



**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

## From The President



A warm hello to everyone.

A big shout of thanks to Andy Wain who has stepped up this week and enabled the compilation and production of this Newsletter.

The club wishes Donna Cartwright well in her recuperation from recent surgery, and her hospitalisation this week meant that the Newsletter was picked up at short notice by Andy, who has also done much good work in updating the Portal and web-site, as well as providing us with his weekly decision-making posers on the green.

And to Donna, we hope to see you back in your sponsorship and social roles very shortly, and in good cheer: your contributions to all areas of the club over many years will never be underestimated!

Good luck to all our Pennant bowlers over the next week as we launch into Round 1 of a new season, a season that promises much when you look at some of the exposed form in recent practice matches. Well done to Derrik Farr, Carmel Rowe and the two selection groups for investing their time into creating a meaningful and viable lead into the season proper. I am sure we are all looking forward to the resumption of competition bowls with great enthusiasm.

The kitchen flooring upgrade is just about done and dusted; a bit quicker than we expected as well. A number of members remain "at the ready", under Amelia's scrupulous instructions, in order to restore this area to its functioning glory, and things should be back to normal over

the next few days.

Please continue to follow the signage and avoid this area until we have opened it up again: as I said, it won't be long!

The Dromana Football Club have kindly donated a portable bar to our club, a valuable acquisition indeed, especially with the summer months approaching. Either Den or myself, or any other Board member for that matter, would be keen on ideas from any of you folk as to the best way to utilise this utility. Please speak to us.

Speaking of the Dromana Football Club, you will find several photos taken at the Grand Final Eve function on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. And what a great afternoon it was! As you will see, a few of our own club members, along with the coterie group from the football, were wined and dined by Graeme Abblitt and his team, with magnificent steaks being followed by an "enlightening" speech from the ever-popular Mal Brown, WAFL and VFL personality who was guest speaker for the occasion. All present were most impressed with, and grateful for, the use of our facilities.

Paul Chambers and his team put on a magnificent function, and the DFC Coterie group duly thanked the Dromana Bowls Club for their assistance in staging this most worthwhile charitable event. I must also thank David Baud for his role in overseeing the RSA issues relating to the day, as Licensee he was extremely thorough and helpful in ensuring the whole afternoon was a success. Well done to all who contributed and attended: it is

extremely likely that we may get at least half a dozen new members such was the positive feeling towards our establishment.

Please take note of a couple of important dates and events coming up, all of which are available on the various noticeboards and folders situated around the clubrooms. MPBR State events are currently being advertised, with the first being the Mixed Pairs event, applications for which close on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Similarly, Pairs and Triples events are being advertised and need to be attended to in Mid-November: if you miss out, you miss out!

We need more Lady Skips to enter a team for the Alison James Day, our numbers are growing but there is still plenty of room for you to get your players organised. In the immediate future, the Pennant Information night is on tomorrow from 5.00pm onwards. It is imperative that Pennant players make every effort to attend, there will be pizza provided and plenty of information designed for you to get the most out of your season. The better we prepare, the better we perform, and the less "glitches" we experience come Match Day.

And finally, the 2023/24 club syllabus is now available. Please be aware that there may be one or two errors that have crept through, even with four of us going through the whole thing with a fine-tooth comb! Some errors have been found in the scheduling of starting times for Monday and Thursday events, with these sometimes being adjusted with the onset of colder weather, less sunlight etc. Please forgive us for these little errors, and if in any doubt listen for information on Monday, Thursday, or through this Newsletter. If you ask questions, you won't go astray.

So that is it for another week. Enjoy whatever the next week has in store for you, and above all have fun in each others' company.

Regards, Peter.



President Peter with guest speaker, Mal Brown, at the recent Dromana FNC Grand Final Luncheon held in the Clubrooms.

# This Week's Sponsors

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**MPFS – Financial Advisors** have donated to the Club two financial service vouchers each worth \$4,620. Inclusions are:

- **two visits** with MPFS
- **a complete financial plan.**

The Club is conducting a **silent auction** to give the members a chance to bid for these vouchers.

The auction **will close at 23.59pm on 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

Bids are to be made via email to [treasurer@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:treasurer@dromanabowlsclub.com.au)

The age demographic of our Club suggests that most members already have plans in place. However, I am sure that these vouchers would be of benefit to children, grand-children and even great-grand-children. The vouchers are **redeemable until the end of June 2024.**

## FUNERAL REMINDER



The funeral service for **Tony Wells** will take place on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am** for those wanting to pay their respects.

The service will take place in the Cirrus Chapel, Bunurong Memorial Park, 790 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Dandenong South.

Refreshments will be available for those wishing to celebrate Tony's life at Dromana Bowls Club from 12.00 noon onwards. Drinks will be available at bar prices, feel free to bring a plate if you so desire.

**RIP Tony.**



**ALISON JAMES**

**LADY SKIP DAY**



**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

**Register 10.00AM for 10.30am Start**

**Tea and Coffee on Arrival**

**Refreshments and Nibbles at  
Presentation**

**BYO LUNCH &/or Pies/Pasties  
(Preorder on arrival)**

**3 Bowl Nominated Triples**

**3 games of 10 ends**

**Mixed Teams Allowed**

**BV Approved uniform**

**Entry: \$60.00 per Team**

**Prize Pool: \$900.00**

**(Subject to entry numbers)**

**Entry Details (Direct Debit):**

**BSB: 633 000 Account # 129978284**

**Reference: AJ – Your Name/Club**

**Entries Close 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Contact Details:**

**Email:**

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

**Phil Gannon; Match Director**

**Mob: 0405 773 858**



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO? - WEEK 8

Last week, WWYD Week 7 pictured right.

I know for a fact, this initiated some very vigorous discussions, in one household.

Entries for the free drink, were interesting, but regular correspondent, Jeff Dardel wins this week with:

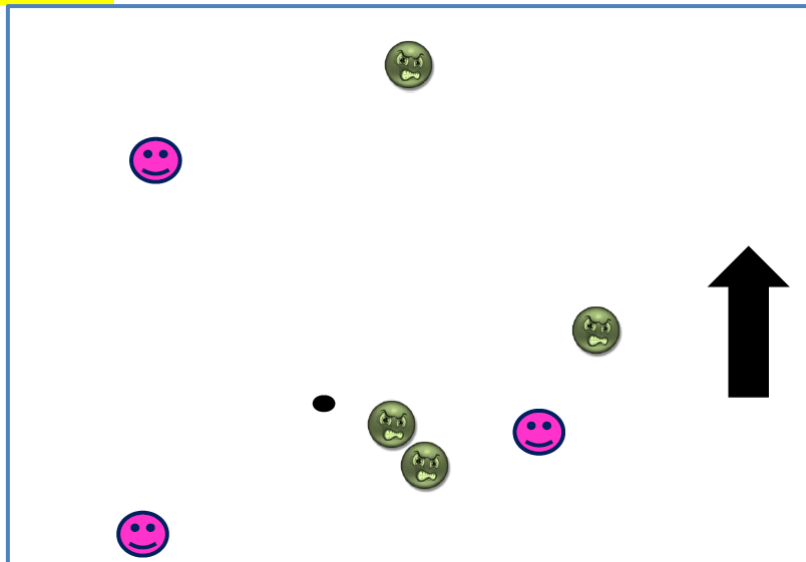
*"Backhand slightly over draw weight, hitting the shot bowl, putting the jack to be close (or behind) to the 3rd & 4th shots thus "protecting" my position. Gives me 3 or 4 shots."*

I was impressed with Jeff's positive intent, and having played against him recently, I know he'd be able to pull this shot off!

Now for this week's scenario.

- 1. Name 3 different shots you could make.**
- 2. Which of these 3 shots gives you a higher percentage of being successful?**
- 3. Which shot would you be most confident of making?**

**Week 8 scenario**. (I would like to acknowledge that these scenarios are from the WA Bowls website)



**Scenario:** You are the pink bowls

- You are playing in a Pennant Game (3 rinks) and are approx. halfway through (35 ends played)
- You are **leading 13-7** and have played 11 ends on your rink.
- You are leading the **overall aggregate by 3** with one rink down and the other equal.
- You are currently **2 down** and calling your second on his 2<sup>nd</sup> Bowl. His first is the bowl on the right.
- A light gusty breeze is blowing across the green from right to left as we are looking at it.
- The green is running approx. 14 seconds and is reasonably wide for the pace.
- The backhand (right handers) is slightly narrower but still drawing well although it does have a couple of tricks.

## Social and Fundraising News

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING** as is clearly seen in many shops and supermarkets. With that in mind it is time for us to start on our Christmas hamper raffle. As in previous years we are asking for club members to make a donation of anything Christmassy, gift items or food products with a good shelf-life date. Baskets for collection of donations will be available from this Friday so please help out in making this a successful fundraiser for your club once again this year.



**CHRISTMAS LUNCH.** Open to members, their partner, friend, or family member. The date is Wednesday 13th December at the Peninsula club, Dromana. The booking list will go up within the next two weeks, but we are waiting to finalise the ticket cost before bookings can be made. Put the date in your diary now.

The committee members are missing our wonderful team-mate, Donna. We are thinking of you and wishing you a complete recovery.

See you at the club,  
Michele Castles



## Social Bowls

### MONDAY

Open Nominated Triples: arrive early for a 10.30 am start. List in the Match Committee window.

Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405773858

### THURSDAY

Club Selected: arrive early for a 10.30am start.

List in the Match Committee window.

Contact: Chris Bowen: 0418 557 574

# Club Tournaments 2023-2024

## DBC ALISON JAMES - LADIES SKIP DAY: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2023 (NEW TOURNAMENT)

(2 bowl triples, three games of 10 ends). See Flyer later in newsletter.

## DBC STRAWBERRY DAY: SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2024

(2 bowl fours, three games of 10 ends). Entry includes catered lunch.

## DBC PRESIDENTS DAY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024. (NEW TOURNAMENT)

The plan is that this will be a catered lunch. (3 bowl triples, two games of 12 ends).

**STATE EVENTS.** All members please note that entry forms for all State events are now available in the black folder near the spinning wheel. Also note that closing dates for some of these events are coming up quite soon.

The closing date for the **State Mixed Pairs** is **Sunday 15th October 2023.**

Advise Peter Gordon as he will add the entries on Bowslink.

## Just for a laugh

### FUNNY BOWLER NICKNAMES

**ROWDY** ... quiet personality, you never get a word from him/her

**LANTERN** ... not real bright and you have to carry him/her

**SUITCASE** or **HANDBAG** ... everyone carries him/her

**ARNOTTS** or **BISCUITS** ... crumbles under pressure

**BLISTER** ... comes out when all the hard works done

**UNDERTAKER** ... the last person to let you down

**PARCEL** ... always giving himself/herself a wrap

**RIVER** ... narrow at the head, wide at the mouth

**POSTMAN** ... doesn't deliver on the weekend

**GARBAGE MAN** ... always chasing rubbish

**GIRAFFE** ... balls a long way from the head

**JFK** (John F Kennedy) ... a shot in the head

**UBER** ... loves to drive

**NAPPIES** ... full of S...

**WHISPERS** ... never shouts

**SHIMMER** ... not quite a star

**FIBRO** ... cracks under pressure

**POTHOLE** ... always in the road

**CANDLES** ... always getting wicks

**GILLIGAN** ... cos he's not a skipper

**TOASTER** ... pops up now and again

**SCHAPELLE** ... takes too much grass

**THE DRUM** ... everyone beats him/her

**SCRIBBLER** ... because he/she can't draw

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

Browse our new Club History Archive and check out our Sponsors details.

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# Tony's Talkback



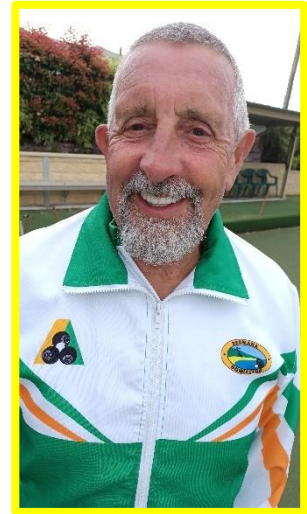
Tony Evans

Last week we delved into the archives for an example of Tony's Talkback, thanks Carmel Healy for agreeing to re-use her "chat".

So Tony is on the Warpath looking for unsuspecting victims for his next Talkback, so if you see him approaching you, be wary (we all know he loves a chat).

Here is this week's Tony's Talkback with ...

**Member: Jim Rossi** (pictured right)



**Birthplace:** Royal Women's

**Primary School:** St. Francis Xavier, Frankston

**Secondary School:** St. Bede's Mentone (sometimes)

**Employment/1<sup>st</sup> job/career:** Storeman – Concreter, Bricklayer, Stonemason

**Married:** Chris

**Children:** 2 sons (Matt & Michael)

**Family: (Parents)** Jim (dec), Hazel

**(Brothers/Sisters):** 6 brothers, 3 sisters (good catholic family!)

**Joined Bowls Club: (Why Dromana BC?):** 2021, close to home.

**Bowling Club Highlights:**

Jim said, "Still trying", but a significant contributor in his short time at the club.

Runner-up MPBR novice singles. 2022/23 Club Minor Championship Runner-Up.

Board director – Membership. Match committee. Buildings & grounds maintenance.

**Positions held (if any):** Committee – Membership director.

**Car Owned/Vehicles liked:** Ford Ute. Like anything with 4 seats.

**Holidays/Places visited or planned:** Anywhere, anytime (except Pennant Season!)

**AFL Team/Fav. Player:** Collingwood/Love them all !!

**Type of music liked:**

**Favourite singer (M/F):** John Mayer, Springsteen

**Band:** The Eagles

**Favourite Food:** Vietnamese.

**Favourite Restaurant:** Le Bouchon

**Movies liked:** Action.

**Favourite actors (M/F):** Clint Eastwood, Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks

**Most admired person(s):** Craig McCrae, Peter Moore

**Future plans:** Travel

Thanks Jim, for the chat,

*Tony* 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023