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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



James Bonthorne
Chairman Donvale
Bowls Club

Well, 2020 is finally coming to an end. I am sure all of us will be pleased to see the back of it and are looking forward to 2021 in the hope that it is better than this year has been.

Despite all the problems associated with 2020, a lot has happened in the Club. For the first time since the 2014/5 season our Division 3 Weekend Pennant team were the Section winners and for the first time since the 2015/6 season our Division 3 Midweek Pennant team were the Section winners.

So, despite the problems, we have overall had a successful year and are looking forward to the same happening in 2021.

Donvale's success is due in no small part to our volunteers. There are many things they do for our club which ensures we can offer lots of good facilities to our members. Whilst some of these jobs are obvious others are not so obvious. But never-the-less they contribute a lot to the Club.

Have you ever thought who mows the lawns, who marks the greens, who maintains the gardens etc. etc. etc. So, on behalf of all Club members, I would like to thank all the volunteers for their great contribution to the wellbeing of the Club. How about next year when we see a volunteer, we just say thank you to them.

I hope all of you have a good Christmas and a happy and healthy 2021.

Go Donvale!

James Bonthorne

After many years of discussion with the Council, we finally got the go ahead to have our kitchen upgraded and a new veranda, constructed overlooking the grass green. This work was supposed to start in December this year, but it meant we would have lost access to the grass green for 3 to 6 months which was not acceptable to us. So, we got it changed to start in April 2021.

A new and exciting coaching system has been introduced. We believe this is a first for any bowls club as we now have 3 senior coaches and coaching sessions available on most days of the week.

Our relationship with the council is extremely good and this has meant that we have been able to legally offer to our members more bowls during the COVID-19 period than most other Bowls Clubs in the area.

PENNANT & CHAMPIONSHIP - REPORT



David Bill

President

P & C - Committee

After an extremely difficult year for all Club members, we are very pleased to get our pennant season under way at long last, albeit as a shortened season fielding six sides in the Saturday pennant competition and eight sides in the Tuesday competition, and also fielding two additional short season teams, a six person per side on a Saturday morning plus a seven-person side on a Thursday morning.

While we have got off to very modest starts for most sides, it has been great to see some of our new bowlers participating in these two short season competitions and getting the experience playing in a competitive environment.

Certainly, getting the season under way for sixteen sides has represented a real challenge for our five selectors under the direction of Ray Bridger, but they have responded to the challenge without hesitation as usual.

We continue to be encouraged with all of the coaching activity occurring five days a week with our three senior coaches and half a dozen of our club coaches. We also commend those players who are able to maintain their commitment to regular participation. This is all likely to show some real pennant performance rewards as the season progresses.

Another first for the Club has been the changed format for the Club Championship competitions introduced by Colin Hegarty. Colin had drawn up a format that provides for all competitions to be played on nominated days which to date has been very successful and appears to have been very favourably received by all bowlers.

So much so, at our recent INC meeting, it was resolved that this format will be adopted as the norm for coming seasons. It has represented a lot of extra work for Colin and his committee, but they are to be congratulated for their achievement.

In case you are not aware, David Mattiazzo, Ritto Bettiol, Daryl Drew and Roy Riley were of great assistance in pulling down and relocating existing structures under the veranda making ready for the imminent commencement of the building project, including modifying the entry gates. Then with the decision to delay the building contract project, the various works had to be reinstated and these same people gave their unconditional support to reversing the process.

Finally, as President of the Pennant and Championship Committee I wish to pass on our collective greetings for a joyous Christmas season and a rewarding year ahead.



Saturday Round 3 – 12th December 2020

Enjoyed by our Members





Ewan Simpson photos

GREENS REPORT



Gary Brady
Greens Director

Artificial Surface

Despite the long layoff and an ensuing battle with ditch weeds, the Artificial has come through very well. Ian Bramstedt has made contact with a firm called Bioscapes Group who have offered us a Bowling Green Cleaning Kit. I have been seeking something like this for some time. This work will take place in January when the Company will deliver and advise us the method of application.

Grass Green

Shane has managed to rid the surface of the Poa weed by using the advice of the Chemical supply company. There is some evidence of moss which is being managed, overall, the surface is bowling true. As part of the maintenance programme, we will be Scarifying the surface, probably Wednesday 23rd. I will be seeking volunteers to help on the day with loose grass removal. Two people will be required mid-morning and four in the afternoon. If you can help, please advise me on 0411 316 750.

During the lockdown only Shane was permitted to enter the complex. He took on the task of mowing the edge lawns, refusing reward. Many thanks to Shane for taking on this extra task.

Jacks

We have in the last month purchased 20 new Jacks. 4 were to replace lost or stolen stock, the other 16 were a set for each green. These have been set aside for Pennant only, in an effort to appear more professional in the eyes of opposition. Duty Rink personnel are asked to set up with these. They will be with the other jacks in their own marked container.

Footwear

Just a reminder that club members are required to have the correct footwear at all times when on the Greens as incorrect footwear has the potential to damage the surfaces. Please save me the embarrassment of asking for shoe removal.

ASK THE UMPIRE – DECEMBER 2020



Barry Wilkins
Coach & Umpire

Because he loves being helpful, Helpful Herbert learnt how to set up a zoom meeting. He badly wanted to discuss with Umpire Barry the law relating to bowls and jack displacement and he also wanted to get his mates involved in the discussion.

So, a zoom meeting was set up with Umpire Barry, Helpful Herbert, Old Charlie, Fast Freddy and Stupid Sam all staring at their computer screens. Of course, Helpful Herbert, Old Charlie and Umpire Barry all had Law books with them.

Helpful Herbert told Umpire Barry he could remember an instance where he and Nasty Norm were both playing third and Nasty Norm moved a bowl that was being measured but he couldn't remember the ruling Umpire Barry had made.

Umpire Barry asked the others what they thought was the possible outcome.

"It's a dead end" (Fast Freddy quick as a flash)

"It's a tied end" (Helpful Herbert)

"We should have got 8 shots" (Stupid Sam)

"The bowl was moved so you can't measure anymore" (Fast Freddy having second thoughts)

"If a bowl is moved while measuring is taking place the other side puts it back where it was" (Old Charlie)

The argument was getting heated, so Umpire Barry decided to step in, telling the others that Old Charlie was right. He also told them that two laws could apply.

Law 37.4.1 says that if a bowl is displaced by a player when marking it as a toucher or by the equipment being used by a player when measuring, an opponent **MUST** place it back to its former position.

Law 37.1.4.1 says that if a bowl at rest or a toucher in the ditch is displaced by a player

and it has not disturbed the head after it is displaced, the opposing skip **MUST** put the bowl back to its former position.

Helpful Herbert then said, "what if the other side moves their bowl away from the jack, do we have to put it back?"

Umpire Barry then told them that replacing a displaced bowl is not optional but obligatory and that failure to replace a bowl is a breach of the law. Umpire Barry also explained that Law C10 says that if a player fails to meet the requirements of the law, they forfeit the game.

Note:

Law C11 defines "Former position" as the position of the jack or bowl at rest within the rink of play immediately before it is displaced. Law C11 goes on to say that if a law says that a jack or a bowl must be put back to its former position, the person replacing the jack or bowl in this way **MUST** decide where that position is and further that if this person cannot accurately identify the former position, they **MUST** place the jack or bowl as near as possible to its former position.

The Laws as to jack and bowl displacement are complex and it is suggested that the umpire be called in any case of displacement.

NON-PENNANT & SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Anna Brady
President Non-Pennant
& Social Committee

Gala Day and Christmas Celebration

By the time you read this report, we would have had an opportunity to catch up with our DBC friends to celebrate Christmas. I know how much we were all looking forward to getting together after what has been a challenging year for all.

Again, our club members have shown their superb generosity with donations to the Christmas Hamper Raffle. Due to the short lead time, we were hoping to raffle about 6-hampers, but the final number was 21.

A reminder that David Mattiazzo provides a sharpening service (knives, shears, secateurs etc) throughout the year and kindly donates to support the Christmas Hamper raffle.

A big thank you also to Rito Bettioli who has hand-made 8 wooden serving boards to donate to the Christmas Hampers. Rito will be making these boards available for sale at the Club and will be donating \$10 from each sale to the Club. They are made in Merbau timber and sealed with natural oils (no chemicals). They are available in 2 sizes, **sample shown in the photo below** is the smaller size. If you are interested to purchase, please contact **Anna Brady or Rito**.



2020 Christmas Hamper Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following members who won a Christmas Hamper / Gingerbread House.

1. Keith Perry
2. Susan Chandler (daughter of John)
3. Peter Hanslow
4. Pat O'Meara
5. Jan Brooke
6. Sue Jonas
7. Pam Duggan
8. Jill Simpson (Gingerbread House)
9. Gary Glenister
10. Jennie Roberts
11. John Cobain
12. Dawn Woollard
13. Ian Bramstedt
14. Ian Kost
15. John Chandler
16. Lilian Bishop
17. Pam Duggan
18. Gary Glenister
19. Jill Wylie
20. Kay Chandler
21. Keith Perry

Sunday 20th December Christmas Celebration

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NP&S committee who on short notice and working under COVID hospitality conditions, have done an excellent job in getting this social event happening. Well done!

Men's Club Singles Championship 2020/21 Won by Scott Rees



Final - John Poulton & Scott Rees

Women's Club Singles Championship 2020/21 Won by Teresa Bowden



Final - Teresa Bowden & Anna Brady

Photos from Michael Meehan

Upcoming Events

We are planning to hold the following events in 2021 (more details to come)

- **February:** Visit to Government House
- **April:** Yarra Glen race day
- **May:** Echuca bowls tournament.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish all our DBC members and their families a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year from the Non-Pennant and Social Committee.

Anna Brady

President of Non-Pennant and Social Committee

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