



SBC Newsletter

January 2026



Wednesday Pennant Raffles

Leonie White has been running the raffles on Saturday's and Wednesday's so far this season and we would like to thank Leonie for her support with this important task. Leonie is stepping back from Wednesday's and as such we are implementing a process for members of the Duty Rinks to help with raffle ticket sales during the Wednesday break.

An email with all the details was sent to most Wednesday Pennant players last week. Please check if you are in one of the Duty Rinks selected for each home game and if so, work out between the members on your rink who will take on the job for that day. It normally only takes two people and less than 10 minutes to whip around the room. Chat with your team manager if you need guidance and there will be at least one Board member present every week to help with any queries. There are also instructions in the prize room to get you started. Thank you.

Volunteer of the Year 2024/25

Our new volunteer honour board has been installed in the hallway at the club. Congratulations again to Peter Schapel, last year's Volunteer of the Year, and to those volunteers who were recognised by the Board for their contribution to the club in 2024/25. Their names also appear on our new honour board:

• Nevin Childs	• Andy Squires
• Ken Burgess	• Maureen Laxton
• The Social & Fundraising Committee	
• Loren Sampson	• Rob Walton

Social Bowls and Night Owls

Social Bowls returns this Tuesday, January 6th. Contact Bill Kay or add your name to the list at the club if you'd like a game. Night Owls also re-commences on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night this week.

Are you friendly and outgoing?

Do you like to connect with people and build relationships? Maybe you have a background in business, sales or marketing and can use your skills to communicate with local organisations. Or maybe you just love to have a chat!

We are looking for someone to help us team up with local partners and grow our businesses together. Would you like to make a big impact on the success of our club and help grow our standing in the local community? You'll only need to put aside a few hours a month and you can run your own schedule. If there is more than one of you, we could even form a team to share the load. If you think you have got something to offer, or know someone who does, have a chat with any Board member or drop the secretary a line at paulo5052@gmail.com.

Club Uniforms and Apparel

Yvonne will be taking a short break from the apparel room from January 22nd. If you need any uniform, caps, hats etc while Yvonne is away, please contact Club Secretary, Paul O'Callaghan.

Wednesday Pennant Early Starts and the MBA Heat Policy

Another reminder that for the four Wednesday Pennant rounds in January, games will commence at 10:30 am. Practise from 9:30 am.

If the Heat Policy is instigated however, then games will start at 9:15 am and proceed without a half time break until the temperature reaches 38 degrees. A two end roll up is at 9.00 am, cards drawn at 8.45 am. Please familiarise yourself with the Conditions of Play regarding start times, especially now that hot weather is likely to be a factor. Here is a link to the CoP; metrobowls.com.au/CoP

New Members

This month we welcome Bob Gillen.

Night Owls Bowls

Deb Peake and her Night Owls team regularly do a stocktake of the collection of bowls we use for Night Owls and guest events. They organise all the sets to make it easy for our Night Owls participants to find the right bowls. When we run an external function, this also makes it easy to get matching pairs to and from our guests easily and efficiently.



If you need to borrow a set of bowls for something like practise or a pennant game, make sure you keep Deb in the loop please. Coincidentally, two sets are proving to be pretty popular when it comes to being absent from the cupboard. Here are photos of those sets. Note that the logos are different, and one set is a size 3 the other a size 1.



If you have these in your possession or know where they might be, please let Deb know. Thank you.

Smoking and Vaping Policy

The Board has approved a new Smoking and Vaping Policy. The new version will soon be displayed on the noticeboard at the Club. You may have also noted some changes to the signage around the Club. Please note that smoking and vaping is not permitted within the boundary of the club grounds.

Happy New Year

Wishing all our members, their partners and families all the best for the coming year. Let's hope it's a good one for you all, both on and off the greens.

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