



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE NO.11 November 2017

Greetings!

1. Withdrawals and Forfeits.

There have been 7 teams withdrawn and 34 forfeits in the last four weeks. Apart from the problems caused in changing the draw, the forfeits have created considerable disruption and loss of playing time for well over 600 bowlers in the lower divisions. This is an unacceptable situation we must address in the future by changing the nomination process and the releasing of the draws. Several new teams have entered the pennant competition to fill some of the vacancies. Thank you!

While some clubs have underestimated their numbers of players, illness, people on holidays and non-returning players have created problems. Fines have been applied according to the By- Laws.

2. 3 Year Plan.

Early next week we will send a list of topics as a starting point for discussion. We ask clubs to forward their ideas to the MBA to add to the list by 22nd. Dec. We will then circulate a paper to all clubs early in the New Year. **We encourage all clubs to have a representative at the meeting at Marion Bowling Club Sunday 21st Jan 10am so you can have your say.**

3. Marquee Games. Only two games have been applied for in Jan and Feb. We understand we were late in sending out information and the restriction of games after Xmas created problems. This will be fixed in the future.

4. Bowls SA Breakfast. The inaugural Breakfast meeting was held at Payneham this morning. The next one will be Feb 9th. This was a useful meeting to hear from quality speakers on various topics.

5. Hearing Panels. We are looking for approx. 10 people to volunteer to be on Hearing Panels. Some of this work (if required) is likely to occur during the finals by phone. Bowls experience; knowledge of rules and fairness-if you fit the description and you are interested ring me!

Enjoy your bowls!

Ron Mitchell

President.