



# SBC Newsletter

## October 2024



### **Metro Bowls Conditions of Play 2024/25, Pennant Sides and Draws**

Conditions of Play for the coming pennant season have been released. Major changes introduced this season include.

- Changes to pre-game/ game start procedures (practice/card draw/ trial ends/game start times) that revert to the procedures used in season 22/23.
- Relaxation of the Opposite Gender eligibility rules.
- Changes to the Combined sides rules.
- Wednesday Triples games will be 27 ends long.
- Saturday Premier League games will be programmed on the same schedule as other Divisions; some programmed Marquee games; resumed games take precedence over any scheduled Friday games

The full Conditions of Play are available here; [MetroBowlsWebsite](#). All pennant players should be familiar with them. If you are expecting to be a Side Manager this season, please ensure you are fully aware of your responsibilities particularly in relation to card draws, and game start times.

Side listings have also been released and are available on the Metro Bowls website. Draws are available on BowlsLink. Our website has been updated with all the season 2024/25 details. A huge thank you to our website team and their helpers for getting this all in place ready for next week.

### **Pennant Information**

While on the subject of pennants, the [PennantsPage](#) on our Club Website has just about all the information you need to know about the Pennant Bowls Season. Have a look around when you can. If you are a new member, feel free to ask one of your teammates if you have any questions about the info on our website, in BowlsLink or on the big screen in the hallway.

### **News from the Fundraising Committee**

**Spring Tournament;** The SBC fundraising subcommittee wishes to thank everyone who made donations that were used for the raffle at our recent spring tournament, the donations were very much appreciated and led to a very successful fund-raising exercise for the club. According to the tournament director Robert Walton, the feedback from attendees was that it was one of the best club raffles that they had seen, well done to all.

We also wish to thank all the volunteers on the day especially those who assisted with the serving of the meals and committee members who put together the prizes and assisted with the raffle , also thank the volunteers who assisted chef Beau in the

kitchen, helping with the washing of the dishes and cleaning, according to Beau our team was one of the best volunteer groups he has worked with, his words were, they worked like a well-oiled machine.

The Fundraising Committee is also progressively selling Giant Square raffles, with cash prizes drawn as each grid is sold. Keep your eye out for the next one and give it a go.

### **Future Club Functions**

We have put up on the notice board a proposed Melbourne Cup Day function flyer. Please put your name down if interested or think it's a good idea, this is just an expression of interest at this stage. If we have enough interest, we will proceed, and details will follow as soon as possible.

- Quiz night on Friday the 15th of November put that one in your diary.
- Our Christmas Cabaret on Friday December 6th, 6.30 for 7.00pm with an entertainer, details to follow.
- The Christmas raffle will be on sale soon, to be drawn at our Christmas Cabaret.

Many thanks to Lynn Jones and the Fundraising Committee for their ongoing efforts.

### **Night Owls**

Our very successful night owls program commences next week. There are still some vacancies available so why not introduce your friends, family or workmates to our great sport. John Paul will be happy to talk to anyone you might know that would like to enter a team, but you need to be quick!

### **Club Championships**

Entries are now open for this year's Club Championships. More details can be found here; [Club Championship Rules.pdf](#) or chat with a member of the championship committee; Dave Kay, Rob Walton and Eric Standley.

### **New Members**

Great to see a big list of new members joining our club this month. A big Somerton Seagulls welcome to.

Nathan Crabbe  
Keith Turner  
Ian Wilson  
Liz Allen  
Andrew Barratt

Grant Mathers  
Graham Wasley  
Ewen Graham  
John Allen  
Lorraine Koch

and welcome back Brett Hurrell and Karen Bowers.

### **One-on-one coaching**

Lynton Modra is available to provide one-on-one coaching for club members. Contact him directly to organise a mutually convenient time for your individual session.

## **Spotlight on our Sponsors**

### ***Phil Hoffmann Travel***

Make a travel booking with Phil Hoffmann Travel and our club will receive a portion of the booking cost as a donation from PHT. Use code SPSOMBC, or just mention you are from Somerton Bowling Club when making your booking. Here are a few words from the team at Phil Hoffmann.

*Hi from Phil Hoffmann Travel!*

*We are proud to continue our sponsorship of the Somerton Park Bowling Club, a partnership we've valued for many years.*

*To support the club, simply mention the club or provide the special code when you visit us, and we'll take care of the rest! Every booking counts, and the club benefits from each one. Feel free to share this with friends and family—if they mention the club or code, their bookings will also contribute to the club.*

*Happy travels!*

*Phil Hoffmann Travel Team*

### ***Jack High Bowls***

The good folk at Jack High Bowl Lawn Bowls Apparel & Accessories have generously donated a voucher for a set of Taylor bowls to our club. The fundraising committee will be running a raffle with this voucher as a major prize. Get your tickets for a chance to win yourself a great set of Taylor bowls. (T's & C's apply).

## **Around the Club – Presentation and Facilities**

If you are a member of a duty rink in home pennant games, please work with your teammates to pack up at the end of the day, including mats, jacks, sunshades and flags. In general, please try to keep our surrounds tidy by disposing of rubbish appropriately (particularly paper cups which have a mind of their own when it's windy!). Bin your bottles and cans, return empties to the bar and pack away any chairs when you are done. Let's all please try to do our bit to present our club in the best way possible for our visiting clubs, guests and fellow club members. Thank you.

## **Club Procedures and Instructions**

Rob Walton has put together a comprehensive set of instructions and procedures for our operational activities. With easy-to-follow steps, pictures and diagrams, these are invaluable if you need to know how to perform a task or use equipment around the club. You can find them neatly bound in two indexed folders on the desk at the top of the board room stairs. Feel free to use them for reference at any time. Many thanks to Rob for the significant amount of time he devoted to putting these together, and all the SME's that provided supporting knowledge and demonstrations.

## Somerton Caps for Sale

We now have cotton caps half mesh at a cost of \$35-00 for sale. They have the Somerton Seagulls logo as well as the BA logo.

- Structured front panel
- Curved visor
- PVC closure
- No eyelets
- Sweatband: 35% cotton 65% polyester
- Side + back panels in mesh fabric
- Fabric: 100% chino cotton twill



## Current Sponsors

Here are the businesses that support our club. Please support them where possible and remember to mention you are from Somerton Bowling Club. We are always looking for businesses who would like to support our club and promote their products and services. If you own a business or if you visit one that can benefit from our promotional opportunities, pass some details onto Deb Peake or Graham Hughes and we'll get in touch.



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