

Celebrating Eastern Suburbs Indoor Biased Bowls Association 50 Years: 1970 - 2020

Eastern Suburbs Indoor Biased Bowls (ESIBBA) was inaugurated in February 1970. The Doncaster Bowling Club was one of the ten Foundation Member Clubs, and over the 50 years since, many player/members have participated with the administration of the Association serving on many committees as well as contesting the various group championships and pennant competitions.

Following, is listed the Doncaster members and some of their involvement in the Association:

- Robert (Bob) Cole – was the inaugural winner of the Mens Champion of Champions Singles. Bob Grisold, Harry Gathercole and George Rottell successfully featured in many competitions.
- George Rottell was ESIBBA President 1988/89 and Vice President 1980/84/85. Daryl Bishop was ESIBBA Treasurer 1988/89/90/91. Harry Reynolds was Treasurer 1992-2011. Bob Byron was Assistant Secretary 1998-2006. Pamela Reynolds was Assistant Secretary 2009-2011
- Harry Reynolds was made an ESIBBA Life Member in 2004 and a VIBBA Life Member in 2014 for his contributions over many years ~ VIBBA Vice President 2001-2002, President 2003-2004, Patron 2008-2013 and other positions.
- VIBBA Merit Badges for outstanding services to ESIBBA were awarded to George Rottell 1990, Harry Reynolds in 2001 and Bob Byron in 2018.
- Doncaster won the A Grade Tuesday Pennant in the following years: 1977, 1980, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2014, and 2015.
- Mens Singles Champion of Champion winners were: Bob Cole 1970, Harry Gathercole 1977, Harry Reynolds 1996, 1997, and 1998, Craig Gathergood 2010, and Kevin Coombs 2014.
- Ladies Singles Champion of Champions winner was: Lynne Walker 2008, 2013, 2016 and 2017.
- Mens Singles winner: Kevin Coombs 2017.
- Ladies Singles winner: Lynne Walker 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018
- Mens Pairs winner: Harry Reynolds 1996 and 1997. Bob Byron and Kevin Coombs 2002. Harry Whitticker and Gordon Lyons 2009. Kevin Coombs 2010.
- Ladies Pairs winners: Pamela Reynolds 2011. Lynne Walker 2012. Dawn Coombs and Lynne Walker 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.
- Mens Triples: Harry Reynolds 1993, 1998, 2002, 2003. Harry Whitticker, Harry Reynolds, Kevin Coombs 2007. Harry Reynolds, Gerry Selleck, Bob Jones 2010. Dick Smyth, Gordon Lyons, Kevin Coombs 2011.

- Ladies Triples: Noreen Leehane 2000. Leila O'Neill, Noreen Leehane, Leonie O'Farrell 2001. Dawn Coombs 2007-2008, 2015. Lynne Walker 2012. 2015, 2016, 2018.
- Mens Fours: Daryl Bishop 1993. Harry Reynolds 1997, 2002, 2004. John Rowland, Kevin Coombs 2007, 2008, 2009.
- Ladies Fours: Pamela Reynolds 2007. Lynne Walker 2008, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. Dawn Coombs 2010, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
- Mixed Pairs: Dawn and Kevin Coombs 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2019.
- Mixed Fours: Harry Reynolds 1997, 2007. Pamela Reynolds 2007. Dawn Coombs, Noreen Leehane, John Rowland, Kevin Coombs 2008. Lynne Walker 2009, 2016. Nancy Lyons, Elizabeth Reid, Gordon Lyons, John Rowland 2013.
- Doncaster bowlers selected to represent Victoria at the National Championships: Bob Grisold & Harry Gathercole 1978. Lynne Walker 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016 (Ladies Gold medal winner), 2017, 2018, 2019.

Note: Results of the Tuesday and Wednesday Pennant competitions including winners and runners-up players are also included in The Doncaster Bowling Club's copy of the 50th Years Celebration Booklet in the Club's Library.

Bob Byron