

**President Pam Dring** sporting the new Breakers' uniform and a big smile to match the bright shirts. A fresh start to the new year for our revamped club!



This is our first newsletter for the year. In fact it is the first issue of our newsletter ever! **We hope you will enjoy it.**



We have also revamped our website and decorated it with our new colours. You can find our website by googling "Breakers Womens Bowling Club", or by entering [www.wamberalwbc.bowls.com.au](http://www.wamberalwbc.bowls.com.au) in your search box. Do log on and read our news if you can. For those who don't have the internet then this newsletter is for you.



**New Name . . .**  
**New Uniform!**  
 . . . same friendly club  
 "come play lawn bowls with us"

We hope to bring you interesting facts and a little harmless gossip, some laughs and some deep thoughts about our game and our club. All contributions are of course welcome.

Let's start by picking the brains of an old bowler who gives us some advice about Pennants.

1. Remember what day the match is and go to the right club
2. Remember to put your bowls in the car, at least 2 that match
3. Bring a drink bottle, no one will ever know what is in it
4. Pre chalk your bowls so that your opposition thinks you played well last match
5. Before the roll up make a fuss of wiping off the chalk so they don't think you are a skite.
6. Bring a big bag of the skip's favourite lollies in case you don't play well.
7. Have fun most of all!



## Pennants Update

The 2015 Pennants squad is practising every Thursday morning under the guidance of our Selection Committee. Teams will be finalised as soon as can be. It is hoped that we can bring home 2 flags this year as we have entered teams in both Grade 3 and Grade 4. It won't be for want of trying!

A great big thank you to all who have put their names up for selection, it is a big commitment

Our girls will be skipped by Pam Dring, Margaret McCreadie, Carol Allis and Sally Murphy. Loads of experience there and the rest of us will certainly appreciate their guidance throughout the competition.

## Club 4's Championship

Our Club Fours Championship is underway and of course everyone wants to win this prestigious title. First Round is on 20<sup>th</sup> January and our final will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> January. The title defenders are skipped by Margaret McCreadie who will have strong competition from a strong field. Good luck to all teams, may the green and weather be kind to you!

## Australia Day Bowls

Our Men's Club are holding a great Aussie BBQ with Bowls on January 26, 2015. Don't forget to enter you might win a new pair of thongs! At least you will get sausages and onions and a great day of friendship and fun., as long as you can cope with the *wind!* The notice is on the board with all the information you will need to know to have a great Australia Day 2015.





# Rule Changes



## POSITION ON THE MAT

Has been changed (Previously stated that a player should be standing on the mat with one foot fully on the mat)  
7.1 Before delivery a player must be standing on the mat with all or part of at least one foot on the mat. At the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl, the player must have all or part of one foot on or above the mat.

## DEFAULTS

Authority to create a DR to provide for Absentee players in a sides game:

39.2.3 For domestic play, Member National Authorities can approve regulations which are different from those mentioned in law 39.2.2.

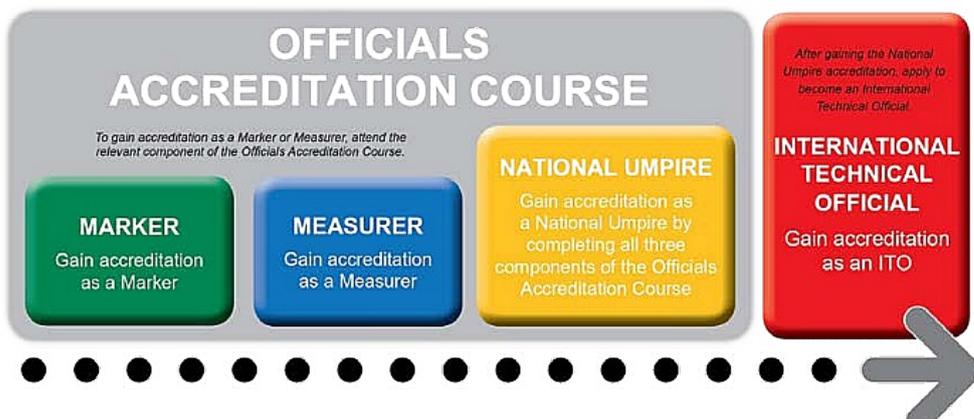
DR has been created that provides for the team with one player short to play less bowls – e.g. in fours play the team short plays 6 bowls (lead, third & skip) against 8 bowls.

## PLAYERS' DUTIES

Authority to create a DR to provide for who keeps the score-card: 40.1.9 For domestic play, Member National Authorities can transfer the skip's duties described in law 40.1.7 to other members of the team. However, they must make sure that the duties are transferred to players whose positions, in order of play, are the same in each team. DR has been created that provides that in fours play the score card is kept by the second of each team.

The Crystal Mark Third Edition of the Laws of the Sport will come into effect from Thursday, January 1, 2015 around Australia.

## New Umpires Course 2015



The current bowls system doesn't meet the minimum standards of the Australian Sports Commission. As a result the proposed changes shown here come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

This accreditation is perfect for participants who would like to become proficient **Markers** with the intentions of performing the role of a marker at club events, zone/district/region events and also national events. **Not compulsory for marking at club level.**

The next module, **Measurer**, is designed to provide support for measurers at club level. The workshop will ensure the participants are working on the green learning and practising measures using all types of approved equipment.

The top national level is aimed at umpires wishing to officiate at club, zone/district/region level and above. **National Umpires** will learn how to use the index of the law book. Classroom and on green scenarios will be conducted to show how to correctly interpret laws. To become a National Umpire you will have to complete the Marker and Measurer components first.

**International Technical Official:** A World Bowls accreditation designed for those wishing to umpire at national and international events and on TV.

### Happy Bowling Everyone

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