



Playford Bowling Club Inc.

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November-December Newsletter

President's Report

The season is well underway and as always our pennant teams are experiencing mixed fortunes. As I write, our Wednesday and Thursday pennant teams are all in the lower half of their respective tables, but we're having more success on Saturdays with our second and third teams both top and our fifth team second. There have been some spectacular rink performances with three sets of 8 badges and 2 sets of 50 badges awarded already!

Selectors have recently reverted to the previous system of bi-weekly meetings to select Wednesday and Saturday pennant teams (the ladies have their own selection process) with prompt posting of the teams. Selection is not an easy job and there will always be some members unhappy with their allocated teams or rink positions. Anyone unhappy or seeking clarification re their selection should approach their divisional selectors for clarification *but not on match days please!!*

Recently two of our sides had to travel away on the Saturday when the weather dictated an early start and no mid-game break. Neither team was given any lunch at the end of their match, whereas at Playford we served the normal sandwiches at the end of the game. So we contacted MBA re their policy under such circumstances - basically there is no policy and we were advised to tell our players to have breakfast before leaving home!

We've had a few **Covid** cases recently but fortunately nearly all those affected are back at the club. If you develop symptoms please be mindful of the serious health issues affecting a number of your fellow members and stay away until your symptoms resolve.

We continue to support worthwhile causes and responded to **Bowls SA's Pink campaign** by selling merchandise and donating raffle proceeds – a total of \$592 was forwarded to help the cause. Each November we hold a raffle with proceeds going to **November** and this year that will be held on Nov 30. In December the **Playford Women's Shed** are again holding their Christmas party at our club and they will be the beneficiaries of that month's charity raffle. Raelene and her team will also be setting up trading tables at the club on Saturday Dec 14.

Steve Attridge

Memorial Plaques – help needed

It has always been our intention to attach memorial plaques to the rear wall of our memorial garden, each listing former members who have passed away in a given calendar year. We did make a start on this once before, and asked members to help us compile the yearly lists – with little response.

We need to ensure that these lists (for calendar years 2017 onward) are complete and so again I ask members to help with this important task. If you know of **any Playford member** who has passed on **since the club's founding** please provide details to Sue Armstrong, who will check that their details appear on a list previously begun by Bill Beckmann.

If you do not help us with this it is probable that some names will be overlooked.

Miscellaneous

Thanks to those who helped at the **working bee** to spruce the club up before the start of the new pennant season – this was held just after the last newsletter was put together and so apologies for the delayed thanks to the following volunteers: *Colin McGregor, Brenton Ruciack, Peter Coombs, Ron Slager, Andy Crawford, Clarrie Mayfield, Steve Attridge, Gavin Wood, Graham Holden, Andy Thompson, Dave Mercer, Trevor Matthews, Terry Bettens, Gary Wilson and Bernie Heine.* Special thanks to **Ron Slager** for organizing the morning and allocating people to the various tasks.

Our **Christmas lunch** will be held on Sunday Dec 15 and will be catered at a cost of \$42 per head. The club will subsidise this cost to varying degrees depending on your level of membership. If you plan to attend please add your name to the list on the noticeboard. In recognition of their great service to our club, our life members and their partners will be invited to attend free of charge.

Following a suggestion from **Michael Keenan** we invite members to assist charities in the provision of gifts to children in need. Gifts up to \$10 in value can be placed under our Christmas tree, with a label signifying the gender and age range for which they are appropriate.

In the last newsletter it was mentioned that **commemorative glasses** will be given away to each week's best-performing rink. Initially this was decided on the basis of the highest rink score, but it became apparent that this was not the fairest way to do it, given that some Wednesday bowlers play 27 ends while others play only 18. So from now on we shall reward the rink with the greatest winning margin per end played. Winners for week 5 are **Dave Turner, Tina Salih, Ron Moulder & Chris Butler**.

We have been invited to host MBA's annual **Friendship tournament** on Sunday January 5. Each affiliated club has been invited to submit one team and our club will be represented by **Rita Hams, Ron Slager, Tony Johnston and Andy Walker** – four members who have worked hard for the club in various ways.

Congratulations to **Clarry Mayfield** on the occasion of his 80th birthday? At a surprise party held in his honour, his fiancée forgot to bring the candles for the cake! One job Carol!

Farewell to **Maureen Foskett** who is moving to Kingston in the south-east. Maureen, who has a 50-year association with the Elizabeth and Playford bowling clubs, has no plans to retire and will transfer to the Kingston bowling club. We wish her well.

Thanks to **Lyn Ruddock and the greens team** for keeping the club looking clean, inside and out. Thanks also to **Chris Butler and Tony Johnston** for tidying up the store room, and to **Sherrill Kendall and Mardy Johnston** for putting up the Christmas decorations.

Just a reminder to bowlers who accept lifts to away venues – it is customary to give your driver \$5 towards petrol.

Stop Press

Vale: Mr John Elliott, a member of this Club for many years, passed away this morning. RIP John and condolences to his wife and family.