



From The President

Hello to everyone.

It's getting to be that time of the year again

when we start looking forward to and planning for our Annual General Meeting, to be held this year on Saturday, May 4th. An infamous day in the history of the USA: do a little digging, it is a tragic story and a salient message to us all when discussing all things political and social. But enough of that.

The important thing to note is that Nominations for all Board positions will be open from Wednesday, March 27th, and will remain open until Wednesday, April 10th. Please consider making a significant contribution to the administration and well-being of your club by either agreeing to be nominated, or indeed convincing another member they should stand for any of the positions available. Job descriptions are available on the club web-site and portal, and your interest and involvement in this process would certainly be of benefit to us all.

The more individuals involve themselves in the running of **Dromana Bowls Club**, the greater the breadth of ideas and opinions up for discussion. The club needs to evolve and re-new its focus on a continual basis, and this can only be done with fresh ideas, presented by fresh people prepared to involve themselves in administration. No Board member has their job for life, and nor should they. I encourage all members to take an active interest in the running of the club, which is, after all: **theirs**.

And a reminder: the AGM is 52 days away!

Another **DBC Club Championship** is up for grabs this Friday, the **Mixed Pairs**, beginning at 9.30am. This year the club competitions have proven to be most entertaining to watch, so please come along and have a look. A good game is assured, (we hope), and hopefully the weather will be a little kinder to the participants than it was on Monday.

Well done also to **Phil Gannon** and his **Match Committee** for making an early call on Sunday, especially when it became obvious that the extreme weather predicted was going to make the delivery of our weekly event problematical at best, dangerous and unpleasant at worst. Phil's early call ensured there was no confusion or disagreements on the day, with people able to renegotiate their schedules with no late changes to worry about. A sensible and safety-first decision all round.

Your Board has voted unanimously this week to accept the report from the Pauline Brain Bequest group, and once again sincere thanks go to Bernie Smith, Carmel Healy, and Jeff Dardel for their outstanding work on this task.

The first stage (non-discretionary funds) distribution will be instigated at the earliest possible opportunity, with spendings for scoreboard upgrades, exterior seating, shed replacement, bar amenities, umpiring and greens equipment, and office upgrades amongst the initial outlays to be rolled out.

The bulk of the initial spending of the **Brain** bequest will be devoted to the re-surfacing of the **Hildebrand green** along with the refurbishment of the surrounds, due to begin in

early May.

Meanwhile, work continues in relation to the issue of club uniform, with **Jim Rossi** and his group currently investigating designs, colour schemes and motifs for our consideration. I would like to see a survey asking a number of pertinent questions in relation to any proposed changes available to members in the near future, and it would be great to see everybody responding in a constructive, responsible manner. Stay tuned.

Congratulations to our stalwart Sandra McColgan for once again skipping her team to another victory in the State Fours competition, winning once again in the Final last Wednesday at Somerville. The competition at this level is Sandra has once intense. and represented **Dromana** magnificently in guiding her team to another title. And now it is off to Bendigo, for the next stage. Great bowling to you and your team, Sandra, we will all be watching and supporting!

And finally, **Val**, **Di** and all the hard-working volunteers who have done such a magnificent job in delivering our weekly Barefoot Bowls program can take a well-earned break. You all thoroughly deserve it!

Best wishes for another week, stay fit and well and continue to enjoy all the activities and amenities provided by our wonderful club. See you all next week.

Regards, Peter.

URGENT!!

LOST!!!!

On Wednesday morning I used my little black memory stick to print some pages on the photocopier, prior to our Board meeting. That is the last time I saw it, and it is certainly somewhere in the club environs. I have definitely not brought it home with me. Maybe a Board member picked it up by accident either in the Office or the Western Lounge?

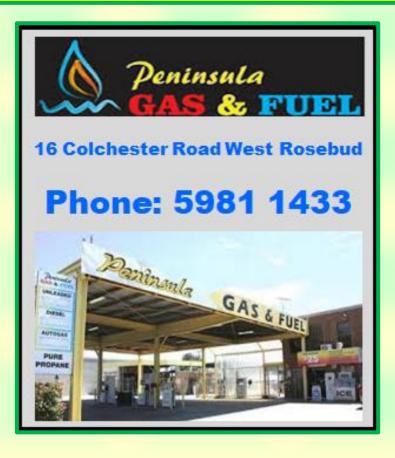
I have even checked Rink 3, where I had a bowl post-meeting, thinking it might have fallen from my pocket. No appearance! If anybody happens to see said stick over the next couple of days, please let me know asap. There is some valuable club stuff on it. Good luck in your search!!! Regards again, **Peter**.



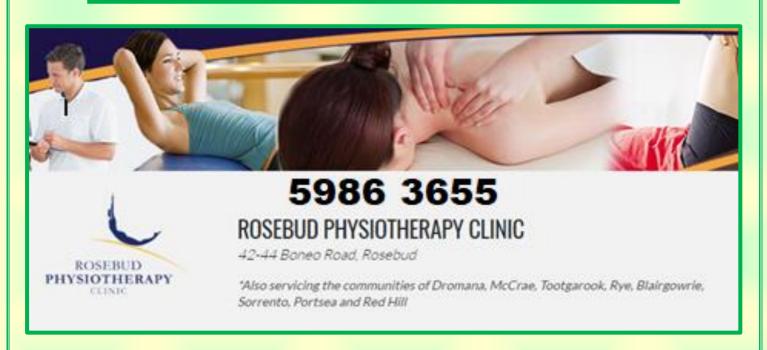
Has anyone bowled on a green like this recently?

This Week's Sponsors

Peninsula Gas & Fuel



Rosebud Physiotherapy Clinic



Social & Fundraising News

Please see the following flyers for our upcoming functions and events. Music Makers with "3 of a Kind" is on Sunday 24th March so don't forget to get your names down or telephone Carl or myself to make your booking.

See you at the club, Michele Castles

PROPOSED SOCIAL CALENDAR 2024

MUSIC MAKERS

FISH & CHIPS

PIZZA & CHARADES

FASHION PARADE

OAKS DAY

CLUB XMAS LUNCH

HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW

SUNDAY 24th MARCH

Friday 12th April

FRIDAY 17th MAY (FOLLOWING Happy Hour)

WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER

IN ADDITION

Some of the following will be included into the calendar throughout the year

- Fish & Chips nights
- Mid-week lunches at various venues
- Movie day depending on what is showing
- Frankston Arts Centre. " " "
- Vineyard visit







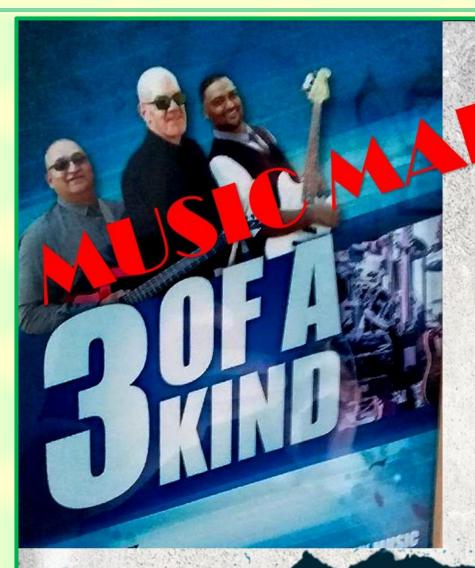
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bill Martin Saturday 16th March

Domenic Di Iorio Monday 18th March







Ballads / Rock n' Roll / Blues

Sunday 24th March.
Doors open 1.30pm
Bar opens 1.30pm
Music starts 2.00pm

\$30

per person Includes on table nibbles

ROMANA BOWLS CLUB IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THEIR FIRST MUSIC MAKERS FOR 2024

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Please contact Michele Castles on 0417 544 182 or

Carl Sabo on 0412 420 850

Once you have made a booking, payment can be made into the Bendigo Bank

Payment details

Bendigo Bank

Account: Dromana Bowls Club SOCIAL

BSB: 633-000 Account No.132901786

Ref: MM / surname

Amount paid \$





Happy Hour & Last Barefoot Bowls for the Summer

A big thank-you to all volunteers that ensured that our Barefoot Bowls program for 2023/24 was successful as ever. Special thanks to Val Park (Organiser), Di Washfold (Greens) & Terry Rowe (BBQ)





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Members Getaway

Bronwyn ,Den, Bev, Shirley, cruising down the Goulburn River (Nagambie)

Carmel Healy soaking up the Sun cruising the Goulburn River and its sights

Tony sailing on the Goulburn at Nagambie

Group at rowing club Nagambie Den on the phone, Tony taking

Photo of cabins the **Healys**, **Waughs**, **Evans**', had at Nagambie, The **Peters'** were in their Caravan



2023/24 Club Championships

Results so far:

Ladies Pairs: Jean Wells & Sandra McColgan d Chris Whitwell & Anne

Eldridge



Ladies Singles: Di Washfold d Jean Wells



Mens Singles: Andy Wain d Peter Brace

Mens Pairs: Nino Bonora & Tony Evans d David Ditterich & Terry Rowe



What's coming up?

Mixed Pairs: See Draw on the next page.

Final: Washfold & Gordon v S.M°Colgan & Wain (will be played on Friday 15th March 9:30)

President's Handicap: See Draw on the next page.

1st Round by 18th Feb 2024 2nd Round by 17th Mar 2024 3rd Round by 7th Apr 2024

Final Round on/before 21st Apr 2024

Open Triples: See Draw on the next page.

Round by 25th Feb 2024 2nd Round by 17th Mar 2024 Final round on/before 7th Apr 2024

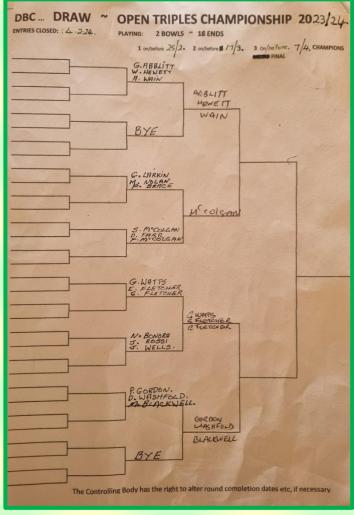
Minor Championship: Closing date 18th Feb 2024

1st Round by 3rd Mar 2024 2nd round by 17th Mar 2024 Final round on/before 7th Apr 2024

Novice Championship: (8 entries) See Draw on the next page.

1st Round on/before 24.3.24 2nd Round on/before 7.4.24 3rd Round on/before 21.4.24









Regional Events

<u>STATE/REGION EVENTS.</u> All members please note that entry forms for all State events are now available in the black folder near the spinning wheel.

Advise **Peter Gordon** as he can add the entries on Bowlslink.

Over 60's Pairs - Men's Entries close 31/03/2024 & Women's
Over 60's Singles - Men's Entries close 20/04/2024 & Women's
Bowls Victoria Over 60's Carnival May 20- May 26, 2024,

Entries Close 31/03/2024 Entries Close 20/04/2024 Entries Open February 2024



The MPBR have re-vamped their website and news of MPBR Club Events, found here.

Sandra M^cColgan and her team (right) played the Final of the MPBR Women's Fours on Wednesday night, 6th March @ Somerville.

They won and now go on to the State titles. Well done!



MPBR Women's Fours 2023-24

SECTION 1 FINAL

Hayes / Colley / Pumpa / Evans (Mornington Bowling Club)

7 shots

DEFEATED BY

Local: Wed, Mar 6, 2024 6:30 PM

SOMERVILLE BOWLING CLUB

Burt / Jarvis / Jenkins / McColgan (Dromana Bowls Club)

16 shots

As mentioned at Friday Night's Happy Hour, **Janet & Gary Ryde's** Granddaughter, **Kirsten Wright**, represented Australia in the Miss World competition held recently in India. Kirsten was awarded Miss World Oceania.



Andy Wain

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? - WEEK 25

Suggested shot indicated in

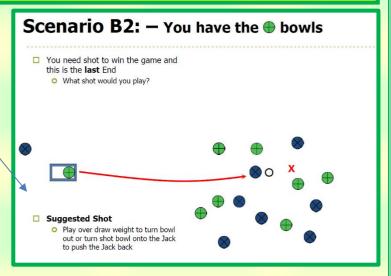
Last week's WWYD? Week 24 pictured right. Red. Explanation underneath.

Hi Andy,

I believe two choices:

- 1. Backhand onto oppositions' shot bowl to (hopefully) push the jack back to "our" two rear bowls.
- 2. Forehand onto opposition's shot bowl which could either push it behind "our" shot bowl OR

wick the jack back to "our" rear two bowls as In Option 1.A tight choice, but I prefer Option 2. Regards, Jeff Dardel



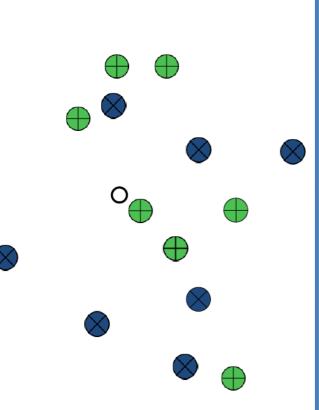
Which shot would you be **most confident** of playing?

A new set of Scenarios:

- 1. Consider 4 types of shots:
 - a. Forehand draw,
 - b. Backhand draw,
 - Weighted Forehand, C.
 - **Weighted Backhand**
- 2. Which of these 4 shots gives you a higher percentage of being successful?
- 3. Which shot would you be most confident of making?

Scenario B3: — You have the bowls

- ☐ Your opponent has one bowl to come and you are holding game win on the score board and this is the **last** Fnd
 - What shot would you play?







Brain Teaser/Time Waster Name the Disney Movie



Brain Teaser Answers (from last week 7th March):

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Iran	Belgium	Madagascar	Turkey	Romania

Weekly Bowls Report

Wednesday Twilight

Begins at 6 p.m.

This is available to all members and is especially helpful for newer players.

The relaxed, friendly atmosphere lends itself to a really enjoyable evening bowling experience.

Cost is \$6. Please sign the list on the Match Committee window.

Contact: **Di Washfold**: 0417 397 138

(7/3/24): This was the annual return visit from Martha Cove for the Peter Raymant (Pixie) Challenge. A jolly evening was had by all with great bowling, food, wine, and friendships. Big thank you to all our helpers and those who contributed to make last Wednesday such a wonderful evening.



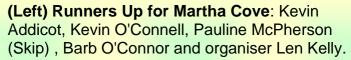
(Right) Winning Dromana team - 2 game winners with highest score, Glenn Mills, Robyn Carter, Bob Langford, and Anne Eldridge (Skip)

(Left)Two game winners from Martha Cove. Les Tadday, John Hawes, Barry Appleby, and Bryan Baker (Skip)





(Right) Runners Up for Dromana - very new member Andy Haines, Bruce Hawker, Helen Talbot, and Phil Gannon (Skip)





Thursday (Club Selected)

Thursday is a great day for inexperienced bowlers, new members, and practice for the more experienced bowlers. It is played in a lighthearted manner with plenty of fun even though we aim to win.

Teams are made up of all players who turn up, so no-one misses out on a game. Put your name on the sheet at the Match Committee window and arrive by 10am for a 10-30am start.

Contact: **Keith Jones**: 0418 550 752

(8/3/24): 6 players

Monday Triples

Open Nominated Triples: arrive early for a 10.30 am start.

List in the Match Committee window.

Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405 773 858 (11/3/24): Cancelled due to Heat



Don't fence me in!

Great work this morning, moving the fence further East. Thanks to **Peter Gordon, Jim Rossi, Den Healy, Phil Gannon, Wayne Hewett and Terry Rowe**.



Tony's Flashback:



V.L.B.A. 2003-2004
State Fours
Champions

Wis civ

Grace Hewlitt ~ Gwen Hildebrand ~ Margaret Radford ~ Patrina Edwards ~ Sandra McColgan
(Lead) (Sulp) (Sulp) (Sulp) (Sulp) (Second) (Second)

Above: 10 years ago. Remembering the 5 no longer with us.

Left: Women's State 4s 2003 / 2004

Below right: 2007 /2008 winners Div 2

Below Left: Women's State 4s Runners up

2016/2017



