

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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DONVALE



BOWLS

CLUB

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE NIGHT

16th December 2023



Anna Brady - Organised 24 Raffle Night Hampers

Ray Heller

Wins the Number 1

Christmas Hamper Prize





**Ann Henry
Wins
3 Hampers**



**Susan
Jonas
wins # 7
Hamper**



**Jo
Robotham
Wins # 11
Hamper**



Jules White wins # 21 Hamper

Robyn Upfield wins Planter Box



Jan Brooke wins # 19 Hamper



The "Crew" involved with the Raffle Hamper Presentation

Sandra, Anna, Katie, John



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE WINNERS

HAMPER		HAMPER		HAMPER	
# 1	Ray Heller	# 11	Jo Robotham	# 20	Dot Haynes
# 2	John Henry	# 12	John Henry	# 21	Jules White
# 3	Dawn Benson	# 13	Kim Hemburrow	# 22	Kate Somerfield
# 4	Ritto Bettiol	# 14	Ian Wise (Probus)	# 23	James Ting
# 5	McCormack Family	# 15	Lincoln Roberts	# 24	Jurgen Schnabl
# 6	Margot Neville	# 16	John Henry	Gingerbread House	Bill Duggan
# 7	Susan Jonas	# 17	McCormack Family	Succulent Planter	Robyn Upfield
# 8	Kulwant - Heidelberg	# 18	Rob Fairweather		
# 9	Bob Mann	# 19	Jan Brooke		
# 10	Kay Chandler				

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

BEQUEST UPDATE

We are thrilled to share an update regarding the generous bequest highlighted in our "Potential Good News" newsflash from early October. The latest details are as follows:

- The benefactor's name is **Bruce Henry Hallman**, who passed away on 14th August 2023.
- Grant of Representation (Probate) was granted on 6th November 2023.
- Donvale Bowls Club has been named as the sole beneficiary of the will.
- The final distribution is expected to be more than \$700k.
- The amount is subject to final administration of the estate, fees, expenses, and any contesting of the will.
- The final distribution will now be after 6th May 2024.

This once in a life-time news marks a pivotal moment for the future of our club. The bequest will be earmarked specifically for strategic capital projects. Our Management Committee, in collaboration with Mal Shield, is preparing a comprehensive list of new and brought forward infrastructure improvements. These enhancements will be evaluated to position us as a premier destination club.

While this windfall is a tremendous boon, it is crucial to maintain a robust cash flow and annual surplus for the club's long-term financial well-being. Consequently, we advise it is not prudent to utilise the one-off bequest for reductions in membership fees, green fees, or other fundraising activities.

Remarkably, Bruce Hallman, was not a member of our club and apparently attended just one event at our club. His positive experience and admiration for our club's friendliness and community offerings led to this generous bequest. If any member has memories or knowledge of Bruce Hallman, we invite you to share them with us.

We commit to keeping you abreast of any further developments and plans related to the bequest leading up to May next year.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this exciting journey to elevate the Donvale Bowls Club to new heights.

I would like to pass on to all of our members my best wishes for a very happy Christmas and new year.

Regards

Ian Bramstedt

Chairman

Donvale Bowls Club

WELFARE SUPPORT

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

KAY CHANDLER on 0412 732 428 or
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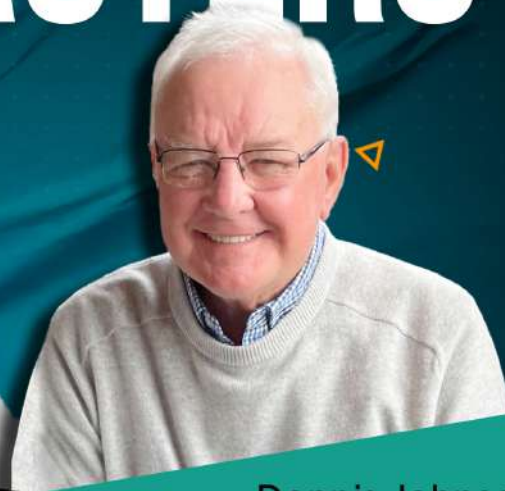
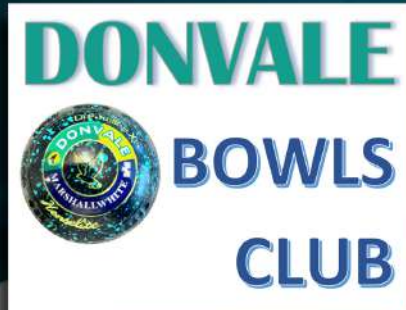


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Dennis Johnson

By Rob “Stormy” Fairweather

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 Dennis Johnson. A brief insight into Dennis's working life, his eventual involvement at Donvale Bowls Club, and the experiences it has provided.

Dennis aged 4 and his family arrived in Australia on the “New Australia, “10 Pound Poms” November 1949.

His father had arrived eight months prior, built a house in Springvale where they lived for 5 years until his parents divorced in 1954.

As a result, he lived with several friends of his father, attending six different schools, finally passing his Leaving Certificate at Heidelberg High School in 1961. Leaving school he commenced work with a firm of Chartered Accountants in the city, a salary at a 4 Pound per week, continuing his studies part time.

Unfortunately, he preferred having a good time, partying and meeting some lovely ladies instead, hence never finished the course. (“He believed life was so good in the 60’s”).

But things were to quickly change, in 1970 he met (Dennis’s description)

a gorgeous girl named Marilyn, at “Powerhouse” a trendy dance venue, fell in love and married.

They built a house in Greensborough and had two children, in turn presenting them with four delightful grandchildren.

In 1988 his accounting firm transferred him to operate their Mildura branch, unfortunately the company ran into problems necessitating it to close down, Dennis left the profession and returned to Melbourne.

It was here they purchased the goodwill of a sixty-bed aged care business in Croydon, (borrowing money at 16% interest) obviously not for the faint hearted! Having successfully operating the business for four years, they decided time to retire.

Two years passed, Marilyn read an advert for a Manager and Nurse for the Donvale Retirement Village, their successful applications for the two positions followed. They enjoyed over 9 years living at the village looking after the “oldies” organizing many social activities. (Lots of fun). Leaving in 2006, they caravanned around Australia, eventually settling down in their current home in Templestowe Lower.

During his younger days Dennis played football and cricket (nicknamed Fiery), spending many years as a fast bowler including games in the Northcote 1st eleven when teammate, noted test player Rodney Hogg was injured.

At aged 50 he took on Lawn Bowls, commencing at Lilydale for two years, Box Hill for 12 years and finally Donvale Bowls Club. At Box Hill he won two club single championships, played in Champion of Champions in his first game final suffering a heart attack after delivering the winning bowl.

He has been fortunate enough to represent Donvale as a Lead, alongside Lindsay Ridgwell and Scott Rees in a Group Section Team, a great thrill.

He is currently our 2023 Club Singles Champion, Saturday Pennant Player of the Year season 21/22. He feels very fortunate to have joined Donvale Bowls Club, enjoying the company of so many great people, hoping to continue for many more years.

Many thanks Dennis, your contribution to Donvale both as a player and a person has been invaluable.

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TWILIGHT BOWLS – LAST NIGHT

13th December 2023

Peter



Jo & Robert



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



Matilda, Gus, Jet, Charlie, Lucas



PENNANT & CHAMPIONSHIP - REPORT



Ken Eldridge

President

P & C - Committee

Pennant

With 9 rounds played we have our Midweek 4th side move to top position on the ladder.

Weekend side 2 remains 2nd and sides 3,4,5, are all now 4th on the ladder.

For those teams not in the four there are still opportunities to move up the ladder or at least prevent relegation.

Please enjoy the Christmas break and come back refreshed and ready to compete in the remaining 5 home and away games - Continue to enjoy your bowling and the rest of the pennant season.

The tables below will indicate how all our sides are doing.

Midweek Pennant After 9 Rounds	Weekend Pennant After 9 Rounds
Ladder Position	Ladder Position
7 th – Donvale 1	2 nd – Donvale 1
7 th – Donvale 2	7 th – Donvale 2
8 th – Donvale 3	4 th – Donvale 3
1 st – Donvale 4	4 th – Donvale 4
6 th – Donvale 5	4 th – Donvale 5
7 th – Donvale 6	7 th – Donvale 6
8 th – Donvale 7	

Championships:-

The Club Championships Women's pairs are completed, and the Men's Pairs Final is being played on Friday 22nd December at 12 noon. The first round of the Mixed Pairs has also started and will be completed towards the end of January.

The Match /dates /rinks /direction of play for the Mixed Pairs are available on our Website and on the Noticeboard [in the alfresco area].

The Open Triples draw will be available early to mid-January.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONGRATULATIONS	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
100 UP WOMEN'S	JAN MEEHAN	LEANNE SULLIVAN
100 UP MEN'S	WALLY CERATO	GRAEME CHANDLER
WOMEN'S MINORS	ROBYN HAM	JILL SIMPSON
MEN'S MINORS	KEITH WILLIAMS	KIM DI MARZIO
MEN'S SINGLES	DENNIS JOHNSON	JOHN POULTON
WOMEN'S SINGLES	HELEN MILNER	FAY GIULES
WOMEN'S PAIRS	JAN MEEHAN/HELEN MILNER	MARILYN GRANT/ LEANNE SULLIVAN

On behalf of the Pennant Committee, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Ken Eldridge

President PB&C Committee



Mal Shield

Corporate Function
Coordinator

DONVALE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Function 15th Dec 11.30am to 3.00pm Grass Green.

The function was a year's end breakup for the music department of Donvale Christian College. There were 15 people at the function. They started bowling at about 1.15pm and finished about 3.00pm. They were a very good group to host and thoroughly enjoyed their day. The food, Alfresco area and the bowling with support all went very well. We had Ron Gibbs, Peter Henderson and Homi as the bowling assistants, with Homi doing it for the first time and was great. Jules helped in the bar for a short time. They indicated that they would most likely come again next year.

We have now had 12 functions over about 9 months and we would like to thank everyone who has supported us in the corporate functions. The support from the club members has been terrific and without this support the corporate functions would not be possible.

GRASS GREEN REPLACEMENT UPDATE:

The Manningham council has supplied the concept design for the replacement of the grass green. We have been asked to respond if we can by the 8th January, which we will try to do. We have the right to make changes to the concept design and then sign off if we are satisfied it will meet our expectations.

When the concept design is finalised, the council will then call for tenders to replace the green.

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