



Club Bulletin

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Greetings and welcome to the March Club Bulletin



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Hello Members. Time once again to provide you with an update on matters being dealt with by the Board and others since the last edition of the Club's quarterly Bulletin.

Lease:

There has been no change with the status of the Council lease since my last report. We are therefore still "holding over" under the terms of the lease which expired on 31 March last year.

Back Green:

During the past 2-3 months, the Club has had further meetings with Council staff regarding funding for the back green conversion to a synthetic surface. A revised application for funding was submitted in February, (the original was submitted in December 2019), and we have since been advised by Council staff that our project has been "moved up the list" by 1-2 years, which at best moves the project to the 2024/25 year.

A second meeting was recently held with the liberal candidate for Menzies, Keith Wolahan, and we recently followed up the current member Kevin Andrews after having a very positive Zoom meeting with him in October last year. We have now been advised that Kevin Andrews has followed through and submitted the Club's application to the Minister for Sport and Rec. The result of these efforts should therefore be known sometime during the election campaign.

Maintenance of Greens:

The Club has recently engaged an experienced green keeper with a proven track record to act as a consultant and assist Tim Fewster with the maintenance of both greens. Tim is very positive about this arrangement, which is initially for a period of 12 months, and I'm sure that members will have noticed the improvement in the condition of the greens that has occurred already.

Bowls Vic New HQ:

Bowls Vic advised the Club in January that it had not been shortlisted for the second stage of a feasibility study to identify a site for their proposed new HQ. Given this outcome, a further meeting has been held with a supplier/installer regarding the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Clubhouse. There is still further analysis of the viability required, and discussions with Council to be held on this matter.

New Speaker System:

A new external speaker system will be installed within the next 1-2 weeks. Most of the funds for this project have been provided by Bendigo Bank, and the scope of work will include a 4-zone control system serving the lounge, dining area, the front green, and future provision for the back green. A quote for an upgrade of the internal speakers has been received but this work will be held over whilst we seek funding through a potential grant.

New Defibrillator:

The cabinet for the new defibrillator has been installed inside the western shelter at the back of the front green. The Club will be funding an accredited course in CPR and use of the defibrillator, and members are encouraged to participate. A list for members to register interest has been posted in the Clubrooms. Enquiries should be directed to Elizabeth Reid.

Grants:

The outcome of the Club's application for a Federal grant to cover the cost of the defibrillator, ride-on-mower, and other garden maintenance equipment should be known in April. Meanwhile other possible grants for items such as an upgraded internal speaker system and the CPR/defibrillator instruction course are being followed up. Graham Ferres has been putting a lot of effort into the task of identifying suitable grants and following up with applications on the Club's behalf.

Partners / Sponsors:

We continue with our efforts to expand our list of partners, and meetings are being arranged with the likes of the Donvale Rehabilitation Centre, Bunnings, and the new Mercure Hotel with its restaurant/bar facilities. Partnership agreements with Tobin Bros. and Mannacare have recently been signed.

Disability Support Group:

This is a new group made up of 5 members who will provide advice to the BOM on how the Club can provide support for people with disabilities. The BOM has already actioned the initial recommendation of the group by approving the purchase of 4 custom-built half steps to be placed in the ditches where needed, and ramps suitable for bowlers using wheelchairs or walkers. A request has also been made to the Council to conduct an "Access Audit" of the Club's facilities.

Community Activities:

The BOM remains focused on this important aspect of the Club's activities, which of course has been emphasized in our applications for assistance from Council and Govt. sources.

With this in mind, arrangements are being made to conduct further sessions with the Doncaster College students, the Bowling with Babies programme, and groups with various disabilities; eg. autism. And there are others.

As I've mentioned before, these activities depend on the support and involvement of our members, so for all of you who are able to do so, please offer your assistance in this area. I'm sure that those who do become involved will find it a rewarding experience.

Pennant Season:

Congratulations to the teams which have tasted success and qualified for the pennant finals. You will have the support of the Club behind you as we wish you good bowling, while a bit of luck along the way would be a welcome bonus!

Finally, once again on behalf of the Board, I wish to thank all of those members who have volunteered their time and effort in so many ways through their involvement with a wide range of activities.

And most importantly, let us all remember how important it is to promote harmony throughout the Club and simply enjoy and appreciate what it has to offer in the way of friendships, camaraderie, and fun. The World certainly needs that in big doses at the moment!

Ash Rowe



SUMMER PENNANT SEASON

The Home and Away rounds of the Metropolitan Pennant season is over and the finals get underway this coming Saturday. While we cannot say it has been a stellar season, we do have three teams in the finals. In the Saturday Pennant Competition our first side play Kingsbury at Kingsbury while our second side takes on MCC at Hawthorn. In the Midweek Pennant Competition, our first side takes on Blackburn at Blackburn Bowling Club next week.

In their wisdom, our friends at Bowls Victoria have decided that there shall be eight divisions of eight teams in each division from hereon. To achieve this, it means that bottom 4 or 5 teams in each section are likely to be relegated next season. The table below shows our performance and standings at the end of the home and away rounds of the Pennant Competition.

SATURDAY PENNANT COMPETITION				
SIDE	WINS	Score %	Ladder Position	Comment
1	7.5	102.52	4th	In the finals playoff – well done!
2	8	118.33	4th	In the finals playoff – well done!
3	2	80.71	Last	Facing relegation to Division 5
4	6	94.27	5th	Facing relegation to Division 6
5	5	86.37	6th	Facing relegation to Division 7
6	2	61.98	Last	Facing relegation to Division 8

MIDWEEK PENNANT COMPETITION				
SIDE	WINS	Score %	Ladder Position	Comment
1	9	108.96	3rd	In the finals playoff – well done!
2	6	91.85	5th	Facing relegation to Division 4
3	4	76.95	7th	Facing relegation to Division 5

MIDWEEK PENNANT REPORT

It has been a very difficult season with players out every week. A big thank you to those players willing to fill in.

SIDE 1: Finished 3rd on the ladder with a good win against Blackburn, their opponents in the first final next Tuesday. Let's hope they can do it again.

SIDE 2: Finished 5th on the ladder only 7 points behind 4th. A very good result.

SIDE 3: This team should have been in Division 5, but because we only had 3 teams they put it in Division 4. Despite this they managed to win a few games. Everyone enjoyed playing in this team and it gave valuable experience to up and coming players.

Now for a few of my complaints. The first one is the attitude of our men players towards Midweek Pennant. One man told me "I play Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday bowls, so next year I won't play Tuesday bowls". In my opinion Monday and Wednesday bowls are competitive "SOCIAL" bowls, but Tuesday is "PENNANT". Pennant is the game you play for your "CLUB" and for the prestige of this club. The higher division you play in, the more prestigious for the club. On average we play more women than men and we play against teams with top men playing. I am not saying that men are better than women, but the more players available, the better the team. If our men players cannot play 3 days, why not play 2 days, like Monday and Tuesday or Tuesday and Wednesday. Please think of the prestige

of the club.

The second bone of contention is the fact that we have no experienced thirds and skips. We need to have specialised coaching on how to behave behind the head, like not just standing there and indicate only what hand to play. Also how to build a head, where to look for dangers, etc. We could have coaching for the lower teams from 11.00am to 1.00pm and put the players in teams and direct them how to play. It may get more players to come to practice.

Finally I would like to thank Kathy Rehe and Elizabeth Reid for all their help in a difficult season. Also Geoff Bandy for the background work he does.

Gerda van der Peet
Chair Midweek Selection

SATURDAY PENNANT NEWS

Saturday Pennant - Two Sides to play Finals !!!

Tremendous !!! Congratulations !!!

Next Saturday – March 12

- ✓ Our Top Saturday Pennant Side, playing in Division 2, will play Kingsbury in an Away match at Kingsbury in their Section Semi-Final.
- ✓ Our Second Saturday Side, playing in Division 3, will play MCC in their Section Semi-Final at the MCC Green in Swinburne Ave, Hawthorn.

Drive to Kingsbury to support the Doncaster Top Saturday Side playing Kingsbury in their Final !!!
Or

Come along to support the Doncaster Second Saturday Side playing MCC next Saturday at MCC !!!

Congratulations to our Top Saturday Pennant Side that finished Fourth in its Section this Season. This place in the Finals is a great result for the players and Side that only this Season was promoted from Division 3. The Top Side won six matches as well as one Draw during the Season. Doncaster now will play the Top Side in their Section in their Semi-Final on this Saturday – a big challenge for them to play Kingsbury. Congratulations to all the bowlers that played in the Top Saturday Side this Season. The Skips in the Top Saturday Pennant Side included: Matt Cursio, Keith Kirby, Tom Reynolds & Brian Salvage; along with Gary Baird & Fred Duthie.

Congratulations to our Second Saturday Pennant Side that finished Fourth in its Section this Season. Doncaster will play Top Side MCC in their First Final. But recently our Doncaster Side defeated MCC at MCC during the Home and Away matches, so they have a marvellously good chance at the weekend. Well done to all the players in the Second Side for their successes this Season – winning eight matches in total. The Skips in the Second Side included: Peter Demeris, Brian Donovan, Judy Seymour and David Thomas; along with Debbie Code & Neil Mathys.

Last Saturday – March 5 – Round 14

After a close and exciting match all afternoon the Top Doncaster Saturday Pennant Side drew 78 shots

all with North Balwyn. The Side needed to score just one extra shot to win their match.

Also at home last Saturday, the **Third Side** was very pleased to win their close low-scoring match 67 shots to 65 shots against Vermont South. Particularly as this victory was only the second win for the Side for the Season. Competitive sport has many ups and downs.

Thanks as well are due to the team of members that organised the BBQ and worked tirelessly at the BBQ, and to the regulars on the Bar, who helped everyone enjoy their time afterwards relaxing at the End of Season Social get-together.

The Season's Results for the other Saturday Pennant Sides

The Fourth Saturday Pennant Side had a very competitive Season, winning six matches, and being placed in the Four for much of the Season. But sadly just at the end of the Season the Side finished in Fifth position.

This Season was a difficult one for both of our Fifth and Sixth Saturday Sides, with the need for many changes to their Sides each week due to Covid, other health issues and availability of players. Both of these Sides were in Sections in which there were Byes and Forfeits, causing a most dislocated Season for our Doncaster players unfortunately. The Fifth Side managed to win three of their active matches, while the Sixth Side won two of the matches that they played.

Rink of the Week for Saturday Pennant in February

Well done to these Doncaster players in the Rinks who won 'Rink of the Week' in February:

- ✓ Round 10 Sandra Dyer, Elizabeth Reid, Geoff Bandy & Brian Donovan +14
- ✓ Round 11 Lyn Goodman, Peter Hanson, Laurie Hogan & Tom Reynolds +18
- ✓ Round 12 Tony Maruzzi, Ed Porad, Antonio Cuce & Robert Bateup +6
- ✓ Round 13 Dianne Dubbeldam, Fred Duthie, Neil Mathys & Peter Demeris +23
- ✓ Round 14 Tony Maruzzi, Ed Porad, Antonio Cuce & Robert Bateup +14
- ✓ Another Rink to win by a big margin in Round 11 was: Dianne Dubbeldam, Ian Golding, Dinesh Balgovind & Peter Demeris - winning also by 18 shots.

Which Saturday Pennant Rinks and Players have been most successful !!

Congratulations to every bowler that have been part of these successes this Season:

- ✓ 10 wins - Ian Sanderson (Top Side); and Peter Demeris (Second Side)
- ✓ 9 Wins - Trevor Dawson, Ray Rattray-Wood, Tim Fewster & Brian Salvage (Top Side); Lyn Goodman & Laurie Hogan (Top Side); Ian Golding (Top and Second Sides); Dianne Dubbeldam and Tony Smart (Second Side)
- ✓ 8 wins – Tom Reynolds (Top Side)
- ✓ 7 Wins – Fred Duthie (Top Side); Peter Johnson & David Thomas (Second Side); Bill Allibon & Judy Seymour (Second Side); Sandra Dyer & Elizabeth Reid (Second Side); and Gus Rosa & Harry Bunn (Fourth Side)

Graham Ferres



Bowling Hints & Tips

1. Only use positive language when giving directions to your players.
2. Give simple, clear and precise instructions to your players about what you need with that bowl.
3. Giving shot or shots away when you are holding. This FAULT is one of the most common errors.

CORRECTION: Have a good look at the situation and take an extra one or two bowl widths of line or green width.

- Not achieving a back or position bowl when required. Do not think the jack will not 'go there'. When you have a 'good end' cover the possibilities.

CORRECTION: Treat a position bowl as important as any other and have the position indicated by a team mate's foot. Leave the foot there until delivery completed. Then move away from the head.

- Not being up when you are down and it is important that you must arrive. This is really a bowler's sin and should not occur.

CORRECTION: Think about the 'weight' for a couple of seconds and either grip the bowl just a little firmer or use arm elevation. DO NOT rush into playing your bowl. Take your time.

- Missing a bowl in the way with a firm shot or drive. Fear of hitting a front obstructing bowl is the main reason for hitting it or missing it.

CORRECTION: Aim at the offending bowl. The chances of hitting that obstructing bowl becomes very low.

Today's Joke

Shampoo Alert!

As I was washing my hair in the shower this morning, I took time to read my shampoo bottle. I am shocked! The shampoo I use (that runs down my entire body) says "for extra volume and body". Tomorrow I am going to start using Morning Fresh dishwashing liquid. It says right on the label "dissolves fat that is otherwise difficult to remove." It pays to read the labels, my friends! This explains everything... Here I was thinking it was all the chocolate I eat....!

