

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



James Bonthorne
Chairman
Donvale Bowls Club

Well at last 2020 is behind us and I am sure that we are all looking forward to a much better 2021, with respect to both our bowls and our personal lives. I trust you all had a good Christmas break and had no problems returning to Victoria for the New Year COVID free.

Despite all the challenges thrown at us, Donvale Bowls will again end our financial year in a strong financial position, something which sadly not all bowls clubs are able to claim.

We have introduced a new and revolutionary approach to coaching which utilises both external and club coaches and which is the envy of many clubs. Our new veranda and the upgrade of our kitchen has finally been given the go ahead by Manningham Council, but we did have to delay its start until about April this year to ensure the continued use of the grass green during the bowls season. So, it was not all bad.

I believe that the regulations and restrictions we are currently experiencing re the playing of bowls and the use of the Clubhouse will be with us for some time, and all we can expect to receive is some tinkering around the margins.

This being the case we now need to enshrine these new normalities into our culture. We are in the process of doing this and I fully expect a relatively smooth transition to this new normal. It is far better to plan the implementation of these rules rather than cross our fingers and hope.

Anna Brady and Ian Bramstedt have played an enormous part as members of the Transition Committee (or as we called it the "3 Bs" as it included me) and I cannot thank them enough for the super effort they have put in to get us the positive stage we are at.

But we as a club cannot relax as it is very

easy to slip back down and then it is harder to get back up. We all have to play our part in ensuring that the new conditions continue to be adhered to.

The next important event for us all will be on Saturday 30th January. On this date we will be having a "social event" at the club at about 5pm or so as it is after Pennant, and during this event we will be holding the final part of our AGM.

You will all have already received notice of this, and I encourage you all to attend as there are a number of important issues affecting the Club's future to be raised/discussed at this time.

So rather than rolling on let us all "roll up" as they say in bowls and enjoy our chosen sport at our great club.

See you at the AGM event.

PENNANT & CHAMPIONSHIP - REPORT



David Bill
President
P & C - Committee

The remainder of the 2020/2021 pennant season will continue to be played under the strict COVID19 protocols, but it does look as though we will at least be able to complete the season. The results for the year to date remain very much a mixed bag particularly with our Saturday morning six a side team and our Thursday morning seven per side team.

These two sides were originally set up by Bowls Victoria to provide the opportunity for newer and inexperienced bowlers to get some exposure to competitive bowls. Unfortunately, the selectors have found that our competitors have included a number of premier league and first division bowlers using the competition for practice. The end result is that our two sides have enjoyed some fairly substantial defeats.

Our Chairman, James Bonthorne, has made a number of approaches to BV to have the matter resolved without achieving a satisfactory outcome. As a consequence, the Selectors have been left with no alternative but to consider the likely withdrawal of one or even both sides from the second stage of the competition. However maximum effort is being given to avoiding such an outcome.

While there has been a measure of disappointment in our results so far this season, pennant players are reminded that Ian Bramstedt places a printout of both Saturday and Tuesday ladders on the notice board. What is somewhat encouraging is that at the end of both ladders Ian posts a 'Ladder Summary' showing YTD in comparison to last season's final outcomes. For example, our Team 1 on a Saturday is currently in 5th position after five rounds and at the end of last season it finished in 9th position. Team 2 is currently in 4th compared to last season where it finished in 1st position.

Looking at the current average ladder summaries it can be seen Saturday is 5.0 compared to 6.3 at the end of last season and the average position for Tuesday is exactly

the same as end of season last year at 5.9.

It has been noted there is an inadvertent omission on page 11 in the latest Club handbook. In the Pennant Record / Midweek Section the following should have been included:

2019-20 Div 5 Open Section Runner Up

Finally, a reminder about duty rosters for both pennant days. As you are all aware, there are strict protocols in place for use of the Club facilities during pennant matches and it is anticipated there will be little or no change to these for the remainder of the pennant season. I intend placing a copy of these protocols on our main notice board, so I ask, if you are listed on duty rosters by the Selectors, to make yourself familiar with these protocols as it applies to your role in the duty roster.

Remember in playing out the remainder of the season, follow the best advice received from our coaches.

EYES DOWN, HEAD DOWN, STAY DOWN.

It works.

ASK THE UMPIRE – JANUARY 2021



Barry Wilkins
Coach & Umpire

I had decided to write a piece concerning the improper delivery of the jack this month and as usual I discussed the matter with Julie. She told me of an incident in a pennant game a few years ago when she was called to rule on a situation where the jack had been improperly delivered by both leads.

Julie correctly ruled that the jack should be placed on the 2-metre mark and that the mat be placed by the player to bowl first. For those interested in chapter and verse the relevant laws are 10.3 and 6.1.1.

Julie also told me that after giving her ruling an opposition player was heard to remark “*where did she get her licence?*” Bill Wright was nearby and sprang to Julie’s defence, letting the opposition know in no uncertain terms that Julie was a very competent Umpire.

TUESDAY NIGHT PENNANT

We started playing Tuesday Night Pennant on the 12th January this year and will have an 8-game season. For people who are not aware, Tuesday Night Pennant is played at 7.30pm and is 2-bowl triples. Games must finish before the 10.30pm curfew but usually finishes prior to 10.30pm.

Some advantages of night pennant:

- You are playing later and are not subjected to the heat of the day
- It is a shorter version as 21 end triples is quicker than day pennant
- You can still play if you work or are unavailable during the day.
- The wind is usually lighter at night
- The games are all in clubs in the Eastern Ranges so travel times are all short



Mal Shield
TNP Coordinator

- The season is usually a bit shorter than the day pennant seasons
- It is good practice for day pennant where you often play against some strong players
- All levels of skill are included in teams
- We have supper after the game and open the bar

We have fielded teams for a number of years

and this year we have 14 regular players and 18 emergencies. This season we have sufficient players and will rarely need to call on the emergencies. I would like to see if we can build Tuesday Night Pennant to 2 teams for next season. If you are interested in joining us on Tuesday Night Pennant next season please discuss with me, or I might raise it with you. I am particularly interested in club members not playing Tuesday day pennant.

Lindsay Ridgwell – Life Member of our Club



Lindsay Ridgwell
Life Member of
Donvale Bowls Club

Lindsay commenced here almost 30 years ago and has enjoyed a wonderful time in achieving many important days, weeks, months through his time with our club. [The following is Lindsay's memorable words.](#)

I played cricket for the Canterbury Cricket club for more than 30 years before looking for somewhere to play bowls when I retired. It took me about 2 years to find a bowls club after looking at Mitcham, Blackburn and a few others. Then one day I started at our club for a Sunday practise and enjoyed this first time which has made me happy to join our club.

To start with, our original name involved the bowls, hockey, and tennis club and was called the "Doncaster Sporting Clubs". When the tennis club decided to build their club house, we decided to call our place the [Donvale Bowls Club](#).

There were only two pennant teams when I joined up, including night pennant, but after a few years we were struggling as a club and it took some time to improve the situation. We talked about combining with Templestowe Bowls as they were in a difficult situation, and the men were happy, but the ladies said "no, no," so we decided to try and keep going ourselves and that eventually worked for us.

In the earlier days we had Men playing Saturday and Ladies playing on Tuesday. The two groups combined around 2002/2003 when we played together, and Donvale were happy to combine, unlike other clubs where men or ladies were not happy about the change.

I was told by some people at our club that I must consider the idea of becoming the "Men's" President and started in 2000 through to 2002.



I had no idea to commence in this position but enjoyed this over the few years.

At around this time I became involved in "twilight bowls" and I have kept going all these years and of course enjoyed it.

I have won the singles final a few times, pairs and triples over the years. My first single game I was dressed in "civilian dress" and told off very curtly but proudly won that memorable game and learnt my lesson of wearing the old team uniform of "all white".

About 15 years ago I became involved in helping at the club bar and eventually took over in charge of this important part of our club. Unfortunately, with COVID19 this has affected our club along with other problems, but we will "get better" soon. I have had a few medical troubles over the past years but can say it is great to be a member and have many friends at this great club.



**Lindsay Ridgwell – Men's President of
Donvale Bowls Club**

Non-Pennant & Social Events



Anna Brady

President
Non-Pennant
& Social Events

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND PIZZA NIGHT

Despite the short lead time, the Christmas Raffle and Pizza Night raised \$2251.70 for the Club. Thank you again to all the members who donated items and purchased tickets which resulted in 21 hampers and a gingerbread house being available for prizes. Also, a big thank you to all the members involved in contributing to a very successful event.

A reminder that [David Mattiazzo](#) provides a sharpening service (knives, shears, scissors, secateurs etc) plus David can repair lifters and handles on bowls bags at a reasonable price. David kindly donates the proceeds of this service to support the Christmas raffle. Please contact [David on 0428 101 404](#) to arrange for collection.

As per the information in the last newsletter [Rito Bettiol](#) has made a range of beautiful hand-made wooden serving boards for sale at the 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 [contact Rito on 0425 745 759](#).



AUSTRALIA DAY / AGM

On Saturday 30th January after pennant bowls, we will be holding an Australia Day celebration together with the 2020 Annual General Meeting. We will commence with an [Aussie Day style sausage sizzle](#) at 5pm followed by the AGM and then sweets/ tea/ coffee. Further information on the AGM will be provided by Club Secretary [Michael Meehan over the next week](#).

TWILIGHT BOWLS

Twilight bowls are up and running again every Wednesday evening, coaching from 5pm to 6pm then a game of bowls. There will be no Twilight Bowls on the 27th January due to pennant games being deferred from Tuesday 26th January (Australia Day) however from Wednesday 3rd February, we will again be offering a meal after Twilight Bowls. Sign Up sheet is at the Club. For more information, please [contact Lindsay Ridgwell on 0466 136 792](#) or [Peter Hanslow on 0433 879 844](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are planning to hold the following events in 2021 (further details to follow):

- [March 16](#) - 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 including 2 course lunch

OTHER BOWLS CLUB EVENTS

During the year we receive a variety of invitations from other bowls clubs throughout Victoria. These will be displayed for a short time on the notice board at the club for your information.

See you on the rinks 🤓

GREENS REPORT



Gary Brady
Greens Director

Artificial Surface

Still awaiting the surface cleaning kit, however it appears not urgent as yet, as the surface is draining well and bowling well.

Grass Green

The grass green is as good as it has been for some years bowling well with little weed growth. Hopefully we can use it to our advantage going forward, by training on it and playing teams that are unused to a grass green.

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

Tuesday 19th January 2021 – Donvale Bowls Club



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CAFÉ JULIA - Farhad and Bobby. Cafe Julia is located at 78 Jackson Court, Doncaster East. Great coffee & vanilla slices.

DSG BOWLS SHOP – 25 Worrell Street, Nunawading. 9877 2068. For all bowling gear contact owners Larry, Sue & Elise. Email info@dsgbowlsshop.com.au

RYAN SMITH - Member for Warrandyte - Suite 2, 1020 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East. 9841 5166

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