



# Club Bulletin

JJ Tully Drive, Doncaster, VIC 3108

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Welcome to the September Club Bulletin. Spring has arrived, and it is all systems go at the club from hereon.



## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

With the Pennant Season about to get into full swing, and the Club's social activities scheduled and ready to start, it will be easy to say good-bye to the winter season and those biting cold winds that seem to seek out Doncaster Hill at that time of the year.

What a great sight it was on the second day of the Pennant Trials, to see 160 bowlers, decked out in their respective Club gear, and enjoying the pleasures of some sunshine and light winds.

This time of the year, also, ups the tempo of work. The Club's volunteer members are up and about, actively putting in place the packed schedule of events that will make the Club the place to be over the next six months or so.

Just for starters, coming up is the Henselite AFL Challenge, AFL Grand Final Eve, Wednesday Night Meals and the special Parents, Grandparents, and Grandchildren's night, the New Members Open Day, the Try Bowls Program, and the Manningham Senior's Festival Day at Doncaster Bowls.

What more could you want to kick off September and into the first weeks of October. The sheets are out. Put your names down and join in the fun. At the end of the day, it's your Club, so do your part and support it.

Whilst on the subject of support, I made special mention of the proposed new membership drive and changes being made to traditional way the Club has handled this in the past. I asked specifically for your support, and Brian Donovan tells me that his "book is full with volunteers". So, we will get 15,000 flyers into letter boxes, all identified by areas and streets. Well planned and mapped out by Brian and Gary Baird, with a well thought out marketing strategy and the valuable financial support of Philip Webb Real Estate.

Brian also tells me that the enquiries for try bowls and Club House use are rolling in. He specifically mentioned the local primary school and 60 students, and a group from the East Doncaster Cricket Club. Brian is always looking for assistance at these special activities, so put up your hand should he ask you.

On the BOM front, plenty has been happening. Neil English and his Committee are getting towards making their recommendations to the BOM on the future directions of the Back Green. A great deal of work has gone into this exercise and any recommendations that are made will be done so in the best interests of the Club, both in its future bowling needs, and in its future financial wellbeing.

John Thorburn continues to assess all grant options that may be available to the Club, be it from local, State, and/or Federal sources.

John recently attended a Bowls Victoria Club Training Project at DBC, with presentations on Grant Programs from Sport Australia and Manningham City Council. The understanding of available programs, and how they may be used, could be a critical factor in the Club's finances going forward, especially if required to enter into future infrastructure projects.

Work on a newly proposed sponsorship policy is progressing well, and Dinesh and his Committee have set targets and are in the process of preparing guidelines for a program of tiered offers, value for dollar opportunities, and marketing strategies. More on this as the program develops.

And lastly, Board members, Tricia O'Connor and Fran Broadfoot, with the Social Committee, are well into the planning of events to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the formation of the Doncaster Bowling Club.

It's all happening at Doncaster Bowls.

Peter Letos

Executive Chairman, BOM

## **2019-20 CLUB PROGRAM BOOK**

The new Program Books have arrived, so do pick your copy up when next at the club.

### **FROM THE HEAD COACH**

Another pennant season is almost upon us and we should all be well prepared for the games ahead. Therefore, commitment to training, teamwork and good player interaction will be the way forward if we are to maintain our current pennant positions and compete for that all important 4th playoff spot.

#### *TEAMWORK*

Teamwork sounds easy, team dynamics sounds good, but team harmony is hard. This is about attitude and motivation that should be evident from the beginning and preferably not needing to be developed throughout the season.

#### *TEAM CHEMISTRY*

Team chemistry can play a huge part in success. Results don't always come from having the best players in each position, it often comes from these players 'clicking' and working well together. Every team will have its stellar players, what most won't be aware of are the underrated players – these that play out of the spotlight, meaning it is important to have the right balance. Therefore, it is not necessarily about picking the right players, but picking the right partnerships.

#### *BE PREPARED*

Regular training will prepare you for the game ahead, so remember what you have worked on and the way you want to play – both individually and as a team.

#### *EFFORT*

Focus on the things you CAN control, but the main thing to remember is to focus on playing your own game. Wins and losses come and go. But effort? Nobody can judge that – **BECAUSE EFFORT IS BETWEEN YOU AND YOU!!**

**I AM: An Achiever – Determined – Focused – Disciplined – Capable of anything – Ready – A WINNER!! – A CHAMPION!!**

### PRACTICE SESSIONS

- All turn up at practice at the same time.
- Be competitive in practice.
- Have fun during a challenging practice.
- Social games are not practice
- Try to put in some 'me time' individual personal skills practice.

By putting as many of the above elements into your game as you can for next season, you will be well on the way to achieving success for yourself and your Club.

MITCHELL'S MANUAL OF RULES AND HINTS ON PLAYING BOWLS c 1880

Life, like the game of bowls, is but an end,  
Which to play well, this moral verse attend.  
Throw not your bowl too rashly from your hand,  
First let its course by reasons eye be planned,  
Lest it roll useless o'er the verdant plain.  
Like needless life, that finishes in vain.  
Know well your bias - here the moral school,  
Scarce needs a comment on the golden rule.  
Play not too wide, with caution eye your cast,  
Use not extent of green, or life to waste.  
Nor yet too straight, in life observe the same.  
The narrow minded often miss their aim!  
Bowling too short, you but obstruct the green,  
Like him who loiters in life's public scene  
Who're at bowls or business causes strife,  
Will rubs on greens receive, and eke in life.  
One bowling trick avoid in moral play,  
Ah, never block your neighbours way.  
These rules observed, a man may play his game  
On bowling greens -- or thro' the world with fame.

Good luck to all our Pennant Sides for the 2019/20 Season.

Richard Lovell

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS**

Following the great success of last year's Parents, Grandparents and Grandchildren Try Bowls night is on again Wednesday October 2nd. There will be two time slots for Grandparents and Grandchildren Try Bowls

1. 5:00pm to 6:00pm then meal
2. 7:00pm to 8:00pm under lights if needed

Please note that we have smaller bowls for the young children.

Children Meals - five chicken nuggets, chips and icy pole \$5:00 or 10 chicken nuggets, chips and Icy pole \$7:50.

Adult Meals all \$15:00.

So Grandparents round up your grand kids and put their name down on the meals order sheet and come and have fun on the greens at Try Bowls with the oldies. See you there.

**XMAS HAMPERS DONATIONS NEEDED**

Check you cupboards and pantry for item that would be suitable to fill out our annual Xmas Hampers. These Hampers will be raffled off at the Xmas Dinner Dance.

Boxes will be provided at the club for these donations. The boxes will be located close to the bar area. Please help out to assist the Club.

All donations to be received prior to 9th November 2019.

## **CLUB UNIFORM**

If you require club uniform (shirts, jackets or vests) please contact Dinesh Balgovind. If you have already placed an order, you will be advised as soon as we get delivery from our supplier. For season 2019/20 there will be no change to the club uniform. The Bowls Victoria *Rules for Attire for Season 2019-20* can be found at:

<https://www.bowlsvic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2019/09/2019-20-BV-Rules-for-Attire.pdf>

## **SUMMER PENNANT SEASON**

The Metropolitan Pennant Season gets underway on Saturday October 5th. Best of luck to all those members participating. The Bowls Victoria rules pertaining to this competition can be found at:

<https://www.bowlsvic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2019/09/Metro-Conditions-of-Play-2019-20.pdf>

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Information on all club championship events has now been posted on the championship noticeboard at the Club. Entries are now open with the closing date of the Singles Championship set for 12 October.

## **AFL TRIVIA**

1. In 2003 the Brownlow Medal was won by three separate people, Nathan Buckley, Mark Riccuto, and a player from which team?
2. In 2002 and 2005, the Richmond captain wore the number 17 guernsey. This is in honour of which Richmond legend?
3. Which team holds the biggest winning margin in AFL grand Finals?
4. Which team won the first AFL (not VFL) Grand Final?
5. Which team or teams had won the most AFL and VFL Grand Finals since 1897?
6. What were the two teams to contest the very first game of Australian Football?
7. Who was named the Centre Half Back in the Team of the Century in 1996?
8. Which team managed to win both the Premiership and the Wooden Spoon in the same year?
9. What is the biggest crowd to attend the MCG for any event?
10. What did TV commentator Sandy Roberts famously yell when a pig ran onto the ground with the words '4 and Plugger' written on its sides?

## **AFL TRIVIA ANSWERS:**

1. Sydney. Adam Goodes won the Brownlow Medal equally with Nathan Buckley and Mark Riccuto.
2. Jack Dyer. After the sad death of Jack Dyer (Captain Blood) it was agreed by the entire Richmond Board that from then on the captain would wear the number 17 guernsey in honour of Jack Dyer.
3. Geelong. In the 2007 Grand Final Geelong thrashed Port Adelaide by a mere 117 points.
4. Collingwood in 1990.
5. Carlton has won 16 grand finals hence 16 Premierships. Essendon have also won 16 Premierships, however, they won the premiership without playing in a Grand Final in the years 1897 and 1924. In those years the Premiership was decided by a Finals' Ladder.
6. Scotch College v Melbourne Grammar
7. Ted Whitten
8. Fitzroy. Due to World War 1 only 4 teams competed in the 1916 season. Fitzroy had an ordinary season until the finals winning only 2 games. They finished the Home and Away season last. Carlton on the other hand had only lost 2 games and were raging favourites. Fitzroy made it to the Grand Final and defeated Carlton by 29 points.
9. In 1959, evangelical preacher Billy Graham embarked on his month-long crusade of Australia. But it was his appearance at the MCG on March 15, 1959, attracted around 130,000 people.
10. There's a pig at Full Forward! "

## WHAT'S COMING UP

- ✓ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Final Pennant Trial Match (mufti) followed by AFL Grand Final Eve Party
- ✓ Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Wednesday Night Meals Grandparents, Parents and Grand Kids
- ✓ Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Movie & Lunch “Downtown Abbey” at Balwyn Cinema. \$25
- ✓ Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Angove’s Wine Tasting
- ✓ Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Postie Fashion Parade
- ✓ Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October - New Members Open Day
- ✓ Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November - MEGA Garage Sale

## CLUB SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors are an important and integral part of our club. Here is a list of sponsors for this season

### PLEASE DO SUPPORT ALL OUR SPONSORS

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