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NEWSLETTER TO ALL CLUBS

NEW BTS BOARD:

BTS has a new Board following its Annual General Meeting in May 2015:

President	Peter Kirby
Deputy President	Shirley Hay
Secretary	Rob McGuire
Treasurer	Tony Fulton OAM
Chair, Women's Match Committee	Jan Booth
Chair, Men's Match Committee	Ross Bannister
Umpires Representative	Tony Kerrison
Coaches Representative	Ross Bannister
Elected Members	Ken Copleman (Beltana), Paula Hadley (Howrah), Nicholas Lee (Rosny Park), Ailsa Milburn (Rosny Park)
Executive Assistant	Paul Hoddy

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of Bowls Tasmania South will be held on Monday 21 September 2015 commencing at 1.00 pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club, St John's Avenue, New Town.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider several changes to the BTS Constitution as follows:

- Ratify the existing BTS Constitution as changes made in the past may not all have been done by giving notice that a special resolution was required to change the Constitution.
- Amend Section 17 to limit the Chairman of a meeting to a single vote and not a casting vote as well.
- Adding a new Section 44 requiring Clubs to provide copies of their audited accounts, annual financial reports and annual reports to BTS.

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DELEGATES MEETING

A Delegates Meeting will be on Monday 21 September at the Buckingham Bowls Club, St John's Avenue, New Town immediately following the Special General Meeting at 1pm.

Clubs will be asked to consider and decide on a number of issues regarding pennant for the coming season including:

- Eligibility for B Grade Championships in 2015-16 – Should B Grade be determined to be Division 2 and below – instead of Division 3 and below?
- Women's Thursday Pennant Division 5 – should it remain at 12 players (3 rinks of 4 players) or be changed to nine players (3 rinks of 3 players playing 18 ends).
- Men's Wednesday Midweek Pennant Division 4 – should it remain at 16 players (4 rinks of 4 players) or be changed to 12 players (3 rinks of 4 players).
- Men's Wednesday Midweek Pennant – Current Conditions of Play require that every rink must include a minimum of two players eligible for B Grade events. Should this condition be removed in full or perhaps just be removed for Midweek Division 1?

The BTS Board has agreed that only Clubs affected by these possible changes be allowed to vote on these changes at the Delegates Meeting.

NON-GENDER SPECIFIC SATURDAY PENNANT 2015-16

The BTS Board has considered the results of the BTS Survey and has agreed on the following outcomes for pennant for the 2015-16 season:

- With the majority of clubs and members in favour, non-gender specific Saturday Pennant should continue, however, it will in future be referred to simply as Saturday Pennant.
- A Grade Thursday Pennant Women cannot play in the bottom one third of Saturday Pennant (Division 5 down). The BTS Men's Match Committee will have discretion to consider special or exceptional circumstances to approve the selection of A Grade Women lead and second players for Saturday Pennant who do not meet all the requirements of this condition in lower divisions. Such players should be of a similar standard to the division to which they are seeking to be selected.



- Remove the Challenger League name and simply number divisions accordingly (Premier, Division 1, 2 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 etc.).
- Leave Midweek Pennant basically as is i.e. principally men but allowing opposite gender players in Division 3 and below. All available and eligible men must be selected before any opposite gender player. Opposite gender players will continue to be restricted to one per rink. However, opposite gender players can now play lead, second or third.
- Consider reducing Midweek Division 4 to 3 rinks.
- Consider removing the current A Grade/ B Grade restrictions which apply to Midweek Pennant - either in full or perhaps just for Division 1.
- Leave Women's Thursday Pennant basically as is i.e. principally women but allowing opposite gender players in Division 3 and below. All available and eligible women must be selected before any opposite gender player. Opposite gender players will continue to be restricted to one per rink. However, opposite gender players can now play lead, second or third.
- Consider reducing Women's Thursday Pennant Division 5 to 2 rinks.
- The Conditions of Play Committee is currently re-considering the conditions that have applied to opposite gender players who play in Women's Thursday Pennant i.e. Saturday Division 3 and 4 players are deemed to equate to Women's Division 3, Saturday Division 5 and 6 players are deemed to equate to Women's Division 4 and Challenger League players are deemed to equate to Women's Division 5. Perhaps there should be some regard to the standard of the opposite gender player rather than just the Division they normally play.

FEES:

The following registration, affiliation and championship entry fees will apply for the 2015-16 season:-

1.	Registration fee for adult members	\$67.00
2.	Registration fee for Junior Members	\$33.00
3.	Club Affiliation fee	\$50.00 per team
4.	Championship entry fee (Open and B Grade events)	\$8.00 per player

Registrations and affiliation fees must be lodged with the Secretary by 1 October 2015.

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DATES FOR 2015-16 PENNANT

Saturday Pennant will commence on 10 October 2015. Semi-Finals will be played on Saturday 27 February 2016, Preliminary Finals on Sunday 28 February 2016 and Grand Finals on Saturday 5 March 2016 with a reserve day if required on Sunday 6 March 2016. There are no double-headers during the roster season. The early finals dates have been brought about by the early Easter 2016 with State Pennant Finals being played on 19 and 20 March 2016 to avoid a three week delay between regional pennant finals and the State Pennant Finals due to compulsory breaks required for Easter and the Australian Sides Championships.

Women's Thursday Pennant will commence on 14 October 2016 with Semi-Finals to be played on Thursday 10 March 2016, Preliminary Finals on Tuesday 15 March 2016 and Grand Finals on Thursday 17 March 2016.

Men's Midweek Pennant will commence on Wednesday 15 October 2014 with Semi-Finals to be played on Wednesday 9 March 2016, Preliminary Finals on Wednesday 16 March 2016 and Grand Finals on Wednesday 23 March 2016.

NOMINATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL PENNANT TEAMS:

Clubs should soon know numbers available for pennant for the 2015-16 season and are requested to submit nominations for Women's Division 5, Saturday Pennant - Division 7 (formerly Challenger League) and Men's Midweek Divisions 3 and 4 Tuesday 29 September 2015 at the latest.

If Clubs have already nominated teams for these divisions, it would be appreciated if they could be confirmed or otherwise by Tuesday 29 September 2015. Draws for these divisions will be prepared and circulated to Clubs by Friday 2 October 2015.

Clubs are requested to contact their members to determine who will be playing and where for the 2015-16 season - please do not make a guess and then disrupt rosters by withdrawing teams after the season commences due to lack of players.



VARIATION OF PLAYING TIMES FOR PENNANT:

Following the success of the Friday night Premier league games at the Kingborough Indoor Bowls Centre last season and the return games at various times determined by the host Club, the BTS Board has agreed that the day and time of any pennant match may be varied by mutual consent of participating Clubs and with the approval of the relevant BTS Match Committee. If your Club would like to program one or more pennant games at other than normal times and days you must get agreement from the opposing Club and then from the relevant BTS Match Committee.

BOWLS STICKERS:

New laws apply to the use of bowls stickers for the coming season. Players in team or a side may use bowls stickers that are different in size. The stickers must, however, be the same design and colour and where used must be adhered to both sides of the bowl. On the bias side (the small ring) the stickers may be a small ring and/or the dot. The small ring and/or dot may cover the distinctive mark (engraving) but must not cover the World Bowls stamp or serial number. It is acceptable for one or more members of a side to use a small ring and another use the dot (these are stickers of different size). The stickers used on the bias side of the bowls may be partially trimmed to ensure that the World Bowls Stamp and serial number remain visible. It is acceptable for players to have the rings cut into sections, accommodating the large distinctive mark (engraving) now found on some models of bowls. Further, it is acceptable for only some members of the team/side to have the rings cut into sections. It is not contrary to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls for the stickers used on the non-bias side (i.e. the large ring) to partly cover the distinctive mark (engraving) on the non-bias side. The stickers must be applied to each set of bowls in the same way (from example, if the dot is used on the bias side, it must be used on each of a player's bowls used in that match).

CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORMS:

Entry forms for all BTS Championships have been distributed to Clubs and a copy of the entry forms are available for downloading from the BTS website.

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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS:

BTS Champion of Champions will be played as follows:

- Women's 19, 24 and 26 February 2016.
- Men's 15 - 17 March 2016.

It is requested that Clubs schedule their Singles and Pairs Championships to finish prior to commencement of the BTS Champion of Champions events to enable your Club Champions to participate in the BTS events.

It has been brought to the attention of Bowls Tasmania South that there were a number of players who competed in last season's BTS Men's B Grade Champion of Champion Singles Championships who were not eligible to as they did not meet the eligibility requirements set out in BTS Conditions of Play – in particular players are in-eligible for the BTS B Grade Champion of Champions once they have played four games in the current season in Division 2 or above.

BOWLS TASMANIA EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Bowls Tasmania has advised that the Bowls Tasmania Executive Officer, Steve Tomlin is no longer working with Bowls Tasmania. Both parties agreed to discontinue the relationship. At the Bowls Tasmania Board meeting on 6 July 2015, Rebecca Van Asch was appointed to the position of Executive Officer for a period of three months. During this time the position description will be reviewed and Rebecca's performance appraised.

VALE TREVOR ROACH AM:

Bowls Tasmania South was saddened at the news that Past President of Bowls Australia and Bowls Tasmania Trevor Roach AM passed away on 26 June 2015.

Roach served as Vice President of Bowls Australia in 1999, before taking over the reins as President on October 12, 2000 and continued in this position until the amalgamation in 2002. During this time he was also a delegate to the World Bowls Board, and served as the President of Bowls Australia during the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games.

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

An avid member of Launceston Bowls Club, Roach was the first Tasmanian to be elected to the top position since the open nomination format of elected was introduction.

Roach also served as the President of Tasmanian Bowls Council in 1995-96, resumed this role with Bowls Tasmania from 2006 to 2008, and is one of seven life members of the association.

Roach was recognised for his service in Local Government for a period in excess of 40 years in 2011. As a Councillor, Roach served the West Tamar municipal area for 41 years. He was Warden for the Municipality of Beaconsfield from 1974 to 1990, and Mayor of the West Tamar Council from 1996 to 1998, and also served as Treasurer and Deputy Warden during this time.

Roach was Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Tasmania for two decades from 1981, was a recipient of Paul Harris Rotary Fellowship Award in 1988, and received the Order of Australia A.M. in June 1991 for services to the community.

Bowls Tasmania South passes on its condolences to Trevor Roach's family and friends.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

- a) Wednesday 21 September 2015 – Special General Meeting at 1pm at the Buckingham Bowls Club.
- b) Wednesday 21 September 2015 – Combined Delegates Meeting at the Buckingham Bowls Club following the Special General Meeting.
- c) Tuesday 29 September 2015 - Entries close for Women's Division 5, Saturday Pennant Division 7 and Men's Midweek Divisions 3 and 4.
- d) Thursday 1 October 2015 - Per Capitation fees due and payable.
- e) Wednesday 7 October 2015 - Opening Day at the Howrah Bowls Club

Rob McGuire
Secretary
Bowls Tasmania South

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