

## A LETTER FROM THE SELECTORS

Allow us to introduce ourselves to you:

David Steinberg is our chairman and Lindsay Richardson, David Broadfoot and Tom James complete the team.

We are not selecting the Australian test cricket side where players futures and livelihoods are made or broken. What we are aiming to do is produce teams that are competitive at their appropriate level and will enjoy each other's company. In the hope of achieving our aim, we are going to take a new and fresh approach to selection.

We are going to seek input from you the players. Before the season we will meet with each player to seek their thoughts on what they want to get out of playing pennants, the level they think they should be playing at, the position they would like to play and where possible who they would like to play with. So be prepared and please take the opportunity when we make an appointment with you.

Once the season is underway the intention is to make as few changes as possible. Skippers will be asked to take more responsibility for their teams. They will have a say in selection and an influence in the way the team performs. Dropping players from teams should be an absolute last resort. Encouragement, practice, change of position and calling to individual's strengths should be explored first. If players are absent for a week, they should expect to resume their previous position. More than a week they take their chances.

There may be a change as regards Thursday pennants this year. Following a committee review and a submission from the previous Chairman of Selectors, the committee is seriously considering entering just three teams.

The major factor is the travel issue on a Thursday. A few players may be disappointed with this but don't be. The club is planning an exciting Bankers Comp for Thursday afternoons with prize money of up to \$1000. This will accommodate new players not ready for pennants, older players now reluctant to play pennants and hopefully visitors from neighbouring clubs.

Details of the proposed competition are on the board and we invite your comments.

Major change is never easy but please give it due consideration as more of the same doesn't appear to be the answer for any bowling club to survive.

PENNANT TRIALS will commence on the **19<sup>th</sup> of SEPTEMBER** and will be important in team selection.