

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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DONVALE



BOWLS

CLUB

Margaret Cunningham Mentor Classic Monday 13th March

This special day, honours and acknowledges the late Margaret Cunningham, a tireless worker who assisted in ensuring the successful New Members Days and the membership rewards, live on.

72 members had gathered, anticipating the unknown is never easy, the mood among the group understandably, electric.

Show time for the appointed Skippers had arrived, the random draw selecting their Leads and Thirds for this special and unique event.

Smithy, normally passive and quietly spoken, **was at his administrative best, organizing the cards and rinks**. I should add not an easy task, cancellations, late scratching's, and new arrivals, make his job extremely challenging, amazingly never a problem for this man.

Our efficient Chairman Ian Bramstedt made light work of the green fee collection, balancing the takings, and audio responsibilities.

The day discovered and revealed a new raffle fund raising guru, **John Cobain**. Working in his early days as a successful used car salesman he ensured all who passed happily contributed.

A remarkable effort raising a club record of \$630.00.

Special mentions to our fantastic support group, **Ewan Simpson, Barbara Drew, Norma Juchno, Ron Pretto, Ian Heap, Anna Brady, and Ron Gibbs**, so capable and reliable when a job needs to be done.

Graeme Morrison, (the plant specialist), how often we call on his generous support for raffle prizes, how often he so generously responds.

Anna Brady two \$50 gift vouchers courtesy of the Ringwood Club.

Brian Roberts, organized a magnificent meat tray, supported, and subsidised by **The Butcher Club, Pines Shopping Centre**.

This is our annual ½ day event, designed to encourage and promote opportunities for our relatively new members to join us, a fun day, no pressure, generous prize money, and the hope, those of you who joined us enjoyed the day.

To all our members who supported the concept, the club, our sincere thanks, and appreciation, you make it all worthwhile.



**Rob (Stormy)
Fairweather
Manager/Organiser
Margaret
Cunningham
Mentor Classic**





The Winners of the Margaret Cunningham Mentor Classic
Adrian Ryan, David Blyth, John Poulton (skip)



Runners Up
Robert Stevenson, Ann Henry,
Michael Meehan (skip)



Winners First Game
Helen Milner (skip), Jan Meehan,
John Caruso



Winners
Second Game
Kay Chandler,
Norma Juchno,
Maurie
Vickerman (skip)



THE JIM MORRISON ROSE GARDEN

In recognition of Jim Morrison's tireless efforts and dedication to the Donvale Bowls Club.

He has been an extremely valued foundation member since 1988 and made an invaluable contribution to the club, particularly in the upkeep and maintenance of the gardens.

Jim has always been a true ambassador of the sport and an inspiration to all. We are grateful for his hard work, and the beauty it has brought to the club.

Thank you

Ian Bramstedt

Jim Morrison

The Jim Morrison Rose Garden

Chairman - Presented the plaque to Jim Morrison our foundation club member



The Winners of many Prizes on the Day



David Bill



Brian Dunn

Jim Morrison is now a retired bowler and rose garden expert.

Jules White is now doing some of the gardening that Jim performed



Teng Tee



Pat Ryan

The Winner of the magnificent meat tray, supported, and subsidised by The Butcher Club Pines Shopping Centre

Gillian & Adrian Town
(with Brian Roberts)





NON-PENNANT & SOCIAL EVENTS

With summer and the pennant season now behind us, our committee's workload has slowed down a little.

The next important date on our calendar is **Monday 3rd of April with our trip to Yarra Glen for a "day at the races"**. With over 50 members booked for the day, it is certain that we will have some big winners. Thanks to John and Kay Chandler for their big effort in putting this day together.

We are still taking bookings for our "Night at the Theatre" on 15th June. The show **"ALL SHOOK UP" at the Karalyka Theatre, Ringwood**, will be great, and should appeal to all, including those old hard rockers, and all those who can remember. It is proposed to meet for dinner prior to the show for those that wish. Venue to be decided and tickets are scarce, so to avoid missing out, members are advised to **book with Virginia McGuinness (mobile 0408 008 434) as soon as possible**. Payment (\$50 per person) to either Virginia or Kim Hemburrow is required by 15th April. Alternatively, payment may be made by direct deposit to the club account. Please ensure that you identify your payment with "all shook up" and your name.

Twilight Bowls remains very popular, with over 40 participants on most Wednesday evenings. The number of "new bowlers" playing and enjoying these evenings is very

pleasing and it is easy to anticipate that many will wish to progress on to pennant bowls next season.

Sunday bowls has struggled to attract enough players to justify staging this event. Maybe after Easter would be a good time to try again.

The proposed trip to the Botanical Gardens with Graeme Morrison, has been put back to next spring, with Thursday 12th October as a suggested date. Any inquiries can be made to Graeme, and further details will be released closer or to the event.

With the AGM not far away, and with some changes to our committee imminent, I would encourage any member with an interest, enthusiasm, and new ideas to put their hand up for nomination to join our committee. The experience will be very enjoyable and greatly rewarding. Keep on Rolling.

CLUB SPONSORSHIP



David Bill
Chairperson "Think Tank"
Sponsorship

Last month we appealed to members to think about potential sponsors. At the time of writing this article we have received some support from members including Anna Brady who has approached and written to the Ringwood Club. Subsequently, the Ringwood Club donated two \$50.00 gift vouchers which Anna passed on to form part of the raffle prizes at the recent Mentors Day. Leanne Sullivan has opened the opportunity for communication with the Cherry Hill Hotel where a few of our members frequent quite regularly. Following their request, we have written to them and await their response.

Rob Fairweather and I recently met with Rami Jurdi of RJ Legal about sponsorship. Rob followed this with a sponsorship offer in writing. While it has yet to be finalised it appears that Rami is prepared to proceed with our offer which is great reward for Rob's individual effort. More recently I have written to two potential sponsors in the Pines Shopping Centre and to Dan Murphy's at Jackson Court. We await their responses.

Following a recent approach to the Butcher Club, adjacent Coles at the Pines, they have contributed toward two splendid meat trays which have been very favourably received at two separate social events. The proceeds of the two raffles associated with the meat trays generated a significant level of income for the Club.

Your Sponsorship Think Tank is finding identifying new sponsorship opportunities is no easy task. **We once again ask if any member can help us in achieving our sponsorship objectives. We always need your support.**

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



**THURSDAY
NIGHT - AND
CORPORATE
COORDINATOR**
Mal Shield

THURSDAY NIGHT COMPETITION
2nd February to 2nd March.

We have completed the Thursday night 2-4-2 which was a five-week competition that ended on the 2nd of March. The competition had 24 players to fill the 6 teams of 2 rinks per team. There were about 50% of new bowlers which was exactly what I was hoping for to give our new bowlers some relaxed friendly competition.

Winners were Mary Adey, Alan Davidson, Grant Purdy and Homi Burjorjee with emergencies used of Kay Chandler and Ross Taylor.

Runners Up were Jan Meehan, Dale Parsons, Ken Wright, and Ross Hedditch with emergencies used of Brian Dunn and Ross Taylor.

The feedback from the competition was very positive so I will run another competition probably before Christmas and another after Christmas.

CORPORATE FUNCTIONS

Templestowe Central Probus – Try bowling day.

The Templestowe Central Probus club had a try bowling day on the 17th March. There were 17 people trying bowling with some assistance from some of the probus members, who were all members of DBC as well. The weather could not have been better with a sunny 24 degrees and no wind. After about 1.5 hours of bowling, we then sat down for a 2-course lunch in the alfresco area. The day was successful and may occur again in about 12 months.

Enjoying the Great Lunch in Alfresco – thank you Jan



**GREENS
REPORT**

Gary Brady
Greens
Director

GRASS GREEN

Due to the amount of work gone in to the green it has never been better; expectations are that with a good spring we will be using it much earlier next season. Can all members planning to use it for an event please let me know in advance so we can arrange suitable preparation.

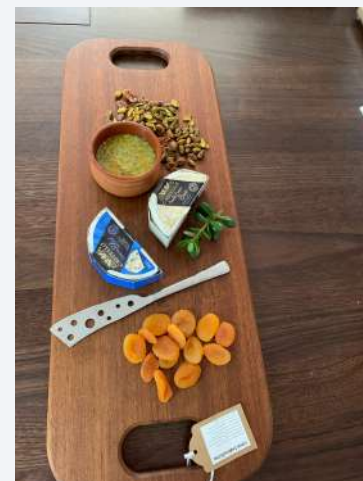
ARTIFICIAL GREEN

Looking good and playing well on most rinks a brushing will take place this week.

We will be moving the big scoreboards on both rinks to the South end to line up with the rink scoreboards as suggested by one of our INC members (seems the case at most clubs).

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





Ian Bramstedt
Chairman
Donvale Bowls Club

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello members

We are now approaching the end of our financial year, and I am looking forward to our Annual General meeting in May, which provides the opportunity to reflect on the past year. It has been especially pleasing to see the fantastic achievement of adding over 50 new members. On the other hand, we are hopeful that a few more members will step forward and nominate for the vacant Management Committee roles or help on a sub-committee. Please contact me for further information.

Congratulations to the Social Committee on arranging so many fun social activities. As I have said previously, it is vital that our club helps provide members with a healthy social network, and all the benefits that provides.

It has been refreshing to see the efforts of **Ron Preto and his helpers trialling a new game (to Donvale) planned for our winter program, called Scroungers**. Many members have enjoyed the fun aspects of this game. All players stay at the mat and play as individuals with driving and out of bounds bowls and Jacks penalised. The three closest bowls score points, so it is a great draw game, and you get three bowls each end. I encourage members to give it go, and hopefully it is a huge success during winter, and provides our members with even more choice.

The council recently gave us some very good news. They accessed our pavilion for solar and have agreed to install a substantial solar array and battery system. This will provide us with a large reduction in power costs, which has been increasing significantly over last few years. Lower costs will be reflected in a higher profit distribution from the Pavilion Operating Account (Bar profits less building running costs). The installation is expected to be completed by September this year.

At the recent **Margaret Cunningham Mentors Day**, it was my pleasure to present a plaque and framed certificate of appreciation to one of our **foundation members, Jim Morrison**. Jim has made an invaluable contribution to the club, particularly in the upkeep and maintenance of our

beautiful gardens. He has been an inspiration to us all. We are grateful for his hard work, and the beauty it has brought to the club. **The Rose Garden next to the entrance to the greens has been named after Jim, and the plaque will be mounted on a pedestal (thanks to David Mattiazzo)**.

A group of members have been vocal recently on the desire to change our club uniform. There appears to be a building momentum for a need to refresh and update our uniform and the material. It has been discussed by both the Pennant and Management Committees, and whilst we understand why many may want the uniform changed, it has been decided that it is not a priority right now. We welcome and encourage continued and open discussion on this topic. Examples of suggested new styles (that maintain our current colours) are on display on the notice board.

A reminder that for the next six months the Hockey Club have priority in the clubhouse. The arrangement between our two clubs is that the clubhouse is always shared, but from April to September Hockey have priority. We can use the clubhouse, but for any of our usage we need to book in with Hockey or be ready to move out if they need the space. The sharing of one pavilion provides many benefits to both clubs and the expectation is that all members are courteous and always understanding.

KNIFE SHARPENING

Knives, scissors, shears, tools sharpened

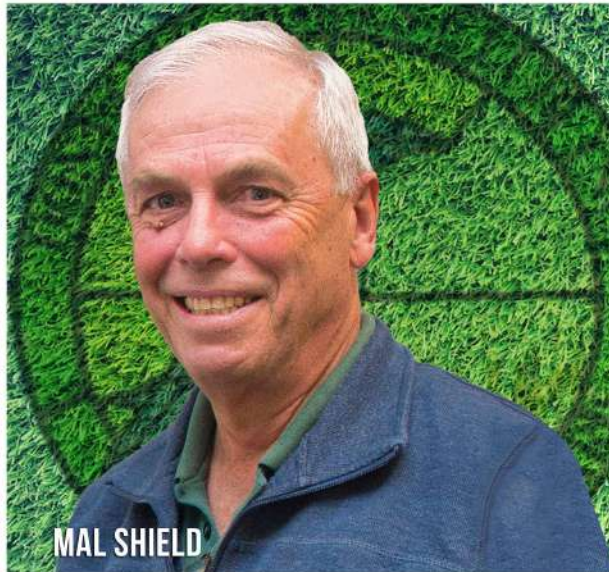
REPAIRS

Bowls bag handles, lifters etc repaired

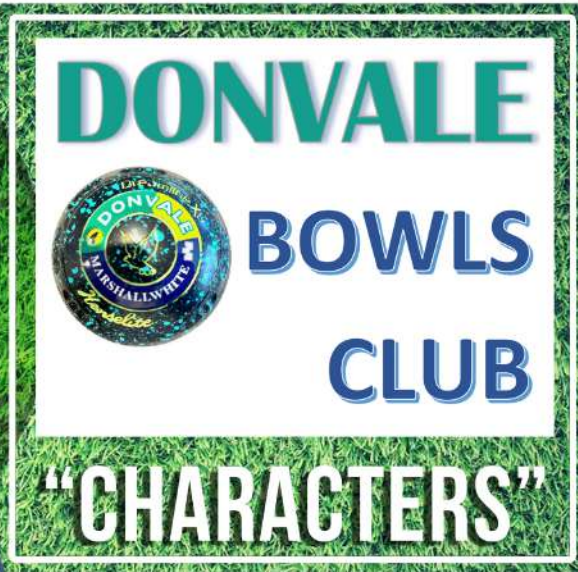
Contact David Mattiazzo

Mobile: 0428 101 404

David kindly donates the funds from the above to the Hamper Raffles



MAL SHIELD



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

Born in Melbourne in 1953.

Completed his Primary/ Secondary and Technical school education.

Enrolled at RMIT qualifying as an engineer.

During these formative years he became active in Heidelberg Rotaract becoming treasurer for the club and the Rotaract district.

It was during this period he met Jan Allan, a Canadian exchange student with the Heidelberg Rotary a 19-year-old exchange student. The Rotarians requesting the Rotaract club to include her in their activities.

The timing was perfect, known as a man of discerning taste and as luck would have it, between girlfriends, he volunteered to accept her.

Life takes romantic twists, Jan supposedly swept off her feet by this persistent and suave suitor, they later married.

His working career commenced as an engineer at Siddons Industries in Heidelberg an institution, famous for the quality Sidchrome spanners and work tools.

Promotion was swift!
Following on his role as an engineer took him to the Australian

Papermakers in Fairfield, later transferring to their Maryvale mill in Gippsland as assistant power engineer.

Next move to their Botany mill in Sydney, becoming the powerhouse and wastepaper engineer.

His ongoing journey with the company taking him back to the Fairfield Plant as South Mill Manager.

The APM had now been renamed Amcor, Mal was immediately promoted to Mill General Manager.

His final executive role Managing Director PMP print Australia. After constantly involved in large national roles, and the long hours it entailed he decided to start his own business doing management consulting work, sitting on boards, mergers, and acquisitions for medium sized companies, at one time travelling to Indonesia 13 times in a year.

In 2020 his workload and Covid, influencing him to retire. His interests are fishing, cycling, caravanning, travelling, Probus and family.

They have 3 children Kristy 39, Steven 39, and Michael 29. 4 grandchildren, 2 boys and 2 girls ranging in age from 8 to 11. The two oldest living in Melbourne, the youngest in Brisbane.

In 2014 he commenced bowling at Donvale Bowls Club initially attracted and enjoying 2 years of twilight bowls.

He is now well entrenched and extremely proud to be a member of such a welcoming and hardworking fun group of people.

Mal and Jan have made a substantial and immeasurable contribution to our club, the partnership, their readiness to contribute, volunteer, and be involved.

How fortunate we are they chose Donvale as their next chapter.

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ASK THE UMPIRE – MARCH 2023



Barry Wilkins
Coach & Umpire

Everyone knows that Helpful Herbert's most endearing quality is that he likes to be helpful. He recently found out that being helpful can result in some unfortunate consequences.

Recently Helpful Herbert and his opponent Nasty Norm were engaged in a tense struggle in a finals match. They were skipping of course.

On one end a misdirected opposition bowl went out very wide and towards the end of its course it rolled towards the boundary line. Helpful Herbert formed the view that the bowl would come to rest out of bounds, so being helpful he went onto the adjoining rink and stopped the bowl. Nasty Norm noisily objected to Helpful Herbert's action and called the umpire.

The umpire heard the story and told Nasty Norm he had options – he could have the bowl replayed or put the bowl where he believed it would have come to rest. Naturally Nasty Norm chose to have the bowl replayed.

There was further trouble for Helpful Herbert. The players on the adjoining rink complained to the umpire about Helpful Herbert coming on to their rink. The umpire told Helpful Herbert in no uncertain terms that he must not ever go onto adjoining rinks where play was in progress.

Later in the game a ferocious drive by one of Nasty Norm's players resulted in the jack coming to rest in the ditch with another of Nasty Norm's team's bowls rolling towards the ditch. Helpful Herbert couldn't resist his urge to be helpful, so he stopped the bowl because he was of the view that it too would come to rest in the ditch. Nasty Norm went ballistic and told Helpful Herbert that the bowl would have stayed on the green close to the jack. Nasty Norm again called the umpire.

Having heard the story, the umpire ruled that again Nasty

Norm had options – he could place the bowl where he believed it would have come to rest or declare the end dead. In this case Nasty Norm declared the end dead.

Was the umpire, right? Umpire Barry says she was right in both her interpretations of laws 37.1.1 and 37.1.3

MORAL

Don't ever touch an opponent's bowl. If an opposition bowl looks like staying out of bounds, let it. If an opposition bowl looks like going into the ditch, let it do so.

NOTE: Laws 37 and 38 are very complex and contain a variety of potentially unfortunate consequences for bowl and jack displacement.

If a bowl or jack is displaced – ask the umpire.

PENNANT & CHAMPIONSHIP - REPORT

Pennant: -

We have completed our last match for the 2022-23 season and 4 of our teams in the Finals. Congratulations to all those teams.

Midweek: -

Donvale side 1 made the Preliminary Final losing to Mitcham by 3 shots.

Weekend: -

Donvale side 2 made the Preliminary Final losing to Boronia.

Donvale side 3 made the Semi Final losing to Preston Reservoir.

Donvale side 4 made the Grand Final losing to Mooroolbark and will move up a to Division 5.

Several teams will be relegated next season including our top weekend side who will move down to Division 2.

While it's not ideal to be relegated hopefully those teams will be more competitive next season and will continue to enjoy their Pennant.

Ken Eldridge

President

P & C - Committee

Overall team results are down on previous years. Appears more players than usual have been sick, taking holidays and some withdrawing from Pennant which has made it a bit more difficult for Selectors this year.

Championships: -

Championships have finished for the season with the last match [open Triples] being played on Sunday 5th March a close match coming down to last bowl of the game.

Winners of that game were: - Lindsay Ridgwell, Jeff Grant, and Barry Wilkins.



Runners Up were: - Dennis Johnson, Leanne Sullivan, and Jules White.

Hope those players that participated have enjoyed this year's Championships.

We only have our Presentation Night on Thursday 30th March to complete the 2022-23 Championship season. Hope all those attending enjoy the evening.

It's now time to enjoy social bowls or a holiday or two until the next Pennant season starts. Happy Bowling.

Our bowls Club was hired to the Strata Community Association for a Lunch with around 100 people to celebrate International Women's Day – March 8th



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