

Members Newsletter

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Newsletter of Donvale Bowls Club
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Club Champions

Congratulations to our

2023/2024

Singles Champions

Helen Milner

&

Dennis Johnson

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COMING UP:

APRIL

- Sunday 2-4-2
- Tuesday 2-4-2
- Wednesday Scroungers
- Saturday Triples

MAY

- Race meeting and lunch at Yarra Valley Races

JUNE

- AGM
- Theatre Outing at The Round



Championship Report

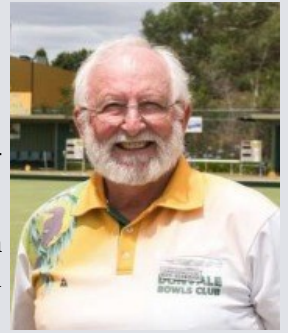
Presentation Night

Sixty Four people attended Presentation Night which was held at the Manningham Club in Bulleen. I believe this was a successful and enjoyable night.

We had special guests from Marshall White - Brenton Linmeiers and his colleague Lauren Scinetti, also Maureen Henderson and her daughter Nicki who attended for the inaugural presentation of the 'Bernie Henderson—Weekend Most Improved Player Shield'.

I would especially like to thank Robyn Ham for organising this event.

Our Foundation Member:- Ross Taylor attended on the night and I thank him for being our Photographer for the evening.



Trophies presented on the night were:

B & S Scull Perpetual Trophy, Singles 2023/24: *Winner* - Helen Milner, *R/U* - Fay Giules

Women's Pairs Champions 2023/24: *Winner* - Jan Meehan / Helen Milner, *R/U* - Marilyn Grant / Leanne Sullivan

Women's Minor Champion 2023/24: *Winner* - Robyn Ham, *R/U* - Jill Simpson

Women's 100 Up Handicap 2023/24: *Winner* - Jan Meehan, *R/U* - Leanne Sullivan

Coia Perpetual Trophy, Singles 2023/24: *Winner* – Dennis Johnson, *R/U* - John Poulton

Men's Pairs Champions 2023/24: *Winner* - Ian Heap / Dennis Johnson, *R/U* - Ritto Bettiol / Jeff Grant

Men's Minors Champion 2023/24: *Winner* - Keith Williams, *R/U* - Kim DiMarzio

Men's 100 Up Handicap 2023/24: *Winner* - Wally Cerato, *R/U* - Graeme Chandler

Mixed Pairs 2023/24: *Winner* - Fay Giules / Les Giules, *R/U* - Jan Meehan / Michael Meehan

Open Triples 2023/24: *Winner* – Rob Fairweather / Terry Cooper / John Poulton,

R/U - Ritto Bettiol / David Mattiazzo / Kelvin McMahon

Margaret Pepper Shield: Midweek Pennant, Most Valuable Player 2023/24: Fay Giules

John Pepper Shield: Weekend Pennant, Most Valuable Player 2023/24: John Poulton

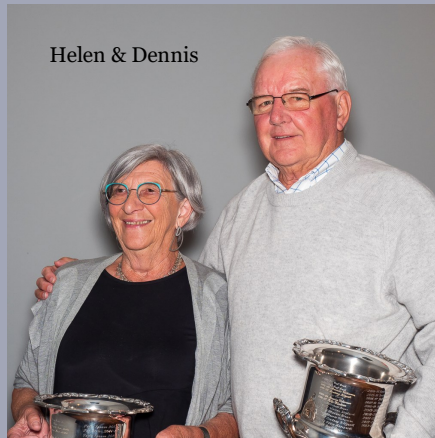
Jim Gibson Shield: Midweek Pennant, Most Improved Player 2023/24: Graeme Chandler

Bernie Henderson Memorial Shield—Weekend Pennant Most Improved Player 2023/24: Steve Varney

Presentation Night



Maureen, Nicki & Peter



Helen & Dennis



Dennis & Ian



Jan



Robyn



Wally



Graeme



Keith



Congratulations from Wally



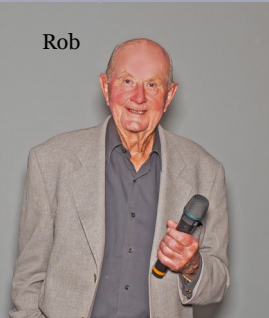
Fay



Jan & Helen



Fay & Les



Rob



Visit our Website for more Presentation Night Photos



Barry Ferguson
Head Coach

COACHING NEWS - MAY 2024

It's exciting to have the opportunity to return to Donvale as the Head Coach and I look forward to contributing to everyone's development and assisting the Club achieve great results on the green next pennant season.

Winter is a good time to review your performance from last season together with your technical skills. To help you with this I have scheduled coaching sessions on Thursday 2 May, Thursday 9 May and Thursday 16 May between 10.00am and 12 Midday. Everyone is welcome.

Over the season I hope to contribute to the club's monthly newsletter tips on various techniques, practice regimes, tactical awareness, and game plan opportunities together with updates on progress towards our goals.

I have already reviewed the team performances from last season and in conjunction with Club selectors will be setting goals for the season ahead for both teams and individuals. The goals will be both challenging and rewarding.

I have taken the opportunity to include an overview of our training schedule to commence in late August.

COACHING & TRAINING PROGRAM 2024 – 2025

Head Coach to meet with accredited club coaches and involve them in program as appropriate.

MONDAY WEEKLY – 10:00AM TO 12:00PM

Development Group as selected by Club Selection Committee/ Club Coaches.

Goal to improve participants skills and mental approach to game to enable them to maximise their potential.

Skills improvement drills structured to reflect performance improvement needs.

THURSDAY WEEKLY

Overview

Structured pennant training for all pennant players in selected sides where possible. Concentration will be on team games including strong focus on game plans and tactics in a structured game situation.

We will cover the following:

Game Sense, Head Building, Tactics when leading/when losing, practise and modify/perfect game plans, team rules, individual roles in success of team and many others.

For this to be successful we need commitment from all players to attend training at the times allocated for their side. I understand not everyone is able to do so owing to personal issues such as work, health etc., however, if we can get the majority there each session that will bring great benefits to the club on field. We will, of course, provide for those who can't attend at the allocated times.

Mornings – 10.00am – 12.00pm (dependant on numbers wishing to attend)

Pennant coaching for all midweek pennant players and weekend pennant players in sides 3 and below together with those who are unable to attend Thursday afternoon training.

10.00am -11.00am - Skills activities including repetitive drills and/or circuit training

11.00am – 12.00pm – Structured games including tactics and game plan implementation

Selected Side 2, 3.30pm to 4.45pm

3.30pm – Practical skills exercises using drills circuit.

4. 15pm. – Match practice in selected sides working on above-mentioned skills and tactics together with decision making exercises.

Selected Side 1, 5.00pm to 6.30pm

5.00pm – 5.45pm Practical skills exercises using appropriate drills circuit.

5.45pm – 6.30pm – Structured games in selected sides to concentrate on practical application of game plans, decision making and strategies.

Note! Allowance to be made for those members still in the workforce!

COACHING NEWS - MAY 2024 (CONT.)

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY WEEKLY

10.00AM onwards

New bowler training to be conducted by Brian Dunn. Head Coach to have input as appropriate.

ARM BOWLERS

Utilise experienced arm bowling coaches Barry Wilkins, Maurie Vickerman and Brian Dunn as needed.

THURSDAY PERIODICALLY

6.00PM – 7.00PM

Power Point / White Board presentation/discussion with Head Coach on various topics

Barbecue/sausage sizzle/Dim Sims/ Pie Night

Opportunity to invite high profile bowlers/coaches to address group and provide information on high performance activities and how they may be implemented at Club level.

SUNDAY CLINICS

10.00am to 12.00pm

Head coach to run two to three clinics throughout the season to cover a variety of topics with development of the groups skills and understanding of tactics in pennant competition together with the importance of mental application to the game.

This month's tip for better bowls!

“Focus on the process – NOT the outcome”.

REMEMBER! everything that is going to happen starts and finishes from the MAT!

Barry Ferguson
Head Coach



SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

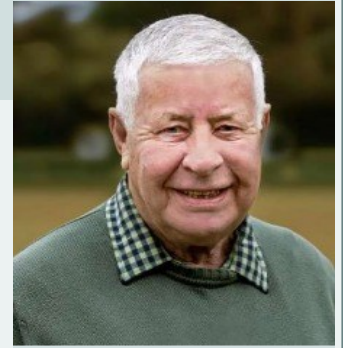
Our final Twilight for the season on 27th March was a huge success. Anna Brady kindly donated Hampers for our raffle, the 'Donvale Club Band' as usual had the crowd up and dancing particularly when Graeme Morrison helped the band sing "Sweet Caroline". The numbers grew to some 85 in attendance; how Anna and the crew in the kitchen managed to feed everyone was amazing. A special thank-you to all who helped on the night. Also thanks to Ross Taylor for taking numerous photos on the night.

Another great day was enjoyed by all who attended our "Autumn Luncheon" at the Templestowe Hotel. Some 40 members attended for a chat and an enjoyable meal. Congratulations to Homi Burjoree who won the lucky door prize of a \$100 meal-voucher, that was kindly donated by the Templestowe Hotel.

A thank-you to Kay Chandler for organising the day.

Our next function is on Monday, 13th May for a day out with a two course luncheon at the Race Meeting at Yarra Valley, the cost is \$38 each for entry, race-book and lunch. The sign up book is in the shed and the numbers to date are pleasing.

On the 13th June we have booked seats to see "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" at the new The Round Theatre in Nunawading, tickets are \$50 each. We already have some 20+ names in the sign-up book in the shed ,so please put your name down ASAP so we can finalise ticketing. Finally again thank-you to all our members who are supporting our club functions.



John Chandler
President
Non-Pennant & Social Events

Autumn Luncheon



WELFARE SUPPORT

If anyone needs assistance or support in any way, please contact our Welfare Officer

KAY CHANDLER on 0412 732 428 or
kayc44@optusnet.com.au

Twilight Easter Function



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Ian Bramstedt
Chairman

Hello Members

It is an exciting time for our club as we eagerly anticipate the bequest from the estate of Bruce Hallman. Expected in May, this substantial endowment heralds a rare opportunity to pursue a significant upgrade of our facilities. Among the proposed enhancements lies the possibility of a covered front green. A dome promises to unlock the full potential of our beloved sport for the Manningham community, and ensure sustained growth in our sports diverse social and health benefits for current and future generations. It would place our club and bowls on the map in the North/Eastern suburbs. Should the vision of a covered green not materialize, fear not, for we are poised to recommence the project to install a state-of-the-art synthetic surface with lights, directly in front of our clubhouse and Alfresco area.

As we navigate this exciting chapter in our club's evolution, it's imperative to cast our gaze towards other integral facets of our organization, notably our constitution, uniform, and logo.

Our current constitution is not compliant with the Model Rules of the Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023. With the help of Grant Purdy and Frank Smit, a new constitution is being prepared for our club. Initially they attempted to align our existing constitution to the Model Rules. It was then agreed that a better approach was to start with the Model Rules and modify those to suit the specifics of our bowling club. They are making good progress, and a draft should be available for member scrutiny and then a vote over the next few months. Our heartfelt gratitude extends to Grant and Frank for their dedication with this task.

The discussion surrounding the rejuvenation of our club's uniform is gaining momentum. Like many other members, I believe that our uniform needs to be refreshed, in terms of a modern look and better material. However, let us tread this path with care, mindful that preferences in design and colours for uniforms are very subjective, and often elicits strong views for and against change. It is also something that should not be looked at in isolation. A change in design and colour must be considered in conjunction with our identity, heritage, values, location, local culture, and trends in our sport. The new uniform needs to align with any new logo design, and what our envisioned club branding represents. A small group is coming together to kick off this project. **Please contact me if any member has a strong interest and/or relevant experience to help with this creative process.** Of course, members opinions and feedback will be crucial in determining the direction we go, and what the process and cost would be to roll out the new uniform. Once again, it is a good time for our club to consider this change.

In tandem with these endeavors, our club's continued growth and success hinge upon the strength and diversity of our Management Committee. While our current team deserves commendation for their stellar stewardship, the call for fresh perspectives and extra support resounds louder than ever. There are opportunities for members to contribute their expertise and enthusiasm in several roles, including membership, vice-chairman, media (newsletters/newsflashes/Facebook), assistant-treasury, assistant-secretarial and general committee. I implore each of you to consider nominating for a role, which can be tailored to your skills, interests, and availability, prior to the next AGM in June.

One of our members said to me recently they enjoy our winter bowls program more than the Summer program. I can understand that sentiment (even though I normally head North for a few months during the chill of Melbourne's Winter). Our winter program provides warmth and camaraderie with a variety of organised bowling opportunities on five days of the week. Many members enjoy the more relaxed and social aspects of winter, compared to the slightly more intense summer program of Pennant, training, club championships and competitions. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and talented group of volunteers who provide such extensive programs, for Summer, and Winter.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (cont.)

In our last Management Committee meeting we enthusiastically endorsed the appointment of Barry Ferguson, as our Head Coach for the coming season. On behalf of all members of Donvale, I want to express our excitement in welcoming Barry back. His return and appointment as Head Coach brings a renewed sense of enthusiasm and optimism for the upcoming season. Barry's experience and passion for the sport are evident, and we are confident that under his guidance, our players will continue to grow and excel. We appreciate the effort Barry has already put in, including crafting a comprehensive coaching and training program, reviewing our last season team performances, organizing pre-season open training sessions, and contributing to our monthly newsletter. And, as a bonus, we also welcome Sue Ferguson back .

Recently, it seems that I have been lodging a steady stream of complaints and suggestions to the Manningham Council. I do thank the council in most cases for their fast and efficient responses. They have recently repainted most of the car park lines including new directional arrows, sprayed the Blackberries in the bush adjacent to our greens, pruned the trees on East side of synthetic green, and a contractor has commenced installing a new keypad to make it easier for our members to unlock the gate. They will also arrange to fix the tripping hazard in the path leading up to the gate. In the meantime, Gary Brady has sprayed the uneven pavement as a warning. Please watch your step when walking up to the gate.

On Sunday 21st April Donvale played at Templestowe in the annual Manningham Mayoral Challenge, involving the four Clubs in Manningham, Greythorn, Doncaster, Donvale, and Templestowe. Each club enters two teams comprised of two male and two female current committee members. Our teams did well, being the only club to win three out of four games, but Templestowe won the event based on overall shots-up. This is an important event for Manningham bowls clubs as it promotes bowls and the friendliness of our Clubs to the council. It is also a great opportunity to talk to committee members from other clubs. The Manningham council hold the event in high regard, and it was attended by two current councillors as well as the Mayor.

The club is indebted to Jan Meehan and Leanne Sullivan for their significant contribution in producing our newsletters. Our club newsletters, over an extended period, have been of a very high standard and frequency, which is challenging to maintain. Even more so with the recent passing of Ewan Simpson. We sincerely thank Jan and Leanne for their hard work and creativity to continue the high standard.





Mal Shield
Major Projects
Coordinator

Mal's Major Projects Report

Front green

The council has updated us on the progress of possible amendments to the Sports Infrastructure & Allocation Policy. We need that policy changed to allow for council funding of a canopy for bowling clubs. Then we need the council to approve a change in the current budget for our synthetic green project, to be expanded to include a canopy. So still a way to go, as follows:

- The councilors and Officers have already had a briefing meeting to discuss the policy.
- The officers are now preparing a draft policy for the councilors to endorse in their next briefing meeting to be held on 7th May.
- A draft policy will be made public for community consultation from 31st May until the 29th June. It will be important for our club and the community to give support for the policy to cater for canopies at bowling clubs.
- After community consultation the council will review the policy again prior to final approval at a monthly council meeting. So, if the first draft policy does not allow for canopies, there is still a chance (probably small) that canopies may be allowed for in the final draft.
- If the policy is amended to include canopies, we will make a submission to the council to increase the scope and budget of our current synthetic green project, to include a canopy.
- If the budget for a canopy is approved, the design and tender documents will need to be amended.
- At any stage, if the club agrees that the policy amendment and/or revised budget allocation is not approved, or is not likely to be approved, within an acceptable timeframe, we will immediately restart the synthetic green project (which is currently on hold and ready to issue for tenders).

The council has provided an estimate for the cost of the green replacement and lighting, which is much higher than we expected. We have therefore requested the council to consider changes to the specifications to reduce the overall cost. One area is the civil works which provide for extensive drainage works which are more than synthetic green contractors say is necessary. The other area is the electric power for the lighting, which we believe can be routed more efficiently to our existing switchboard. We intend to install LED lighting on the back and front greens, which will reduce the power requirements to below what we currently use on the back green only.

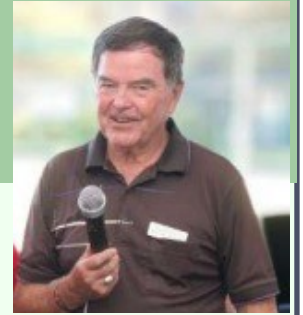
If we proceed with a canopy the drainage works for the front green will be much less extensive. Lighting will also be provided within the canopy, so lighting towers will not be required.

Back Green Toilet

My next project to start planning is a toilet for the back green.

Around the Rinks

with Michael Meehan



Keep your eyes peeled as you may see some familiar faces back at the Club:

- Pat O'Meara's health is improving and she hopes to be able to return to bowling soon.
- As you know Barry and Sue Ferguson have returned, with Barry taking up the Head Coaching role.
- John Szwaj is also now able to return.

We are looking forward to seeing you all 'Around the Rinks' again. **Welcome back!**

Our website is a great source of information, check it out for:

- The Events Calendar
- Information on Social Events and Social Bowls
- Photos of recent events



CHEESE AND CHARCUTERIE BOARDS

Ritto Bettiol has a range of beautiful hand-made wooden serving boards for sale.

Ritto has kindly offered to donate \$10 from each sale to support our club. If you are interested in purchasing a board please call **Ritto on: 0425 745 759.**



WARRANTYTE COMMUNITY MARKET CAR PARKING

What a fantastic money spinner for our Club! The Market is held 12 times a year (2 in Dec and no market in Jan) and our team of Michael Meehan, Gerry Kearney and Ray Heller assist with allocation of parking from 8am to 10 am on the 1st Saturday of the month. We receive \$2 per car and this month in April, we raised \$160.25 ! The 25c must have been a tip for good service 😊😊. Well done !!

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Another new fundraiser for our Club although I sense sometimes a little frustration at the on/off availability of the recycle machine 🗑️ but early days. Well done John Caruso for leading this activity which will be a great money spinner for our club. I am sure John would be pleased to hear from members with some spare time to assist.

50/50 CLUB

The 50/50 Club again is a great fundraiser for the club. One can feel the anticipation building as Sheldon arrives with his lottery barrel.

Sheldon will continue to draw winners at the end of each month, unless advised otherwise this will occur after one of our winter bowls days . Good luck to everyone who is a member of this club!

TRADING TABLE

Barb and Norma have now disassembled the Trading Table until we take over the clubhouse again in October however books are still available for purchase and Barb still has a few items of “as new” uniforms for sale. Please contact Barb if you are interested.

COMMUNITY MONSTER RAFFLE

The Manningham Community Monster Raffle is again being held this year and we have ordered 200 books to sell. For every \$2 ticket sold the Club makes \$1.50! Katie Taubert did a fantastic job running this activity last year and has offered to do so again this year. More information to follow.

Great job Katie !!

If anyone has any fundraising ideas to share please contact me. Maybe DBC stickers for rear car windows, DBC towels? Any ideas welcome.

Anna Brady



Anna Brady

Vice-President -
Fundraising
Co-ordinator

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

Ask the Umpire



Nasty Norm picked up the jack which his lead had rolled and centred it. The jack was about 300mm beyond the 21 metre mark on the bank.

Nasty Norm then called out to his lead “where’s the mat?” “On the T” was the reply.

Having heard this conversation Helpful Herbert was happy with the position of the jack and the end proceeded.

When Helpful Herbert and Nasty Norm walked to the mat end to deliver their bowls. Helpful Herbert didn’t like what he saw. He was 5 down at the head and discovered that the mat’s rear end was on the T, not the front end, which meant that the mat line was 600mm up the green. The jack was short!

Helpful Herbert immediately told Nasty Norm in no uncertain terms that the jack was short and the end was therefore dead. Nasty Norm replied to the effect that this was rubbish and that it was too late to complain about a short jack.

Helpful Herbert yelled “umpire” whereupon the club’s newest umpire ran up. She had made a study of the Laws and Domestic Regulations and without hesitation told Helpful Herbert that Nasty Norm was right.

Why ASK THE UMPIRE when you can BE AN UMPIRE?

The club is always on the lookout for new umpires so why not give it a go? If you are interested, please speak to Ken Eldridge. The training and exams are not onerous, you will learn new skills and help your club. All the club’s present umpires will have no hesitation in helping you both before and after you qualify.

Was the umpire right? Umpire Barry says she was. Law 9.7 says that after the first bowl has been delivered no one has the right to challenge the legality of the original position of the jack.

Note:

- The jack is improperly delivered if it comes to rest less than 21 metres from the mat line, ie. the front edge of the mat (Law 10.1.3 as modified by Domestic Regulation 1.3)
- The mark on the bank is 21 metres from the 2 metre mark. Therefore for the jack to be the required distance of 21 metres, the mat line must be on the 2 metre mark.
- If the mat is one mat length up the green, the mat line is therefore 600mm up the green. The rolled jack must therefore be at least 600mm past the 21 metre mark in these circumstances.
- The further up the green you take the mat, the rolled jack must be at least the same distance past the 21 metre mark.
- If, in a game, you feel the jack is short, ask the umpire to measure it.
- The whole of the jack as measured must be at least 21 metres from the mat line. A fraction less than 21 metres means a short jack.

SOCIAL BOWLS CALENDAR

APRIL TO SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 2-4-2 PAIRS

Time 12:00 noon for 12:30 pm *start*

Contact: Peter Hanslow ph: 0433 879 844

WEDNESDAY WINTER SCROUNGERS

Time 10:30 am for 10:45 am start

Pies and sausage rolls available for purchase at lunch break

Contact: Ron Pretto ph: 0412 071 212

SATURDAY WINTER BOWLS

Time 11:30 am for 11:45 start

Pies, sausage rolls and dim sims available for purchase after game

Contact: Ron Pretto ph: 0412 071 212

SUNDAY 2-4-2 Pairs

Time 10.45am for 11.00

Free Sausage sizzle after game

Contact: John Chandler ph: 0448 005 662

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