

*PRESIDENTS REPORT for AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022*

*Thank you everyone for coming along here today.*

*Once again, Due to the COVID situation, I was never sure that we would all get through our planned pennant program but we did.*

*On behalf of your Executive, I thank every one of our member Clubs for doing a great job on behalf of your Clubs, your members and visitors and for our chosen sport of bowls.*

*Thanks to the many volunteers that support bowls we are fortunate to be able to thank some of them on these occasions but we can never cover all of them.*

*I thank the members of my MBA Executive committee. From time to time we have some robust discussions. But at the end of the day our focus is on managing and providing a challenging pennant competition for our member Clubs to compete within.*

*Thank you to our match and program committee members, chaired by Steve Franks. Just consider some 51 clubs entering 402 sides to play in 44 divisions for 18 home/away rounds plus finals and fitting in with Bowls SA busy program of events. M & P also resolve and advise Clubs on the many queries they receive throughout the season, as well as sending out the many memos that need to be distributed to advise/remind Clubs of conditions of play rules.*

*We also have a good relationship with Bowls SA. I thank President Tim Dodd, CEO Taryn Sexton, Louise McDermott and Operations manager Issac Trenorden for facilitating regular share of information sessions with us.*

*What about when we gain the volunteer contribution from someone who just loves this sport of bowls, that he played so well, and now wants to report on it as much as possible. Our Ace Reporter – John Bevin.*

*Around the Greens – John's Innovation – weekly reports for our higher division matches played every Saturday and Thursday – over 360 match reports – where he contacted so many players every week.*

**Thank you - John Bevin**



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*Nearly every sporting code in Australia conducts end of season finals, they are an exciting finale to a season after the minor rounds have been completed.*

*Congratulations to all the Clubs that managed to win their respective division/section Grand Finals for 2022 – we had 44 of them this season because for the very first time we included every division/section for all days of pennant competition.*

*And we have some extra Cups to give out as follows: -*

*Saturday division 1 – Hawthorn*

*Thursday division 1 – West Lakes*

*Wednesday division 1 – Adelaide*

*Thursday division 2 North – Modbury*

*Thursday division 2 South – Ascot Park*

*To promote our pennant competition further we livestreamed our Premier division, Grand Finals for all days, on the MBA Facebook. We thank a variety of guest commentators for there interesting input that they gave on the matches that they were invited to commentate upon.*

*For this season we decided play our Saturday Open Premier division and division 1 Grand Finals as standalone events on a Sunday. This was to give the opportunity to all of the bowlers and spectators that played in or attended the many other division Grand Finals held on the previous Saturday, to come along and view some of our most skillful bowlers in action playing for a Grand Final victory.*

*To all the Clubs that were invited to be the host venue for the grand finals – thank you.*

*Because of all the extra Grand Finals to be played this season we decided to allocate more matches to venues to create a more exciting atmosphere around Finals time for players and spectators.*

*I attended three Clubs hosting Grand Finals, for our three days of competition, and counted over 1,100 spectators attending those Club venues. Members of my executive committee attended another ten venues hosting Grand Finals and all were pleased with the number of spectators coming along to view the Finals.*

*To date, we have allocated Grand Finals to 27 different Clubs to host them. Our policy is to share around to as many Clubs as possible the opportunity to host the grand finals. We know that most Clubs have a parking problem around their venues, but we will have to live with that.*



*We also thank our Major Sponsor, ECH, who provide us with financial support that goes towards the provision of medals and plaques for every one of our division/section Grand Final winners.*

*Through Bowls SA, we thank Lion Nathan for their support for bowls in South Australia.*

*Our annual Club friendship day, fully funded by the MBA, was held at the Playford Bowling Club in early January of this year. Attendance a little down mainly due to COVID considerations but enjoyed by all the Club teams that came along. Winners were from Prospect Broadview, followed by teams from Modbury and Holdfast. And yes, we are planning to hold the event in January 2023.*

*We had plenty of success from Metropolitan teams and players at the end of the season.*

*Prestige Medley winners of the men's section was won by our Metro West team  
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*State Champion of Champion men's singles won by Nathan Pedersen of Somerton BC.  
State Champion of Champion women's singles won by Laini McGorman of Adelaide BC.*

*State Champion of Champion men's pairs won by James Gregory & Mark Haines of WL.  
State Champion of Champion women's pairs won by Karen Gatto & Jackie Fields of WL.*

*What a finale to the end of a season that probably at it's beginning no one was sure we would get there.*

*In conclusion I would like to remind everyone that all of the members of your Executive Committee and Match and Program committee are volunteers. They are also bowlers that play within our pennant competitions at various division levels. They are keen to see, that under the MBA management that they provide and organize a structure of bowls competition that everyone enjoys playing within.*

*We are always happy to receive from Clubs their suggestions to improve the pennant competitions format. However, we remind all of you to run those suggestions through your own membership first and then, please consider the implications of those suggestions on all of our member Clubs.*

*Thank you*

*Mike Porter  
M.B.A. President*