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Welcome to our April 2019 edition of the Club Bulletin. 🍁🍂🌿🍄🌻

THE DONCASTER APPLEWOOD CLASSIC

Our club's marquee event, the Doncaster Applewood Classic was held on Sunday March 31st. There was an exceptional response to this year's competition, with 44 sides and 176 competitors from as far afield as Shepparton and the Suva Bowling Club in Fiji filling both greens (22 rinks), and competing for a total of \$3700 prize money.

The competition was based on four games of ten ends with the winner being the team with most wins and the highest number of shots scored over the four games. Ninety minutes was allocated for each game and luckily the weather held, enabling the day to run smoothly and on schedule.

After the first two games everyone stopped for lunch. At this point there were twelve teams in contention, all with two wins and everything to play for. On completion of three games, the field was reduced to eight teams with three wins and everything to play to gain a top three spot. After four games there was five teams all with four wins, and it came down to total 'shots up' to decide the first three places.

Whilst the competition collators were working out final placings the mammoth raffle was held. This year over thirty prizes were donated by firms and individuals to make it one of the best held. Thanks must go to all of the contributors.

The club's main sponsor Applewood Retirement Living was represented on the day by Alison McCarron and Marius Tekin who presented the main prizes to the winners.

In third place and each player winning \$100 was the Lilydale team consisting of, Paul Dodds, Ethan Preston, Rod Nicholson and Troy Stafford. In second place and with each player taking home \$200 was the team of Gavin Niclasen, Wayne Hutson, Darren Morris and Dave Stevenson from the Lalor Bowls Club. In first place and sharing the top prize of \$1600 was the composite side from MCC and Ivanhoe Bowls Clubs consisting of Tom Ristic, Robert Millar, Angus Mclsaac and Gillian Baxter.

Four best team game winner prizes of \$200 were also presented on the day and these went to the teams skipped by, Geoff Smith (Donvale), Ting Ho (composite), Rohan Sharp (Donvale) and Bob Jones team from Box Hill RSL.

Thanks, must go to all the Doncaster members who volunteered in organising the event, and who contributed by helping in different capacities on the day. Too many to mention, but without their support, successful events such as this would not happen.



2019 Applewood Classic Winners

Richard Lovell

INDOOR BOWLS

Are you interested in playing Indoor Bowls Pennant for Doncaster this winter either on Tuesday nights and/or Wednesday afternoons. It a game game of skill, strategy and delicate touch, and no rain jackets or *Grippe* required. Why not give it a try? For further information please contact Bob Byron 9842-6890 or Kevin Coombs 9842-2397.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

In previous Reports, the BOM has indicated to members that amongst its priority tasks for the year, was the forensic examination of the Club's finances, operating structures and general well-being.

A major part of this exercise was to undertake a Club Health Check, and, with the assistance of Bowls Victoria, an online program, developed and promoted by the Australian Sports Commission, was seen as the best appropriate method of assessment available.

The input task was completed, and the reports have been obtained.

In response to the answered questions, the report identifies key drivers and critical success factors that are critical to success at club level. It is noted in the letter that is attached to the reports, that "the factors are used to build a picture of the way your Club carries out its operations and activities and form the basis to your overall report".

The report is broken down into three sections. These are:

- Action Plan – The six highest priority areas as identified from the answers provided in the checklist are identified in the action plan section along with the resources to assist improving these areas.
- Summary report – This gives the scoring for the club against key drivers and the critical success factors as well as the graphical view of these scores. This section provides a synopsis of all of the results and provides general information on each key area and related resources to assist with improvement.
- Summary of priority responses – This provides a copy of the questions answered, along with the responses and subsequent priority level. This can give further background to management discussions and future actions.

The report notes that the action plan is the key section for management to address first. The action plan templates have been specifically designed to facilitate discussion and good planning for the club.

Clearly, management is dedicated to developing and improving systems and processes, as well as proactively looking to the future. It is essential that this work should progress through the election of the new Board of Management.

The report is commended to members. The report will be posted to the members section of the Club's new website.

Increase in Membership Fees

The Board of Management, at its last meeting, and after deliberation on the escalating operating costs of the Club, resolved that the members' fees be increased.

Members are advised that the Annual Membership Fee has been increased to \$220, and that New Members who are new to Lawn Bowls Fee, has been increased to \$75.00. Other member fees are unchanged.

Peter Letos
Executive Chairman, BOM

WANTED

Do you happen to have any bowls or dishes hiding in your cupboards that belong to the club? Lyn Goodman has done a stocktake and there is less crockery than there used to be, especially white salad bowls. On some occasions people take home left overs, so please have a look on your shelves and in your cupboards.

THE TRADING TABLE

Thanks to Irene Garrett and Marion Beckett for running the trading table and the yummy chocolate table for several years whilst bringing in a wonderful profit annually. Such good work for the club, they are so proud of their money raising venture. Well done! Now Beth Reid is taking over this work. She has several new and interesting ideas and is asking the ladies that during winter whilst whiling the time watching TV please get out the old knitting needles or crotchet hook with some wool and get creative. Also if you have unwanted gifts would you please donate them, they could become someone else's treasures....Lyn Goodman.

TUESDAY NIGHT TOURNAMENT

The hMh ADVISORY sponsored Tuesday Night Tournament is well underway with 14 teams participating this year. Apart from our own members, we have players from Eltham, Ivanhoe and Richmond Union participating in this seven week competition. Teams play a different side each week in a 3x3x2 bowls format, 16 ends triples game. Each skip has at their disposal a power play end where the score is doubled if you win that power play end.

WINTER BOWLS

Once again winter bowls will be run at Doncaster on Wednesdays and Saturdays commencing Wednesday May 8th. So if you are staying in Melbourne this winter, why not enter a team in one or both of these triples competitions. Composite teams and entries from visiting clubs are most welcome. Contact Phil Rock, Peter Demeris or Ash Rowe for further information.

HOUSE AND GREENS

Much of the work around the Club is done by members who volunteer their time and energy to benefit those who do not or cannot help with the myriad of jobs that keep the Club viable.

Volunteers are always in demand. Below is a short list of some of the jobs that need to be done around the House and Greens. If you can see anything on this list that you think you can help with then please let me know. If you are a member without the ability to help then a donation of cash to the Maintenance Fund, administered by the Club Treasurer, would be very welcome.

All donations will be acknowledged.

JOBS THAT NEED TO BE DONE AT THE CLUB

JOB	DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	MANPOWER	COST	STATUS
1	Re-point rock retaining wall and replace missing stones	High	Two people	\$100	
2	Fit carabinier clips to shade cloths	L	One person	\$35*	20%
3	Replace corrugated iron on equipment sheds/ladies outside toilet	M	Four people	\$1,200	
4	Modify the cable runners on back shade cloths	M	Two people	\$20*	10%
5	De-rust and paint metal shade cloth supports at front	H	One person	\$50*	
6	Reduce height of hedge between front gate and Abbot's gate	H	Ten people	\$500	
7	Trim top of hedge elsewhere	H	Five people	\$300	
8	Fix wire fence near SW Gate behind water tank	L	Two people	\$50	
9	Painting inside and out as required, some small jobs.	M	Two to Four people	N/A*	
10	Service lawn mowers/sharpen or replace blades	H	Two people	N/A	
11	Make and fit cover over hole in cleaning room	H	One person	\$50	
12	Correct the leaning gate pillar at front and refit gates	M			
13	Fit two new paper towels dispensers	M	One		Done
14	Clean up around the club of rubbish for rubbish tip – big trailer required	M	Four people	\$250	
15	Replace timber seat in west end of the rock wall	H	One person	\$30	Done
16	Purchase and replace cistern for gents toilet inside.	H	Two people	\$100	
17	Drill and line new holes on sides of greens for 12 rinks	H	Four to six people	\$300	
18	Put new 6m lines on both greens to match new holes.	H	Four people	\$0*	

POSITIONS VACANT

Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your club! Yes, your club needs you now. We need to fill all those positions on the Tournament Committee, the Bowls Committee and the Selection Committee, the Board of Management and the Greens and Gardens Committee. Nominations for the various positions close shortly, so please do give some serious thought to this matter. Any assistance you can provide to the club will be appreciated.

PRESIDENT'S DAY

This **Saturday, April 6th** is President's Day, a day when we honour our Bowls Section President for their dedication and contribution to the club. We would like to see as many members present on the day, preferably in club uniform. Please put your name on the list at the club if you would like to attend.

DINNER AND PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Club's Annual Presentation Night is on **Saturday April 27th**. This is also our *Voting Day*. There is also an Open Fours game commencing at 12:30pm. It is important that you put your name of the list if you would like to play bowls on this day and/or attend the Presentation Night.

NEW CLUB WEBSITE

Have you visited the Doncaster Bowling club website recently? We have now migrated to a totally new platform. The *Bowlslink* website has a new look. Our website address remains unchanged. You can access it at:

<http://www.doncasterbowlingclub.org.au> or <http://www.doncasterbowlingclub.com.au>

COMING UP

April 6 th	President's Day
April 27 th	Voting Day & Presentation Night
April 29 th	Open Nominated Triples
April 30 th	IBB Pennant Round 1
May 7 th	Annual General Meeting

This will be last Club Bulletin until August. Safe travels to all members who will be travelling during the coming months.

Dinesh Balgovind

