

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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Ian Bramstedt

Chairman

Donvale Bowls Club

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello members

The management committee wishes you and your loved ones all the very best for the new year.

It is very pleasing to report that we have welcomed 50 new members to our club over the last nine months. That is a fantastic outcome, resulting from all the hard work of our committees, volunteers, and general members, who make new members so welcome. An achievement that would be the envy of almost every club in Australia.

We recently had a meeting at our club with Bowls Victoria senior management. They were pleased with how our club was going and offered their support for our project to replace the grass with a synthetic green. They will do what they can to help ensure Manningham Council use the right tender specifications and scope to match our requirements. This project has been budgeted by the council for 2023/24 and is still subject to our club being able to fund 50% of the costs.

By the time you read this I hope you have supported our "Think Big – Think Pink" Charity Day, and it was big success. This is an inaugural event for our club where we are donating all the proceeds to a very worthwhile charity. You should feel proud giving something back to the community.

One of our key focus areas is to raise revenue from outside functions. This involves a balancing act in maximising much needed revenue, and preventing overloading volunteers, whilst protecting our facilities, and ensuring facilities are available to members when required. To help manage this it has been agreed to form a new sub-committee responsible for corporate functions and reporting to the management committee. Mal and Jan Shield, our very own

in-house catering/function gurus, will be running the new committee and will be recruiting a couple of volunteers as back up's.

The intention is to have all external queries for corporate functions directed initially to this sub-committee. They will then determine what the requirement is, decide if it is something the club can manage, negotiate pricing, arrange invoicing, recruit volunteers, and will usually coordinate the function.

Late last year, the council was ready to award the tender and commence the installation of the ceiling lining for our Alfresco area. Unfortunately, they did not give us enough notice and the interruptions to our December events was unacceptable. These works have now been delayed until late February or March.

A reminder to take care when playing bowls on hot days. Keep hydrated and in the shade as much as possible. Do not hesitate to sit in the shade and rest if feeling any signs of heat stress.

WELFARE SUPPORT

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

ASK THE UMPIRE – JANUARY 2023



Barry Wilkins
Coach & Umpire

Helpful Herbert was down in the dumps. His form as a skip had been so bad that the selectors had had enough and made him a lead while Old Charlie was selected as skip.

Nasty Norm made the situation worse when he sauntered up and smirked at Helpful Herbert without saying a word.

Donvale had won the toss so Helpful Herbert had to deliver the jack on the first end. Helpful Herbert had never bothered to practice with the jack and as a consequence the jack rolled out of bounds.

Various opinions were offered as to what happened next. Some of them were:

We win the end with 8 shots up (Nasty Norm).

We just centre the jack and play on, that's what we do at Donvale (Fast Freddy who just wanted to get on with it).

We call it a tied end and just begin the next end (Stupid Sam who was third to Nasty Norm):

The opposing lead rolls the jack from where the mat has been placed and then if they like they can move the mat after the jack has been centred (second thoughts of Stupid Sam).

And so, it went on until Old Charlie spoke and said the opposing lead places the mat and rolls the jack. This met with hoots of derision all round so Old Charlie yelled "umpire".

The club's littlest lady umpire came up and ruled that Old Charlie was correct. This met with comments about the umpire's competence, but she stuck to her guns. But was the umpire right?

Umpire Barry says that as usual the club's littlest lady umpire was correct.

Law 10.1 says that the jack has been improperly delivered if it comes to rest in the ditch, completely outside the rink boundaries, less than the minimum distance (21 metres in Australia), on the rink after contact with the face of the bank or on the rink after contact with a person or object outside the rink boundaries.

Law 10.2 says that if a player has improperly delivered the jack the opposing player must place the mat as required and deliver the jack.

Law 10.3 goes on to say that if the opposing player also improperly delivers the jack, the first player places the mat, and the jack is placed at the 2-metre mark.

NIGHT PENNANT COORDINATOR

THURSDAY NIGHT PENNANT 2-4-2

A Thursday night competition will again be held from the 2nd February to the 2nd of March. It will be a 2-4-2 format and players are expected to play for all 5 matches. It is open to all club members and especially new members who are still learning the game are also welcome. You do not need a uniform, all games are played at Donvale, it starts at 7.15pm and ends about 9.30pm. We then have a light supper, and the bar is opened. It is a fun night and a great way to improve your game. The cost per game is \$10 per player.

There is a light blue signup book at entrance sign-up area so please consider joining us in the competition.

There is also prize money at the end of the competition. There is a full explanation of the competition in the signup book if you want more information.



Mal Shield
NP Coordinator

TUESDAY NIGHT PENNANT

We have 2 more games to go for the season. The season goes so quickly.

We had to abandon a match against Vermont South recently due to rain, thunder, and lightning. We were in a winning position and were in front on all rinks at the time of abandonment. I think we were unlucky not to have played enough ends for a win. We did however have a nice supper and drinks with the opposition, so all was not lost.



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 Jan Meehan (Pictured) A brief insight into Jan's working life, her involvement at Donvale Bowls Club, and the successful experiences it provided.

After leaving school she commenced work in the Australian Tax Office, it was here she met Michael, considered the "bad boy" of the section (he had a tattoo).

They married in 1971, fortunately the rules of the public service had just changed allowing women to continue employment after marriage.

In 1973 they moved to Warrandyte where her first son was born, she resigned from the ATO to become a full-time mother.

The next six years produced two more sons. During this time, she dabbled with a few occupations such as market research and childcare, including volunteering at her children's kindergartens and schools.

A few years later (with the assistance of a very persuasive friend) she became instrumental in establishing a new kindergarten in Warrandyte and setting up information Warrandyte (a branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau) becoming a trained advisor with that organization at their Greensborough office while the Warrandyte office was established.

In 1986 she commenced part-time work in the Finance Department of the Fairfield Hospital, this provided an opportunity to experiment with word processing, data bases and macros in spreadsheets developing applications that revolutionised work practices, reducing hours from previous methods of work.

She loved the job but unfortunately the hospital closed in the early nineties due to government re-organization of the state health system.

Seeking another position in 1993 she sat the Commonwealth Public Service selection test and was offered a position at Brunswick Centrelink, working a further 18 years, moving through many positions in several offices.

During this period, she managed a team of Complex Assessment Officers on special projects identifying and assessing the many and varied financial arrangements people devise in relation to their social security payments.

She retired from paid work in 2011 returning to voluntary positions at Information Warrandyte, became involved in the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House, and arguably the most important role, baby-sitting her six grandchildren.

Jan and Michael have a passion for travel, travelling to many and varied places, particularly overseas.

Sharing her travel experiences on occasions writing travel articles for the Warrandyte Diary covering a road trip through India and later Sri Lanka.

A further interest Jan enjoys Cryptic Crosswords, Sudoku and puzzles, husband Michael believes this "obviously says something about her", can anyone guess?

In 2014 Jan and Michael decided to try lawn bowling, how fortunate we are they chose Donvale.

Difficult to find a time during her tenure she has not been involved in some honorary and worthwhile capacity. Jan has now developed a new website for Donvale Bowls Club and does a tremendous job of keeping it up to date with a particular ability of being very creative. Together with Michael they represent a great team, ready and willing, regardless of the task or the challenge.

This DBC article was published by our sponsor

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Written by: Rob (Stormy) Fairweather

Photo: Ewan Simpson

PENNANT & CHAMPIONSHIP - REPORT



Ken Eldridge

President

P & C - Committee

PENNANT

We are now into rounds 10/11 for this year's Pennant season and a number of teams still have an opportunity to make it into the finals or at least gain positions on the ladder thus avoiding relegation.

Once again the Ladder Summary [provided by Ian Bramstedt] comparing previous years does give us a guide and while there has been a slight improvement over the last month or so and we are still slightly down overall at this stage.

I previously attributed Greg Norman for the Quote below but in fact it was Garry Player. *As for luck:- Garry Player once said, "The more I practice the luckier I get".*

Now I have an actual Quote from Greg.

"Know your strengths and take advantage of them".

I will now add my thoughts to that and say:-

"Practice your weaknesses and they may become your strengths".

The Ladder Summary below will give each team an idea how they are travelling. Also check on the noticeboard at the club which also shows the ladder and visit our website which now provides access to ladders plus teams and results for each round.

MIDWEEK 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	5	109%	1	3	112%	1	1	1	7	1	4
2	2	3	5	87%	2	5	103%	2	5	3	2	3	4
3	3	6	5	87%	4	1	128%	3	8	3	3	3	1
4	4	3	7	75%	4	6	95%	4	2	4	7	4	10
5	5	4	5	82%	4	8	67%	4	4	5	4	5	10
6	5	5	8	80%	5	2	130%	5	4	5	10	5	9
7	6	4	8	68%	5	8	57%	5	6	5	7	5	10
8								5	7				
AVERAGE	3.7		6.1	84%	3.6	4.7	99%	3.6	4.6	3.7	5.7	3.7	6.9
		In Finals:	0			3			4		3		3

WEEKEND LADDER SUMMARY

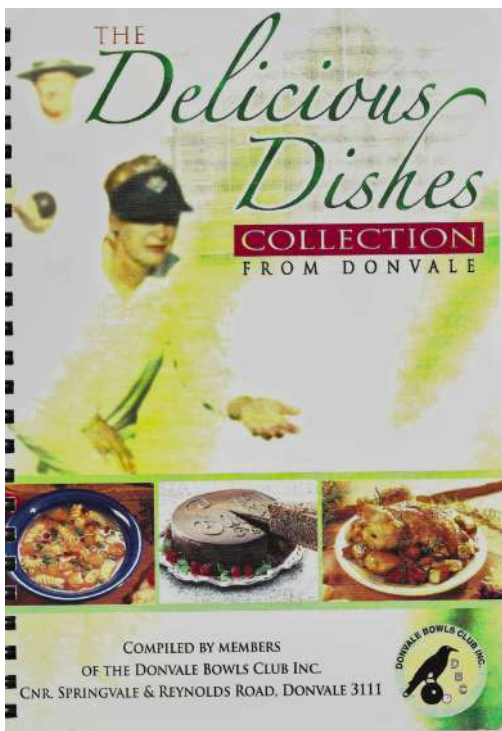
TEAM	DIV.	SEC.	LADDER	SCORE %	2021/22			2020/21		2019/20		2018/19	
					DIV.	Ladder	Score %	DIV.	Ladder	DIV.	Ladder	DIV.	Ladder
1	1	3	9	86%	1	8	87%	2	4	2	9	2	8
2	3	4	4	97%	3	3	111%	3	3	3	1	3	5
3	6	4	2	135%	5	3	115%	5	2	4	9	4	6
4	6	7	3	106%	5	6	94%	5	3	5	7	5	7
5	7	5	6	85%	5	6	93%	5	6	6	3	6	3
6	9	3	8	48%	6	7	66%	7	5	7	9	7	10
					7	4	76%						
AVERAGE	5.3		5.3	93%	4.6	5.3	92%	4.5	3.8	4.5	6.3	4.5	6.5
		In Finals:	3			3			4		2		1

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Club Championships are almost at an end with only the Mixed Pairs to be completed on the Friday 27th February and Open Triples should be completed by February 12th.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Will be held on Thursday 30th March so please add that to your diary. It will be a spit roast held at our club.



Cakes and Slices

MOCK BLUEBERRY SLICE

Ingredients:
Base:
 250 grams Marie biscuits (crushed)
 185 grams melted butter or margarine
 2 large tablespoons condensed milk
 Combine and press in slice tin.
Topping:
 1 cup currants
 1 cup raspberry cordial
 1 cup water
 3 tablespoons cornflour in a little water.

Method:
 Boil liquids and currants together for 5 minutes, then thicken with cornflour. Bring back to simmer, cool slightly and pour over biscuit base. Cool in refrigerator – cut into slices.

Jill Wyllie

This magnificent *“Delicious Dishes Collection from Donvale”* was distributed by our club in 2005 to all members and many other people. This is a 96 page book of great menus and in this Newsletter we have a *Mock Blueberry Slice* by one of our current members **JILL WYLLIE**. In the February Newsletter we will have another menu (guess who)?

Grandparents over the Christmas break Had a wonderful time with their visiting Grandchildren



Graeme Morrison’s visiting Danish granddaughter learning the art of lawn bowls. Vilde is 18 months old and became exhausted rather quickly (like her grandfather does these days), so she went to sleep in the ditch when Graeme had a “little practice”.



Jake Simpson with a broken right arm decided he still wanted to play bowls with his left arm. After a few bowls he managed to get close to the jack, but one ended up next to it. Rosie Simpson did the same shot and Jill & Ewan Simpson were very proud of their grandchildren who visited us for Christmas from where they live in London.

GREENS REPORT



Gary Brady
Greens Director

Members seem quite pleased with the condition of the Artificial but still some complaints about the end Rinks 16 & 15, however quite a few members have decided to use it to our advantage.

The Grass has had considerable work done over the break and it is much improved but remains unpopular with many members. Santa Anna grass requires heat to flourish but latest conditions in Melbourne have not been kind. I remain positive for the rest of the season as I know that the effort involved is getting it up to scratch.

NON-PENNANT & SOCIAL EVENTS



Brian Roberts
President Non-Pennant & Social Events

With the busy Christmas and New Year celebrations behind us, we have settled into planning for the events and outings coming soon.

THURSDAY 26th JANUARY (Australia Day Holiday)

Gala Charity and Bowling Day. On this day, as in previous years, we will proudly join with ALL OUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN in celebrating all things great that OUR COUNTRY provides. This year's event will create a worthy precedent, **with the total amount \$1,800 generated to be donated to assist the Glenn McGrath foundation in their battle against breast cancer.** Today, with over 90 members and friends signed up to attend, it makes one feel proud and privileged to be a member of Donvale Bowls Club.

SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY (Labour Day Weekend)

Margaret Cunningham Day...sign-up sheets are being circulatedwatch out for the Newsflash later in this Newsletter.

TWILIGHT BOWLS

Regular Wednesday night bowls will restart on February 1st, after having a night off this week. These nights have been very well attended with over 40 people participating each evening.

The most pleasing aspect of twilight bowls has been the number of "new members" taking part in both the coaching and following games and fellowship. Thanks go to all coaches and support persons in making these evenings such a big success.

FUTURE EVENTS

MONDAY 3rd APRIL (Day at the races)

We have had confirmation of our booking at Yarra Glen Gallops for this day.

All members and friends are invited to join us for a day of excitement which includes entry and a gourmet 2 course lunch. Contact John Chandler (mobile 0448 005 662) for all enquiries and booking details. Watch out for newsflash and sign-up sheets as time gets closer.

A DAY AT MELBOURNE BOTANICAL GARDENS - Date to be announced.

Join our gardening guru (Graeme Morrison) for a wonderful, guided tour and cafe lunch at our world-famous gardens. Watch for more details, Newsflash, and sign-up sheet soon.

A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE - Date to be announced.

This event will include group bookings for a selected hotel dinner followed by a locally produced live theatre experience.

Details of show and bookings will be handled by Virginia McGuinness (mobile 0408 008 434).

Watch for sign-up sheet and newsflash

Keep on Rolling.



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

Donvale Bowls Club

BLACK BOWLS vs WHITE BOWLS
v TIEB
v

End	Shots	Total	Shots	Total	End	Shots	Total	Shots	Total
1	2	2	0	0	14				
2	-	2	1	1	15				
3	-	2	2	3	16				
4	-	2	1	4	17				
5	-	2	3	7	18				
6	-	2	5	12	19				
7	-	2	1	13	20				
8	-	2	1	14	21				
9	2	4	-	14	22				
10					23				
11	JOHN		KAY		24				
12	LEANNE		RON		25				

This was a practice game with a surprising result - John Chandler & Leanne Sullivan (4) v Kay Chandler & Ron Pretto (14)

**THE DONVALE BOWLS CLUB
IS PROUD TO PRESENT**

“THINK BIG – THINK PINK DAY”

**Gala Charity Day in support of
McGRATH FOUNDATION**

In their continuing fight against breast cancer

**Australia Day Holiday
Thursday 26th January**

**88 Members, Family and Friends attended
Giant Hamper Raffles
Delicious Smorgasbord Style Luncheon
Fun Game of Bowls Enjoyed**



BEST "PINK OUTFIT" COMPETITION AND OTHER GREAT PRIZES



Was Won By
Wally Cerato

A few photos were taken



Wally with Katie Taubert
Won Glenn McGrath Cap



Hawks Joggers?





CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – FINAL RESULT MIXED PAIRS
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

**MIXED
PAIRS
WINNER**



Fay & Les Giules

Runner Up



**Lindsay Ridgwell
& Helen Milner**

DONVALE



**BOWLS
CLUB**

Margaret Cunningham Mentor Classic

Monday 13th March

Presents

Labour Day - Members Only Event

12:30pm start

Two Bowl Triples

Two Games x 14 Ends

Dress Mufti - Green Fee \$10

Single entry event designed and catering
for many of our new bowlers

Prize Money

Winning Team \$150

Runner Up \$90

Best First Game \$90

Best Last Game \$90

Skippers selected from available list on the board,
Leads and Thirds drawn independently
prior commencement of the game.

Every team will have an opportunity to be competitive
and share in the prize money.

Interested?.....

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