



## DROMANA BOWLS CLUB

### WEEKLY BULLETIN

8<sup>th</sup> December

### From The President



Hello one and all,

Christmas is certainly approaching fast, and with only a couple of weeks of Pennant to go before we take a well-earned break it is time to take stock of where we are right now, and reflect upon many of the changes that have, or currently are, occurring at Dromana Bowls Club.



Many thanks first of all to our Mid-week and Saturday selectors for the excellent job they have done in getting the necessary numbers on to the greens each week, especially when one considers the high levels of illness and unavailability which have befallen us since the very beginning of the season. Every week has been a struggle I know, but we now seem to be seeing some stability in a good number of our sides, and while results across the board have been mixed, it has been really gratifying to see all bowlers accepting their lot and striving to the best of their abilities week after week. Let's go to the Xmas break with some real enthusiasm and optimism for what lies before us in the New Year. Never forget what our second Saturday team did in the lead up to the finals last year, with the eventual prize of a premiership from a long way back!

We are currently in the midst of our lead-up functions in the weeks before Xmas, and I would like to personally thank all bar, greens and BBQ/catering staff for the sterling job you have all done in allowing our club to fulfill its community obligations in offering our facilities to the public. We could not achieve this without our committed volunteers, so once again let me say how indebted myself and the rest of the Board are to all those members who have answered the call when they were needed. Speaking of volunteering, let me just give everyone an update on where our Friday Barefoot Bowls is currently at. We are currently receiving many requests for bookings, and numbers on the greens have been steadily increasing over the last month or so. The BBQ roster has been working really well, but less so the attendance on the greens. For one reason or another we have had a couple of weeks when we have had to cover for non-appearances at the rostered time, which puts the onus back on people who have had to fill in at the last minute, "off the bench", or "out of the bar" so to speak. While rosters for greens duty have been emailed out to members previously, I am aware that these messages could be easily overlooked, or unforeseen circumstances could arise making attendance difficult, if not impossible. Please do your best to support your club and your fellow members in this regard. Barb Souter is currently working with Val Park to put together a revised, up to date roster, which should be available in the coming days. I intend to include a weekly reminder in this newsletter as to forthcoming rink rosters, so once again please peruse this carefully.

We have a number of our members experiencing some quite significant medical issues right now, and to them I offer the support of the Board and all members, with the hope that everyone will be back to full strength in the near future. It is with much regret that I have to announce that David Ferguson has reluctantly decided he can no longer fulfill his duties as Licensed Nominee, effective from last weekend. David has been a tower of strength in his role in all areas of ordering, serving and organising of staff, and I thank him for the years of service he has given in this area. David was always a firm believer in how things should be done under his stewardship, and don't I know from

personal experience what it was like to fall foul, or short, of his expectations! I hope I learned my lessons well. All of which, in the long run, meant a very efficiently enforced set of procedures in a vital area of our club's financial and social life. Once again, well done David, and we all hope to see you back at the club soon!

Meanwhile, life in front of and behind the bar is continuing with a skeleton crew in the interim, with a number of regular and newly trained bar staff stepping up to take care of the ordering and dispensing of all sorts of liquid and foodstuff "essentials". Needless to say the Board would welcome an expression of interest regarding an official taking over of the position of Licensee. Please contact either myself or any Board member if you could see clear to walk in the shoes of Fergie, and John Bell before him. Have a think about it, and I look forward to my phone ringing off the hook very shortly!

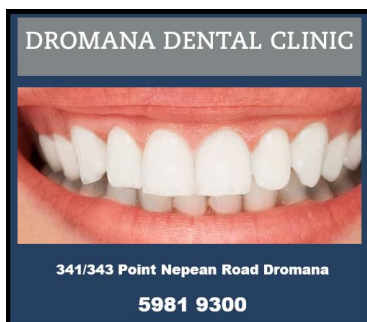
So that is about it for now, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Xmas Party next week, and once again great credit to Michele Castles and her team for their excellent work in organising this important annual event.

Cheers for now, Regards Peter.



**BBQ and Barefoot bowls – watch out for new rosters**

## **Sponsors of the Week**



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## **HOUSE MATTERS**

Hi all,

We have had many requests for Christmas party barefoot bowls functions from our local community which is great in helping to promote our club and may even encourage new memberships!

For these to be successful we again need volunteers to help on the greens etc. on the day.

Below is a brief list of dates and numbers of helpers we would like to help spread the load. We know it's a busy time of year but if you can help, even for an hour, that would be appreciated.

A list will be up at the clubhouse so please list your name so we know where there might be shortfalls. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

**Dec 13th - Tuesday 3.30-5.30pm, 2 helpers**

**Dec 15th - Thursday 6-8pm, 2 helpers**

**Dec 16th - Friday 4.30-9pm, 4 helpers**

**Dec 21st - Wednesday 3-6pm 1 helper maybe 2?**

**Dec 22nd - Thursday 12.30-6pm, 4 helpers**

Thanks also to the members who constantly do more than their share in keeping the club rooms clean and tidy for the next users. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your week.

Regards Amelia.



## **Social Bowls**

### **MONDAY**

Open Nominated Triples 9.30am for 10am start.

List in Match Committee window.

Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405773858

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING TWILIGHT BOWLS**

A great evening for all level of bowlers.

The evenings are magic and it's just great playing in the changing light with music and laughter and good friendship.

5.30 for 6.00 start - \$6.

Sign the list on the outside board.

Contact Di - 0417 397 138 for more information

### **THURSDAY**

Club Selected – 10.00am for 10.30am start.

List in Match Committee window.

Contact Chris Bowen: 0418557574

# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Clubbies Singles Draw** is available in the folder in the Clubrooms.

**\*\*Must observe dates of rounds to be completed by.**

Entry forms are available in folder in clubhouse for the following:

Ladies/ Mens/ Mixed Pairs

Entries close: 10<sup>th</sup> Dec '22

Open Triples/ Presidents Handicap/ Minor Club Champions

Entries close: 29<sup>th</sup> January '23

*Carmel Rowe*



All Pennant enquiries to the appropriate chairperson.

**MIDWEEK** Chairperson Di Washfold 0417 397 138

**SATURDAY** Chairperson Derrik Farr 0415 780 009

## REMINDER TO ALL PLAYERS

Pennant Practice is on Fridays from 3.30 - 5.00 (warm up prior) We ask all bowlers to attend if possible. See you there.

**Next Tuesday, 13th** will be the last Mid-week round before the Christmas break. As there is an unusually long gap before Pennant resumes on Tuesday 17th January, the Selectors are arranging a **PRACTICE DAY ON TUESDAY, 10TH JANUARY.** Please sign the list on the board before 3rd January if you are able to play.

On behalf of the Selectors, we wish all players a Merry Christmas and a joyful and safe time with family and friends.  
Di



## **STATE EVENT PROGRAM AND ENTRIES**

are now in the black folder in the hall on the table

Women's Singles Championship of Vic 2022-2023 closing date 1st January 2023 5pm

Men's Singles Championship of Vic 2022-2023 closing date 1st January 2023 5pm

Women's Fours Championship of Vic 2022-2023 closing date 25th February 2023 5pm

Men's Fours Championship of Vic 2022-2023 closing date 25th February 2023 5pm

Please note: It would be appreciated if entries could be completed at least a day prior to closing as I have to email them to MPBR before due time.



**Di Washfold and Carmel Healy**

**in Women's Pairs Championship of Victoria**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Mornington Civic 9.30am**

**Congratulations!**



Jim Rossi for making it through to the finals of the state Novice Championships

## **SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS**



**CHRISTMAS HAMPER  
TICKETS FOR SALE**

Ticket sales are finally picking up - thank you Donna and all those who helped sell the tickets. The hampers are great so make sure you are in with a chance or two.

**Raffle will be drawn on Friday 23rd at Happy hour.**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**: We have 80 booked for the lunch at the Rosebud RSL. If you have not paid please do so ASAP. Looking forward to a lovely afternoon of food, drinks, good company and entertainment.

**SURVEY** - Social and fundraising activities: So far we have had around 18 responses - please take a minute or two to complete the survey as this does help your social/fundraising committee come up with a program to suit the majority of members.

See you at the club  
Michele Castles



Visit our website for information on board meetings, games, pennant teams and ladders.

**Browse our new Club History Archive**

**Check out our Sponsors details.**

## Welfare

Pearl Skinner is currently in Frankston Hospital but may be moving on to rehab shortly. Pearl would be very happy to have phone calls and visitors.

David Ferguson is in the Alfred and expected to remain there for an extended period as he may be having a bone marrow transplant. He is now out of isolation, in a general ward and would welcome calls or visitors. If planning to visit, please ring the Alfred to arrange a visiting time

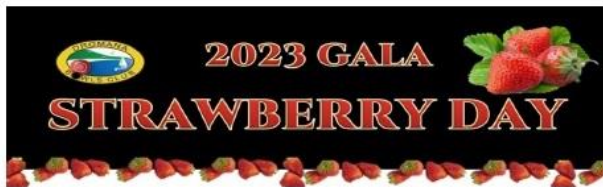
To all those that are not feeling well, the Club sends its best wishes for a speedy recovery.  
Please contact Phil Gannon for any welfare reports. 5908 4034 or 0405 773 858

### Reports and items for the Newsletter:

[newsletter@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:newsletter@dromanabowlsclub.com.au)

### Photos for the Newsletter or Club records:

[photos@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:photos@dromanabowlsclub.com.au)



SUNDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2023

10.30 AM START

2 Bowl Nominated Triples  
3 games of 11 ends  
BV Approved uniform

Tea and Coffee on Arrival  
Refreshments and Nibbles at  
Presentation  
BYO LUNCH (or Pre-order  
Pies, Pasties on the day).



**Prize Pool: \$1200**

(Subject to entry numbers)



Entry: \$75.00 per Team

or

\$25.00 per Player

#### Entry Details (Direct Debit):

BSB: 633 000 Account # 129978284

Reference: SD - Your Name/Club

Entries Close 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### Contact Details:

Email: [match@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:match@dromanabowlsclub.com.au)

Phil Gannon; Match Director

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Strawberry Day Entries are coming in steadily. At the moment, the majority of entries are from "Outsiders" keen to win the prize money and make off with those luscious strawberries. Come on members, make up a team or enter individually to enjoy a great day of competition, fun and strawberries! Contact Phil Gannon on 0405 773 858 or [match@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:match@dromanabowlsclub.com.au)





Remember – you need to be present to win our ever growing lucky membership number draw



**CANASTA**



**Monday 12.30 – all welcome.**



**Please drive carefully over this Christmas and New Year  
Don't end up with the bicycle  
See you all soon Donna**