



# Match Committee Report to the Annual General Meeting

**For the second year, I'd like to thank the match committee, Stephen Mooney and Joe Magazzu, and our coach Darren Christie.**

The 2014-15 season can best be described as a small step forward. We achieved more of our small goals but none of the big ones.

## POSITIVES

On the positive side, we had four sides competing, with few forfeits. And we had three sides that made the finals. That's a record for Albert Park, an achievement we should all be very proud of.

In particular, the thirds were the team that won very few matches in the previous season. So, it's been a big leap forward.

And we had more players again this year with 68 players with 2 or more games who are eligible to vote today including our youngest ever player at 12 years of age.

At this meeting last year, we recommended pushing forward with four teams. It was controversial but that decision has proved right. It allowed players like Wayne and Sue Gill to play as soon as they wanted and this is helping to bring quality players through our ranks.

## DOWNSIDE

On the downside, we didn't win a final. We are now at the point where we are good enough to win finals. The firsts failed at home. The seconds and thirds had to fight away.

This indicates that we are still a little below the standard we aspire to. To improve, we need more practice, more coaching and continuing recruitment.

Like most years there were many team changes. There is only so much that the match committee can do when there are so many people missing for various reasons.

Thank you for your understanding. After all, it might be you who needs a week off and we try to be accommodating.

## THE FUTURE

We have made great strides over the last two years. We are now a highly respected side.

We also have many newish players showing great promise. It's likely that some will play firsts next year if their improvement continues.

However, to do that we need to increase our coaching. Dezzie is an excellent coach. However, I'm in discussions with President Stuart about increasing the amount of coaching for all levels. We have commenced dialogue on various models to add to the existing coaching offered to members.

We mentioned this last year, but didn't add to the coaching and the evidence is clear that for the upcoming season we must deliver this enhanced service to you, our members.

Finally you will vote on match committee members today. The existing match committee has delivered substantial improvements in performance. We strongly urge you to retain the same committee.

However, we have also been searching for a representative of the thirds and fourths for three years. This year Carole has put her hand up. If you should re-elect the existing match committee, Carole will be immediately co-opted to represent those teams as is allowable under the current structure.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you again for the 2014-15 season.

*Mark Solonsch*

## BOWLS VICTORIA 2015-2016 Pennant Season

Commencing in the upcoming 2015-2016 season, on the recommendation of the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Pennant Committee and adoption by the Bowls Victoria Board there are some new and exciting innovative offerings for Pennant Players.



These competitions will assist clubs who struggle to fill their sides and offer a popular 2-bowl-triples alternative for Pennant.

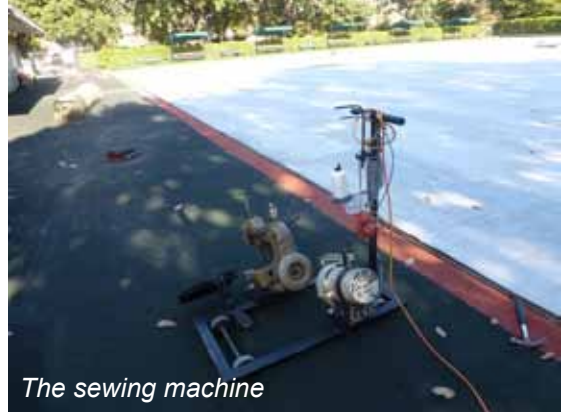
### SATURDAY PENNANT

- Premier Division of 16 players per side (10 points for a win and 2 points per winning rink)
- Divisions of 16 players per side (10 points for a win and 2 points per winning rink)
- **\*NEW** Divisions of 6 players per side playing 2-bowl-triples (10 points for a win and 2 points per winning rink)
- Division (women only) playing 8 players per side (10 points for a win and 2 points per winning rink)

### MIDWEEK PENNANT

- Premier Division of 12 players per side (women only) (10 points for a win and 2 points per winning rink)
- Division of 12 players per side (women only) (10 points for a win and 2 points per winning rink)
- **\*NEW** Divisions of 6 players per side playing 2-bowl-triples (10 points for a win and 2 points per winning rink)
- Open Divisions of players per side (10 points for a win and 2 points per winning rink)
- **\*NEW** Divisions of 12 players per side playing a specific gender configuration (a team of four women play the opposing four women, the team of four men play the opposing team of four men and one mixed team (must be two men and two women) playing the opposing team (also must be two men and two women), the total scores from the three rinks would just be added as normal.
- **\*NEW** Open Divisions of 6 players per side playing 2-bowl-triples.

***\*Naturally these configurations will only get off the ground if there are enough clubs to support them.***



*The sewing machine*



*The carpet*



*and extra seating?*

**GOLD COIN**

On Saturday 23rd May Elsternwick Park Bowling Club welcomed "with open arms" the members of Albert Park who do not play winter pennant but wanted a game. Sally Dobson, Carole and Martin Peltzer, Bev White, Don Mason, Ken Warburton, and our old friend Ian Davies played with Elsternwick Park in their usual winter Saturday Comp. We had a ball. **Many thanks to Elsternwick Park for their welcome and the cake at afternoon tea was great.**

If you are not playing Winter Pennant and would like a game on Saturday while our rink is a construction site, please come to Middle Park, just before 1pm. There will also be a game on at Middle Park at noon on Tuesdays. Please remember flat-soled shoes only, no grooves in the soles, Middle Park are very specific.

Contact: Sally at [sallyd@auc.com.au](mailto:sallyd@auc.com.au) for more information or to be added to the email list.

**If you would like to join in the Winter Pennant contact Scriv: [scrivmail@yahoo.com](mailto:scrivmail@yahoo.com)**