



WEEKLY BULLETIN



21st December 2023



From The President

A very warm hello to all our wonderful members at **Dromana Bowls Club**, and on offer are the best wishes from all **Board members** to our hard - working volunteers, bowlers both **Pennant** and **Social**, and all other supporters.

With this being the last Newsletter for a couple of weeks over the Xmas and New Year period, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everybody at the club for their support over the past year.

It has been a hard year administration wise; dealings with both Shire and Government departments have made progress difficult in our quest to update our playing surfaces on the **Hildebrand** and **Duggan** greens, and the digital trail has at times appeared never-ending.

Still, we are moving forward with small baby steps, and I really hope that in the first two months of 2024 some real progress will be seen when it comes to the improvements needed on the **Hildebrand** green especially.

Well done to all **Board** members who have been of enormous help to me in all my dealings with the powers that be, along with other club members who have stepped up and offered advice, criticism and encouragement during those times when a fresh point of view was most required. You all deserve the Xmas break that is upon us within days!

As we go into our little period of celebration and family time over the next couple of weeks, it is worth reflecting on what a great year 2023 has

been for **Dromana Bowls Club**. Membership numbers are well and truly **UP**, especially in the **Social Plus** category. This speaks volumes for the hard work and attention to detail shown by our **Barefoot Bowls** volunteers, who do so much every Friday to befriend and encourage new (and not so new) bowlers to our club: all achieved because of our friendly, courteous demeanour towards all who visit our club.

The membership pickings have been rich from these sessions, and it has been a pleasure to see so many of these social bowlers emerge into **Pennant** ranks over the last couple of years. **Wednesday Social Bowls**, as well as our **Barefoot** program, are the future of our club, and we all must support both activities to the hilt.

And now for the big news of the week. As of today, **Dromana Bowls Club** has received, and safely banked, the sum of **\$453,257.60** courtesy of the wonderful bequest left by our dearly remembered ex-member, **Pauline Brain**. This club was such a huge part of **Pauline's** life, and while the legal process has been slow (2 ½ years) , her final wishes have been granted, and her beloved club will be the beneficiary of her love and generosity for many years to come.

Pauline will be remembered in an appropriate manner when the



time comes, but in the meantime the club needs to decide, with careful consultation with and consideration of all members, how best to utilise this once-in-a-lifetime gift. It is indeed a pot of gold for **Dromana Bowls Club**.

I have asked you all previously, but I will repeat the question: do you as a member have a strong opinion on how to proceed? Your ideas are very welcome. A number of submissions have already been received, but we as a **Board** welcome more. Please submit your ideas to either myself, or any other **Board member**, as soon as possible.

Congratulations to **Donna Cartwright** who has put her hand up for the very new role of "**Grants Manager**". So new in fact that the logistics of this job have not even been drawn up yet, apart from a commitment from the **Board** to investigate to the best of our abilities all kinds of government and sporting grants from the many organisations that are out there right now: we just need to take a professional approach in order to best benefit **Dromana Bowls Club**.

Chris Rossi has already done some sterling work in this area, and hopefully a more formal approach between herself, **Donna** and the **Board** will enable us to gain maximum dollars for all our projects in 2024.

A little bit of thinking time needs to take place over the Xmas and New Year period, so stay

tuned. And once again, thank you for your interest and continued contributions to all things **Dromana!**

Once again, my thanks go to **Andy Wain** for the great job he is currently doing with the Newsletter, all the while acknowledging the many hours that **Donna, Vivienne Gannon** and **Chris Whitwell** have put in to making this the powerhouse digital publication it now is.

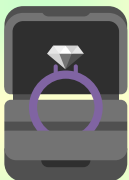
Thanks also to the numerous contributors to this weekly "must read"; we now have a media presence that showcases our club in a wonderful light.

So, this is Xmas. On behalf of the **Board**, and the entire **Dromana Bowls Club** family, may I wish each and every one of you a wonderful few days of Xmas celebrations, and a prosperous and happy 2024 to follow.

Take care in all things you do, but above all else enjoy yourself, and love the one(s) you're with. Remember the club facilities never shut, so come on down any time for a bowl, a drink or a chat. Enjoy the absence of "pressure" that bowling and being a part of a club like ours can sometimes bring and come back for greater things in the New Year.

Best wishes to all, **Peter**.

Congratulations to Newlyweds **Carol and Stephen Parkinson**



This Week's Sponsors

Barry Plant Real Estate



BARRYPLANT

REAL ESTATE AGENCY DROMANA

Natural Choice Dentures

NATURAL CHOICE DENTURES

John Irving

- Complete or Partial Dentures
- Denture Repairs
- Denture Relines
- Mouthguards
- Wide Range of Styles
- Veterans' Affairs
- All Health Funds

5988 9671

359 POINT NEPEAN ROAD

DROMANA

1815 NEPEAN HWY
(Rear Post Office)

BLAIRGOWRIE



On behalf of Our Club, we wish all our Wonderful Sponsors a Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year.

We look forward to your continued support in 2024.

Pictured right: Donna with YPA Sponsors.





2024 GALA



STRAWBERRY DAY



SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST 2024

REGISTER 9.30 AM FOR 10.30 AM START

Two (2) Bowl Nominated Fours.

Three (3) Games of 10 ends.

BV Approved Uniform.

Tea and Coffee on Arrival.

Catered lunch included.

Refreshments and Nibbles at Presentation.

Entry: \$120.00 per Team

Prize Pool: \$1,800.00

(Subject to entry numbers)

Dromana Bowls Club

1 Stawell Street DROMANA

Contact Details:

Email:

match@dromanabowlsclub.com.au

Phil Gannon; Match Director

Mob: 0405 773 858

Entry & Payment Details

BSB: 633 000 Account # 129978284

Reference: SD – Your Name/Club

Entries Close 5th January 2024

**Please email your entry details to:
match@dromanabowlsclub.com.au**





Social and Fundraising News

My final update for 2024 and from a social perspective last week was certainly a great way to wrap up the year. A delicious - and plentiful - lunch was enjoyed by around 70 club members at the Peninsula Club. A lovely atmosphere with lots of laughter and chatter around the room. Unfortunately, a few of our members were unwell and not able to attend at the last minute and we are so sorry you missed out on the occasion but wish you all well for Christmas.

This was followed up with our Christmas Hamper draw on Friday and it was great to see that a number of the winners were actually in attendance. We hope everyone enjoys their prizes and it was certainly a worthwhile fundraiser for the club. Many thanks to everyone for the great donations, to the ticket sellers and of course everyone who purchased tickets.

So that only leaves me with one more thing to say

*Merry Christmas and a
Safe, Happy and Healthy
New year*

From your club social and fundraising committee - **Donna, Barb, Amelia, Carl, Robyn, Karen and Michele**



**Canasta – Monday 1pm
All Welcome**



Lovely to see **Cip and Val** on Friday night in their Christmas colours.



Remember our Members Draw! You must be present to win!



Xmas Lunch





Drills & Skills

PENNANT PRACTICE IS CHANGING OVER TO DRILLS AND SKILLS and is available to ALL bowlers - that is - Full members, Pennant players and Social Plus members.

It will run on **Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m.**

Our Coaches will be available to assist and encourage. It has been very pleasing to receive the positive feedback from the Friday morning Drills and Skills program.

Each week has a different emphasis and the next one will be on positions and building of heads/calling heads.

There will be a break for a few weeks, and we shall **resume on Friday 19th January at 10 a.m.**

Many thanks to the players and Coaches who attended.

Happy Christmas to you all and stay safe.

Di

"You should never stay at the same level. Always push yourself to the next." —Marnelli Dimzon



Pennant Practice (Friday 15th Dec)
Clockwise from Top Left: **Bronwyn Evans** and **Jean Wells**; **Len Starkey & Derrik Farr**; **Jim Rossi**; **Di Washfold**; **Ian Dale** (middle left).

ACTIVITY 1– WEIGHT CONTROL

Put the mat on the T
One jack on the T
One jack at 26m



Bowl four bowls to each length. Two on the forehand and two on the backhand.

Equipment needed
1 mat and 2 jacks



SCORING SYSTEM ATHLETES TO REVISE TO ACHIEVE	
WITHIN A FOOT	3 POINTS
WITHIN 2 FEET	2 POINTS
WITHIN 3 FEET	1 POINT

ACTIVITY 2– MINIMUM LENGTH JACK

Place the mat on minimum mark & the Jack on the T



Play four bowls on the forehand and then four bowls on the backhand.

Equipment needed
1 mat and 1 jack



SCORING SYSTEM ATHLETES TO REVISE TO ACHIEVE	
WITHIN A FOOT	3 POINTS
WITHIN 2 FEET	2 POINTS
WITHIN 3 FEET	1 POINT

PREPARATION

- **Plan your session** and what you want to achieve from it.
- Ensure you have a **drink** and **appropriate snack** with you.
- **Remember to WARM UP.** This is important for:
 - ✓ Reducing the risk of injury
 - ✓ Improving flexibility
 - ✓ Assisting mental preparation
- Have **two practice ends before starting each activity.** This will give you an opportunity to learn about the rink.
- **Keep a record of your scores.** This will help to identify patterns and areas of strength and areas of development. It will also help you to monitor your progress.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Chris Whitwell
Thursday 21st December

Anthony Rushton
Wednesday 27th December

Alan Vorbach
Friday 29th December



Social Groups visiting Dromana BC



Staff from **Portsea Camp** enjoyed our barefoot bowls on Friday night.



Group of workmates enjoying barefoot bowls Friday afternoon. **Aaron Edwards** (on right) former AFL footballer who played for North Melbourne, Richmond and West Coast.



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](#).

From the Editor

I hope everyone is enjoying the Newsletter and “extra” things that are appearing. Thanks to **Michele, Donna, Tony, Peter, Di, Carmel R., Val, Keith, Bronwyn, Andy** and many others for their contributions.

We are always looking for contributors for more things to add, so please feel free to **take photos, write an article/letter/joke/etc...**

Photos for the Newsletter or Club records:

photos@dromanabowlsclub.com.au

Reports and items for the Newsletter

newsletter@dromanabowlsclub.com.au
andy.v.wain@gmail.com or SMS

Club Championship Events

Ladies Pairs:

Final: S. McColgan & J. Wells v C. Whitwell & A. Eldridge
On January 4th, 2024

Mens Pairs:

We are up to the Semi-finals – see below
Final on or before 25th February 2024

Mixed Pairs:

Entries close **Monday 22nd January 2024, 4 p.m.**
Final on or before 10th March 2024



Please note:

New format for all Pairs events – 3 Bowls rather than 4 bowls.
 \$5 entry fee for all events to be paid in envelope supplied with name and event.
 Place envelope in Red Box at time of entry.

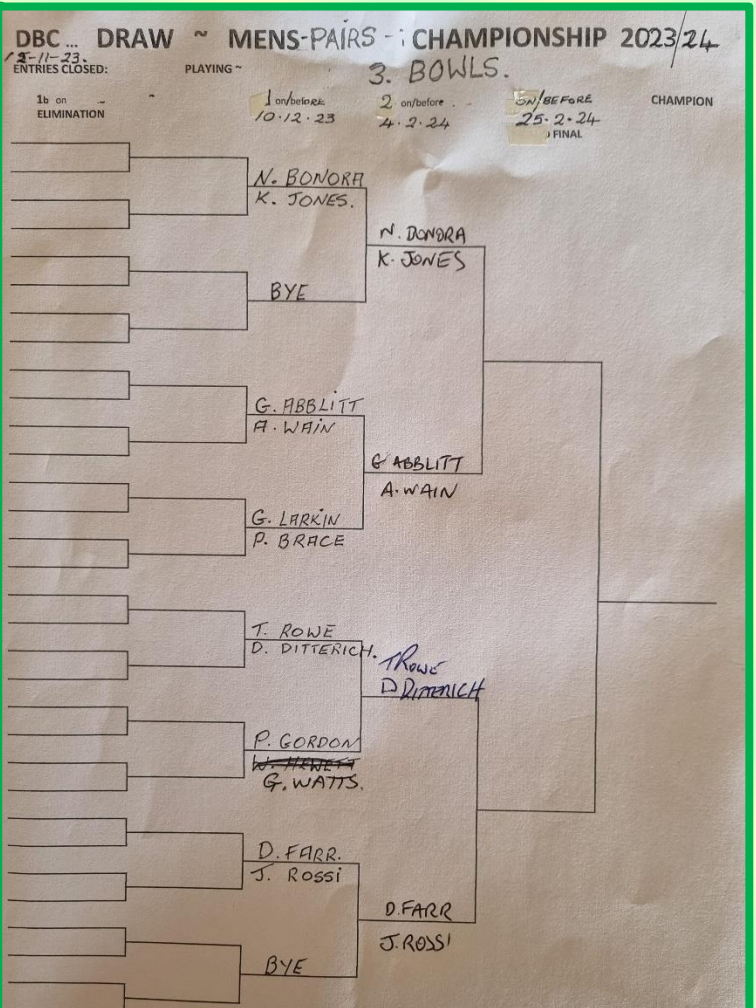
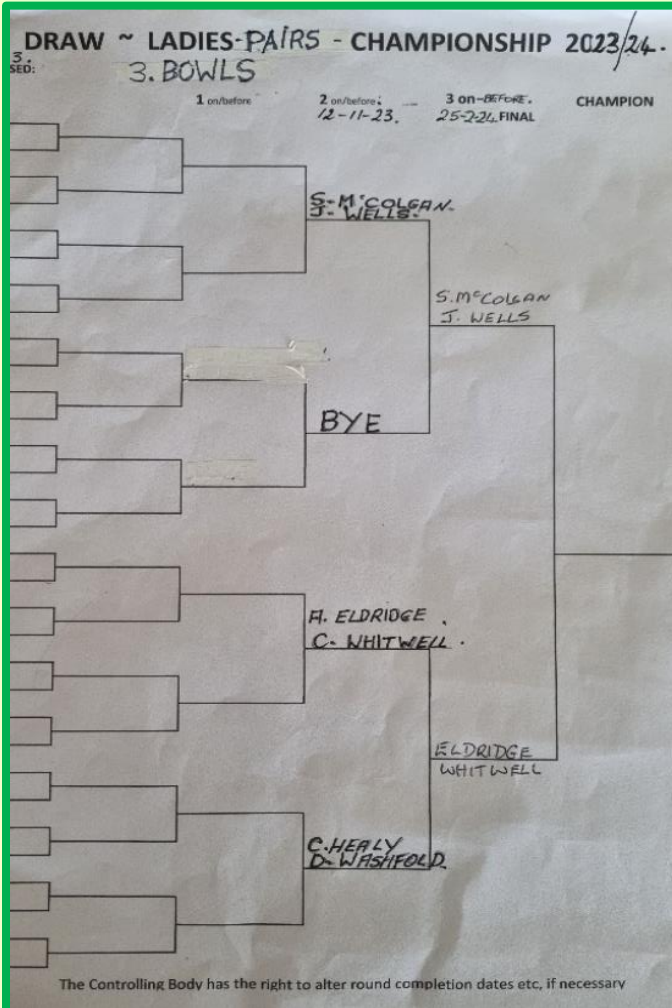
The **Singles Championship Finals** will be:

Ladies: Di Washfold v Jean Wells
Mens: Peter Brace v Andy Wain

Both Singles' Finals: To be played on 7th January 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Carmel Rowe

The Draws/Results for the Mens & Ladies Pairs Championships

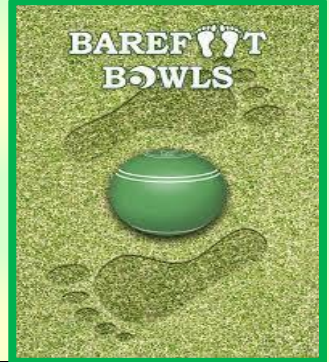


Barefoot Bowls

We thank all our volunteers who are required to run this wonderful Community Event.

BBQ duty and greens supervision are the two areas we need to cover.

Below is a roster for the upcoming weeks from **Val Park**. We thank all volunteers in advance.



BAREFOOT BOWLS GREENS ROSTER (Next 4 weeks)

	5:00pm – 6:30pm.	6:30pm – 8:00pm.
22nd December	Jane Morris	Stephen Neville
	Pat Donnelly/Val Park	Steve Parkinson
	Bev Brierley	
29th December	Eric & Gill Fletcher	Len Starkey
	Carmel Rowe	George Bulka
	Doug Algie	
5th January	Val Park/ Pat Donnelly	Len Starkey
	Chris Whitwell/Barb Flather	David Moore
12th January	Carmel Rowe/Bev Brierley	George Bulka
	Val Park/ Pat Donnelly	Carl Sabo

Please wear bowls top. If unable to attend dates above, please swap and mark on sheet in the bar area.

FRIDAY NIGHT BBQ ROSTER (NEXT 4 WEEKS) FOR BAREFOOT BOWLS

22 nd December	29 th December	5 th January	12 th January
Anthony Rushton	Joy Smith	Tony Evans	John McMurray
Glenn Mills	Bernie Smith	Bronwyn Evans	Marion McMurray
Colin Carey	Bev Waugh	David Cowie	Sam Toumaras

PLEASE SWAP WITH ANOTHER IF YOU CAN'T DO DATE LISTED AND CHANGE ON THE SHEET IN THE BAR AREA



**WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS
HELPING OUR WONDERFUL
CLUB**

Social Bowls

MONDAY

Open Nominated Triples: arrive early for a 10.30 am start.
List in the Match Committee window.
Contact: **Phil Gannon**: 0405 773 858

WEDNESDAY TWILIGHT BOWLS

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

WEDNESDAY TWILIGHT BOWLS will break for the Festive Season. So, there will be none on December 20th and we shall resume on 10th January.

THURSDAY

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

Club Tournaments 2023 - 2024



DBC STRAWBERRY DAY: SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st, 2024

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

See [Flyer](#), in Newsletter

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).

Regional Events

STATE/REGION EVENTS. 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.

[Men's Singles](#)

Entries Close 14/01/2024

[Women's Singles](#)

Entries Close 14/01/2024

[Men's Fours](#)

Entries Close 07/02/2024

[Women's Fours](#)

Entries Close 07/02/2024

[Men's Champion of Champions](#)

Entries Close 11/02/2024

[Women's Champion of Champions](#)

Entries Close 11/02/2024

[Over 60's Pairs - Men's Entries close 31/03/2024 & Women's](#)

Entries Close 31/03/2024

[Over 60's Singles - Men's Entries close 20/04/2024 & Women's](#)

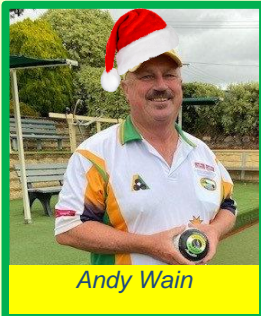
Entries Close 20/04/2024

[Bowls Victoria Over 60's Carnival](#) May 20- May 26, 2024,

Entries Open February 2024



The MPBR have re-vamped [their website](#) and news of MPBR Club Events can be found by clicking [here](#).



Andy Wain

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? - WEEK 17

Last week's WWYD?
Week 17 pictured right.
Suggested shot indicated
in Red. Explanation
underneath.

From Jeff Dardel:

A tough one!

1. Forehand to either push(touch) jack closer to our shot bowl.

2. Forehand to be just behind left-hand side of the jack to cover their best bowl i.e. the second shot.

Backhand- no option unless you are Mandrake.

We are in quite a vulnerable situation!

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,
- c. Weighted Forehand,
- d. Weighted Backhand

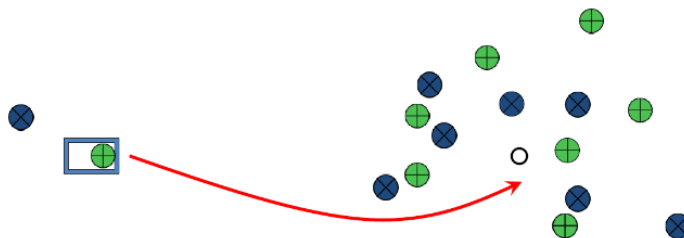
2. Which of these 4 shots gives you a higher percentage of being successful?

3. Which shot would you be most confident of making?



Scenario A3: – You have the bowls

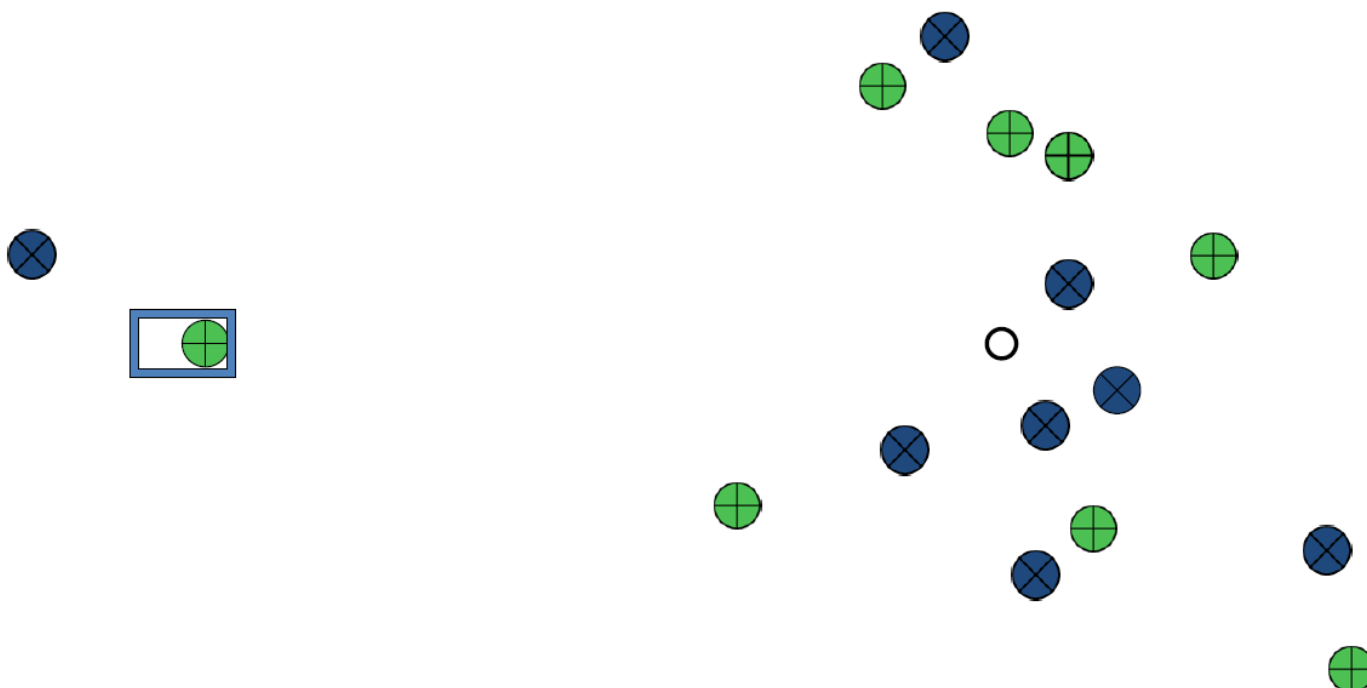
- Overall master score board is **level** and this is the **last** End. Your opponent has **one** bowl to come
 - What shot would you play?



- **Suggested Shot**
 - Draw another shot to build extra pressure on your opponent

Scenario A4: – You have the bowls

- **One** down on the master score board and this is the last End
 - What shot would you play?



Tony's Talkback



Tony Evans

Another Chat from the Archives (September 2020)

TONY'S CHAT WITH BARB FLATHER (Pictured right)

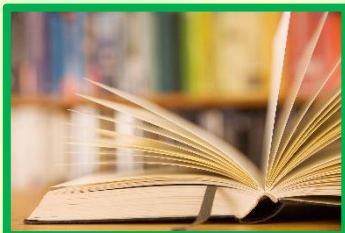
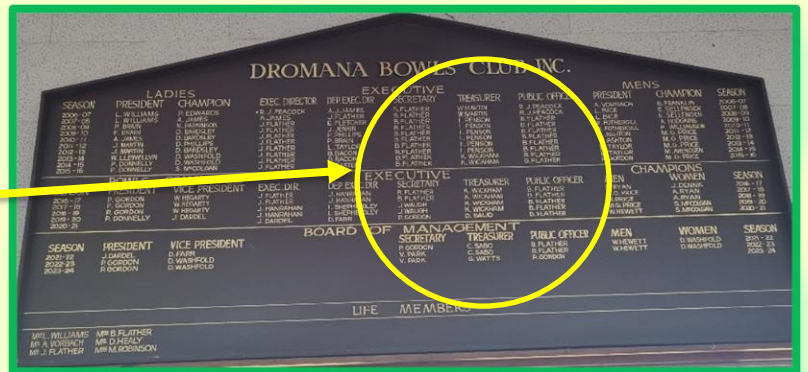


Barb grew up in Coburg, went to Primary School at Bell Primary and then onto Coburg High School. She started work at the S.E.C. in the typing pool for 10 years, working up to the position of Supervisor. She had to leave work when she married **Jeff** in 1965, as was the public service rule in those days.

Barb has been married to **Jeff** (sadly **Jeff** has passed away since this interview) for 55 years and they had 3 children and 4

grandchildren. Before moving to **Dromana**, they lived in Lower Templestowe. **Barb** enjoyed playing tennis, squash and golf at Camberwell G.C. for 15years and held the position of Captain.

She was introduced to bowling at Dromana in 2003 by neighbours, **Eric and Gill Fletcher** and **Alison James** was **Barb's** coach. **Barb** took on the Asst. Secretary position and then Secretary to Jeff for 15 years.



Hobbies: Reading, gardening

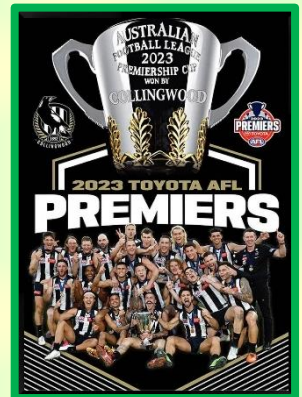
AFL Team: Collingwood

Music: Light Classical

Favourite Actress: Meryl Streep



Best Holiday: Europe 1987/ Road trip around France



Favourite Restaurant Meal: Fish



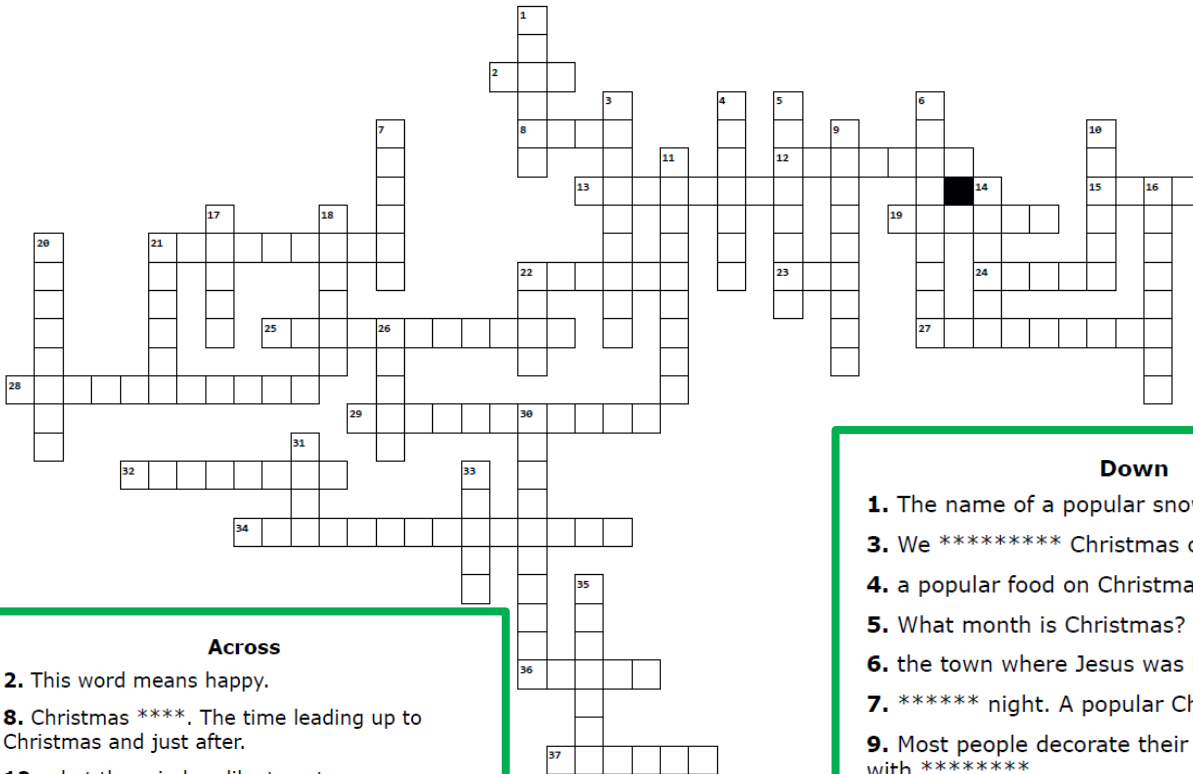
Clubs: Dromana Valley Probus (4yrs)

Barb's passion is reading, bowling, Probus involvement and family.

Thanks, Barb, for the chat**Tony**



Christmas Crossword



Across

2. This word means happy.
8. Christmas ****. The time leading up to Christmas and just after.
12. what the reindeer like to eat
13. Sometimes, people ***** the Christmas tree with candy canes.
15. the mother of Jesus
19. Santa rides in this.
21. A popular Christmas ***** is to sing Christmas Carols.
22. People hang this on their door.
23. The day before Christmas is Christmas ***.
24. Small red berries – used as a Christmas decoration.
25. A traditional Christmas cookie.
27. A plant with a strong Christmas tradition - it's a symbol of love.
28. A very popular Christmas song – two words.
29. This is a modern and popular tradition of giving anonymous Christmas gifts.

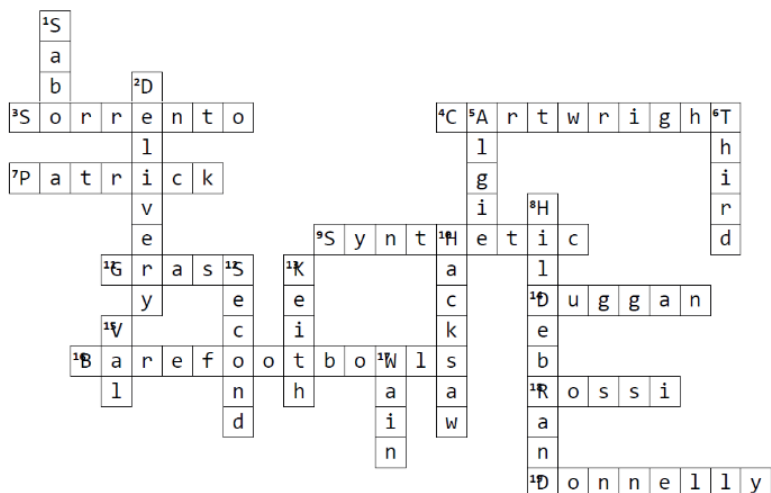
Down

1. The name of a popular snowman.
3. We ***** Christmas on December 25th.
4. a popular food on Christmas in Mexico
5. What month is Christmas?
6. the town where Jesus was born
7. ***** night. A popular Christmas Carol.
9. Most people decorate their Christmas tree with *****
10. Christmas is a time to celebrate with *****.
11. where Santa lives
14. We often see Christmas ***** on houses in December.
16. This animal pulls Santa's sleigh.
17. Let's have a Christmas *****.
18. Christmas is a time for ***** - being generous.
20. Some people hang this somewhere and fill it with small gifts.



Brain Teaser Answers (from last week 14th December):

Bowls Mix



I was afraid this would happen...



Weekly Bowls Report

Wednesday Twilight (13/12/23): 8 players

Cheers, Di.

Thursday (Club Selected) (14/12/23): 8 players

Keith Jones

Saturday Pennant Round 10 (16/12/23):

Dromana 1 (Div 2) V Somerville1 @Home

Rinks: S. McColgan (19 – 23), Wain (17 – 16), Watts (27 – 19)

Won 63 – 58, Points: 14, Ladder position: 2nd

Dromana 2 (Div 3) V Belvedere 1 @Home

Rinks: Moore (28 – 17), J. Waugh (22 – 17), Rossi (22 – 16)

Won 72 – 50, Points: 16, Ladder position: 6th

Dromana 3 (Div 9) V Hastings 5 Away

Rinks: Neville (29 – 21), Gannon (19 – 16)

Won 48 - 37, Points: 14, Ladder position: 1st

Dromana 4 (Div 10) V Rye 4 Away

Rinks: - Donnelly (13 – 29), B. Smith (18 – 9)

Lost 31 - 18, Points: 2, Ladder position: 4th

Rink of the day: – Frank McColgan, Eric Fletcher, Di Washfold, David Moore

Monday Triples (18/12/23): 36 players

Best 2 Game Winners: John Waugh, Bev Waugh, Bev Grey

Best 2 Game Runners - Up: Carmel Healy, Jim Rossi, Keith Jones

Best 1st Game: Joe Ammerlaan, John McMurray, Russell Tulloch

Best 2nd Game: Bob Langford, Bruce Haker, Terry Rowe

Tuesday Pennant Round 10 (19/12/23):

Dromana 1 (Div 1) V Rosebud on the Beach 1 AWAY

Rinks: Wain (19 – 18), McColgan (9 – 30), C. Healy (7 – 39)

Lost 35 – 87, Points: 2, Ladder position: 7th

Dromana 2 (Div 6) V Beleura 2 @Home

Rinks: Farr (17 – 20), Tulloch (16 – 19), Hewett (19 – 24)

Lost 52 - 63, Points: 0, Ladder position: 4th

Dromana 3 (Div 8) V West Rosebud 2 @Home

Rinks: Duck (18 – 23), **Donnelly (15 – 12)**

Lost 33 - 35, Points: 2, Ladder position: 7th

Rink of the day: Sam Toumaras, Bev Waugh, Bill Wright, Pat Donnelly



Scoreboard from Division 2 (Dromana 1) on Saturday, knocking off Top Team (1st on the ladder) Somerville at Home.





Remember when?

Celebrating Christmas at **Denny Phillips'** home 15th December 2014.

How many can you name?

8 for me - **Andy**



Bronwyn, Den and **Shirley** sorting the bottles from the cans Friday night.

Ready to take to the recycling depot.

The things that happen behind the scenes to keep our club running.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers.

Cheers, **Val**.