

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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PENNANT & CHAMPIONSHIP - REPORT



Ken Eldridge

President

P & C - Committee

PENNANT REPORT

We are now 5 rounds into this year's pennant season and it's a little too early to access the overall performance. However, the Ladder Summary [provided by Ian Bramstedt] comparing previous years does give us a guide and puts us overall slightly down at this stage.

A number of factors come into play here including weather, close games and some teams having mostly away games [which are usually more difficult to win] and luck.

As for luck: - I believe Greg Norman once said after he was told "that was a lucky shot" His reply was "Yes and the more I practice the luckier I get".

So, keep enjoying your Bowls, practice and you may get luckier.

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 ladders.

SATURDAY 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	6	96%	1	8	93%	2	4	2	9	2	8
2	3	4	8	74%	3	3	107%	3	3	3	1	3	5
3	6	4	3	119%	5	3	103%	5	2	4	9	4	6
4	6	7	5	109%	5	6	95%	5	3	5	7	5	7
5	7	5	6	88%	5	6	89%	5	6	6	3	6	3
6	9	3	6	53%	6	7	88%	7	5	7	9	7	10
					7	4							
AVERAGE	5.3		5.7	90%	4.6	5.3	96%	4.5	3.8	4.5	6.3	4.5	6.5
	In Finals:		1		3			4		2			1

TUESDAY 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	6	97%	1	3	119%	1	1	1	7	1	4
2	2	3	4	85%	2	5	99%	2	5	3	2	3	4
3	3	6	8	64%	4	1	87%	3	8	3	3	3	1
4	4	3	8	68%	4	6	117%	4	2	4	7	4	10
5	5	4	6	82%	4	8	94%	4	4	5	4	5	10
6	5	5	4	110%	5	2	105%	5	4	5	10	5	9
7	6	4	8	50%	5	8	74%	5	6	5	7	5	10
8							66%	5	7				
AVERAGE	3.7		6.3	80%	3.6	4.7	95%	3.6	4.6	3.7	5.7	3.7	6.9
	In Finals:		2		3			4		3			3

COACHING REPORT

Many thanks to Bernie Henderson – the recent “Newsflash” [shown below] conveys our appreciation of how great he has been for many years.

MONDAY MORNING COACHING SESSIONS

Bernie Henderson has been an invaluable member of our coaching ranks for many years. A few years ago, Bernie volunteered to run coaching sessions on Monday mornings for newer bowlers and has continued in that role since.

For personal reasons Bernie has decided he is unable to continue. On behalf of all members of the club I want to sincerely thank Bernie for his expert and constructive advice to all participants, whilst at the same time provided an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere at each session. Many of our promising bowlers can thank him for a great start to their bowling careers.

I am pleased to advise that **Ian Bramstedt**, with assistance from **Graeme Hosking**, will take over these sessions, **which will continue to be held between 10.00am and Noon each Monday**. I know they will do a great job.

Jeff Grant
Coaching Co-ordinator



Bernie Henderson
with
Brian Dunn

Bernie joined the Donvale Bowls Club in 1990 and he is also a life member of our club. During his time, he played in the top pennant side including Division one. He also won the Club championship once and was the runner up twice.

He was President or Chairman of our Club 17 times, what a magnanimous person who has helped our Club grow and prosper through the years.

Info from: Ewan Simpson

CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022/2023

The Club championships are well underway with the Singles now completed. The standard was high in both the Men's and Women's Finals with the women's game being especially close and could have gone either way on the last end.

We have had one round of the Singles washed out but have managed to keep the Championship still on schedule.



Men's Singles Champion 2022/23

Winner

Lindsay Ridgwell

on right

Runner Up

John Poulton

on left

Photos: Ewan Simpson

Women's Singles Champion 2022/23

Winner

Teresa Bowden

on left

Runner Up

Marilyn Grant

on right



Mal Shield
NP Coordinator

NIGHT PENNANT COORDINATOR

THURSDAY NIGHT 2-4-2

The Thursday night competition finished on the 24th of November. We had 6 teams for the competition so a total of 24 players each week. Of the 5 nights scheduled we were not able to play on two nights due to inclement weather, but we did end up playing 3 matches. The winners were:

Kevin Macmaster, Homi Burjorjee, Jay Meander and Jo Robotham.

The general feedback from most players is that the format was well received, and we should look at another competition early next year. I would be very keen for some of our new members to join us on Thursday Nights next year when we set up for another 5-night competition.

TUESDAY NIGHT PENNANT

We started again on the 8th of November. We have not won either of the games played so far but we have had some rink wins. This is a good entry into competition bowling for newer bowlers as it is a less formal game and a shorter game being 2 bowls triples. For people who cannot play on midweek days this is a good alternative. We have a couple of permanent positions still available if you would like to play this season, please contact me. **Mal Shield Mobile: 0409 100 243**



Rob McAnally

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 Rob McAnally. A brief insight into Rob's working life, his involvement at Donvale Bowls Club, and the successful experiences it has provided.

He was born in Box Hill in 1947 living in the western suburbs where his father owned a Malvern Star franchise.

The family relocated to Albury NSW when he was 4 years old, his father taking over the management of a hotel.

This was to become a big feature in his youth, after a year or two the family then moved to Maryborough Vic taking over the licence of the "Bull and Mouth" hotel.

Rob never discovered the origin of the name! A year or so later the family moved back to Albury, managing the Albion Hotel.

In his early pre-teens years his father took him on a local flight in a light aircraft igniting an interest that he still holds dear today.

He was educated at Aquinas College in Albury and after Matriculation held a few jobs locally before deciding he wanted to get into Aviation as a career.

He won a Commonwealth flying scholarship taking him through to a Commonwealth Pilots Licence and eventually an instructor's rating, enabling him to teach students to fly.

He instructed in Albury for a year or two before becoming the CFI (Chief Flying Instructor) of the Warrnambool Flying School.

Career opportunities in the airline industry in those years were few, he applied and was admitted into the Department of Civil Aviation (later Air Services Australia) as an Air Traffic Controller trainee.

After two years he commenced his journey through the positions as a Radar controller in the AACC and later as a tower controller at Tullamarine, Essendon and Moorabbin, spending thirty-four years in ATC, shift working around the clock in the main centre positions.

He retired in late 2004 at fifty-seven years of age, considered old for a Controller in those days.

One of his colleagues in ATC became interested in a two-seat homebuilt kit out of the US and eventually both had a workshop full of aluminium pieces that took some 6000 hours over eight years to produce two RV6 aircraft.

They later flew clockwise around mainland Australia (55 flight hours) and at a later date around Tasmania.

With his wife Cheryl he crossed the Nullarbor to Perth flying through the centre to Darwin and Broome.

Rob and his wife Cheryl joined the Donvale Bowls Club in 2005 enjoying the involvement and valuable friendships ever since.

How fortunate we are they chose Donvale, their warm friendly nature and disposition, endears them to all who share their company.

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Written by: Rob (Stormy) Fairweather

Photo: Ewan Simpson

ASK THE UMPIRE – NOVEMBER 2022



Barry Wilkins
Coach & Umpire

Helpful Herbert is still a slow learner. The umpires at Donvale have lost count of the number of times they have told him not to go onto neighbouring rinks to lift bowls. Helpful Herbert is always helpful, but when it comes to venturing onto adjacent rinks he doesn't seem able to help himself!

Helpful Herbert excelled himself during the last game of the season. He was skipping on rink 13 when the jack on rink 14 was moved close to the boundary between rinks 13 and 14. The match was coming to an exciting end. The games on rinks 15 and 16 were finished and rinks 13 and 14 were playing their last ends. The match was tied on the main board with Donvale up by one shot on the heads on each of rinks 13 and 14.

An opposition bowl played on rink 13 looked as though it would strike the rink 14 jack so Helpful Herbert, being helpful, went on to rink 14 and lifted their jack to allow the rink 13 bowl to pass. The opposition bowl then nestled up to the rink 13 jack. Helpful Herbert was one down.

Worse was to come. The skips on rink 14 couldn't agree on whether their jack had been placed back to its former position. The umpire was called, and she ruled that because the skips couldn't agree the end was dead.

Helpful Herbert finished one shot down on rink 13 and on the replayed end on rink 14 Donvale finished a further shot down. Donvale therefore lost by two shots and as luck would have it, just missed out on the finals.

Was the umpire's decision right?
Umpire Barry says it was.

Helpful Herbert was a neutral person on rink 14. (Laws 3rd Edition Version 3.1 April 2019 Definitions C.23.1)

If a jack at rest within the rink of play is displaced by a neutral person, it must be placed back to its former position. If the skips cannot agree on the former position the end must be declared dead. (Law 38.3.3)

MORALS:

NEVER, EVER go onto a neighbouring rink. Law 12.2 states that a player must not go on to an adjoining rink where play is in progress. If a bowl from your rink looks like colliding with a bowl or jack at rest on a neighbouring rink, call out (loudly) WATCH YOUR HEAD. If the players on the neighbouring rink allow their head to be disturbed by a bowl from your rink IT IS THEIR PROBLEM.

NEVER, EVER lift a live jack whether it's on your rink or on a neighbouring rink. Law 37.6.1 states that if a BOWL at rest on your rink is in danger of being moved by a bowl from a neighbouring rink, any player ON YOUR RINK can choose whether to:

Lift the bowl at rest to allow the other bowl to pass and then replace it AS LONG AS THIS ACTION WOULD NOT INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THE HEAD, or
Stop the bowl from the neighbouring rink.

ALWAYS STOP a bowl from a neighbouring rink if it is going to strike your jack or a bowl which may be in contention for shot on your rink.

There is no law which permits a live jack to be lifted.

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

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER – OUR CLUB HAS BEEN HIRED BY RYAN SMITH

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AS THE FINAL DAY FOR HIS SUCCESS AS MP FOR WARRANDYTE



Thank you Ross Taylor for your photos

Our "Chef" Anna Brady with Ryan Smith MP Warrandyte
From Anna's iPhone

FOLLOWING UP FROM NEW MEMBERS DAY

SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER



Rob "Stormy"
Fairweather
Vice President
P & C Committee

Our photo guru Ewan Simpson as always capturing the moment.

Barman, ever reliable Ron Pretto.

Bill Duggan, welcoming and name tag identification.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to those members responsible, with your support I can advise the "Buddy" system is operational and effective, hopefully ensuring our new members are kept informed and aware of what our club provides.

A successful New Members Night was held on Monday evening 24th October.

The new inductees in attendance given a traditional and warm Donvale welcome by Chairman Ian Bramstedt upon arrival. Ian, reinforcing how important membership is to our club, the fellowship and enjoyment a club such as Donvale can provide.

Secretary Michael Meehan as always, did a fantastic job putting together and presenting the "Welcome Packs" to some 27 new members in attendance, numbers quite remarkable considering the short notice with invitations.

The comprehensive packs contained relevant guides and information to those who had just joined our club.

Name badge, clubhouse key, fixture book, coaches and coaching times, club stickers grippo, chalk spray, twilight details to name a few.

Barry Wilkins conducted his traditional informative "question and answer" segment, responding to the many queries that were raised and addressed on the night.

John Chandler with his team of volunteers took on an invaluable responsibility for Wednesday Twilight Bowls, its operation, and attendances.

A challenging and rewarding assignment, co-ordinating and coaching of our new bowlers.

The attendances of a Wednesday evening despite adverse weather conditions has been extremely heartening, such a high percentage of our new members becoming involved, learning, playing a game and a dinner.

Moral of story....."Nothing succeeds like success"!

Stormy

GREENS REPORT



Gary Brady
Greens Director

The Artificial Green has been treated for Algae and Moss prevention this is a six-monthly process and is working very well I have seen many greens that do not do this and are suffering massive moss problems. Weed growth in the ditches has been addressed. The lines will be marked soon.

The Grass has not had much chance to create a proper cover due to the lousy weather. Cutting and rolling will continue with maintenance planned over Christmas. A recent inspection gave both Greens a "B" rating which means they are suitable for play.

Many thanks to Jules and Heapy also David M for organising the tool hangers in the shed and thanks to Wally for donating a range of hand tools for the Shed.

FINAL REMINDER

MARSHALLWHITE INVITATION

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER

\$1,000 Prize Money

2 Bowl Triples

2 Games x 12 Ends

12:30 Start

Team \$60

Club Uniform

FEW PLACES LEFT - BOOK NOW

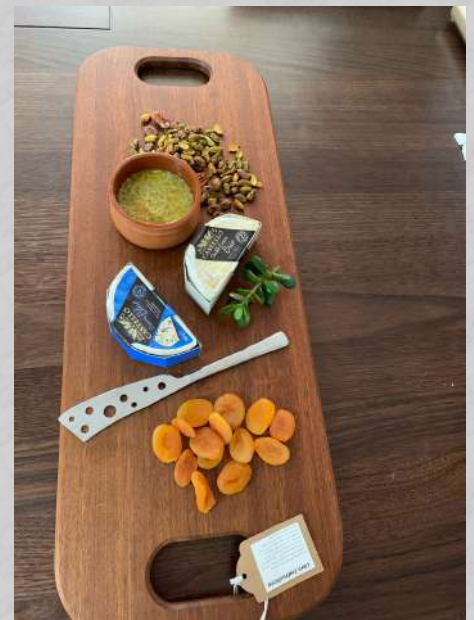
Contact

Geoff Smith 0428 225 576

Bill Duggan 0419 004 311



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



MELBOURNE CUP DAY – CELEBRATIONS AT OUR CLUB



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SPITROAST

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27th





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SPITROAST



As a Donvale Bowls Club member, we enjoyed the Spit Roast and had a wonderful time with the other members.
Thank you Ross Taylor for your great photos.

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