

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER


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\$1,000 Prize Money
2 Bowl Triples
2 Games x 12 Ends
12:30 Start
Team \$60
Club Uniform

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MARSHALLWHITE INVITATION

SUNDAY 11th December



Rob "Stormy" Fairweather managed, and Geoff Smith assisted with the outstanding and successful MARSHALWHITE competition at our club.



THE WINNERS ARE



MONTMORENCY WINNERS

**Ron Coe, Clive Gilmore,
Graham Crapper,
with Linda Linmeiers from
MarshallWhite Manningham**

BLACKBURN NORTH RUNNER UP

**Ben Tan, Andrew
Linford, Salena Pitman,
with Linda Linmeiers from
MarshallWhite Manningham**



BEST FIRST GAME

**From North Balwyn
Mark Petty,
Michael Antonio, &
Doncaster Willian
Tan, with Brenton
Linmeiers from
MarshallWhite
Manningham**



BEST SECOND GAME

Bill Bassett, Di Phelan,
Ray Rattraywood with
Simon James-Smith from
MarshallWhite
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MYSTERY DRAW

Dennis Johnson (missing),
Wally Cerato, Ron Preto,
with Brenton Linmeiers from
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MARSHALLWHITE INVITATION DAY

Sincere thanks to all our members and visitors who attended ensuring the day was so successful and enjoyable.

Our generous sponsors, Marshall White, Principals Linda & Brenton Linmeires and Simon James-Smith attending and assisting with the presentations.

Photographs of the delighted prize winners shown courtesy of Ewan Simpson.

So many of you to thank, continually amazed for your time and efforts when needed, the generous gifts supporting the raffle.

Special thanks:

Geoff Smith / Bill Duggan / Barbara Drew / Graeme Morrison / John Cobain / Norma Juchno / John Chandler / Ron Preto / Ron Gibbs / Jill Simpson / Elizabeth & David Bill / Ian Heap.

(Sincere apologies to those I may have missed)



Rob "Stormy"
Fairweather
Vice President
P & C Committee

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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

NIGHT PENNANT COORDINATOR



Mal Shield
NP Coordinator

TUESDAY NIGHT PENNANT

The Tuesday night pennant competition is now in recess for the Christmas break. The next game will be at home on the 17th January. Please enjoy your Christmas break and come back refreshed for the last 4 games of the season.

THURSDAY NIGHT COMPETITION

I have decided to run another 5-week competition starting on the 2nd February and finishing on the 2nd March. It will be a 2-4-2 competition or 2 bowl triples depending on the number of interested players. The games will start at 7.15pm. I will put a sign-up sheet at the club in January and will also talk to some of our new bowlers as this is a competition to attract new bowlers as well as longer term members. No uniforms are required, the bar will be open, and supper will be provided after the games.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Ian Bramstedt
Chairman
Donvale Bowls Club

Hello members

There is nothing more important than the safety and well-being of our members. We are therefore indebted to the very generous contribution by Peter Hanslow in managing and maintaining the first aid equipment at our club. He has also provided very important and life-saving training sessions on CPR and how to use the defibrillator machine. Well done, Peter. If anyone notices any safety concerns at the club facilities, please inform a committee member.

In the October newsletter I said we have commenced discussions with the council and politicians, on the urgent need to replace our front grass green with a synthetic and install lights. I am pleased to confirm that because of those discussions, and the groundwork done by past committees, the council has formally budgeted to upgrade our front green to synthetic in the 2023/24 period. This is subject to our club being able to contribute 50% towards the total cost.

Our current projections indicate that we are not able to fully fund our share without receiving a substantial grant. With the help of Mal Shield as a project manager, we are pursuing politicians, Bowls Australia, and Bowls Victoria to help support our search and applications for appropriate grant(s). We are also in discussions with the council to ensure the scope, specifications and costings meet our requirements. It will be a great outcome for our club to have a synthetic green with much improved availability, lower costs and directly in front of our clubhouse/Alfresco area.

Unfortunately, our submission for a toilet adjacent to the back synthetic did not rate well with the council, and they did not support it. We will continue investigations to see if there is a viable solution that we can implement, with or without the support of the council.

The upgrade of the clubhouse locks and access control has commenced but has been subject to a few delays. Hopefully by the time you read this it has been finished.

The new electronic access system will eliminate the need for physical keys to gain access to the clubhouse and gate to the greens. It will provide for easier digital maintenance and control of who has access to our facilities and save the cost of issuing hundreds of keys. You will, however, require a smart phone and install an app. Further instructions will be issued once the system is handed over to us. Your current key to the gate will work for up to three months, so hopefully plenty of time to sort out bugs and help everyone set up digital keys on your phones.

Whilst it may be the merriest time of the year for most, please be aware that it could be the saddest, most stressful, and loneliest, for others. We're all busy, but we're not too busy to be kind, caring and patient. Let's make our club like a great traditional "Bowlo", where we can gather as a friendly local social hub.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas. All the very best for a great new year at your local "Bowlo".

ASK THE UMPIRE – DECEMBER 2022



Barry Wilkins
Coach & Umpire

Helpful Herbert and Nasty Norm were involved in a tense battle where each had decided to play short ends.

Several times the umpire was called to measure the length of a rolled jack and often the jack was short, thus allowing the other team to roll yet another short end.

Neither team was all that good at short ends and there were lots of short bowls. On one end a very short bowl bowled by Nasty Norm's team came to rest a long way short of the jack.

This pleased Nasty Norm as the short bowl was right in Helpful Herbert's draw line.

What to do? Nasty Norm claimed that the bowl was a live bowl, but Helpful Herbert could remember Umpire Barry saying that short bowls could be dead. Helpful Herbert therefore called the bowl dead. Nasty Norm said there was no such thing and, in any event, if the bowl was short his team member could re-bowl it. In the end they decided to call the umpire.

Helpful Herbert said the bowl should be centred. Nasty Norm didn't want this and said the bowl should remain where it was.

The club's newest umpire duly arrived, and he knew the Laws of the Game backwards. He ignored the comments of the protagonists and told them that the bowl would be measured where it lay. He then took the 30-metre tape and placed the zero end in the centre of the mat line and told Helpful Herbert's third to hold it there. He then extended the tape to the bowl and found it was less than 14 metres from the mat line.

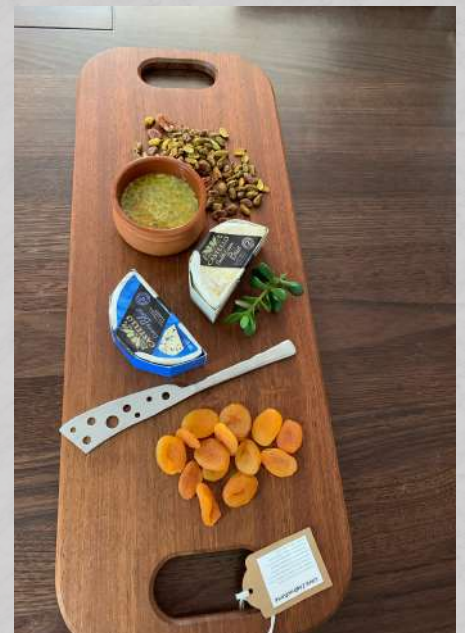
He therefore told the parties that the bowl was dead and should be removed from the rink. Was the umpire right?

Umpire Barry says he was.

Law 17 sets out the 6 instances where a bowl is dead. One instance is where a bowl after completing its course or after being moved as a result of play, comes to rest at a distance of less than 14 metres, as measured in a straight line, from the centre of the mat line to the nearest point of the bowl.



Rito Bettiol has made a range of beautiful hand-made wooden serving boards for sale at our club. Rito has kindly offered to donate \$10 from each sale to support the club. These boards are available in two sizes and if you are interested, please call **Rito on 0425 745 759**



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – FINAL RESULT PAIRS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

WOMEN'S PAIRS



Winner

Marilyn Grant & Leanne Sullivan

MEN'S PAIRS



Winner

Neil Dusting & Barry Ferguson



Runner Up

**Jan
Meehan
&
Teresa
Bowden**

**Kel
McMahon
&
Geoff
Smith**



Photos: Ewan Simpson

GREENS REPORT



Gary Brady
Greens Director

Grass renovation will take place mid-December in anticipation of Summer (if it ever arrives). As most members now realise our grass is not adaptable to the conditions we have experienced recently and all efforts have been done to control weeds and moss, also, we have suffered a wasp infestation (the sand mounds you see) this has been addressed.

The Artificial surface will be line marked in January in readiness for the seasons continuation and the recent spray treatment (biannual) has worked with minimal evidence of moss or algae.

TWO NEW SPONSORS

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We enjoyed great pizzas at our final day with the Hamper drawn on Saturday 17th December.

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NON-PENNANT & SOCIAL EVENTS



Brian Roberts
President Non-Pennant &
Social Events

With only one more “event booked before Christmas, our very busy programme for December is all but completed.

Twilight bowls have been very successful with more seasonal weather adding to good attendance numbers each Wednesday night. A highlight of these nights has been the numbers of “new members “taking part. Thanks go to Peter Hanslow, as well as the coaching and catering staff for making twilight bowls such a success.

We have hosted 3 “barefoot bowls “events over the past month all of which have been greatly enjoyed by our mainly younger generation guests. By exposing the pleasures and fun of playing bowls, these events offer our club increased opportunities of recruiting a new generation of bowlers and also, maybe, the future champions of our game. Thanks go to John and Kay Chandler and Ray Heller for their efforts in helping conduct these events. As always, Jan Shield and her kitchen staff provided great food and service.

In late November (election night) the Liberal Party candidate and great sponsor of our club, Ryan Smith, held his “tally room “event at our club. In what was a big night, all went well with our catering and service provided being a credit to all who helped out. Ryan was re-elected and in doing so confirmed his continuing support for our club.

Our annual Christmas spit roast dinner night was well attended by over 60 members, a very good number considering the tightly packed programme of events presented to our members.

Our Christmas break up party attracted nearly 100 members and was a great success. Again, the highlight of the night was the drawing of the Christmas raffle, with beautiful Christmas hampers being won by twenty-six lucky supporters. Special thanks go to all who made such kind donations towards the hampers and to Anna and Gary Brady for the great job in putting them together.

In closing, I take the opportunity of thanking all of my committee members for their hard work in providing our members with so many well organised and successful events during 2022. I look forward to working together with them in the new year. Merry Christmas to all.

HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW

Saturday 17th December 2022



Anna Brady amongst some of the Christmas Hampers that has taken many weeks to complete. We would like to congratulate Anna and her assistants that has made this a great success, as it has been for the past few years. Thank you Anna.

The Christmas Hamper Raffle draw for 2022 was conducted on Saturday night and I would like to thank all the members of the Club who donated to this year's raffle.

Congratulations to the 26 winners of the hampers (listed on this page).

I would also like to thank Frank Smit who stamped over 3000 tickets, Jan Meehan for the book covers and table posters and Kim and Virginia for assisting in compiling the raffle books. Also, Kay Chandler our Super Ticket Seller!

This year's Christmas Hamper Raffle has raised \$2932. Well done everyone!!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cheers

Anna Brady

Raffle Coordinator

THE 26 WINNERS PLUS BONUS PRIZES ARE:

Hamper 1	Vanessa Greenstreet	Hamper 7	Andrea Eldridge	Hamper 13	Alan Davidson
Hamper 2	Lynne Pretto	Hamper 8	Jurgen Schnabl	Hamper 14	Jan Meehan
Hamper 3	Joe Bellizia	Hamper 9	Val Ridgwell	Hamper 15	Natalie
Hamper 4	Maurie Vickerman	Hamper 10	Graeme Hosking	Hamper 16	John Henry
Hamper 5	Ian Heap	Hamper 11	Meehan Twins	Hamper 17	Caleb Flowers
Hamper 6	Mal Shield	Hamper 12	Marilyn Grant	Hamper 18	Maddie Burjorjee
Hamper 19	Pat Taylor	Hamper 23	Daisy Sue Gillett	Bonus Prize 1	John Henry
Hamper 20	A Di Cosmo	Hamper 24	Richard Davis	Bonus Prize 2	Gary Upfield
Hamper 21	Kim Hemburrow	Hamper 25	Adam Kamphris	Bonus Prize 3	Mary Adey
Hamper 22	Bella Pearse	Hamper 26	Pat Ryan		



Anna Brady with
Lynne Pretto – Hamper 2 winner



Ian Heap
Hamper 5 Winner



Mal Shield
Hamper 6 Winner



Michael Meehan with Hamper 11 Winners Grandson Twins Rohan & Ishaan Meehan – only 4 years old



Jan Meehan Hamper 14 Winner also Grandmother to Rohan & Ishaan



Homi Burjorjee with Hamper 18 Winner Granddaughter Maddie Burjorjee only 3 years old



(Left) – Our wonderful chef that always has a fantastic result with the greatest food:

Jan Shield

(Right)

Our presenter that always has an excellent result of covering everything at our club:

Frank Smit



All photos: Ewan Simpson

SATURDAY LADDERS SATURDAY LADDER SUMMARY

TEAM	DIV.	SEC.	LADDER	SCORE %	2021/22			2020/21		2019/20		2018/19	
					DIV.	Ladder	Score %	DIV.	Ladder	DIV.	Ladder	DIV.	Ladder
1	1	3	9	87%	1	8	87%	2	4	2	9	2	8
2	3	4	6	88%	3	3	111%	3	3	3	1	3	5
3	6	4	2	143%	5	3	115%	5	2	4	9	4	6
4	6	7	3	109%	5	6	94%	5	3	5	7	5	7
5	7	5	6	86%	5	6	93%	5	6	6	3	6	3
6	9	3	8	44%	6	7	66%	7	5	7	9	7	10
					7	4	76%						
AVERAGE	5.3		5.7	93%	4.6	5.3	92%	4.5	3.8	4.5	6.3	4.5	6.5
		In Finals:	2		3			4		2			1

TUESDAY LADDER SUMMARY

TEAM	DIV.	SEC.	LADDER	SCORE %	2021/22			2020/21		2019/20		2018/19	
					DIV.	Ladder	Score %	DIV.	Ladder	DIV.	Ladder	DIV.	Ladder
1	1	2	7	101%	1	3	112%	1	1	1	7	1	4
2	2	3	6	83%	2	5	103%	2	5	3	2	3	4
3	3	6	6	88%	4	1	128%	3	8	3	3	3	1
4	4	3	7	74%	4	6	95%	4	2	4	7	4	10
5	5	4	5	84%	4	8	67%	4	4	5	4	5	10
6	5	5	7	90%	5	2	130%	5	4	5	10	5	9
7	6	4	8	62%	5	8	57%	5	6	5	7	5	10
8								5	7				
AVERAGE	3.7		6.6	83%	3.6	4.7	99%	3.6	4.6	3.7	5.7	3.7	6.9
		In Finals:	0		3			4		3			3



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 David Bill (Pictured) A brief insight into David's working life, his involvement at Donvale Bowls Club, and the successful experiences it has provided.

He was born in Melbourne, May 1936 and remembers his early years being wartime, his father a Wing Commander in the Airforce.

David's schooling included four years at Carey Grammar followed by four years at Melbourne High School, completing his matriculation certificate.

National Service in the Airforce at Laverton constituted part of those early years.

Law was considered as a career but ultimately pursued a career in design, qualifying in both interior and industrial design at RMIT.

His first job a carpet designer for BACM where he acted as chief designer at an early age. Carpet design was purely a means to an end and replaced by a keen wish to design and manufacture office furniture which he did for several years.

Following a failed marriage which included the birth of two daughters, David met Elizabeth, (or Liz as she is fondly known at our bowls club) marrying in 1975.

It was at this time David developed and patented a modular building system which was adopted in several residential applications. AV Jennings saw the system and bought David out, on the condition he joined the company for two years.

After completing a couple of local medium density residential projects, David and Liz moved to Queensland in 1981, purchasing a caravan park at Redcliffe ultimately turning the park into a 44-unit retirement village.

This was followed by the purchase of the Redcliffe Drive-in which he designed and built a 120-unit retirement village.

In the late 80's David and Liz came back to Melbourne buying a house in Lower Templestowe. During this time David's daughter Carol moved to study in Boston USA, ultimately marrying a fellow student and settling there affording Liz and David the opportunity to make numerous trips to the USA, assisting Carol, her husband Matt, their two adopted boys to build a family home.

In the early nineties David and Liz moved back to Brisbane taking on the management of a company manufacturing transportable homes for caravan parks on land applications. David designed and built some of the first two-story transportable homes in Queensland ultimately winning both the Queensland and Australian design awards for special accommodation with his two -story product.

David and Liz returned to Melbourne in 1999, but instead of retiring, for five years, David pursued building granny flats around Melbourne finally retiring in 2006.

Having learnt a little of lawn bowling in Queensland the lure of a bowling green still existed, David joining the Donvale Bowls Club in 2008, closely followed by Liz in 2009.

For David and Liz, the club retains so many happy and ongoing memories for them both.

How fortunate we are they chose Donvale, their contribution to our club and administration, immeasurable.

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