Newsletter 27th March 2023

Easter roster: At its meeting on Thursday 23rd March, the Committee confirmed the following arrangements for the conclusion of the Easter roster:

- a) The teams that finish 1st and 2nd in the roster will play off in the grand final on Tuesday 4th April. The teams that finish 3rd and 4th will play each other, and the teams that finish 5th and 6th will also play each other.
- b) There will be a presentation to the winners and runners-up immediately after the games finish.
- c) Games for all other divisions will be as normal for the week.

Autumn and Winter Arrangements 2023

- 1 Wednesday and Thursday mornings: play will continue as normal ie, social games will be played.
- 2 <u>Division 2B (Tuesday mornings)</u>, play will continue as normal ie, social games will be played.
- 3 <u>Tuesday morning roster play</u>: (Open to all members)

Because of the number of players who will be absent over the autumn and winter and the difficulty in finding fill in players, the Committee has decided to run two shorter periods of competition.

A short **5-week Autumn Roster** will be played from Tuesday 2nd of May to the 30th of May (including a final). Competition will follow the same general guidelines used in the Easter Roster.

This will be followed by a **Lightning Doubles roster** from Tuesday 6th of June to Tuesday 4th of July. Briefly, the format will consist of:

- i) Four ladies of similar standard in each pool. Each week each player will play with and against each of the other players in the pool. There will be three matches per player.
- ii) Each player is then ranked according to matches won. If there is a tie, players will be ranked according to games won. If there is still a tie, players will be ranked according to points.
- iii) The top ranked player will MOVE to the next pool UP for the following week's games. The two middle ranked players will STAY in the SAME pool for the following week's games. The lowest ranked player will MOVE to the next pool DOWN for the following week's games.
- iv) You must organise your own fill-in. If your fill-in WINS, you STAY in the same pool for the following week. If your fill-in LOSES, you move DOWN for the following week.

How to nominate for playing in the Autumn Roster and/or Lightning roster Note that you only need to complete this form if you want to play or fill in in either or both rosters.

- a) Complete the hard copy form that will be available from Tuesday 28th March and hand to your Div Rep. **OR** fill in the form on line on our website (available shortly).
- b) You can nominate to play in **one** of the above options or **both**.
- c) Entry is open to all players in the Association.
- d) If you are unable to commit to all games in the competition you can nominate as a fill in.
- e) Nominations close on Tuesday 11th April when the Committee will meet to select teams.

Ladies Doubles Carnival

It is proposed that this annual carnival will be played on **Sunday 13th of August 2023**. If you would be willing to be part of the organising committee please let a member of the Committee know. Any help, no matter how small, will be welcome and helps us make this carnival a success.