



Club Bulletin

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Welcome to the Autumn Club Bulletin

It has been a while and a lot has happened at our club, especially in recent months. Pleasingly, the club is busy and lively once again. The chains and padlocks at the club entrance have gone and good folks at the bar and in the tournament committee are getting a proper workout once again. How good is that? Let's keep this way.

PRESENTATION NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Last season we missed out on our Presentation Night for obvious reasons. Coming up next Wednesday, April 21st is our Presentation Night. The catered meal will be a carvery; generous hampers will be raffled, and attendees need to have entered their names on the list in the Clubrooms by Monday April 19th. Representatives from our platinum sponsor, the McKenzie Aged Care Group, will also be in attendance.

The Board of Management has decided to continue with the monthly meals night through the off-season. This will provide an opportunity for members to stay connected and enjoy an evening out with friends. Please note that the Manningham Council have booked the Clubrooms for a Mayoral reception on Wednesday 19th May, and therefore the meals night next month will be held on **Thursday 20th May**.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB POSITIONS

A reminder that nominations for elected positions for the 2021/22 year close on Saturday 24th April, with elections to be held on Saturday 15th May. The nomination summary sheet has been posted on the notice board and nomination slips have been placed in the pockets beneath the pennant selection board. Very few nominations have been received to date. So please give some serious thought to how you can be of assistance to our club and put in a nomination.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Doncaster Bowling Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th May at 1.30pm. This will be followed by the Bowls Section general meeting.

PENNANT SEASON IN REVIEW

What a stellar pennant season for our club. It was wonderful to see three of our pennant teams make the Saturday Metropolitan Pennant finals this season. It has been a very long time since we had three teams playing home finals on that first Saturday. And all three teams won their first final at Doncaster. Two of our teams gained promotion to a higher division. Our top side made it to the grand final winning several close fought finals along the way. A wonderful achievement overall.

Here are the details from Bowls Vice President, Tak Shum:

Doncaster Bowling Club only entered five sides for Weekend Pennant and four sides for Midweek Pennant, one side less than in 2019-20 because of the reduced number of players available.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2020-21 season was shortened to 14 rounds. With round 10 cancelled due to the circuit breaker lockdown in February, only 13 matches were played.

Weekend Pennant

Side 1 finished top of the ladder with 11 wins from 13 matches. They won both Section finals matches, became the Section winner and earned promotion to Division 2. They continued to win 4 divisional final matches, only losing the Grand final and finished as Division 3 Runners-up.

Side 2 finished 5th on the ladder, with 5 wins and 1 draw from 13 matches. They were unlucky to finish only 4 points behind the 4th team on the ladder. spot. They missed the Section finals partly due to the other teams attaining more points from washout matches in the final round.

Side 3 finished top of the ladder with 11 wins from 11 matches (only 7 teams in their section). They became the Section winner after winning their next two matches in the Section finals and would be promoted to Division 4. Their continuous winning streak of 13 matches was finally broken when they lost in the first Divisional finals match to the eventual Division Champions.

Side 4 finished 2nd on the ladder with 8 wins and 1 draw from 13 matches. They won the first section finals match, but were narrowly defeated in the second match and missed out on promotion.

Side 5 finished 8th on the ladder, losing all 13 matches. They were somewhat playing in a division above their bowling experience because of the withdrawal of our 6th side, and were struggling throughout the season. Overall, Weekend Pennant 2020-21 has been a very successful season with two Sectional winners and one Divisional runners-up.

Midweek Pennant

Side 1 finished 8th on the ladder, with 4 wins from 13 matches in a very strong section. They were only 1 point behind the 7th team before the last match. They put in a huge fight in their final match, but unfortunately, still finished 1 point behind the 7th spot. They get relegated to Division 2.

Side 2 finished 3rd on the ladder, with 7 wins from 13 matches. They were in 5th spot before the last 2 rounds and needed to win the last two matches against teams above them to have a chance to be in the top 4. They won both and gained 28 points to climb up to 3rd spot. Most disappointingly, they lost their Section semi-final, and promotion, by 3 shots against a team which had lost twice to them in the season.

Side 3 finished 6th on the ladder, with 6 wins from 13 matches. They performed well throughout the season, and only missed out playing in the Section finals by one win.

Side 4 finished bottom of the ladder, with 2 wins from 11 matches. They were struggling partly because they were playing one division above their level, due to the withdrawal of our 5th side. Despite having only 1 win before the last round, they finished strongly in the final match and recorded their 2nd win with the full 16 points. Overall, Midweek Pennant 2020-21 has been relatively disappointing with one relegation.

Pennant Season 2021-22 Outlook

Weekend Pennant

We will have sides in Division 2,3,4,5 and 6 in the new season. Our primary objective will be to consolidate our positions in the divisions, to keep improving and hopefully to climb up further.

Midweek Pennant

We will have sides in Division 2,3, 4 and 5 in the new season. Again, our primary objective will be to consolidate, to improve and hopefully to finish one better than this season.

Reminder: If you have not returned the Pennant Season 2021-22 Questionnaire, please do so as soon as possible. Forms are available on the club notice board.

During the course of the month long pennant finals, the club hosted numerous finals at the behest of Bowls Victoria. Special thanks to Geoff Bandy and his team of helpers for supporting our club and taking on this arduous task on those Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

The regular monthly tournaments at our club will continue until the end of May. This includes the first, second and fourth Monday triples, and the second Wednesday triples and fourth Wednesday pairs event. If you are not in a regular team and would like to participate, simply contact the relevant team manager and they will try to fit you in. Give some thought to putting a team in for next season. It's fun and a great experience. You can compete against the best bowlers from our region and try out an array of shots that you may not play in the regular pennant competition.

WINTER BOWLS

Seriously, do you want to play winter bowls? Of course you do! All you need is your hand warmers, grippo, thermals, two jackets, a footy beanie, explorer socks and for good measure, a couple of bowls. Winter bowls commences in June. You can play on Wednesdays and Saturdays. So, hesitate not, put your name on the list. Composite teams and visiting bowlers most welcome.

Prior to the commencement of the winter bowls tournament, we will continue with social bowls each Saturday until the end of May. This will be a selected fours or triples game commencing at 12:30pm.

INDOOR BOWLS

If you are not that outdoor winter bowls type of person, worry not. There is something special for you as well. The very skilful game of indoor bowls or carpet bowls. The winter indoor bowls at Doncaster will commence a little later than usual on Saturday May 29th. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Contact Gerda Van der Peet if you are interested.

SUCCESS WITH GRANTS

During COVID and the shut down period our revenue from bowls was understandably adversely impacted. Luckily, during this period various grants were on offer, and our club has been successful in this respect. We have received almost \$60,000 in Covid-related grants, rent relief, and reduction in affiliation fees. Grant applications have also been submitted for the purchase of new scoreboards and a new Eftpos-compatible cash register for the bar. The Be-Connected programme has funded the purchase of a new laptop computer and numerous club members have participated in the Be Connected program conducted by Tricia O'Connor. Graham Ferres has now taken on the role of Grants Co-ordinator for our club. The monitoring and matching of further items with forthcoming grant opportunities is an ongoing process.

COACHING

The three club coaches, Lou Anastassiou, Brian Donovan and Dinesh Balgovind would like to thank all those members actively participated in and supported this season's coaching and pennant training. There was good attendance at both the 1pm and 3:30pm coaching sessions on Thursdays. It was pleasing to note the improvement from bowlers in sides 3,4 & 5 in particular and from some of our newer bowlers. Pennant is a team sport. With two sides being promoted to a higher division, the pennant season ahead presents a tougher assignment for our club. There is no substitute for regular practice. So during the off season give some thought to the aspects you would like to work on, setup some drills and practise these. Regular coaching and pennant training will resume in September. However, one-to-one and small group coaching can be provided for anyone interested. Just contact one of the coaches to arrange a mutually convenient time.

PRESIDENT'S DAY & SUPER VETERANS DAY

On Thursday April the 29th the Club is conducting a combined President's and Super Veteran's day. The format will be two games, selected teams, 11am start with a lunch break at 12.30pm and the 2nd game completed by 3pm. Please place your name on the list provided in the Club rooms. All members are encouraged to come along and have a fun day at no cost.

Dress Code: Doncaster Bowls Uniform, please!

COMING UP

April 21st	Presentation Night
April 24th	Nominations close for club positions
April 24th	Saturday Social Bowls
April 25th	ANZAC Day
April 26th	Fourth Monday Triples
April 28th	Fourth Wednesday Pairs
April 29th	President's and Super Veterans Day
May 3rd	First Monday Triples
May 10th	Second Monday Triples
May 15th	Elections - Voting
May 18th	Annual General Meeting



THE COVID-19 VACCINE -THE 7 BIGGEST COVID-19 VACCINE MYTHS

In collaboration with nib Group CMO Dr Mellissa Naidoo

There's so much information out there about the COVID-19 vaccine – at times, it can be hard to separate fact from fiction. Some of the false information is spreading quickly and widely on social media. So with the help of nib Group Chief Medical Officer Dr Mellissa Naidoo, we're debunking some of the biggest COVID-19 vaccine myths.

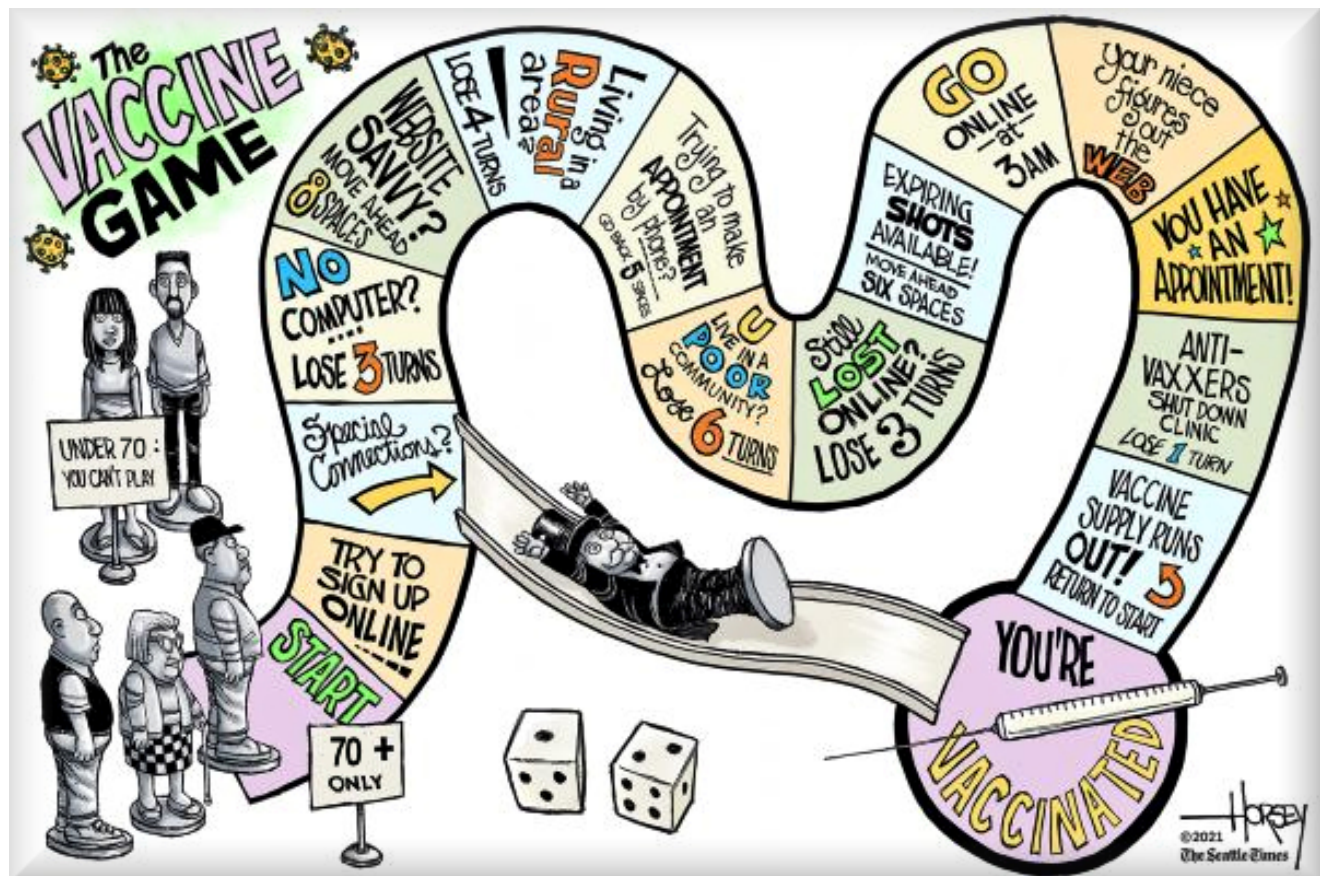
<https://www.nib.com.au/the-checkup/healthy-living/the-7-biggest-covid-19-vaccine-myths>

The Australian Government website has the latest information on COVID-19 vaccine

<https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/is-it-true>

THE YOU-TUBE FIX

- ♦ Tips from a Former Champion: David Bryant - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BV1oG3QhZfw&t=21s>
- ♦ Indoor Carpet Bowls – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8w6zDitqvvg>
- ♦ Nick Brett's Brilliant Draw Shot: Watch it one more time - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7Yp-ZSpPfc>
- ♦ Nick Brett's Review - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7j4Tdfl-icQ>



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