



# Club Bulletin

JJ Tully Drive, Doncaster, VIC 3108

August 2019

## A NEW SEASON DAWNS

A new season dawns for the Doncaster Bowling Club with our OPENING NIGHT on Friday August 30th and with the opening of our greens the following day. We have experienced some serious winter weather with the rain, hail and even snow in some parts. Yes we are all ready for the splendour of the Melbourne spring and all it has to offer. So bring on the daffodils, the poppy, the roses, the footy finals, the spring racing carnival and the summer pennant season.

The Club Bulletin has been in hibernation for some months so in this extended bulletin we cover a wide array of topics to bring members up to speed about what has been happening at the club.

## INDOOR BOWLS REPORT

While some of us have been grazing in warmer pastures, a small group of determined and dedicated bowlers have been playing indoor bowls. Here is Bob Byron's report.

### Social Bowls

We are very pleased with the small increase in the average number of participants playing Saturday Social Bowls this winter.

### Championships

The results of the Club Singles events were:

	Winner	Runner-up
Ladies Singles	To be played on August 19th	
Men's Singles	Kevin Coombs	Antonio Cuce

### ESSIBA Group Events

Kevin & Dawn Coombs easily won the Group Mixed Pairs Championship - well done Kevin and Dawn

### Pennant

Doncaster fielded two teams in the Tuesday Pennant Competition – Team 1 finished 5th and Team 2 finished 11th. Team 1 play their Division 2 semi-final against Glen Waverley 2 on 13/8/19. A major problem this season was the basic lack of players because of holidays and illness and some walkovers needed to be given.

Doncaster fielded one team in the Wednesday Pennant Competition finishing in 4th place. They play their Division 1 semi-final against Heatherdale 1 on 14/8/19. This year's competition was very even with 2 points covering the top 5 Clubs and 3 points covering the top 8 Clubs.

Congratulations to all the players who represented Doncaster throughout the season. You did the Club proud.

## THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Board of Management has set its Agenda for the year. At the forefront of its considerations is the downturn in the Club's income, primarily caused through the escalation of expenses associated with the rising cost of utilities, reduced membership numbers and the subsequent impact on subscriptions, the reduction in income from the Club's Winter Tournaments, and the reduced income from sponsorship. Add to this, the costs

associated with the maintenance of the greens and other Club assets, all of which describes the task ahead for the Board.

Notwithstanding, the Board has commenced its program to improve the financial situation by establishing a Sponsorship and Fundraising Committee under the Chairmanship of Dinesh Balgovind, The Committee has the task to set sponsorship goals and targets for 2020/21, set the sponsorship strategy and Plan of Action, and to come up with an agenda of fundraising strategies and ideas.

As well, plans for the new membership drive is now under way, as is the ways the Club is targeting its attention to the Grants that may be available from Federal, State and Local Governments. Income from the social activities of the Club are critical, and the Board looks forward to innovative ways that will attract increased member support, be it through the special social nights, the Wednesday Night Meals, or the special fundraising activities.

In the recent weeks, BOM members have had discussions with Officers of the Manningham Council on a number of issues. The intention was to improve the communication process with key Council people, and to ensure that there was joint consideration to the forward planning processes of each entity.

Amongst the issues discussed were:

- Roof over the ladies lounge is leaking. **Fixed by Council**
- Solar panels on roof. **Origin Energy assessment and offer now with Council.**
- Major asset is the greens. Green fees are an income source. **Club is maintaining the greens without Council support**
- Water sustainability initiatives required as water costs continue to increase. **Council will get back to the Club to assess water options.**
- Would like a refurbishment of the building considered in coming years. **Club to send through a "wish list" for the pavilion, short term and longer term.**
- Hedge maintenance is expensive and time consuming. **Council to check if the Civic Centre gardener is available to do maintenance on the entire hedges 2 times a year.**

The BOM has also met with the Koonung Ward Councillors, Dot Haynes, Anna Chen, and Mike Zafiroopoulos, and also senior Manningham Manager, Justin Hanrahan, for discussions, primarily on the Club's intentions to celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> year of formation.

Amongst the key outcomes were:

- Council will provide a list of all Community groups who could be invited to the Club's celebrations.
- Council will search its archives for any historical data or plans on the formation of the Club.
- Council will assist with introductions to special interest groups and Clubs.
- Council will look at its calendar of events and openings for a possible cocktail function at the Civic Centre. Options for nights available in October.
- A non-standard business grant (up to \$3000) may be available for the celebrations.
- The newly formed Council Volunteer Group may be able to help as a resource to assist with the tasks.
- Justin will work with Tricia O'Connor and Fran Broadfoot on a proposed Open Day at the Club.

The BOM looks forward to the issues being satisfactorily progressed accordingly.

Peter Letos  
Executive Chairman

## **THE GREENS REPORT**

In the last month the front Green has had the new 12 rinks set up at 4.4M wide and there are now only two colours used to identify rinks and these are Orange and Purple.

The back Green has also had new holes drilled to provide 12 rinks and so far only the orange holes have been painted. New 6m lines have yet to be drawn.

New corner flags are being made by Nicole Carriero from a bright yellow canvas material. Nicole volunteers more than most of our members and her work will brighten up the Greens and will be very much appreciated by members and visitors.

Both Greens are currently being assessed by professional Turf consultants to determine what, if anything, is the cause of the back Green not playing as well as the front Green. The report from the consultants will identify differences between the Greens and also their irrigation requirements. The surface and levels of the back Green are also to be checked and remedial action recommended.

The accumulated vegetation from the hedge trim and the work of our two industrious gardeners has now almost vanished into the green bins. The Greens Committee have also placed their share of grass clippings into the bins and the system is working well.

A recent meeting with Council Officers leads us to hope that future trimming of hedges may be done by a Council gardener.

Bowls will cease from the 28<sup>th</sup> of July until the 30<sup>th</sup> of August with both Greens closed for recovery and maintenance. Any remedial work on either Green will be done during this period. No use of the Greens for any reason will be permitted.

Volunteers are required to seek out and poison Blackberry and other noxious plants growing in our hedges. Thanks to Fred Duthie for attacking Blackberries in the back hedge.

Thanks also to the following people for their work on putting new holes and colours on the Green surrounds and for the new 6m lines on the grass: Gary Baird, Tony Maruzzi, Tak Shum and Neil English.

Geoff Bandy  
Director-Greens

## **COACHES CORNER**

### Pennant Training

Pennant training will start on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September for all players.

Times: Sides 4,5 & 6 from 11.30am to 1.30pm.

Sides 1,2 & 3 from 3.30pm to 5pm

(Those players unable to attend the morning session can attend in the afternoon).

Skill practices will be set up for all players from 11.30am. To work towards a successful season, it is important for as many to attend as possible. Skips should encourage players and players should encourage Skips!!

We should all strive to develop our game and work towards refining our personal playing skill levels, head building, shot selection and team communication. Unless you are working towards a common goal, game day will not be cohesive and team oriented, resulting in players working as individuals rather than as a TEAM.

### Pre-Season Practice Matches

- Midweek Pennant
  - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – **selection to take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**
  - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September
  - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

- First Pennant game – **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**
- Saturday Pennant
  - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September – **selection to take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**
  - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September
  - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September
  - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September
  - First Pennant game – **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Name lists for all practice games are in the clubhouse. So that selectors are aware of all available players it is important you add your names to the lists as soon as possible. If you are unable to get to the club before the 2<sup>nd</sup> September contact Richard Lovell: Tel. 0401648964 email: [richardlovell49@gmail.com](mailto:richardlovell49@gmail.com)

The clubhouse will be open during August, each Tuesday from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Also on Open Day (Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August), giving you an opportunity to add your name to the list.

Training is currently being held throughout August each Tuesday, from 11.30am to 1pm and 1.30pm to 3pm with presentations covering: Communication / Tactical Development / Game Plans / Decision making / Developing Different Shots / Team Roles etc.

There are only three Tuesdays left, so come along and start the Pennant Season armed with some extra knowledge, to help you get the results and be a positive TEAM player.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Doncaster Classic Tournament, Sunday 16th February 2020

Richard Lovell  
Head Coach

## HOUSE MATTERS

With so many members away in the Sunshine or hibernating at home the number of reported problems around the building and grounds have diminished. No doubt there will be many found after Opening Day!

In the mean-time someone, or some lead-footed Possum, broke two tiles on the roof over the Ladies Lounge allowing water to flood and stain the ceiling. Fortunately the Council authorised the repairs and the painting of the ceiling, including the disabled toilet, so it all looks pristine now.

Ken Griska spent several hours fixing panelling over the holes in the wall of the Cleaners room that allowed rodents into the building. Have a look at it when next in the Club as Ken did a first-rate job and not even a cockroach, (if we had such a thing!), could squeeze out of the wall.

Tak Shum and Tony Maruzzi are still engaged in marking the lines on the back Green with work delayed by foul and wet weather. This will be finished by Opening Day even if it snows!

Nicole Carriero, my nominee for volunteer of the year, is in the process of making the new bright yellow corner flags for both Greens. When you want a tough job done just ask a busy woman!

There are still plenty of minor and major jobs to be done but nothing that cannot be fixed with Money and Manpower so if you have any of either please contact me!

Neil English  
Director House

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Yes it's back. A big thank you to our members and supporters. A total of 1648 meals were served last year, an average of 86 meals per night.

What we want to achieve is to make Wednesday night meals the social hub for our Club each week, so we hope more members can bring family and friends for a good cheap social night out. On a few occasions we hope to include outside guest speakers.

We still have four very good choices to pick from restaurant grade steak, flat head tails, (a big winner last year) homemade rissoles, and tastier chicken schnitzel, plus salads and sweets.

Our first Meals night will be on **Wednesday 2nd October**. Parents, grandparents and grandchildren - Try Bowls night Two sessions - First Session 5pm to 6pm for bowls or second session 7pm to 8pm for bowls. Special meals for children \$5- six nuggets and chips or \$7-50 - ten nuggets and chips. To coincide with School Holidays.

Thank you to all our Members who filled out the discount Members card for the Monty's Club that can be used at the following hotels, The Doncaster Hotel, Doncaster Shoppingtown Hotel, Cherry Hill Hotel, The Blackburn Hotel, The Mitcham Hotel, Manningham Hotel & Club, Manhattan Hotel, Eltham Hotel or check Monty's on line for many more hotels.

### Help wanted (*many hands make less work*)

All we are asking is to put your hand up to help us. We need

- six more ladies (only 3 hours per month on a roster making salads and serving).
- six men to cook for 1 hour and clean up on a roster once a month.

If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated and we will throw in a free meal with a pot of beer or a glass of wine. So PLEASE give Brian Donovan a call on 9848 6735 or Lyn Goodman 0411 255 832. It just makes the work load easier and you can help the Club as well.

Brian Donovan

Wednesday Night Meals Team Co-ordinator

## 2019-20 CLUB PROGRAM BOOK

The new club program book is being put together and should be available for members sometime in September. We still need our friends at Bowls Victoria to publish the final pennant draw before we send it off to the publisher. If you would like your personal details changed from last year's entry, for example; to include your email address, please email [triciaoconnordbc@gmail.com](mailto:triciaoconnordbc@gmail.com) or leave a note in the office.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Doncaster Bowling Club is on *facebook* <https://www.facebook.com/doncasterbowlingclub/> and on

Doncaster Bowling Club is on *Instagram* [https://www.instagram.com/doncaster\\_bowling\\_club/](https://www.instagram.com/doncaster_bowling_club/)

Instagram can assist in showcasing our Clubs events and tournaments.

Please note photos will be taken at the club both inside and on the greens. If anyone does not want their picture to appear on Instagram please advise Tricia O'Connor.

## OPENING NIGHT

Our Opening Night Dinner will be held at the Club on Friday 30th August 2019. Cost \$25.00 per person. Drinks and Nibbles 6.00pm, followed by a two course dinner.

RSVP: Please email [franmbroadfoot@hotmail.com](mailto:franmbroadfoot@hotmail.com) your attendance or sign the sheet on the noticeboard at the Club by Friday 23rd August. There will be a raffle held on the evening with some special prizes on offer including this David Purdon special knitted doll.



## WHO'S WHO AT DONCASTER BOWLING CLUB

### OFFICE BEARERS BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Executive Chairman:	Peter Letos	0417 557 507
Deputy Executive Chairman:	Neil English	0407 308 811
Secretary and Public Officer:	Tricia O'Connor	0433 166 244
Finance Director:	Margaret Parker	0409 000 091
Greens Director:	Geoff Bandy	0419 883 517
President – Bowls Section:	Gary Baird	0413 202 616
Vice President – Bowls Section:	Ash Rowe	0448 388 007
Committee:	John Thorburn	0409 794 571
Committee:	Fran Broadfoot	0488 160 245

Treasurer: Peter Hanson 0416 015 507

#### Sub – Committees:

House:	Neil English
Social:	Fran Broadfoot
Grants:	John Thorburn
Budgets and Finance:	Margaret Parker – Chair Peter Letos Peter Hanson Neil English
Bar Manager:	Geoff Bandy
Cleaning Contract and Rosters:	John Thorburn

#### Other Appointments/Committees:

Constitution and Regulations:	Brian Hester
Member Protection Officer:	Kevin Mason
Publicity Officer:	Fran Broadfoot
Information/Technology:	Tricia O'Connor
Communications:	Dinesh Balgovind
Welfare Officer:	Jill Segan
First Aid Officer:	Anna Pouki
Food Hygiene Officer/Providore:	Lyn Goodman
Club Records Officer:	Kay Golding
Try Bowls Co-ordinator:	John Thorburn
Club House External Bookings:	Brian Donovan
Wednesday Night Meals:	Brian Donovan Co-ordinator
Sponsorship/Fundraising	Dinesh Balgovind – Chair Brian Morris – Sponsorship Co-ordinator Tricia O'Connor Peter Letos Richard Lovell
Membership/Recruitment	Brian Donovan – Co-ordinator John Thorburn

Social Committee:

Peter Letos  
Margaret Parker  
Irene Garrett – Chair  
Eileen McCormack  
Fran Broadfoot  
Barb Benson  
Lorraine Anderson  
Beth Reid  
Sandy McDonald  
Tricia O'Connor  
Anna Pouki

Greens/Garden Committee:

Kevin Connell  
Ian Thomas  
Alton Truffitt  
Maurice Ryan  
Jeff Mills  
Gary Baird  
Rein Van der Peet  
Brian Salvage  
John Seward  
Pat Goodwin

Bar Committee:

Geoff Bandy – Manager  
Ian Golding – Treasurer  
Matt Cursio  
Laurie Hogan  
Chris Strobel – Roster

Chair of Selectors: Tim Fewster  
Chair of Tournament Committee: Ash Rowe  
Head Coach: Richard Lovell  
Coach Assistant: Lindsay Capuano  
Club Coaches: Lou Anastassiou, Dinesh Balgovind & Brian Donovan

Further information and contact details are on the club website: <http://www.doncasterbowlingclub.org.au/>

### **BOWLERS ARM COACHING CLINIC**

Michael Rose and his team of coaches from Bowls Victoria will conduct this clinic for bowlers playing with arms. This clinic is limited to 48 Bowlers on a first in first served basis.

Date: Sunday 25th August 2019

Where: Ringwood Bowls Club, 2-12 Loughnan Road, Ringwood

Time: 10am – 3:30pm

Cost: \$10 per head (includes a light lunch)

Format for the day

- 10am - Registration
- 10:30am – Coaching Commences
- 12:30 – 1pm – Lunch
- 1pm – 3pm – Short Game of two bowl triples
- 3:15 – End of Day

This is a great opportunity to improve your skill if you use an arm. Bookings and enquiries can be made by emailing Liz Bower on [coaching@ringwoodbowls.com.au](mailto:coaching@ringwoodbowls.com.au)

## CLUB TOURNAMENTS

The regular monthly tournaments at our club get underway in September. For past players who will be participating in the coming season, please check that your team entry details are correct. If you are not in a regular team but would like to play, please contact the relevant tournament manager. New teams and players are welcome. Single entries and players from other clubs are also welcome.

## WHAT'S COMING UP

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Opening Night Dinner
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Opening Day Bowls – Charity Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Open Nominated Triples
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Social Bowls at HOME vs Heatherdale
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Pennant Training & Coaching
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Pennant Trial Matches
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Nominated Triples
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Nominated Triples
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Open Nominated Triples
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Nominated Pairs
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Final Pennant Trial Matches followed by AFL Grand Final Eve Party

## 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

<p>APPLEWOOD RETIREMENT VILLAGE Tram Road, Doncaster. Alison McCarron Tel: 8848 1109 Mob: 0416 234 404 W: <a href="https://www.applewood.com.au/">https://www.applewood.com.au/</a></p>	<p>ANGOVE WINES Darius Cheesman Tel : 0438 391 205 W: <a href="https://angove.com.au/">https://angove.com.au/</a></p>
<p>BENDIGO BANK 900 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East. Paul Thompson Tel: 9840 2028 Mob: 0427 002 468 W: <a href="https://www.bendigobank.com.au/">https://www.bendigobank.com.au/</a></p>	<p>DONCASTER HYUNDAI 812 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Stan Lugowski. Tel: 8848 4400 Mob: 0411 452 935 W: <a href="https://www.doncasterhyundai.com.au/">https://www.doncasterhyundai.com.au/</a></p>
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<p>PHILIP WEBB REAL ESTATE 989 Doncaster Road, East Doncaster. Melissa Watson Tel: 9842 1477 W: <a href="https://www.philipwebb.com.au/">https://www.philipwebb.com.au/</a></p>	<p>RAY WHITE MANNINGHAM 5/259 Blackburn Road, East Doncaster. Milan Kinda. Tel: 8841 2000 Mob: 0439 821 044 W: <a href="https://raywhitemanningham.com.au/">https://raywhitemanningham.com.au/</a></p>
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