

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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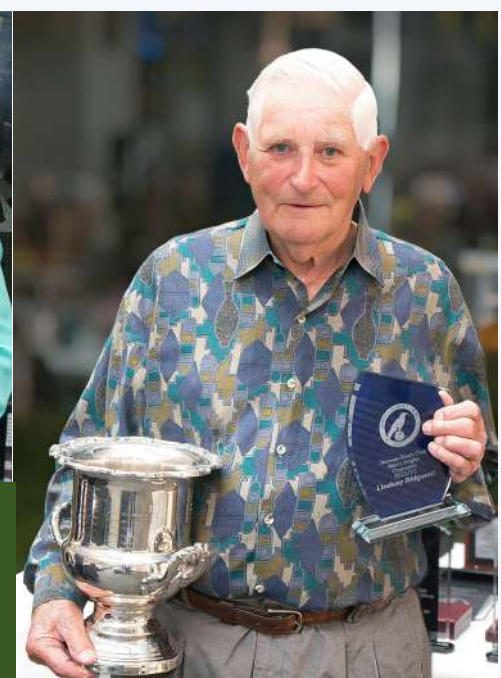
CLUB

PRESENTATION NIGHT

30th March 2023



The Presentation night was enjoyed by celebrating the success for many members winning the Club Championships for 2022/2023. The winners are shown as follows:



The Winner of the Singles

Teresa Bowden & Lindsay Ridgwell

Runners Up

Marilyn Grant (above)

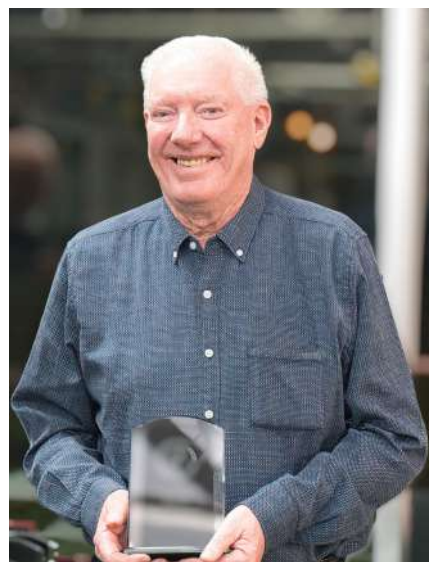
Teresa Bowden (above)

John Poulton (absent)

Lindsay Ridgwell (above)

The Bill & Sheila Scull Perpetual Trophy was presented to **Teresa Bowden**

The Cola Perpetual Trophy was presented to **Lindsay Ridgwell**



The Winner of the Pairs

Marilyn Grant & Leanne Sullivan
(above)

Barry Ferguson (above) &
Neil Dusting (absent)

Runner Up - Pairs

Geoff Smith (above) &
Kelvin McMahon (absent)



Runner Up - Pairs
Jan Meehan & Teresa Bowden



**Minor
Winners**

Kim
Hemburrow
(absent)

Tony
Harley
(right)



Minor Runner Up
Leanne Sullivan (above)

Minor Runner Up
Keith Williams (absent)



**100 UP
Winner**
Leanne Sullivan
(above)
Runner Up
Kim Hemburrow
(absent)

**100 UP
Winner**
Mal Shield
(absent)
Runner Up
Graeme Morrison
(above)



Open Triples – Winner

Lindsay Ridgwell, Jeff Grant, Barry Wilkins (absent)



Open – Mixed Pairs Winner
Les Guiles & Fay Giules



Open Triples – Runner Up
Leanne Sullivan, Dennis Johnson, Jules White



Open – Mixed Pairs Runner Up
Lindsay Ridgwell, Helen Milner



Jim Gibson most improved player Saturday Jan Meehan Tuesday Kim Di Marzo – Margaret & John Pepper most valuable mid-week player John Poulton and Weekend player Barry Ferguson.



1 Our Chairman of the Selection Committee Ray Bridger **2** Ron Preto & **3** Norma Juchno – both winners of the Hamper prize donated from **Marshall White** our major sponsor (left photo)





OUR FANTASTIC COACH FOR 3 YEARS

SCOTT WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR
OUR PRESENTATION NIGHT

OUR COACHING COORDINATOR JEFF GRANT READ THIS
“THANK YOU” FROM SCOTT REES

Sorry I can't be there tonight; hope you are all having a wonderful evening.

Congratulations to all the winners and all the learners. Whenever you win a title it's a wonderful achievement – treasure it, reflect & celebrate, you should. If you were the runner-up, congratulations also, remember you are the learner. Pick up on 1 or 2 things you could have done better, then practice with intent. The learner can become the winner in the blink of an eye.

Thank you for the past 3 years, they have been very enjoyable for me.

Donvale Bowling Club is a great club, made up of friendly and generous people. Thank you to one and all. Just a special mention also to the selectors who volunteer their time and make selections with lots of consideration and thought – not an easy job. Those also on the various bowling committees, the Thursday morning crew with mowers etc, bar tenders, kitchen hands, gardeners, maintenance crew and everyone else who makes this a wonderful, special place.

To the Monday Development Squad Players, thank you for your eagerness to learn and enthusiasm to practice – keep going with that process. You are a great bunch and with that positive attitude I believe you will continue to improve in this great game.

Donvale players – thank you for your fun nature, great conversations, and a determination to give your best on game day – no matter what team you were in, look back and think of those great wins and terrific shots played.

Thank you for those who helped with setting and packing up equipment on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons – much appreciated.

Those of you who came & cheered me on at various regional events – a big Thank you. Your support didn't go unnoticed and was worth shots on the green to me!!

It's been a few years since last having a crack at Premier Division, but I feel it's time for another go – this time with MCC - Wish me well.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello Members

I hope everyone had a great Easter and did not overindulge in the chocolates and buns (like I did).

Our AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 24th May, with the formal notification expected to be sent out very soon. The Management Committee looks forward to reflecting on our successful year and answering all your tough questions. One change that we will be recommending at the AGM is to introduce a new class of membership for Social Bowlers (non-affiliated). A portion of our members do not participate in Pennant, or any events/competitions registered with Bowls Victoria. Our club pays large affiliation fees to Bowls Victoria and Yarra Region for all our playing members, even if they do not play Pennant or in any BV events. Introducing a new class of membership will provide greater choice for our members. The club will save in affiliation fees for members that only play in social games so we would be able to offer a discounted Social Bowlers (non-affiliated) membership to those members. This is type of membership is becoming more common at bowling clubs in Victoria. Further details will be sent with the AGM notice.

You will shortly have available the 2023/24 nomination forms for club committee roles. I once again ask everyone to consider nominating for a position they have an interest in. It is essential for the success of our great club, that we have a solid participation of members who take an active role in the management and running of the club. You will find the roles very rewarding, and they can be tailored to your skills and interests.



Ian Bramstedt
Chairman
Donvale Bowls Club

If regular committee meetings are not your thing, we have many roles that can be on sub-committees that just meet on an ad-hoc basis. Please contact me for further information.

I thank everyone involved in organising our extensive winter bowls program and all the varied social outings. Our club is blessed to have such a band of dedicated volunteers to run these events.

I also take this opportunity on behalf of all members to thank Scott Rees for his great contribution to our club over the last three years. Scott has been an extremely valuable player and impressive coach for our club, The number, quality, and variety of our coaching sessions has been excellent, with Scott being

one of the main drivers of those programs. Unfortunately for Donvale, Scott is leaving our club this year to pursue his goals and playing career at MCC. We wish him all the very best.

On behalf of the Manningham Council, I apologise for the stalled roll-out of the new electronic access to the bowls gate. It seems that the number of members we were trying to add to the Salto KS system was too much for it. At the time of writing the Council and Salto still did not have a fix. The first 130 members who were able to create their log-in should continue to be able to use their phones to open the gate. All others can continue to use their old keys to open the gate. A newsflash will be sent out once we know how the balance of our members can be added to the system.

ASK THE UMPIRE – APRIL 2023



Barry Wilkins
Coach & Umpire

The last match of the season was vital. A win would see Donvale 8 through to the section final. A loss would mean that the side's opponents would make it through instead.

Helpful Herbert's rink had been slow and by the time they started their last end all the other rinks had finished, with the club up on the main scoreboard by 5 shots. It goes without saying that Nasty Norm was Helpful Herbert's opponent.

With his last bowl Nasty Norm moved the jack near to the boundary line and as a result Nasty Norm was holding 6 shots. Helpful Herbert had one bowl left to save the game for the side. Drawing 5th shot would do it.

Instead of playing wide to bring his bowl into the jack, Helpful Herbert played across the rink and after moving the jack a little his bowl became a resting toucher.

Nasty Norm immediately claimed that Helpful Herbert's bowl was out of bounds on the basis it looked "over the line", i.e., over an old line on the green that had once been a centre line. Helpful Herbert didn't agree. They both called "umpire" at the same time, upon which the club's oldest umpire hobbled up clutching the boundary scope. Nasty Norm considered this umpire an old fool and got a laugh from his mates when he asked the umpire whether he had a licence to operate "that thing". The elderly umpire politely replied that he did.

After peering through the scope, the umpire declared Helpful Herbert's bowl to be "out". This caused Nasty Norm to revise his opinion of this umpire and he said, "thanks very much".

The umpire merely continued to peer through the scope and said "the jack is out too. The jack is dead. The end's dead. Replay the end". Nasty Norm immediately yelled "we only asked you to check the bowl and not the jack as well".

"You have heard my decision," said the elderly umpire. Nasty Norm reverted to his former opinion while Helpful Herbert said "thanks".

On the replayed end Nasty Norm scored 4 shots and Donvale 8 went into the section finals with a win by 1 shot. Phew!!!

But was the umpire, right?

Umpire Barry says he was.

Law C27 defines the side boundaries of the rink of play as the imaginary straight line connecting the centres of the boundary pegs on opposite banks that show the limits of the rink of play.

Law 17.1.6 says a bowl is dead if in its original course it comes to rest outside a side boundary even though it may have come to rest in contact with the outside edge of the jack.

Law 19.1.1 says that if a jack is moved by a bowl in play, it is dead if it passes completely outside a side boundary.

Law 40.1.4 says that if a decision reached by the skips is not in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, the umpire must overrule that decision so that it is in line with the Laws.

Law 43.2.5 says that it is among the umpire's duties to decide whether a jack or a bowl is in play or not.

Moral 1 When you call an umpire the umpire must look at every aspect of a situation and apply the Law.

Moral 2 Old chalk lines do not constitute the rink boundaries.

WELFARE SUPPORT

If anyone needs assistance or support in any way, please contact our Welfare Officer VIRGINIA McGUINNESS on 0408 008 434 or vmcguinn@bigpond.net.au

OUR FINAL TWILIGHT BOWLS NIGHT

MORE MEMBERS THAN EVER - WITH EASTER PRIZES

29th MARCH



Our very special Anna Brady designed and built these Easter Prizes
with the following winners: **Ross**, thank you for your great photos

Our Special
Easter Bunnies
in our kitchen



Fred Stuart
with Anna



Peter Hendersor
with Leanne

John Blake
with Anna



Jim Thompson
with Leanne



Jo Robotham

CLUB SPONSORSHIP

Your sponsorship Think Tank is still working hard to identify new opportunities for businesses or individuals to sponsor our Club. Last month I mentioned the likelihood of Rami Jurdi of RJ Legal becoming a valuable sponsor. Rob Fairweather confirmed this week that he is meeting with Rami a few days after our Easter break to finalize sponsorship arrangements which is good news.

On mentioning the success with Rami to our chairman, Ian suggested that, with this sponsorship in place, it would enable the Club to achieve budget for sponsorships this year. However, the Think Tank members believe we could and should achieve better than budget despite a difficult year.

With the support of Leanne Sullivan, we recently made a submission to the Cherry Hill Hotel, but they declined, but indicated their intention to offer meal vouchers for raffle purposes which is appreciated. We recently received a sponsorship interest from a leading Real Estate agent. We have considered the matter and will decline the offer as we already have Marshall White as a major sponsor. Such a decision enables us to avoid any conflict of interest in relation to sponsorships.

Finally, we are pleased to advise that Marshall White have booked our clubrooms this month for a corporate function to include lunch followed by a barefoot bowls session. We are grateful to Mal and Jan Shield for offering to prepare lunch for these guests.



David Bill
Chairperson "Think
Tank"
Sponsorship

KNIFE SHARPENING

Knives, scissors, shears, tools sharpened

REPAIRS

Bowls bag handles, lifters etc repaired

Contact David Mattiazzo

Mobile: 0428 101 404

David kindly donates the funds from the above to the Hamper Raffles

NON-PENNANT & SOCIAL EVENTS

With pennant bowls in recess and winter weather approaching, our committee members are taking the chance to have a slight breather from the hectic pace of events that we have managed over the past 6 months.

The standout highlights for us and the club was probably the success of our Wednesday night twilight bowls. With regular attendances of over 40 players, special thanks go to all those members who helped make this event happen so well throughout the season.

54 players attended the "Easter Special Night" which featured a delicious dinner menu prepared by Jan and her kitchen helpers and the Easter Hamper Raffle prepared by Anna Brady. Well done to all involved.



Brian Roberts
President
Non-Pennant &
Social Events

The Sunday morning winter bowls competition is now being held and will continue over the winter months. Players are asked to be at the club by 10:45am for 11am start of play. Participants are asked to use sign-up sheets at the club, or to contact John Chandler (mobile 0448 005 662) for details.

All members are invited to join our group for a guided tour of the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Australian Sports Museum, which will start at 11am on Thursday 18th May. Sign-up sheet is now on display at the club. Pre-payment of \$30 (special price for seniors) is required by Monday 5th May and can be made by direct payment to the following Donvale Bowls club bank account: BSB 633-000 Account 1361 87127) - please include your *Surname* and reference *MCC tour*. Alternative cash payment can be made to John Chandler who is our nominated tour leader.

Our planned "Night at the Theatre" for June 15th is now fully booked with Virginia reporting that nearly 40 members are looking forward to being "all shook up". For those that wish to have a pre-show drink and dinner at the Ringwood Club please advise Virginia or Anna Brady to confirm your booking and details. Keep on rolling.

NEW CHAIR COVERS - THANKS TO EVERYONE

A huge thankyou to all those who attended a couple of working bees earlier in March. Our clubhouse chairs were starting to delaminate and look terrible. A small group of very helpful club volunteers disassembled and installed 120 covers onto the chairs.

We have had many comments on how much better the chairs now look. Hopefully, this has extended the life of the chairs by a few years and deferred a major capital expenditure for both the Bowls and Hockey clubs. Well done - to all our club volunteers.



TERESA BOWDEN - OUR CLUB MEMBER

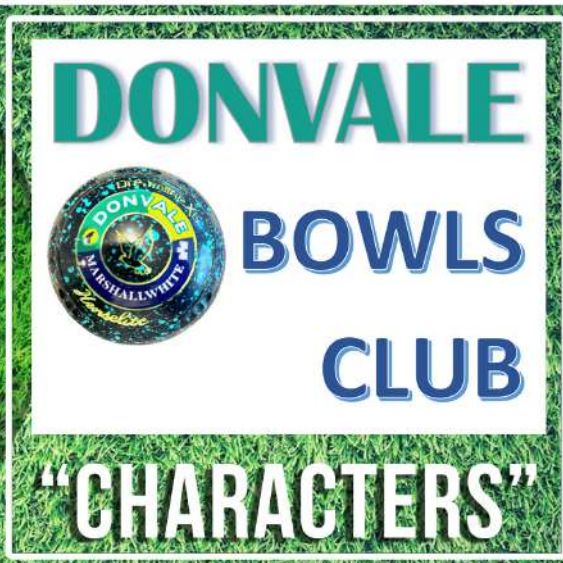
Ron Short from Vermont South Bowling Club and Teresa played on the 25th of March in the **Vic Open 2023 Mixed Pairs Supporter Event** at Warragul Bowling Club.

The Vic Open 2023 winner won 3 games and Teresa and Ron lost to them but won the other 2 games with a large margin. They were runners-up and won some prize money. Well done to our club member Teresa Bowden.





HELEN MILNER



Donvale Bowls Club is indeed indebted and beholden to many of our beloved characters which define and distinguish it.

One such character at Donvale is Helen Milner. A brief insight into Helen's working life, her involvement at Donvale Bowls Club, and the successful experiences it provided.

With her twin sister Ruth, she attended East Kew Primary School, then on to East Camberwell Girls School, (later known as Canterbury Girls Secondary School).

Finally graduating with Dip. Physiotherapy in 1965, commencing work at Royal Children's Hospital in February 1966.

In 1967 she transferred to Yooralla Carlton as Senior Physiotherapist.

During this period, she worked at Yea and Alexandra Hospitals (thanks to her father who believed that you always put more into the community than you took out).

At the same time her parents had bought a farm at Strath Creek and the local GP mentioned they needed a Physio. Perfect timing for Helen.

She discovered life on a farm involves hard work and long hours, at the end of her Physio shift she would help her parents building the cattle yards, general farm duties, including the odd mishaps while drenching sheep.

In 1968 she travelled to Canada, working in Galt Ontario for 2 years, once again during shifts enjoying great skiing opportunities.

In 1970 she returned to Melbourne for Christmas, working for Scope (formerly known as Spastic Society of Victoria). During this period, she raised three children, Bronwyn, Tamara, and Zoe.

Locums for Yooralla Balwyn, and Scope. Conducted a private practice (part time) 1976-2000 Health Department (part time) 1976-2014 same role, many changes arose, dependent on which political party was in power.

A good deal of her work with the Health Department consisting mainly with premature babies and infants with movement difficulties.

1993 returning to full time work.

Outside of her successful and demanding professional life she found time to follow her father's advice ("giving to the community more than you take out").

Treasurer of local Girl Guides
Life member of Warrandyte Tennis Club
Past President Warrandyte Netball Club
And more recent, a valued and committed member of the Donvale Bowls Club.

On the front foot when a job or role at the club needs to be addressed.

A pivotal role "where angels fear to tread" the Selection Committee.

"Helen, we value and appreciate, your input your company, and your contribution to our club".

This DBC article was published by our sponsor

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At Yarra Valley Races 3rd April

But there was a wet-spot, and the races were cancelled?



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