



Hi Everyone

Please see the below an update of information following the first meeting of the new Board last Wednesday (080622):

1. BHBR Board

Following the BHBR AGM, the Board discussed the remaining Appointed Director position and invited Liz Kierce (City Oval BC) to take up this position (two year appointment). Liz has accepted this offer and the position was ratified at the first Board meeting last Wednesday (080622). The full BHBR Board consists of:

POSITION	NAME	CLUB	TERM OF OFFICE
Chairman	Ian Guymer	Macedon Ranges BC	Until 2023
Vice Chairperson	Lyn Bryce	BMS BC	Until 2023
Secretary	Wayne Morgan	Buninyong BC	Until 2024
Treasurer (Appointed)	Glenn Hampton		Until 2023
Director	Wayne Lynch	Victoria BC	Until 2023
Director	Gary Dickenson	Macedon Ranges BC	Until 2023
Director	Vic Dunn	Beaufort BC	Until 2024
Director	David Kelly	Learmonth BC	Until 2024
Director	Tom Clarke	Webbcona BC	Until 2024
Director (Appointed)	Liz Kierce	City Oval BC	Until 2024

2. Season starting dates

- As mentioned previously, there will be two Victorian Opens this season. The final pre-Christmas open will be held in November as usual, but there will also be another event in the new time-slot in March-April (24th March – 2nd April, 2023).
- This means that all Ballarat and Highlands pennant finals will need to be completed by Sunday, 12th March and Tuesday, 14th March, which is a week earlier than the season just gone. This will allow for the playing area winners to play off for the regional titles on Saturday, 18th March.
- Following the results of the recent survey, the Ballarat playing area will remain at 18 rounds for this season. Therefore, the **Ballarat** Saturday pennant season will commence on **Saturday, 1st October** and Tuesday pennant on **Tuesday, 4th October** and will consist of 18 rounds. This will necessitate the Saturday Semi-finals and the Preliminary Final being played on consecutive days (Saturday, 4th and Sunday, 5th March, and Tuesday pennant Round 18 being played on Thursday, 23rd February (to fit all rounds in).
- **Highlands** Saturday pennant will commence on **Saturday, 15th October** and Tuesday pennant will commence on **Tuesday, 18th October** and will consist of 14 rounds.
- A full calendar of events will be published as soon as possible.

3. Regional Committees

Expressions have been called for membership of the seven regional committees and nomination forms have been forwarded to clubs. Would you please advertise this to your members and encourage anyone who may be interested to return their nominations to the BHBR Secretary by 1st July.

- Committees are as follows:
 - ~ Pennant / Match (3 members)
 - ~ Greens (up to 5 members)
 - ~ Umpires (up to 5 members)
 - ~ Championship / Representative (up to 5 members)
 - ~ Junior Development (up to 3 members)
 - ~ Coaching (up to 5 members)
 - ~ State Events (3 members)

4. Publicity Officers

The regional Publicity Officers will remain as Anthony McCabe (Ballarat) and Bill West (Highlands). Brian Johnson will remain in his role as the regional website coordinator and will also assist with BowlsLink.

5. Regional website - <https://ballarathighlands.bowls.com.au/>

Please encourage your members to visit the website as there has been some great work done by Brian and there is always lots of news and information to read and stay up to date with what is happening in our region.

There will also be a regional facebook site set up for members. The Board is currently developing a Social Media policy for the region.

6. BowlsLink

Also please ensure that all of your members have their username and password to access BowlsLink and are encouraged to use it, as this will be where all entries and payments for regional events and Ballarat Country Week will be made.

Also members can access results of events and pennant, check ladders and individual player results. BowlsLink will also be used for direct emails to members in the future.

7. Regional Events

A reminder that all state competitions (Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, etc) will played as regional events from this season onwards - not in the two individual playing areas.

Also clubs will have more time this year for your Club Champion event as names will not be required until the week prior to Day 1 of the event. As well, your Men's and Ladies' Champion will play at the same venue on Day 1 of the Champion of Champions, allowing club members to support both players without having to travel.

8. CLUB REMINDERS

Reminder 1

All feedback on any of the discussion items that were distributed at and following the AGM is required to be returned to the BHBR Secretary by 1st July, particularly the items relating to:

- The Macedon Ranges BC motion that '75% of ends completed will constitute a match' if the day is abandoned due to inclement weather or heat.
- No round washouts - all completed games are awarded points.
- Use of the word 'Premier' for the top Division - retain or revert to Division 1, 2, 3, etc.
- The number of rinks in the Ballarat 'top' division - stay with 3 rinks or revert to 4.

Reminder 2

Voluntary Promotion or Relegation. As outlined at the AGM, although there was no Promotion or Relegation this season due to the COVID affected fixture, some clubs have requested voluntary relegation. If your club wishes to have any of its division teams considered for Promotion or Relegation for the upcoming season, please return this request by 1st July. *(Please remember that an application does not guarantee the request happening.)*

Reminder 3

Please return your club information regarding your updated President / Secretary contact information following your AGM and also the number of greens / rinks you will have available this year.

ALL OF THE ABOVE RESPONSES ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE REGIONAL SECRETARY BY 1ST JULY AT bhbrsec@gmail.com

9. Preseason information

Following club feedback and information by 1st July, the Board will be looking to finalise decisions regarding the upcoming season including playing conditions, fixtures, match-day information, inclement weather policies, committee membership and coordinators and other requirements. Rest assured that the Board will distribute this information to clubs as soon as possible after decision have been made.

10. REQUEST FOR HELP

The BHBR Board is looking for one of our member clubs who might like to become the 'home' club or site of the BHBR. This would require:

- Display space for future BHBR honour boards
- Some space for storage of a limited amount of BHBD and Highlands records
- Availability of a meeting area for` BHBR Board meetings.

If your club may be interested in discussing this further, please contact myself on 0419 595 610 or at bhbrsec@gmail.com

11. Presidents' / Secretaries' Meeting

The next regional Presidents' and Secretaries' meeting will be held on Sunday, 11th September at 11.00am at the BMS Bowling Club.

Regards
Wayne

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