERBAL ABUSE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

JV expressed concern about the culture within the club regarding bullying of some bowling members, and the constant verbal abuse of committee members.

Committees make decisions for the improvement of bowls at Windang. Some members may disagree and then choose to vent out their frustration, targeting the committee member with verbal abuse.

This kind of behaviour will never be tolerated. We have a Code of Conduct in place and a set of instantaneous penalties in the Conditions of Play. These documents relate more to the conduct of a player on the green and appear to be inadequate when it comes to protecting our members and volunteers.

BA, Bowls NSW and Illawarra Zone 16 have a member protection policy in place that we can utilise if required.

It may be time to develop our own Member Protection Policy so our bowling members and volunteers can enjoy their experience at Windang. This is something for the Board of Directors to discuss.

MEETING CLOSED 3:00PM