



Club Bulletin

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Welcome to the June 2020 Club Bulletin

Greetings! I hope you are keeping active, safe and well WFH? What is WHF? That's my prediction for the Macquarie Dictionary word of the year. *Working From Home* is the new normal. And what about TIME magazine's person of the year. It is a bit early but I will go for Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York. Of course, if someone discovers that special vaccine for Covid-19, they will get the gong for the Nobel Prize as well as person of the year. Let's hope it is sooner rather than later.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

Hesters Moving On

As valued members of the Doncaster Bowling Club, Rosamond and Brian Hester have decided to not renew their membership of the Club. After spending less time at the Club recently, they have decided that now is the time to focus more on other interests important to them.

During their time at the Club, as social members over the past few years and as full, affiliated members for some 15 years, they served in many volunteer and administrative roles during that time. They produced and published the Monthly Club Newsletter (a top quality 6 to 8 page colour production) for many years and Rosamond was the Club photography also for many years.

In their other volunteer and administrative roles, both leave imposing records. Brian was the chairperson and driver of the re-drafting of the Club Constitution and Regulations which was a difficult and time consuming task. I had first-hand knowledge of that effort as I was a member of his committee.

As a consequence of his advice, Brian will no longer be available to undertake the role of Club Constitution and Regulations officer, a position that he has held for the past 6 years. He leaves a position that will be hard to fill.

I know that many members will miss their presence at the Club, and I personally will miss Brian's knowledgeable and wise counsel in Constitution and Regulation matters.

We wish them both well.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Here are some frequently asked questions.

When can we get back on the greens?

Answer: Members were advised by a broadcast email on Monday, 25th May, that on the recommendation of the Greens Director and the volunteer members maintaining the Greens, that the Greens should be rested. The BOM supported the recommendation and advised the members accordingly, noting the reasons. The matter will be discussed further at the BOM meeting on 19th June.

When will the club house be open to members?

Answer: At the moment, under instructions from Manningham Council, the Club House remains closed. The BOM will be revisiting this in discussions with Council this week, to at least allow meetings to take place within the strict coronavirus safety guidelines.

Is the club appointing a new head coach?

Answer: No decision yet. Will be discussed in due course by the Bowls Committee and then, on recommendation or otherwise, by the BOM.

Are we planning to have Wednesday night meals next season?

Answer: No decision yet. Clearly the BOM will want them continued, but will be contingent upon members prepared to volunteer for the operational task. It should be noted that Brian and Pauline Donovan will not be involved in the new season.

When is the AGM and elections likely to be held?

Answer: The sooner the better. Contingent upon the Club House being available and the requirements of the Coronavirus safety guidelines.

Always, from the BOM perspective, the wellbeing, health and safety of members is paramount, even if this means the Club House remains closed for a further short time, and we cannot play bowls for a little bit longer.

The Charter of the BOM is to control and manage the business and affairs of the Club. This covers the Club's financial wellbeing, prudent management of the Club's assets, both inside and out, and other controls given to it by the Constitution. It should not be distracted by what other Clubs are doing or not doing, particularly those in our area, but to be resolute in its decisions to do things that are in the best interests of the Doncaster Bowling Club and its members. The current maintenance program of the Greens by the volunteer members group and the group's recommendation that the greens should be rested, is an example. The current situation with coronavirus has tested us all. We will continue to take notice of all things put out or published by Manningham Council, the State Government, Sports and Recreation Victoria, and Bowls Victoria and Bowls Australia on transitioning back to Safe Bowls, all of which impacts on our ability to get back on the greens and into the Club House in a safe way. We will continue dialogue with Manningham Council on issues that affect our Club, some of which go back well before coronavirus, and we will act in a responsible and prudent way, with always the will to do and act in the best interests of the Club, and with the wellbeing, health and safety of members at the forefront.

The BOM thanks those members who have supported the Board requests over the period which has allowed the BOM to get on with its business.

Above all, the BOM wants you all to remain safe and we will see you back in the Club House and on the Greens when the time is right. Hopefully, not too long!

Peter Letos

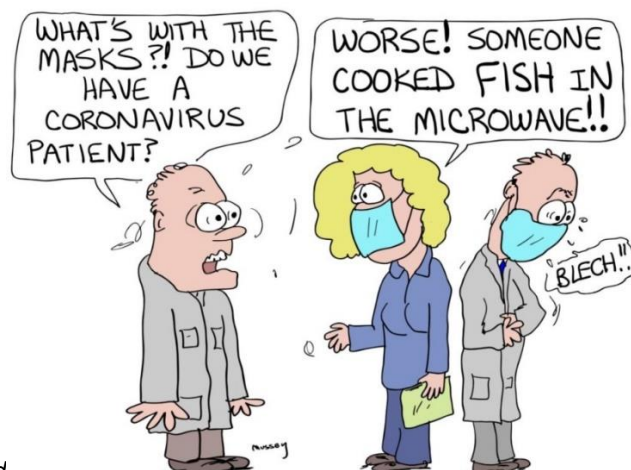
CLUB UNIFORM

The member response regarding the new club uniform has been fantastic. Around 130 members have placed an order for shirts, vest and jackets. Our order has just been placed with our Bowls Australia registered supplier. Firstly they will produce a sample shirt for us and once we are satisfied, they will go into full production. We expect to take delivery of the new shirts, vests and jackets towards the end of August and will let you know when the new uniform is ready for pick up. We are pleased to advise that our new pennant shirt has been registered and approved by Bowls Victoria.



THE YOU TUBE FIX

- Lego bowls: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eY3OZ5RPyX8>
- Anderson v Skelton FINAL 2019 Bowls World Championship:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I75DwzmlPzY>
- The Sound of Silence - Sonidos del Silencio Panflute and quenacho – Wuauquikuna:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=444JSd9tMkc>
- André Rieu & 3 year old Akim Camara: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sfoqUa0vs>
- Simon & Garfunkel - The Sound of Silence - Madison Square Garden, NYC - 2009/10/29&30:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-JQ1q-13Ek>
- BBC Podcast: The weird world I was warned to keep secret:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p08f8qlp>
- Monday Motivation - Alex Marshall MBE:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Fiy19ULSNY&t=2s>



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