

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



James Bonthorne
Chairman
Donvale Bowls Club

Well just when we thought we were getting back to normal bowls it has been put on hold again due to the Virus. Hopefully the restrictions will be removed after the 5 days – we can just hope so. But there is possibly a silver lining, namely that none of our teams playing on Saturday, Tuesday or Tuesday night lost (or is it none of them won?).

Finally, we were able to conclude our somewhat fragmented AGM and it was great that so many members attended this event. There were some general questions asked during this time and one related to the rumour (yes apparently even Donvale Bowls Club has them) re changing the uniform. This is a rumour which is not based on fact at all. All that is happening is that your Management committee is looking into alternative suppliers who can supply the same or a better shirt at a lower price. But that is all.

It was good that we were finally able to serve a meal at the Twilight event for a couple of weeks and this was appreciated by members as shown by the increased numbers participating and enjoying the meal and conversation after the game.

As a club we are continuing to look at ways we can enhance what we do. One of these is to introduce an easier method of for members to sign up for events using the Newsflash system which will mean you will not have to go to the club to sign up. Of course, the sign-up sheets will remain as an alternative. Details of this new and simple system will be provided as soon as it is operational.

Meanwhile stay safe and you can still practice your bowls in the hall at home but maybe with a softer ball.

Go Donvale!!!

WELFARE SUPPORT

If anyone needs assistance or support in any way, please contact our Welfare Officer
VIRGINIA McGUINNESS on 9842 5996 or 0408 008 434

PENNANT & CHAMPIONSHIP - REPORT



David Bill
President
P & C - Committee

Before writing this report, it would be remiss of me if I did not pay tribute to three of our former members and pennant players who have sadly passed away in recent weeks. They are [Frank Jurkovic](#), [Mario Canil](#) and [Janet Carden](#). Their presence at the club will be missed.

The P&C Committee continues to be encouraged by the results being achieved by both the Saturday and Tuesday pennant teams. A special meeting of pennant players was held on February 1 and was extremely well attended. A brief outline of bowls ladder average positions showed a consistent improvement over the season to date. This was followed by [Ray Bridger](#) providing an update on Selector activities and goals, and then by [Jeff Grant](#) bringing us up to date on the various aspects of coaching, including the numbers of pennant players who have participated in one or other of the coaching programs this season being in the 90's, together with details of some new coaching initiatives.

While recognising the role being played in coaching by some of our club coaches, namely Bernie with Brian on Mondays and Friday, [Maurie](#), [Barry](#) and [Julie](#) on Wednesdays, [Pat](#) on Thursday morning and [Sheldon](#) on Thursday afternoon, the opportunity was provided for our three senior coaches to say a few words and invite questions from the floor. Following the words of wisdom from [Scott](#) and [Rowan](#), the one-hour meeting concluded with some positive and insightful words from [Dene](#) as our senior coach. Subsequent feedback suggests the content of the one-hour update was very well received.

The past month has seen the Tuesday night pennant program get well under way with the very enthusiastic guidance of [Mal Shield](#). Mal has been making every effort to create interest in the night pennant program not the least the conclusion of the home game rounds being to open up the club rooms for a drink at the conclusion of the home game rounds which

appears to have been well received by team members. [Mal](#) is keen to create an atmosphere of enthusiasm by all club members where he is hoping to field two teams next season, and the way he is going I will be more than surprised if he does not achieve that very worthy goal for the club. If any club member has even a mild interest in participating in at least a few games next season, please register your interest with [Mal](#). He would be delighted to hear from you.

The Night Pennant team played at home this week against Lilydale. [Liz](#) and I went and watched for a while. One of the big surprises was how many very much younger bowlers, both male and female were playing for Lilydale. The second surprise was seeing how well [Homi Burjorjee](#) was playing now using a bowling arm. [Homi](#) did not seem to be able to wipe the smile off his face.

Well done by all.

TUESDAY NIGHT PENNANT



Mal Shield
Tuesday Night Pennant
Coordinator

The season is now up and running and we have now played 4 matches. We have not won any matches as yet, but we have won some rinks typically against strong opposition. The opening of the bar and providing supper on home games has been making the nights more enjoyable and a great social event. I think our team is working hard to improve and also enjoying the challenge and the company of opposition and team-mates.

One of the players who I think has shown significant improvement is [Homi](#). With only a few weeks using an arm he is playing very much better. Great effort [Homi](#).

We have only 4 more games to play this season due to the Covid-19 shortened season. We normally have a 14-game season, but this year is only 8 games. The season usually starts a bit later than day pennant season and finishes a bit earlier. If night pennant is of interest to you next season, please discuss with me. It is past the heat of the day and a quicker game at 2 bowl triples.

NON-PENNANT & SOCIAL EVENTS

EASTER RAFFLE IS COMING TO DONVALE BOWLS CLUB



Anna Brady
President Non-Pennant
& Social Events

Lots of chances to win magnificent prizes, only \$2 per ticket. Tickets will be distributed via the Team Managers from Saturday 13th February (or shortly). If you would like any additional tickets, please see [Jan Meehan](#), [Frank Smit](#) or [Anna Brady](#).

We are seeking donations of food, drinks, Easter festive items or cash would be greatly appreciated. Donations of goods can be left in the donations box at the Club rooms, cash donations to [Jan Meehan](#) or [Anna Brady](#).

The raffle will be drawn on the last night of Twilight Bowls on Wednesday 31st March. If you can't be there and you win a prize, we will ensure that it is delivered to you before Easter.

The proceeds from this raffle will contribute towards furnishing our new outdoor area.

TWILIGHT BOWLS

Twilight bowls are up and running again every Wednesday evening, coaching from 5 to 6 pm then a game of bowls followed by a 2-course meal. \$10 for Bowls only, plus \$10 for the meal. Sign-up sheet is at the Club. Non bowling partners also welcome to join us for a

meal, please ensure they are listed on the sign-up sheet for catering purposes.

For further information please contact [Lindsay Ridgwell](#) on 0466 136792 or [Peter Hanslow](#) on 0433 879844.

NEW – Sausage Sizzle after Saturday Pennant Games

From the 6th February, we will be offering a sausage sizzle after Saturday pennant games only. Cost is \$2 per sausage in bread with or without onions. We are anticipating that we will continue to offer this option until the end of the season. Feedback so far has been very positive.

KNIFE SHARPENING

Knives, scissors, shears, tools sharpened

REPAIRS

Bowls bag handles, lifters etc repaired

Contact **David Mattiazzo** on 0428 101 404

David kindly donates the funds from the above to the Christmas Hamper Raffle

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 16th** – End of Pennant Season celebration in conjunction with the Pennant Committee
- **April** – Visit to Heronswood House and Gardens in Dromana, including lunch
- **May** – Harness races at Yarra Glen Racecourse with 2 course lunch.
- **April 2021** - Possible bowls trip to Tasmania (preliminary talks have already commenced)

Hand-made Merbau timber and sealed with natural oils (no chemicals)

2 Sizes available, please contact [Anna Brady](#) on 0417 580842

ASK THE UMPIRE – JANUARY 2021



Barry Wilkins
Coach & Umpire

Helpful Herbert and nasty Norm were involved in a close tussle in the Section Final. For some mysterious reason the selectors had selected Dopey Dora to play third in Helpful Herbert's rink.

After the crossover on the last end Helpful Herbert had a problem. He was 4 shots down and as luck would have it, his rink was last to finish.

The scores were even on the main board. All these factors were occupying Helpful Herbert's mind as he picked up one of his bowls. He stepped on the mat, delivered his bowl and by some miracle Helpful Herbert's bowl found a way between his team's short bowls. It came in to gently touch the jack.

With a big grin on his face Helpful Herbert picked up one of Nasty Norm's bowls and went to hand it to him. Nasty Norm ignored Helpful Herbert and strode down the rink and was just about to pick up Helpful Herbert's

toucher, when a voice from the bank called out "the bowl stays where it is!" It was Stupid Sam. Nasty Norm ignored Stupid Sam as well, picked up Helpful Herbert's bowl and strode to the mat end, wiping off Dopey Dora's chalk as he went.

Dopey Dora was so shocked that for once in her life she was speechless. Helpful Herbert was livid with rage, but instead of starting a fight, he called the umpire. The club's littlest umpire came up and told the players that Nasty Norm was within his rights to act as he did.

Was the club's littlest umpire, right?

Umpire Barry says both she and Nasty Norm were right because Helpful Herbert had played out of turn.

If a bowl has been played out of turn the other skip can choose to either leave the bowl where it is and play 2 bowls in succession to get back to the proper order of play or return the bowl and get back to the proper order of play. (Law 29.1.2)

Tips:

At the crossover, if your skip is first to play, place one of his or her bowls on the mat.

Never accept the word of an onlooker like Stupid Sam because there are people in bowls clubs who don't know what they are talking about.

If a bowl has been played out of turn always call the umpire.

P.S. Helpful Herbert managed to get his last bowl on the jack and Donvale won the final by 1 shot!

PAIRS 2020/2021 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Men's Pairs Champions

Rowan Sharp

Graeme Morrison



Ladies Pairs Champions

Teresa Bowden

Jan Meehan



Pairs Runners-up

Men's Runner-up
Ken Eldridge & Dennis Johnson



Ladies Runner-up
Helen Morihovitis & Julie Wilkins



GREENS REPORT



Gary Brady
Greens Director

Artificial Surface

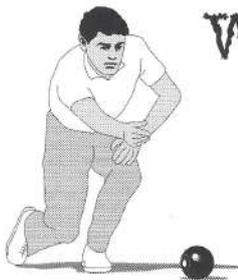
The surface cleaning kit has arrived and will be applied close to the end of the season. Prior to that I am arranging brushing of the surface to lift the pile in an attempt to give us better consistency on both sides.

Grass Surface

Good to see we are using the whole Green on Saturday 13th (it didn't happen) as we are playing teams that do not have grass at their home Green. From my perspective it is bowling true on both sides and should present well for the remainder of the Season. All bowlers are encouraged to get their eye in on it prior to competition.

A visit to our Club in 1998

The Donvale Bowls Club cordially invites all bowlers to enjoy



WINTER BOWLS at DONVALE

From Friday 1st May
to Wednesday 30th September 1998
on our artificial green.

PROGRAMME

MONDAY.	<u>Men's Two Bowl Triples.</u> Nominated or single entry. Organiser; Brian Dodds. 9842 6440 or 0147 526 887.
TUESDAY.	<u>Mixed Three Bowl Triples.</u> Nominated or single entry. Organiser; Sheilah Scull 9848 5240.
WEDNESDAY.	<u>Men's Three Bowl Triples.</u> Nominated or single entry. Organiser; Lou Toscano 9846 5671.
THURSDAY.	<u>Mixed Fours.</u> Nominated or single entry. Organisers; TBA
FRIDAY.	No organised matches, but green available for practice. Contact; Bill Scull 9848 5240.
SATURDAY.	<u>Men's Fours.</u> Nominated or single entry. Organiser; Bert Cochrane 9878 6670.
SUNDAY.	<u>Mixed Fours.</u> Nominated or single entry. Organiser; Bill Scull 9848 5240.

ALL GAMES START AT 12.30 pm. ENTRY \$3.00 PER PLAYER.

AFTERNOON TEA WILL BE SUPPLIED. GOOD PRIZES.

BOOK EARLY TO SECURE A GAME. NEAT CASUAL DRESS.

Donvale Bowls Club Inc.
Mullum Mullum Reserve, Cnr Springvale & Reynolds Rds
Donvale. 3111. Tel 9842 8861.



\$3 per player – it was good value back in 1998

Geoff Smith – more than 30 years our Life Member



Geoff Smith
Life Member of Donvale Bowls Club

Geoff joined our club more than 30 years ago. He has been very involved in all activities of our club, recently in charge of our Wednesday bowls monthly, in fact the games are known as “*Smithy’s Bowls*”. [The following is Geoff’s memorable words.](#)

Over thirty years ago I decided to join the Donvale Bowls Club. At that stage it was a very small newly formed club. Although I was an inexperienced bowler I was warmly welcomed to the club and the clubhouse was an old weatherboard house although facilities were lacking, camaraderie certainly wasn’t. Everyone was very friendly and willing to pitch in to help improve the club and many good times was experienced in that old house.

After a few years of bowling, it has been my privilege to have won club championships, 2 Singles, 5 Pairs, 1 Mixed-pairs, 1 Triples & 1 100 up. I was club president for 5 years (not a very good one), only because nobody else wanted the job. I have served on selection and other committees for over 20 years.

Between Saturday, Tuesday & Night Pennant, I have played around 1,000 games of Pennant for Donvale. For anyone to play in finals is a great feeling, and if your side makes the finals, relish the moment. As a mate of mine from another club said to me, he had been playing for over 15 years and never played Finals.

I was made a Life Member in 2009, that I cherish.

Apart from the Club Championships one of the things that will stay with me forever was competing with [Ritto Bettiol](#) and [Craig Gathergood](#) in the Norfolk Island TAB Triples in a 6 Day event, playing against Teams from Queensland, New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria and Norfolk Island.

The Team from Norfolk have won a Bronze Medal at the Commonwealth Games and to think a Team from Donvale being the first team

to win from Victoria, we were “Victors” in the Final. I have been back 3 times since then but have never won again, but we have played finals every time.

When Mitcham Bowls Club stopped playing their 1st Wednesday competition, I thought it might work for us at Donvale, so we took over the day a few years ago and have been running it ever since with teams from Doncaster, Nth Balwyn, Heathmont, Heatherdale and Glen Waverley. We also get teams from Alexandra and Eildon come to us from the country. We have been invited to competitions at both clubs up there, and we have taken teams to their clubs. Someone at the club named it Smithy’s Triples but it is actually Donvale Triples. It has proven very popular with our own people and it generates income for our club.

My thing is, in all clubs I have been involved with, I only expect to get out of a club what you are prepared to put in.

I will always be proud to be a part of the DONVALE BOWLS CLUB.

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