Playford Bowling Club Inc.

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**March Newsletter**

**President’s Report – Season Overview**

As the season reaches its climax it is pleasing to have four teams on the threshold of final campaigns.

In summary, our Wednesday mens’ teams all had difficult seasons. The Div 2 team finished 8th (and for the second successive year needed points in the last away game to avoid relegation), our Div 3 team finished 6th and our two Div 4 teams finished 6th and 10th.

After a difficult start our ladies had a much improved second half of the season, finishing third and heading into the finals at Modbury next Thursday. They will play the 4th placed team Hope Valley.

Our Saturday teams had mixed fortunes. After successive Grand Final appearances in 2023 and 2024 the Div 3 team had a much tougher year, finishing in 8**th** position, despite the tremendous efforts of Frosty’s four which finished equal top in the individual standings.

In contrast our Div 5 side had a terrific season, losing only 2 games and finishing top by a comfortable margin. The selectors’ primary focus this year has been to get this side into Div 4, so that in future the gap between our two top teams will be less challenging. Saturday Playford III also had a great season, finishing top of Div 6, while in the same division Playford IV finished 7th. Our Div 7 team also made the finals, finishing 3rd and beginning their finals run at Two Wells.

By finishing top at the end of the pennant season our Div 5 and Div 6 Saturday teams have earned the right to host the first week of their finals campaigns on March 15. So in each division we shall host matches involving 1st vs 2nd and 3rd vs 4th. The winner of the match between 1st and 2nd goes straight to the grand final; the loser plays the winner of 3rd vs 4th for the other GF berth on Sunday March 16. The Grand Finals will be held at neutral venues on March 22.

The following weekend – March 29 & 30 - we shall be hosting the Ladies’ Prestige Medley Finals. It’s a privilege to host this prestigious event, which features 12 regional teams comprising the state’s top lady bowlers. We thank Playford Council for sharing the cost of hosting this event.

As a consequence of all these commitments there will be **no social bowls on Saturday March 15 and Saturday March 29.** I would encourage all members to come and support the teams involved in finals.

Finally, thank you to **Tony Johnston** for organising the pizza evening at the end of the minor round. Thanks also to our kitchen ladies **Sheryll** and **Mardi**, and to **Andy** and **Jenny** for running the bar.

Steve Attridge

PS Information regarding our forthcoming **AGM** will be e-mailed to members following our next board meeting on March 17th.

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**Personnel changes**

**Mari Walker** has resigned from the position of Treasurer for personal reasons. Mari has done a mighty job over the past 4 years, ensuring that we are now fully compliant with ATO regulations in regards to the way we make payments to honorarium recipients and generally upgrading the way we undertake and record our financial transactions. Many thanks Mari. **Craig Eckert** has agreed to take over the role of treasurer and to seek election to this position at the next AGM.

**Help needed…**

**Tony Partridge** has decided against taking over the reins from Ingrid Scholefield as leader of our Thursday evening bingo team at CDFC. For now we are being assisted by Jamie and his team at Centrals while we re-organise our volunteers to cover all the necessary tasks.

**Running the bingo session is critical to the club’s finances** and if you would be willing to join a roster to work every second or third week from 5:30 – 8pm, selling bingo tickets and cards, please see Andy Crawford. Thanks to **Brenton Ruciack** who has joined the team.

**Dates for your diary…**

**March 13th** – Ladies’ finals campaign begins at Modbury.

**March 15th** – Saturday finals get underway and we’ll be hosting Week 1 finals in Div 5 and Div 6.

**March 27th** – working bee to tidy the facility in readiness for…

**March 29/30** – hosting the Ladies’ Prestige Medley Finals.