



WEEKLY BULLETIN



23rd November 2023



From The President

A warm hello to everyone, and I *mean* a warm hello.

From where I am writing this the air is warm and still, with nothing for company but birds and an occasional butterfly. Yes folks, I am at Dromana Bowls Club, and it is Wednesday afternoon.....I am trying to meet my deadline!!

A great morning of bowling today, with the two Mens' Semi-Finals being finalised in lovely conditions. My congratulations to **Andrew Wain** and **Peter Brace**, who progress to the Final in January. Also making the Final of the Club Championships are **Di Washfold** and **Jean Wells**, who will be battling it out for the Womens' Singles Crown on the same day.

The Ladies' Pairs finalists are also ready to go, with **Sandra McColgan** and **Jean Wells** to play **Ann Eldridge** and **Chris Whitwell** in February.

Well done to all players who have participated in these three events so far, we are now down to the pointy end where our new champions will be unveiled.

This Sunday there are two small functions taking place at DBC, a small event between 11.00am and 1.00pm, with a larger group of around 15 in the afternoon from 1.00pm. Anybody who may be able to help should place their name on the list (still empty) for volunteers on the notice board in the bar area; your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

News continues to trickle through regarding our Shire and Bequest issues. It's a bit like fighting a

two headed (??) hydra right now, but I am confident with just the smallest amount of escalation through various channels we may have an answer to all our questions by Xmas, or even earlier. As I keep saying, don't throw away your betting slips just yet!

Special thoughts to **Gerry Shepherd** who has been unwell this week, along with any other member suffering from one of the rotten viruses and Covid strains which appear to be inundating some parts of the community right now. If you are unwell, let your friends know, and don't ever be afraid to call for assistance.

Finally, it was with great sadness that I learned on Monday evening that our old friend, and recently retired club member **Peter (Pixie) Raymant**, had passed away that same day. Over his almost twenty-year association with Dromana Bowls Club, **Peter** did a wonderful job building networks in the social and bowling spheres, and his work with Scope and the bowlers with disabilities that he coached and mentored over the years was legendary.

Peter was also one of our very first arm bowlers to make an impact on the broader bowling community, and along with **Phil Gude**, **Paul Vercoe** and **Ray Bezett** he formed a pretty formidable combination on the greens.

Phil and **Peter** also formed one of the best selection committees I have seen at this club, and this important position enabled "**Pixie**" to demonstrate his people skills to the max.

He loved his bowling did **Peter**, and even when he became unwell in recent times, he always

took an interest in the fortunes of DBC, often watching from the sidelines with his beloved best friend doggie, **Emma**. What an utterly charming little couple they were!

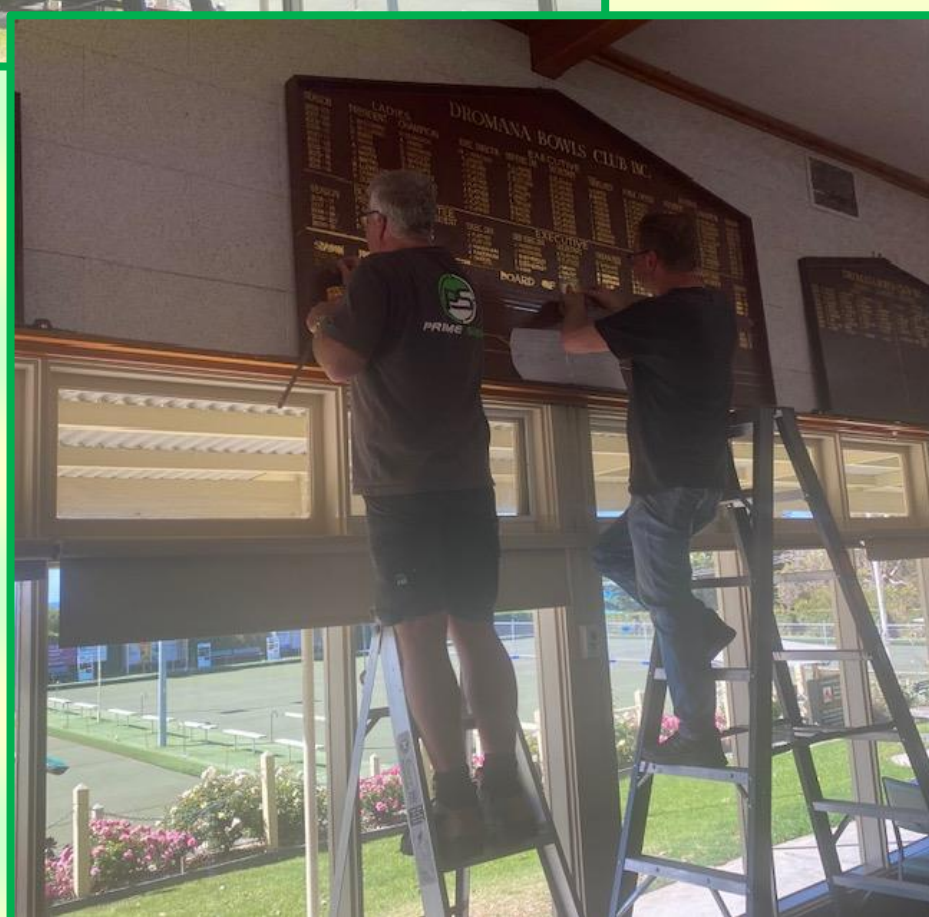
RIP **Pixie**, you will be missed by all your friends at this club, and in the wider community. Your love of Dromana Bowls Club, Melbourne and Dromana Football Clubs, and in earlier times your pursuit of a dazzling water-skiing career obviously gave you much pleasure and contentment throughout your life.

The boys from Prime Signs updated our Honour Boards today. A great outfit!

Many thanks and much appreciation to **John Waugh** for keeping the club records so meticulously over the last 6 years.

So that is it for another week. Take care, look out for each other, and above all enjoy your bowling and socialising.

Regards, **Peter**.



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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

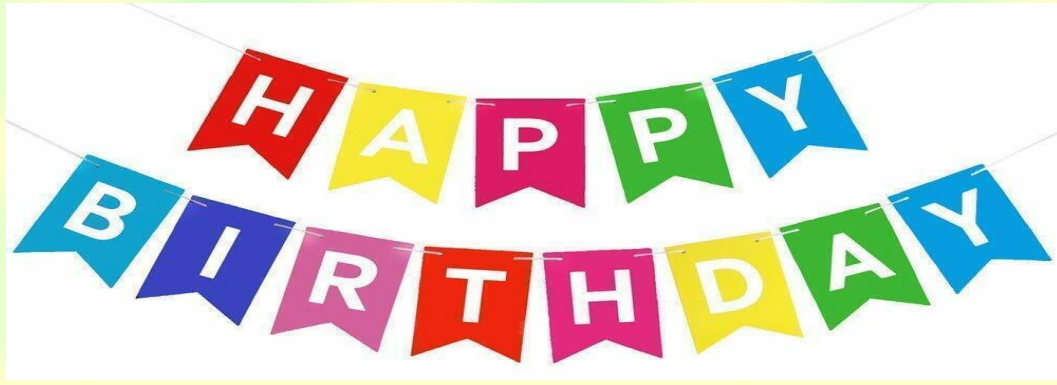
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Reference: SD – Your Name/Club

Entries Close 5th January 2024

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





Wally Brierley Monday 27th
November

George Watts Tuesday 28th
November



Carl S. is enjoying his European Holiday in style



Social and Fundraising News

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER - PENINSULA CLUB

Put your name down on the list at the club and make your payment into the Bendigo bank Dromana bowls club Social Account. So come along and join us - the more the merrier.

- \$40.00 pp
- Two course meal and entertainment
- Entertainment – Andrew “The Wiz” Farrell - one of our favourites
- Partner, friends, or family member welcome
- BSB: 633-000; ACC: 13-290-1786

Pre-payment into the social account no later than Friday 1st December and no refunds can be made. Details for payment on the [flyer](#).



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS RAFFLE

Have you bought tickets yet? The hampers are looking great and many thanks for the lovely donations. For a chance to win one of 5 hampers buy your tickets, write your name and telephone number on the ticket-butts and leave them in the book. Three tickets for \$5.00. Thank you also to those people who have taken tickets to sell to friends and neighbours and remember to return tickets and money to the box provided on the table with the hampers.



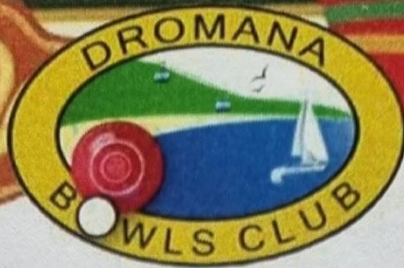
See you at the club,
Michele Castles



**Canasta – Monday
1pm**



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



Dromana Bowls Club
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
at Peninsula Club

Wednesday 13th December 12.00–3.00pm

Lunch and Entertainment

**The booking list is on the social and
fundraising news board
in the bar area of the club rooms.**

\$40 pp

Payment: DBC SOCIAL ACCOUNT

BSB 633-000 Acc. 132901786

Ref: Christmas/surname

***PLEASE NOTE:* Bookings and payment essential. Bookings must be made no later than Friday 1st December and we are unable to make refunds from that date.**





PENNANT PRACTICE



All Pennant players are reminded that Pennant Practice will be held on **Friday mornings at 10 o'clock** for approximately one hour.

The sessions will be more effective if we can practice in our TEAMS, so perhaps Skips could encourage their own team to attend. Reading and directing heads, position play, team bonding etc. will be covered.

"I hated every minute of training, but I said, don't quit, suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion."

—Muhammad Ali



**Pennant Practice
Friday 17th
November**

**15 players
attended**

Top Left: Eric F.,
George B. & Bronwyn
E.

Top Right: "Skips" – Di
W. and John W.

Bottom: Jim R., Bev
W., Len S., Keith J.,
David D. & Jean W.

VALE Peter "Pixie" Raymant

Our much respected ex-Member passed away on Monday 20th November.

The Club's thoughts and sympathies are with family and friends at this sad time.

Club members who remember **Peter** with fondness will be informed of funeral details shortly.



Lost & Found

This plate has been in the western lounge for a few weeks – it does not belong to the Monday Cards Ladies, so we don't know whose it is.

See **Amelia** to claim.



Club Championship Events

Ladies' Pairs:

1st Round by 12th November
See the draw next page

Men's Pairs:

1st Round by 10th December
See the draw next page
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.

Carmel Rowe

The Mens' Singles Semi-Finals have been played. **Peter Brace** beat **Den Healy** in the first semi-final and in the other semi-final **Andy Wain** just got past **Terry Rowe**. (see photos below)

The **Singles Championship Finals** will be:

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



Jean Wells and Chris Whitwell
Ladies' Singles Semi-Final
A hard-fought battle, over 3 hours, with **Jean** narrowly beating **Chris**.
Photo: **Amelia Gibson**

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



The Men's semi-finalists.

Left: **Peter Brace & Den Healy**

Right: **Terry Rowe & Andy Wain**

Thanks to **Tony Evans** for the photos.



The Draws/Results for the Men's & Ladies Pairs Championships

DRAW ~ LADIES-PAIRS - CHAMPIONSHIP 2023/24.
3. BOWLS

1 on/before: 2 on/before: 3 on/before: CHAMPION
12-11-23, 25-2-24, FINAL

S. McCOLGAN
J. WELLS

BYE

A. ELDRIDGE
C. WHITWELL

ELDRIDGE
WHITWELL

C. HEALY
D. WASHFOLD

DBC ... DRAW ~ MENS-PAIRS - CHAMPIONSHIP 2023/24
3. BOWLS.

ENTRIES CLOSED: PLAYING ~ 1 on/before: 2 on/before: ON/BEOFRE: CHAMPION
10-12-23 4-2-24 25-2-24 FINAL

1b on - ELIMINATION

N. BONORA
K. JONES

BYE

G. ABBLITT
A. WAIN

G. LARKIN
P. BRACE

T. ROWE
D. DITTERICH

P. GORDON
W. HEWETT

D. FARR
J. ROSSI

BYE

The Controlling Body has the right to alter round completion dates etc, if necessary

BOWLS EXCUSES

I NEED
MY
GLASSES

PAIN IN
MY KNEE

ELBOW
HURTS

MY
HAND
HURTS



OPPOSITION
IS PUTTING
ME OFF

MY LEGS
ACHE

BALL IS
STICKY

MY BACK
HURTS

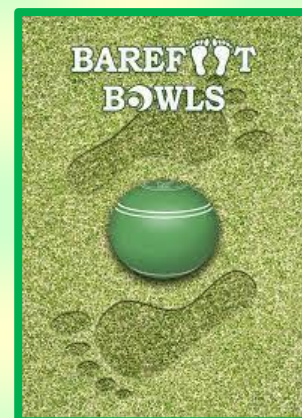
Barefoot Bowls

Barefoot Bowls re-commenced **on Friday 10th November.**

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.
24th November	Frank & Sandra McColgan	Keith Jones
	Bev Brierley	George Bulka
1st December	Val Park/Pat Donnelly	Len Starkey
	Chris Whitwell	Nino Bonora
8th December	Val Park/Barbara Flather	David Moore
	Doug Algie	Ron Duck
15th December	Val Park/Pat Donnelly	David Cowie
	Frank & Sandra McColgan	Nino Bonaro

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

24 th November	1 st December	8 th December	15 th December
Phil Carter	Marion McMurray	Janet Ryde	Shirley Peters
Robyn Carter	John McMurray	Jim Rossi	Ron Peters
Joe Ammerlaan	Jean Wells	Chris Rossi	Vivienne Gannon

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

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 ALISON JAMES – LADIES SKIP DAY: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 2023 (NEW TOURNAMENT) - Updated

* (2 bowl * triples, three games of 10 ends). See [Flyer](#), next page in newsletter.



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).

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. Also note that closing dates for some of these events are coming up quite soon.

Advise **Peter Gordon** as he will 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



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

Note: **Graeme Ablitt** and **Andy Wain** represented the Club in the Men's Regional Pairs on Sunday 19th at Mt. Eliza. Unfortunately, after leading with 4 ends to go, they went down to a very accomplished Frankston team.



ALISON JAMES

LADY SKIP DAY



Sunday, December 3rd 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)**

2 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 17th November 2023

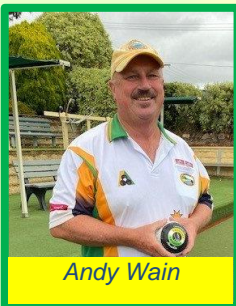
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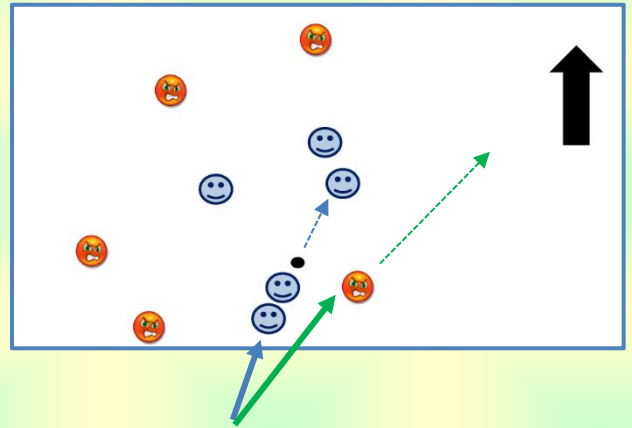


Andy Wain

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? - WEEK 14

Last week's WWYD? Week 13 pictured right.

I would play a backhand with a "yard of weight" hoping to either hit our 2 blue bowls and forcing the Jack back to the 3 waiting bowls, probably to make 4 shots, and if slightly narrow, the orange bowl at "4-O'Clock" could be pushed through, which could make 5 shots.



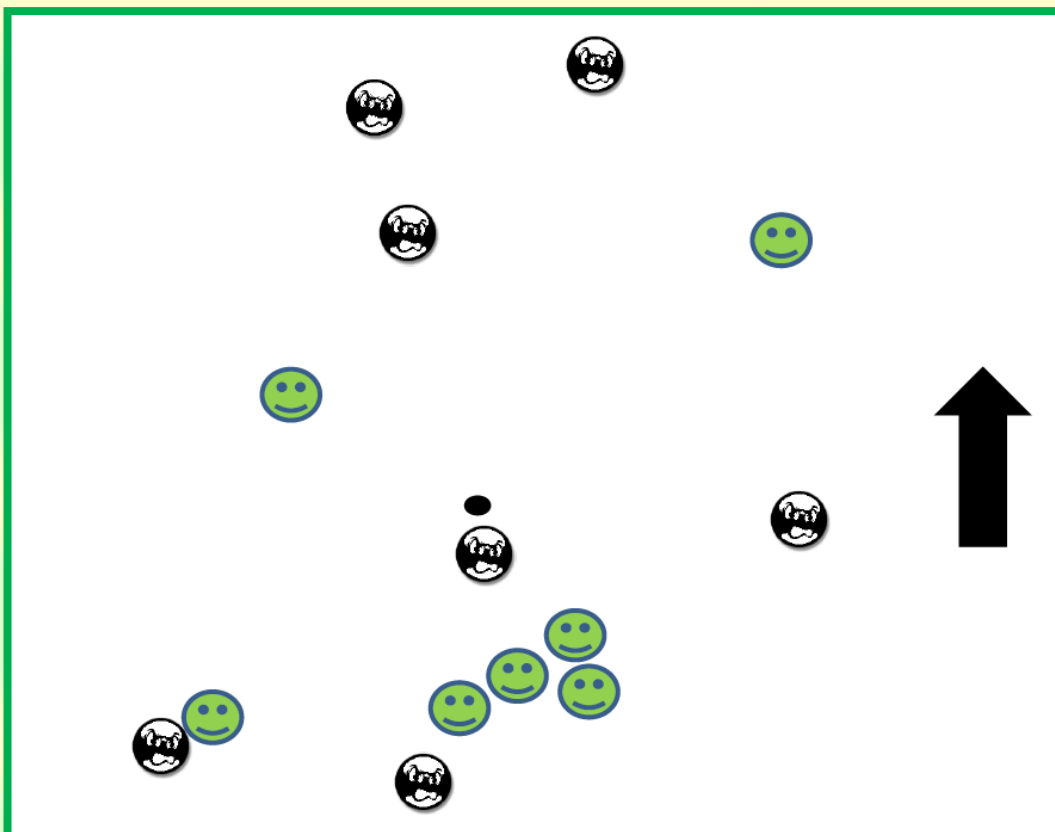
Which shot would you be **most confident** of playing?

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

This is the last of this series of scenarios. What will be next?



Scenario: You are the **green** bowls

- You are the skipper of a Fours Team playing in a knockout competition.
- It is the **14th End** of a 15-end game, and you are **level 18-18**.
- You are **1 down** and playing your last bowl.
- Your opponent has one bowl remaining.
- The breeze is blowing from the right side, making the forehand (right hander) drawing more.
- The green is a typical running green of approx. 15 seconds.



Tony Evans

Tony's Talkback

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

Member: Margaret Robinson (pictured right)

****LIFE MEMBER****

Birthplace: Yarram
Primary School: Yarram Primary School
Secondary School: Emily M^cPherson

Employment: Mother Craft Nursing



Married: Ray (dec.)
Children: 4 – 2 boys, 2 girls
Family: 2 sisters (dec.)

Joined Dromana Bowls Club: in 1994, after 10 years at Carrington Park Bowls club (joined in 1984).

Positions held: Has been President at both Clubs. Chairperson of selectors. Part of the Match Day Catering Group (with **Pat Loveday** and **Pauline Brain**), which made the sandwiches for the Home Pennant sides at Dromana. (**Tony** can attest for the high quality of the sandwiches!)

Bowling Club Highlights: Being awarded Life Membership at Dromana Bowls Club. Runners-Up in State, one with **Mavis Hand**, mother of **Susan Hand**, who played Pennant at Dromana a few years ago, in our Saturday and Tuesday teams. **Mavis** still attends some of our Social functions. **Margaret** and **Mavis** also won the regional Triples events.

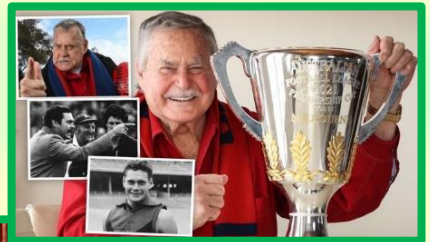


Best Car owned: Loves her current car – Mazda 3
Holidays: Travelled all over Australia in a caravan and enjoyed all the places visited.

AFL Team: Melbourne



Favorite Player: Ron Barassi (#31)



Favourite Music: All Types
Favourite singers: Bing Crosby; Dean Martin, Dolly Parton



Band: The Beatles & loves all bands in general

Favorite Food: Chips – on their own; Thai Food
Favourite Restaurant: Thai restaurants in Somerville and Bayswater. Recommends both.



Favourite Movie: The Sound of Music; Heidi
Favourite Actors: Dolly Parton



Most Admired Person: Her husband **Ray** (dec.)
Future Plans: Keeping family together and catching up with them. **Margaret** said life would not be the same without them.

Margaret still attends our Happy Hour each Friday night at the Club with her good mates, **Pat Loveday & Pat Donnelly**. The three of them take turns winning the raffle prizes or Members' Draw. The three of them also, on most Fridays, are on the gate, to meet and greet the Barefoot Bowlers. They do a great job. I (**Tony**) was lucky enough to be invited to **Margaret's** 90th Birthday function, held at the Bowls Club a few months ago. It was a lovely day and well deserved for such a lovely lady loved by all at the club.

Thanks for the chat,

Cheers Tony

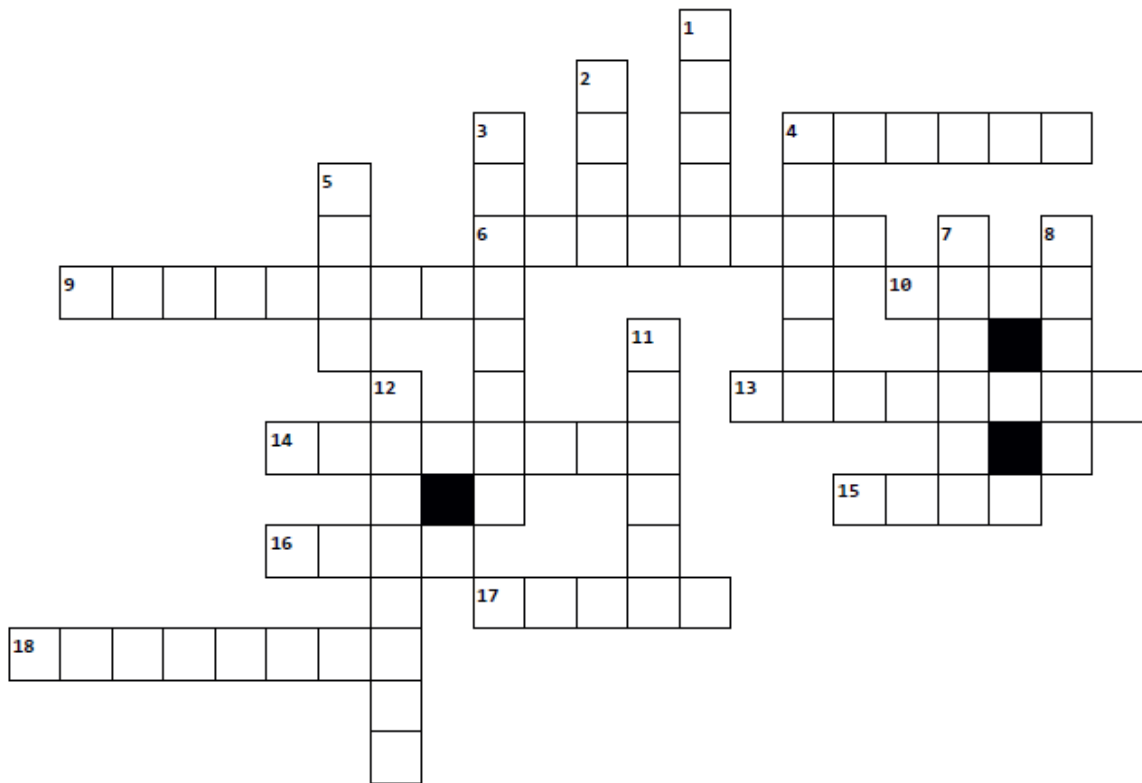
Friday, 17th November 2023

Brain Teaser/Time Waster

Something different this week

Dromana Bowls Club Members Surnames Crossword

[Play online](#)



Across

- 4. A or G
- 6. Oldest male member
- 9. Has green bowls
- 10. C or T
- 13. Happy Hour MC
- 14. S or F
- 15. Chairman of Selectors
- 16. Bar manager
- 17. B or T
- 18. G or E

Down

- 1. B or J
- 2. J or G
- 3. many roles, Ladies Club Champion
- 4. President
- 5. V or I
- 7. B or F
- 8. C or D
- 11. V or P
- 12. M or J

Brain Teaser Answers (from last week 16th November):

The 9-letter bowls-related terminology was **bowlslink**. Other words (apart from the *unprintable* ones): **6 letter:** billon billow ; **5 letter:** bilks bill bison blink blown boink; **4 letter:** bilk bill bins biol bios bisk blow boil boll bonk bosk bowl bows knob lobs slob snob. **I am sure there are more!**

Weekly Bowls Report

Wednesday Twilight (15/11/23): 10 players
Cheers, Di.

Thursday (Club Selected) (16/11/23):

Unfortunately, with tree pruning works around the greens there were no bowls held Thursday (16th).
Keith Jones

Saturday Pennant Round 6 (18/11/23) :

Dromana 1 (Div 2) V West Rosebud 1 Away **Won** 60 – 59, Points: 14, Ladder position: 2nd
Rinks: S. McColgan (22 – 18), Wain (23 – 19), Watts (15 – 22)

Dromana 2 (Div 3) V Mornington 1 @ Home **Lost** 57 – 58, Points: 2, Ladder position: 7th
Rinks: Moore (16 – 21), J. Waugh (23 – 16), Washfold (18 – 21)

Dromana 3 (Div 9) V Frankston 6 @Home **Won** 46 – 34, Points: 14, Ladder position: 1st
Rinks: Dale (24 – 20), **Gannon (22 – 14)**

Dromana 4 (Div 10) V Village Glen 3 Away **Lost** 20 - 71, Points: 0, Ladder position: 4th
Rinks: Donnelly (7 – 31), Algie (13 – 40)

Rink of the day: **B. Evans, C. Rowe, D. Baud, P. Gannon**

Monday Triples (20/11/23): 42 players

Best 2 Game Winners: Nino B. , Jean W. , Peter B.
Best 2 Game Runners - Up: Russell T. , Joe A. , David C.
Best 1st Game: Jeff D. , Phil G. , Len S.
Best 2nd Game: George W. , Eric & Gil F.

Tuesday Pennant Round 6 (21/11/23):

Dromana 1 (Div 1) V Frankston 1 Away **Lost** 77 – 42, Points: 0, Ladder position: 7th
Rinks: Abblitt (15 – 16), Wain (16 – 29), C. Healy (11 – 32)

Dromana 2 (Div 6) V Mornington 2 @Home **Won** 62 - 57 , Points: 14, Ladder position: 5th
Rinks: Starkey (19 – 18), **Tulloch (26 – 21)**, Parkinson (17 – 18)

Dromana 3 (Div 8) V Frankston 6 @Home **Lost** 25 –49, Points: 0, Ladder position: 6th
Rinks: Duck (12 – 24), Donnelly (13 – 25)

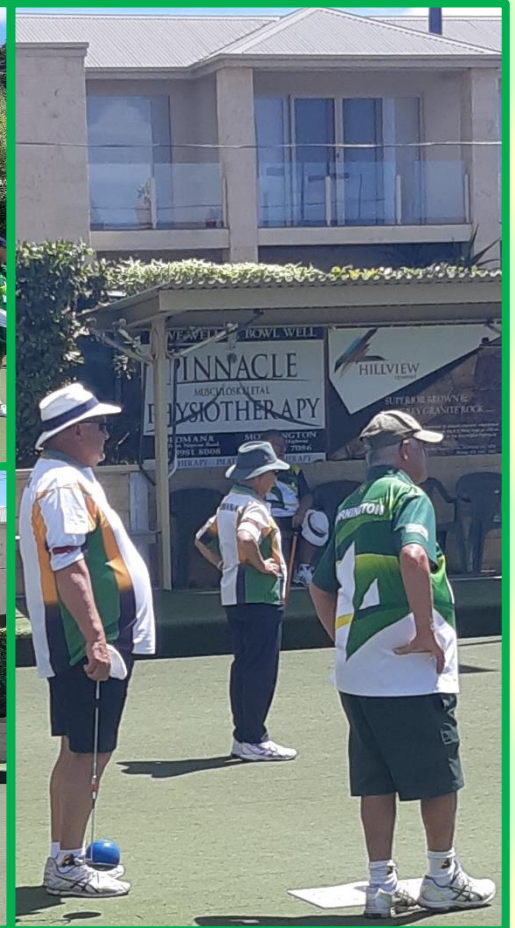
Rink of the day: **Bronwyn E. , Bill W. , Joe A. , Russell T.**

Photos from Division 3 and Division 9 on Sat 18th November- Thanks to Bronwyn E. for the photos









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...**

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