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NEWSLETTER TO ALL CLUBS

A. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

On behalf of the President, Trevor Quilliam, and the Board of Directors of Bowls Tasmania South, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a great and prosperous 2014. Thank you for all your support in 2013 and we look forward to working with you all in 2014.

B. BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTHERN DIRECTOR

Bowls Tasmania South has so far not been able to fill the vacant female Southern Director position on the Bowls Tasmania Board. If anyone is interested in nominating for the BT Women's Director vacancy or would like more information about the position, please contact the BTS Secretary, Rob McGuire, on (03) 6249 1124 or email bowls.south@bigpond.com. BTS can nominate a male Director instead if no females are interested else BT will appoint someone.

C. SMOKING ON THE GREENS

Clubs are reminded that smoking within 20 metres of greens and seating areas beside greens is not permitted during BTS Championships or pennant competitions. The smoke-free area will apply during the games and for the period 30 minutes before and after the competitions. Clubs are responsible for providing designated smoking areas. Clubs will need to make individual rulings depending on their circumstances (i.e. synthetic greens etc.) Where designated smoking areas have been provided at a Club, these areas must be used.

It was apparent last season that not all Clubs in Southern Tasmania were following the new laws. Please note that the new laws provide powers to fine offenders if they smoke in a smoke-free area. Clubs also risk on-the-spot fines or prosecution if they allow a person to smoke in a smoke-free area.

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D. GREEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nominations are invited for two vacancies on the Bowls Tasmania South Green's Advisory Committee. If you are interested or know of anyone that may be interested, please contact the BTS Secretary, Rob McGuire, on (03) 6249 1124 or email bowls.south@bigpond.com.

E. WHEELCHAIR ON THE GREENS

Clubs and members are advised of the current Bowls Australia policy on the authority to use a wheelchair or walking frame on greens.

The large and usually rear tyres (pneumatic or soft rubber slicks) on wheelchairs should have a minimum width of 45mm. Tyres must be smooth "slicks" or inverted tread tyres, for example a standard 'BMX tyre'. The most suitable tyres for the small or front wheels are 200mm x 50mm with a pneumatic tyre or soft rubber slicks. If there are any doubts about tyre tread, as a temporary or precautionary measure, duct tape can be placed over the tyre to provide a smoother surface. In the case of particularly wet greens or other unusual circumstances, consultation and a common sense approach between the wheelchair user and club administrator or greenkeeper is appropriate. To further ensure there is no undue damage to the green, players should ensure a wide circle is taken when turning their chair on the green. The use of an electric wheelchair encompasses the above guidelines and measurements, with the additional consideration of the weight of the chair. This is of particular importance for the care of the surface where the green is wet or experiencing another unusual circumstance.

Walking frames can be used provided the walker does not cause undue damage to the green. To eliminate damage that may be caused to the green, the walker should preferably have wheels of 45mm and pneumatic as applied to wheelchairs or wide wheels that are smooth and without tread. If the walker has feet, each foot must have its own base covered with rubber or similar material. The base should measure at least 76mm across. Players are requested not to sit on their walkers while on the green unless each foot and wheel complies with the specifications above.

If at all possible Clubs should allocate an outside rink to players who use wheelchairs or walking frames to enable them to travel from end to end without going on the rink.

F. SPONSORSHIP OF BTS CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

Clubs and individual players are invited to sponsor a BTS championship trophy. A number of the current BTS championships do not have perpetual trophies for the winners - and BTS would like to correct this. For just \$250 your Club or one of your members can become the sponsor of a BTS championship - with their name attached to the trophy. If you are interested please contact the Secretary of BTS at bowls.south@bigpond.com.

G. BTS SPONSORSHIP 2013-14

BTS is extremely pleased to announce that DJ Motors has again confirmed its sponsorship of BTS for the 2013-14 season. DJ Motors are the "Principal Sponsor of Bowls Tasmania South" with naming rights to the 2013-14 Men's, Men's Midweek and Women's Pennants and the 2013-14 DJ Motors Divisional Fours for Women Championship. All Clubs are required to fly DJ Motors flags whenever Men's Midweek or Saturday Pennant or Women's Thursday Pennant is played at their Clubs. Clubs are also required to put up in a prominent place in their Clubrooms an A4 size framed sponsors sign "DJ Motors proudly sponsoring bowls in Southern Tasmania". DJ Motors has provided corner flags for Clubs and score cards for pennant play. DJ Motors will also provide a \$100 gift voucher on the Hobart Bowls Centre to any registered BTS player who purchases a new vehicle from DJ Motors during the life of the agreement.

RACT has been a sponsor of BTS for many years and has increased its support in 2013-14. RACT will continue to support the DL Reid Women's Singles Championship and has agreed to support the Southern teams in Bowls Tasmania's State-Wide Pennant by sponsoring caps that will be given to all Southern representative players.

Wrest Point has continued its sponsorship by providing additional polo tops and jackets for the Southern teams in Bowls Tasmania's State-Wide Pennant.

Please support our major sponsors for the 2013-14 season.

Rob McGuire
Secretary
Bowls Tasmania South

The logo for "Love this bowls" features the words in a colorful, handwritten-style font. "Love" is in red, "this" is in yellow, and "bowls" is in blue. The letters are slightly overlapping and have a casual, friendly appearance.