

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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DONVALE



BOWLS

CLUB

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

30th October 2023



Ian Bramstedt – Chairman of the Donvale Bowls Club



New Members



New Members



New Members with some of the committee included

At 6pm Monday 30th October, Ian Bramstedt the Chairman of Donvale Bowls Club discussed with the new members a welcoming presentation, and they would also get to meet and hear from the committee members with their roles at our club.

We are a young club now 35 years old and have a growing membership each year after COVID. We have around 260 members, more than any bowls club in this area, and in fact some clubs seem to be losing members, and yet other clubs closer to the city seem to be surviving very well as they were established around 150 years ago.

Some of the new plans and objectives for the club are as follows:

- Acoustic tiles for our Alfresco ceiling
- Replace the front grass with a synthetic grass and new lights, will commence next year
- Toilet adjacent to the rear synthetic
- Will have a new POS system for the bar area

Summer Programs:

- Twilight bowls every Wednesday night at 5pm featuring free coaching, a bowls game, and stay for a meal and the bar
- Sunday late morning social bowls with a free sausage sizzle
- There are various coaching and training sessions available during the week
- Whether it's summer or winter, there's always something to look forward to including various social excursions, various functions, and bowls events

Thank you to our new members for attending this evening, enjoy your bowls and reach out to a committee member with any queries and take advantage of everything bowls and our club have to offer you.

DONVALE BOWLS CLUB MELBOURNE CUP DAY



Dennis & John organised the CALCUTTA which was very successful for many of our club members



As reported by John Chandler - We had around 75 club members attend on the Melbourne Cup day at our club.

We ran 5 sweeps plus a CALCUTTA, and all proved to be very popular.

The cup quinella organised by Ray Halliday resulted with:

- Ian Heap winning first prize**
- Julie Wilkins second prize**
- Marilyn Grant third prize**

The Hat Competition:

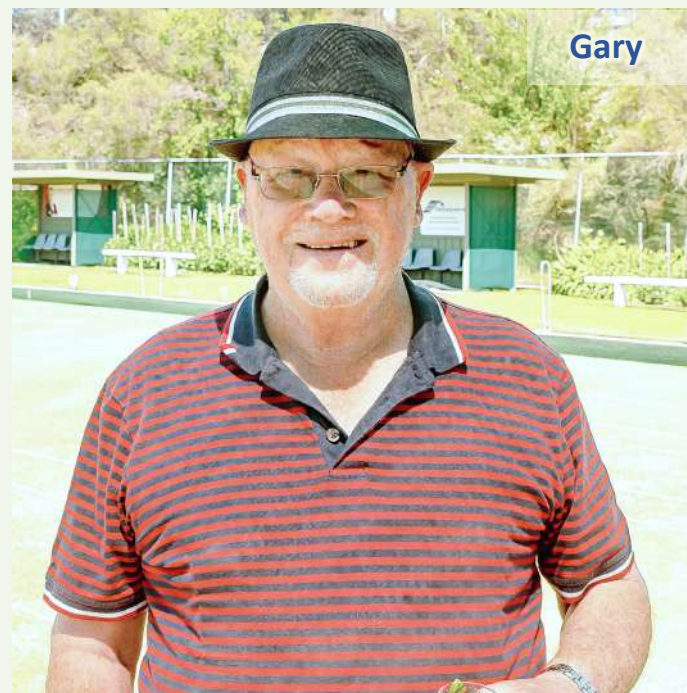
- Cheryl Clarke winning first prize**
- Pat Taylor second prize**
- Anna Brady third prize**

John Chandler
President
NP & SE

Thank you, Ross Taylor for taking the great photos and Ewan Simpson using his Mac Luminar Neo AI photo program to crop, temperature and saturation, with other AI to finalise the fantastic photos from Ross.



Ken & Andrea



Gary



Jan, Virginia, Anna
our wonderful chefs



Gill, Glenice, Anna



Kay



Pat, Glenice, Bas



David Bill
Chairperson
'Think Tank' Sponsorship

THE SPONSORSHIP 'THINK TANK'

The Sponsorship 'Think Tank' has continued to meet on a monthly basis despite my absence overseas during the month of October. As you are no doubt well aware, Brian Roberts initiated and organized our first Bunnings BBQ back in late September. It proved a very successful venture and as a consequence, our Think Tank has decided to hold a second BBQ on Friday the 22nd of December. Brian will be looking for volunteers to help out during that day. Please get in touch with him to determine how you can help on the day.

Ewan has been in touch with our new Member of Parliament for Warrandyte, Nicole Werner, who has agreed to support our Club with a generous advertising allowance of \$1,000.00. Her name will be shown at the Club by a 2400 x 900 high banner in the shelter adjoining the RJ Legal sign on the south side of the synthetic green. We also have one or two other strong sponsorship possibilities emerging in the near future.

Finally, it is with extreme regret that I advise that our good friend and 'Think Tank' member, **Rob Fairweather (Stormy)**, has decided to retire from our committee to allow him the opportunity to focus his attention more fully on family matters which he sees as his priority at this time. **We have always appreciated his valued contribution to our group. We wish him and his family well.**

PENNANT & CHAMPIONSHIP - REPORT



Ken Eldridge
President
P & C - Committee

PENNANT

It's early in the Pennant season and with 5 rounds played we have our Saturday sides 1 and 4 both positioned second on the ladder. Midweek side 1 is 3rd on the ladder and side 4 on top.

With only three or four pennant matches to go before the Christmas break, please make the most of those game and continue to enjoy the rest of the pennant season.

COACHING

The last 40 Bowl test will be held on Monday 4th of December.

With two time slots available [7.00pm – 8.00pm and 8.00pm -9.00pm] with the capacity of up to 10 participants for each session.

Any Pennant players that are still interested please sign-up ASAP.

Sign-up sheets are available at the club.

PENNANT - The tables below will indicate how all our sides are doing.

Weekend Pennant after 5 Rounds

Ladder Position	Name	Played	Score				Score					
			Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Score %	Points	
2	Donvale 1	5	4	1	0	0	393	366	27	107.38	61	
6	Donvale 2	5	1	2	2	0	359	387	-28	92.76	38	
6	Donvale 3	5	2	3	0	0	423	390	33	108.46	38	
2	Donvale 4	5	4	1	0	0	386	351	35	109.97	64	
6	Donvale 5	5	2	3	0	0	368	406	-38	90.64	37	
7	Donvale 6	5	0	5	0	0	222	360	-138	61.67	5	

Midweek Pennant after 5 rounds

Ladder Position	Name	Played	Score				Score					
			Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Score %	Points	
3	Donvale 1	5	2	3	0	0	281	296	-15	94.93	36	
7	Donvale 2	5	1	4	0	0	245	351	-106	69.8	17	
8	Donvale 3	5	1	4	0	0	249	314	-65	79.3	18	
1	Donvale 4	5	4	1	0	0	338	270	68	125.19	56	
7	Donvale 5	5	0	4	0	1	204	256	-52	79.69	8	
5	Donvale 6	5	1	4	0	0	236	342	-106	69.01	22	
6	Donvale 7	5	2	3	0	0	220	342	-122	64.33	32	

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club championships are continuing with the Singles completed and the Doubles well underway.

CONGRATULATIONS	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
100 UP WOMEN'S	JAN MEEHAN	LEANNE SULLIVAN
100 UP MEN'S	WALLY CERATO	GRAEME CHANDLER
WOMEN'S MINORS	ROBYN HAM	JILL SIMPSON
MEN'S MINORS	KEITH WILLIAMS	KIM DI MARZIO
MEN'S SINGLES	DENNIS JOHNSON	JOHN POULTON
WOMEN'S SINGLES	HELEN MILNER	FAY GIULES

REMINDER

The Match /dates /rinks /direction of play: For the Men's and Women's Pairs matches is available on our Website and on the Noticeboard [in the Alfresco area].

BowlsLink:- on our website is where you can access the draw and the most updated version of the match results.

Fixtures:- With the dates / times of all Championship events can be found on our Website and also on our noticeboard, and has been since August this year, so you can plan around those dates.

The Mixed Pairs draw will be available soon.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Anna Brady
Vice-President &
Membership Director

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our latest new members Andrew Spiteri and Tim Hunt who joined during November. We look forward to seeing you both at the Club.

We have now increased our membership by 50 since the beginning of October and we encourage our existing members to introduce yourself to our new members and make them welcome to our Club.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are now available at the Club for the 2023 Christmas Hamper raffle. We would like to encourage all Club members to sell a book of tickets.

Christmas item donations for the raffle are still gratefully appreciated. Fruit cake, puddings, shortbread, chocolates, nuts, wine, condiments, crackers, olives etc are examples of suitable items. These donations can be placed in the gold donation box at the Club. Cash donations are also appreciated and should be handed to Anna Brady or Jan Meehan.

The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 16th December at 6pm. All welcome to attend.

TRADING TABLE

The Trading Table is now set up at the Club. Bric-a-Brac, books, and a limited number of "as new" uniforms available. Any suitable items for the table can be donated by contacting Barbara 0419 996 339 or Norma 0417 558 237 or bring the items to the Club.

BBQ AT BUNNINGS

After a very successful BBQ at Bunnings in late September, Brian Roberts has booked another event on Friday 22nd December. Volunteers can contact Brian on 0408 301 067.

50/50 CLUB

The final draw will take place on Saturday 16th December after the last pennant match for 2023.

Sheldon will be seeking member commitment for the 2024 50/50 Club prior to the first draw on Saturday 27th January. EFTPOS will be available for payment.

2024 MEMBERSHIP IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 50/50 CLUB

Over \$10,000 in cold hard cash has been raised for the club since the 50/50 Club started. Equally, over \$10,000 has been given away to the lucky prize winners.

You could be one of the lucky ones in 2024!

For those of you who do not know what the 50/50 club is:

The "50/50 club" is an exciting, fun filled fund raising program, open to DBC members and their immediate families. Twelve monthly lucky draws will be held to determine 3 monthly prize winners from the members of the "DBC 50/50 Club".

Joining fee is \$120 pa. The aggregate joining fee is applied as follows:

50% is donated to the DBC to be used for the benefit of DBC members.

50% is divided into 12 equal monthly prize pools.

We are looking to get around 100 participants to make the monthly prizes interesting.

And the prizes....

1st 70% of the monthly prize pool

2nd 20% of the monthly prize pool

3rd 10% of the monthly prize pool

How do you get involved:

Submit your name by email, text, phone or in person to Sheldon Lipschitz (sheldon@lipschitz.com.au 0412 409 787) or John Gunn (iolanthe2@bigbpond.com 0417 008 343) and pay the \$120 annual fee (\$10 per month paid in advance) before the 25th January 2023. You can pay by cheque, cash, or EFT to the Donvale Bowls Club's bank account: BSB 633 000 Account Number 1361 87127 (**don't forget** - put "5050 club" in the reference field).



Sheldon Lipschitz
50/50 Club
Manager

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



Our amazing member of
DONVALE BOWLS
ANNA BRADY

Now has a new name at
Rosanna Bowls Club

GO-ANNAS!

Thanks for the photo, Peter Gillett

“CHARACTERS”

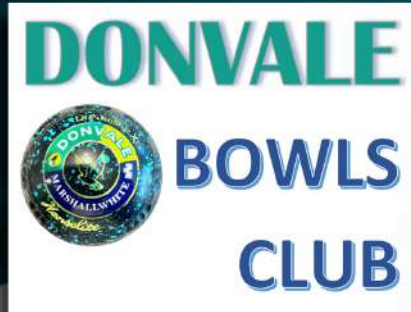


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John Chandler

By Rob “Stormy” Fairweather

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 John Chandler. A brief insight into John's working life, his eventual involvement at Donvale Bowls Club, and the experiences it has provided.

He was born in 1943 at Canterbury Vic. Modestly, John believes he was extremely fortunate, during all his schooling he was educated at Camberwell Grammar School. In 1959 at 16 years of age he secured a position with a company named EMAIL Ltd who became Australia's largest White Goods Manufacturer, brands such as Kelvinator, Simpson, Chef, Dishlex and Hoover. Following study at night school in 1969 he was appointed State Credit Manager for Victoria and Tasmania.

1969 was to become an exciting year in John's life.

He employed a young girl by the name of Kay Allen, his first impression, “pretty, but talked a lot”. Later that year an office romance started, John endeavouring to keep the relationship a secret, unsuccessfully.

He became upset that many other members of the staff (all males) paid far too much attention to Kay. He felt this had to stop, some say jealousy, but his claim, “in the interest of the company”, decided he would have to fire her.

Interestingly, the romance continued, flourished, and in 1970 they married. They welcomed a daughter Susan in 1972 and a son Brett in 1975.

John remained at EMAIL Ltd for a record 48 years in the same position, accepting a redundancy package in 2016, refusing to be relocated to NSW.

In 1996 son Brett was drafted to the Fitzroy Football Club playing

26 games for the club, last game for Fitzroy in Fremantle. The following year North Melbourne drafted him and he played a further 51 games until a broken leg, twice in one year, ended his career.

According to John, the cementing persuader was “Stormy's” letter box drop in October 2018 which found he and Kay joining Donvale Bowls Club.

And what a “windfall” to our club they have been. So ready and generous with their time and involvement in so many vital activities at Donvale.

Coaching / Wednesday Twilight / Non Pennant and Social Bowls / Numerous Sub Committees, in addition, any projects that need addressing or require their assistance.

Our sincere thanks John and Kay, long may you prosper!

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Photo: Ross Taylor

ASK THE UMPIRE – NOVEMBER 2023



Barry Wilkins
Coach & Umpire

The club was facing a player shortage halfway through the season and this meant that Dopey Dora was “promoted” to third in Helpful Herbert’s rink. She was over the moon and when she found that the opposition third in Nasty Norm’s rink was her friend Stupid Sam her joy was complete.

Nasty Norm and Helpful Herbert were at loggerheads as usual.

On the fourth end at the crossover Helpful Herbert was holding 4 shots all close to the jack. Not being aware of where they should stand at the head Dopey Dora and Stupid Sam took up positions in the middle of the head about 1 metre behind the jack. They then started chatting rather than concentrating on the game.

Nasty Norm was in an unusually bad temper, even for him, and he decided he would play weight to get rid of then smug look on the face of Helpful Herbert. Nasty Norm thereupon unleashed a ferocious drive which struck the jack, forcing it at speed right into Dopey Dora’s shin. Dopey Dora immediately yelled “ow” as the jack rebounded off her shin towards the mat. A discussion then ensued as to what was to happen next. Some thoughts were:

The end’s dead. (Helpful Herbert).

It hurts! (Dopey Dora).

Serves you right (Nasty Norm).

It’s a tied end (Stupid Sam).

We get 8 shots (Nasty Norm again).

And so, it went on.

The warring parties agreed on one thing – the umpire should be called. The club’s oldest umpire came up with his walking stick.

On listening to the sad tale, he told Nasty Norm that as the jack (then in motion) had been displaced by the other team, he could **EITHER** place the jack where he believed it would come to rest and replace any part of the head disturbed by the displaced jack **OR** declare the end dead. Nasty Norm thought for a moment and decided that the jack would have come to rest in the ditch and that’s where he put it. Very wise choice seeing he had all the back bowls.

Helpful Herbert protested that the jack was struck with such force that it would have rebounded onto the green. The old umpire just told Helpful Herbert that it was not up to him.

Was the umpire, right? Umpire Barry knows him well and is sure the umpire was right – the relevant law being [Law 38.1.2](#).

A couple of other points are worth noting.

First, [Law 12](#) relating to the position of players on the rinks. [Law 12.1.2.2](#) requires that players at the head in the team not in possession of the rink should stand behind the jack and away from the head. Had Dopey Dora been in such a position she might not have suffered a sore shin and Nasty Norm might not have won the end.

Second, [Laws 37 and 38](#), relating respectively, to bowl and jack displacement are very complex, and in any case of displacement, ask the umpire!

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





Mal Shield

Corporate Function
Coordinator

Corporate Functions

We have had 3 corporate functions recently and all have gone well thanks to the great support we receive. There are 2 more to go before Christmas. We reject some enquiries to ensure we minimise conflict with the members use of the facilities and do not overload our helpers. It is a bit of a balancing act but so far seems to be going well. We are projecting a profit of about \$9,000 so far for the year, so it does help significantly in keeping the club profitable.

Update on Grass green Replacement

The samples of the synthetic surfaces being considered are now in the clubrooms. I am considering removing the Tigerturf Supergreen as an option. I will research further with reference clubs as it appears too loose a weave, so the sand will be more prevalent when bowling and prone to making the bowling green uneven. Please let me know if you bowl on this surface and what it was like.

We are still waiting on further action from the council in progressing quotations.

Capital works

I am doing preparatory work on capital projects costings and designs in anticipation of the bequest money. I am exploring the options that have been raised and will be decided on in due course by INC. I want to be able to progress projects as soon as possible after the money is received. I am still keen to hear of any ideas for capital improvements and will add them to the list to be considered.

Friday night social and barefoot bowling

We have been running the Friday night social and barefoot bowling for a few weeks now. The numbers are improving and on the 24th November we had about 60 people from club members and corporate functions. It was a pity it rained. It is building as a fun night with Ron Preto running a trivia quiz for a \$10 voucher for the bar. We have some simple food available, and the bar is open from 5.00pm. Usually ends about 8.00pm. Please come for a bit of a relaxing evening and a bit of a rollup as well.



Ian Bramstedt

Chairman
Donvale Bowls Club

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello Members

We are now in the middle of our busy summer programs and there is always something happening at our club. As I have said previously, our winter programs were as good as any other club. And now that our summer programs are in full swing, we are on track for our full year participation to reach a four year high. Our club should witness well over 10,000 instances of member or visitor engagement in our organised bowls events. And that does not include the steady stream of ad-hoc roll-up's that our members participate in. I extend heartfelt gratitude to Ron Gibbs, our dedicated ex-Treasurer of 17 years and esteemed life member, whose retirement hasn't deterred him from continuing to meticulously compile participation data for our club.

It is not just the Pennant games, practice sessions, Championships, Twilight, and many other bowls sessions that are well attended. The Christmas Spit Roast boasted over 100 eager participants, a testament to the unwavering support from each of you. Your commitment to our club events is the lifeblood that sustains our thriving community.

In tandem with our flourishing activities, maintaining a robust management committee becomes imperative. While the existing committee has admirably shouldered the responsibilities, we find ourselves in need of additional hands. I encourage you to contemplate joining the committee, infusing it with fresh perspectives and support. Reach out to me or any committee member with your questions or if you wish to volunteer.

Our club's picturesque gardens and meticulously tended lawns continue to enchant visitors and members alike. Sincere thanks to our dedicated gardening and lawns crew

whose efforts transform our club into an inviting haven, bringing joy to all who visit.

In a move to enhance our operational efficiency, the Pavilion Operating Committee, jointly managed by Hockey and Bowls, is implementing a new Point of Sale terminal for bar sales. The Square system promises quicker and more accurate transactions, direct link to a card reader, detailed and instant revenue reporting, price maintenance, and seamless integration with the Hockey accounting system—a crucial adaptation to the rise in card payments and decline in cash transactions.

In April this year, the club implemented a new on-line accounting system called MYOB. Replacing our previous spreadsheet method. The new system provides many benefits including improved efficiency, accuracy, automatic on-line back-up, asset control, and ease of audit compliance. It also enables access to our financial information from anywhere, at any time. We pass on our sincere thanks to our diligent Treasurer, Frank Smit, for the huge job he did in setting the new system up and managing it.

I am pleased to share that our club's financial health is robust, a testament to the collective efforts in growing our membership, participation rates, and fundraising initiatives. A healthy cashflow and surplus is essential to fund

our continual infrastructure replacements and improvements, for the benefit of all members and local community. Our club needs to be self-sufficient and not relying solely on grants, council funding, or bequests for financial security.

Therefore...I urge you to continue supporting such initiatives as our Christmas hamper raffle, 50/50 club and all other fund-raising efforts.

In closing, I look forward to seeing each of you at the club, as we celebrate the spirit of community and the camaraderie that our club brings to us all.

Warm Regards

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SPIT ROAST SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER



Carol,
Graeme



Dale, Kim



Helen, Ray, Leslie, Colin



Barbara, Daryl, Roy



Tolik, Heather, Dianne, Dawn



Robert, Cheryl



Ian, Helen, Leanne, Kim



Andrea, Ken



Frank, Pauline



Gill, Malcolm, Virginia



Geoff, Anne, John



Jan, Maurie, Russell



Lynne, Gerry



Cynthia, Robyn, Phillip



Don



Margaret, Richard, John



Val, Alan



Lynne, Mal, Jan



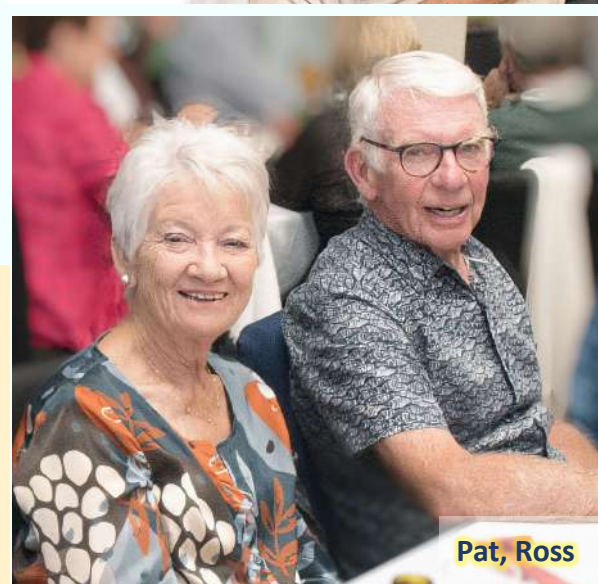
Gary, Robyn, Gary, Ken



Val, Lindsay



Liz, Elena, Jeff, Marilyn, Val, David



Pat, Ross

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KAY CHANDLER on 0412 732 428 or kayc44@optusnet.com.au

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MARSHALL WHITE MANNINGHAM - 908 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East. Phone: 9822 9999 For all Real Estate needs - Contact: Brenton Linmeiers.

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