

#### From The President

Good evening one and all and hoping everyone is well here I go with my weekly report.

I said to somebody yesterday that I would be making it brief this time, but at the time of writing who knows where we will end up!

A big shout-out to begin this week when it comes to recognising a number of great things that are happening on our greens. Not subsidence or replacement wise (that can wait until another day), but participation wise. A great part of our Monday Triples program is the elevation of new bowlers into the world of match play. Social I know, but serious enough to give new members and beginners a taste of what a formal game looks like. And indeed, some games can actually be quite serious. Therefore, it was fantastic to see Rob Langford and Colin Carey participating in their first competitive hit-out last Monday, and both guys acquitted themselves very well indeed, to the extent that Rob even managed to pocket some money in the best winning rink alongside Bouks and Carmel Healy. There is only one way to go from here Rob, as any bowler will tell you......! On the other hand, poor old Colin had to put up with yours truly as his skip in the first game, and after some early nerves he managed to disturb the jack on a number of occasions; things improved rapidly after that, because after I subbed myself out Colin bowled a cracking game under the wise tutelage of Doug Algie. So in the end, a good day was had by all, further augmented by our rapidly increasing numbers from Rosebud Country Club, Rosebud on the Beach, Main Ridge etc, etc. It is fantastic to welcome all these visitors to our club on a regular basis, and their attendance continually adds to the camaraderie felt by all bowlers in the area, no matter what club they come from.

Also worthy of mention when it comes to activity on the greens is the growing popularity and success of the club's weekly Friday coaching sessions, run once again by club stalwart and coach Ian Dale. Ian and his team of helpers have now conducted two of these sessions with numbers consistently reaching 12-15 participants, and word is spreading that these sessions are informative, fun, friendly and conducted in a relaxed atmosphere. Congratulations from myself and the Board for your continuing good work, Ian and company.

In relation to our important upcoming events, as in Opening Day and Brekky Day, planning is progressing extremely well, but the club still needs help from the general membership in order to ensure these events run smoothly and show Dromana Bowls Club in the best possible light. When it comes to bowls related events neither myself nor the Board expects the job of catering and general organisation to land at the feet of the Social committee. Michele and her group do a wonderful job in presenting members with a variety of activities such as Music Makers and Xmas in July, but the business of looking after key bowling events is always in the hands of the Board and volunteers from the ranks. If you can help with food preparation or presentation at the two upcoming events, please place your name on the lists which have been placed on the noticeboard in the bar area. The more people that pitch in to help, the easier it is for everyone when it comes to running a smooth, successful and happy day all round. Please support Amelia and Phil Gannon, our Match Director, in this matter.

And finally, a big thank you to a guy who doesn't always receive his deserved recognition in my opinion, given the work he does in sourcing, purchasing, and delivering the best of prizes for the weekly Happy Hour raffles. Step forward Craig Anketell. Craig is big of voice and big of presence on a Friday night, and while he obviously loves the mic, and takes on the MCing role with relish, he asks for nothing in return, and gives his time readily in order to make sure all members and guests feel comfortable and relaxed. His easy manner is a highlight of Happy Hour, and his ability to work the room would do Graham, Don and Bert credit. In this writer's opinion anyway. Thank you once again for your efforts in making Happy Hour the highlight of many members' weeks Mr Anketell! So that is it for another week. As for the report, probably longish again, but every word devoted to our hard-working volunteers and members who make DBC such a great place to be a part of. Best wishes to all, regards, Peter.

## **This Week's Sponsors**





## **Social Bowls**

#### **MONDAY**

Open Nominated Triples arrive early for a 10.30 am start.

List in Match Committee window. Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405773858

#### INDOOR BOWLS – WEDNESDAY

There are two sessions held every Wednesday: 12.45pm for a 1.00pm start and 6.45pm for 7.00pm The cost is \$6, bowls and tuition supplied. All are welcome. Enquiries: Contact Chris Whitwell 0416 101 939

#### **THURSDAY**

Club Selected – arrive early for a 10.30am start.

List in Match Committee window.

Contact: Chris Bowen: 0418 557 574

#### **SATURDAY**

Club Selected - arrive early for a 10.30 am start.

List in Match Committee Window Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405 773 858





#### **NEW SEASON PENNANT LIST**

All players interested in playing Pennant next season are asked to put their names on Pennant sheets as soon as possible. Even if you are wanting to be an emergency, please put your name in this section as well.

Please be aware that we have to submit all our Pennant numbers by August 20th. If you haven't already put your name on the lists for Tuesday and Saturday Pennant, please do so asap.

### **Match**

#### **CLUB TOURNAMENTS 2023-2024**

The following is an outline of dates we would ask you to take note of in your diaries. If you are talking to other Clubs, please mention these up-and-coming events. Further details and entry forms will be available closer to the dates of each tournament.

#### DBC OPENING DAY: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2023.

(One game of 12 ends after light luncheon & official opening. See Match Window for details and entry sheet.

#### DBC BREKKY DAY: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023

BBQ breakfast similar to last year.

2 bowl, nominated 4's. Three games of 10 ends.

See Match Window for details and entry sheet.

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

(2 bowl triples, three games of 10 ends).

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

(2 bowl triples, three games of 10 ends).

#### 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).



#### WINTER SKILLS PRACTICE

We had another good turn up last week, so far, we have been lucky with the weather.

Same again this week, Friday August 18th starting at 10.00am. Thanks to Andy Wain and Terry Rowe for the assistance last week, and again, make sure you are wearing warm clothes and bring 4 bowls.

Ian Dale

#### **Social and fundraising news**

**RAFFLE DRAW:** This Friday following Happy Hour announcements. Good luck everyone. You don't need your tickets as - hopefully - your name and telephone number is printed clearly on a winning ticket.

**STEEPLES LUNCH, TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST**: The booking has been made under Dromana Bowls Club for 12 midday. The address – 225 Mornington-Tyabb Road, Mornington

**FISH AND CHIPS FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**: The cost is \$15.00 for fried or \$16.00 for grilled. Please be sure to place and pay for your order no later. than Tuesday 29th August. If possible, please have the correct money.

#### **MUSIC MAKERS. SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2.00pm**

TICKETS -\$25.00pp. This will be a great afternoon of music provided by Andrew Farrell and Ash Gaudier. Payment details are on the flyer and the booking list is on the social news board.

I cannot be at the club again this Friday but looking forward to catching up next week. See flyer at the end of the newsletter. Cheers, Michele Castles



Tony and Bronwyn enjoying warm weather in Port Douglas

# **OPENING DAY 2023/2024**

# Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**DROMANA BOWLS CLUB Inc.** 



12.00 Noon: Light Luncheon (free of charge)

All Members welcome. Bookings essential for catering purposes.

1.00pm: Official Opening.

Including rolling of the jack and the first bowl for the season.

1.15pm: One Game, Full & Social+ Members, in Club uniform.

The style of game is to be determined on the day, depending on the number of players. No green fees. Please write your name on the entry sheet located in the glass cabinet outside the Match room.





#### Must be Present to win.







## Canasta – Monday 1pm All Welcome

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.

Photos for the Newsletter or Club records: <a href="mailto:photos@dromanabowlsclub.com.au">photos@dromanabowlsclub.com.au</a>

Reports and items for the Newsletter newsletter@dromanabowlsclub.com.au

# Me after I put the fitted sheet on the bed by myself



See you all at Happy Hour my turn to win the members draw.



# MUSIC

Sunday 17th September 2023 at 2 pm



For Bookings contact:

Carl: 0412 420 850

Michele: 0417 544 182



## **Featuring**

Ash Gaudion and Andrew "Wizz" Farrell



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