



WEEKLY BULLETIN



27th October 2023

From The President



Hello everyone.

I hope you are coping successfully with all the vagaries in the weather right now. The winter coughs and colds have still not totally left us by all accounts, so please make sure you continue to alternate between sunscreen and shorts, thermals and rain jackets, bucket hats and sunglasses, jumpers and Long-Johns.

Please note an important change of format for the Alison James Lady Skips Day on 3rd December '23. The day will now consist of 3 Games (10 ends) of 2Bowl Triples. Hopefully the reduced bowling workload on the day will encourage more teams to enter, as we only have 11 entries so far. After discussions with Phil Gannon this change to the format was considered to be an advantageous one, so please ladies, get moving and organise yourself a team!

Welcome this week to two new Social members, Kathryn Sloan and Ann Hawker, both of whom have been involving themselves in various ways around the club recently. All members wish these ladies a long and happy association with Dromana BOWLS CLUB, with Kathryn in particular showing an interest in the bar and functions area. It is certainly great to see our membership growing in all three categories of the club!

You may have noticed the kitchen area is functioning fully once again, apart from a small hiccup this week with a leak under our new dishwasher; my thanks to Amelia and Den for their prompt action in alerting the Shire of our

predicament. Hopefully all will be back to normal by the time you read this Newsletter, but if not, please have patience.

The Pennant season is already two weeks in, and so far, the results we are achieving look really promising. Thanks to all our bowlers and hard-working Selection committees for their hard work to date, hopefully we can continue in this vein on the run in to Xmas and make our great club a force to be reckoned with come Finals time.

Also, good to see is the rolling out of the Club Championship events for 2023/24, with a couple of games already being completed in the Mens' Singles Championships. Many thanks to Carmel Rowe for her efforts in presenting these events to members in a most efficient manner. Good bowling and good luck to all competitors in these competitions, and while we can't all come up winners, the exciting rivalries on show can only improve our overall standing as a very competitive unit in all areas of championship play.

Speaking of which, it was great to see Andy Wain and Jean Wells do so well in the State Mixed Pairs event at Somerville last Sunday. Played in atrocious conditions, these two took down a powerhouse combination with many State honours in the first game, only to be narrowly beaten by another top-notch team in the afternoon. What an incredible effort, especially from Jean who was playing in her first major competition, as well as Andy who did an outstanding job in supporting and encouraging his playing partner through a very

torrid day.

Sad to say yours truly and Di Washfold were unable to emulate this result, unfortunately falling victim to the conditions and superior opposition in the first game; obviously our loss tasted a lot like humble pie, which isn't very nice!

Still and all this was another day for the Experience chapter of our bowling CV, and we duly move on to better things. Please have a go at some of these State and Over '60s events coming up, they are great character builders, they improve your standard of play, and they are great exposure for our club in the wider

world of bowls.

So that is it for another week. Remember we are now seven days closer to the season of Barefoot Bowls with the associated Greens and BBQ rosters in operation; as usual, remember to check your syllabus for all upcoming events and obligations. Obviously, the more we all work in unison to deliver our programs in the best possible way will help us enormously.

Anyway, take care everyone, and I will speak to you all next week.

Regards, Peter.

Social and Fundraising News

The social committee is delighted to welcome two new members to our team. Robyn Carter and Karen Jeffress have joined us, and they will be providing much needed support and input with the activities. Welcome ladies.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER - PENINSULA CLUB

\$40.00 pp. pre-paid into the Dromana Bowls Club social account
Your partner, friend or family member is also welcome to join you
Bookings no later than Friday 1st December.

The booking list is up on the noticeboard in the bar area. Please put your name down asap as you can if wish to join us for lunch and great company.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS RAFFLE -

Please make your donations now so that we may get the raffle underway in the next week. Always a good fund raiser and a chance of winning one of at least 5 hampers or secret Santa sack.

See you at the club,
Michele Castles



Canasta – Monday 1pm
All Welcome



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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 31st October.**

Bids are to be made via email to 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.**

Club Championship Events

The draws for the Club Championships for the Men and Ladies Singles are now complete. These can be found in the black folder near the Spinning Wheel.

Men's Singles 1st Round: on or before Sunday 29th October

Ladies' Singles 1st Round: on or before Sunday 3rd December

Both Singles' Finals: To be played on 7th January 2024

Ladies' Pairs:

Entry form in folder – **Closing Date 29th October.**

1st Round by 12th November

Men's Pairs:

Entries close by **November 5th, 4 p.m.**

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:

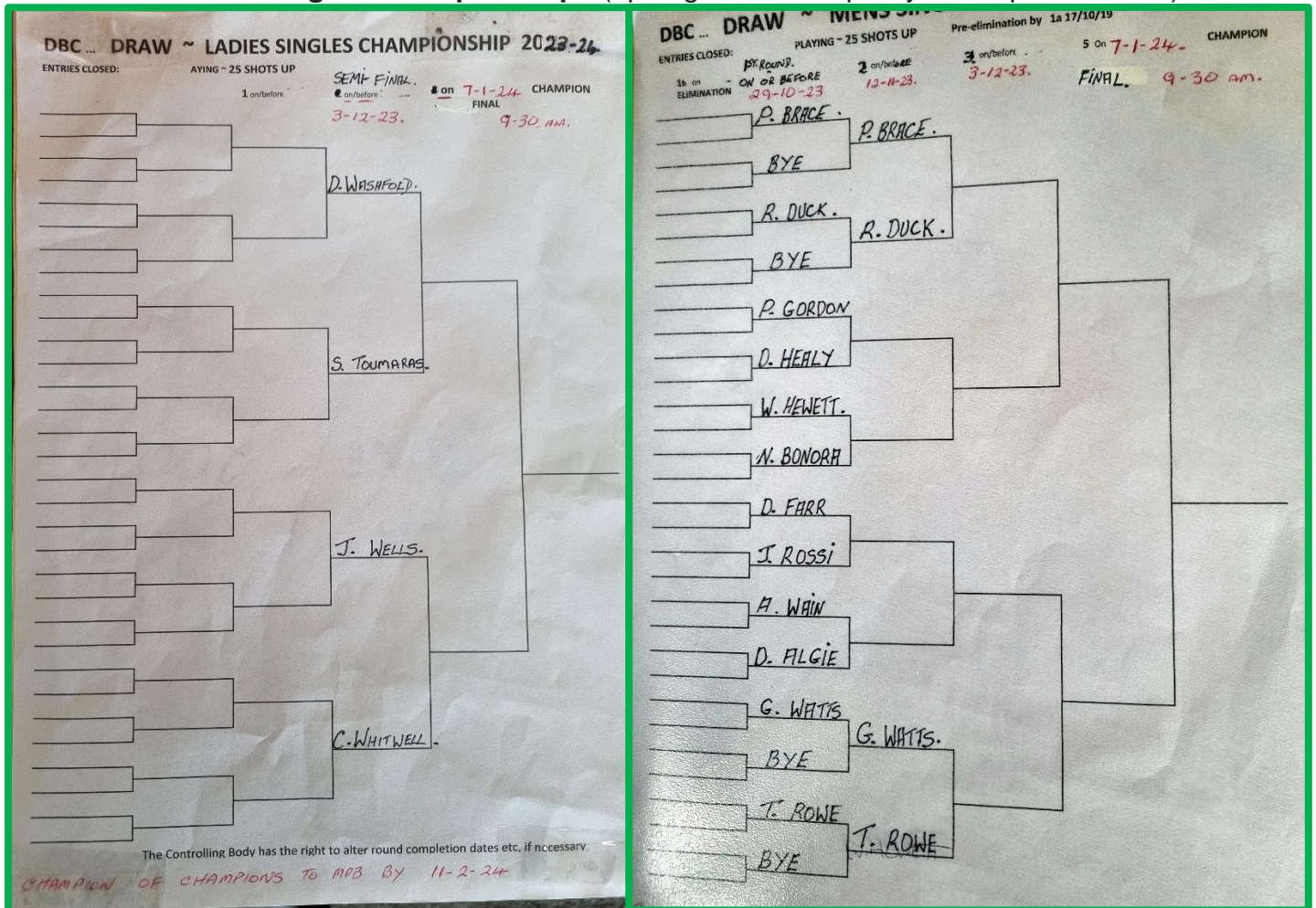
New format for all Pairs events –3 Bowls rather than 4 bowls.

\$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 Draws for the Singles Championships (apologies for the quality of the photos - AW)



'Getting ready for Barefoot Bowls'

Barefoot Bowls will re-commence on **Friday 3rd November**, with the Sponsors' Challenge, followed by *regular* Barefoot Bowls on **Friday 10th November**.

Volunteers are required to maintain and run this wonderful Community Event.

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

Below is a roster for November from Val Park. We thank all volunteers in advance.

BAREFOOT BOWLS GREENS ROSTER November 2023

	5:00pm – 6:30pm.	6:30pm – 8:00pm.
3rd November 2023 Sponsors' Challenge	Di Washfold/Terry Rowe	Carl Sabo
	Chris Whitwell/Carmel Rowe	Steve Neville
10th November	Pat Donnelly/Val Park	David Moore
	Barbara Flather	Mick Arendsen
17th November	Carmel Rowe	Steve Parkinson
	Pat Donnelly	Ron Duck
24th November	Frank & Sandra McColgan	Keith Jones
	Bev Brierley	George Bulka

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

FRIDAY NIGHT BBQ ROSTER NOVEMBER 2023 FOR BAREFOOT BOWLS

10 th NOVEMBER	17 th NOVEMBER	24 th NOVEMBER
Tony Evans	Wayne Hewett	Phil Carter
Bronwyn Evans	Graeme Abblitt	Robyn Carter
George Watts	Matt Williams	Joe Ammerlaan

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

WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS HELPING OUR WONDERFUL CLUB

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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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 20th October



Clockwise (From top left): Di addressing the troops; Jim R; David M & F; Terry R, Bronwyn; Eric and friends.

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 notice board.

Contact: Di Washfold: 0417 397 138

THURSDAY

Club Selected: arrive early for a 10.30am start.

List in the Match Committee window.

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.

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.

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

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Last Sunday(22nd), Peter Gordon & Di Washfold and Andy Wain & Jean Wells played in the State Regional Mixed Pairs at Somerville.

Both teams represented Dromana BC well. It was great to see the support from the Healy's and Evans', continually contributing to our club both on and off the Green. Peter re-connected with an old friend!



Clockwise (Top Left): Jean W, Peter G. Carmel H, Tony E, Den H, Andy W, Di W; Peter & friend; Jean, Carmel, Tony, Bronwyn E, Den, Andy & Di



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

Contact Details:

Email:

match@dromanabowlsclub.com.au

Phil Gannon; Match Director

Mob: 0405 773 858

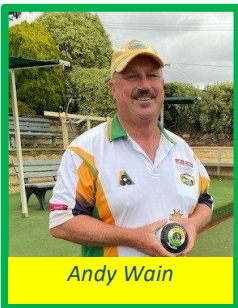
Brain Teaser:

A 9-letter bowls-related terminology to solve, plus make as many words as possible. Each word must contain the **middle letter** NB: No plurals or Capital i.e.: Towns, names etc.

C	L	S
H	I	R
U	B	T

Number of words – Below Average: 5; Average: 10; Good: 15; Excellent: 20

Answers next newsletter.

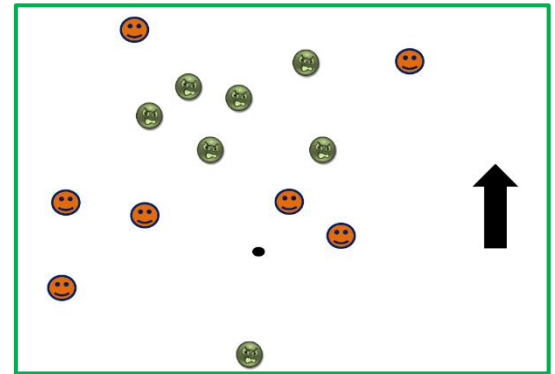


Andy Wain

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? - WEEK 10

Last week's WWYD? Week 9 pictured right.

I would want to be covering the group of 4 green bowls behind the jack, so the backhand draw, to either push the orange bowl at 9 o'clock back 1 foot, or to sit in front of the first of the green bowls, behind the jack. If a bit narrower, could push the jack closer to the 2 shot bowls and reducing the chance of the opponent trailing the jack back. An alternative would be to put a blocker on the forehand.



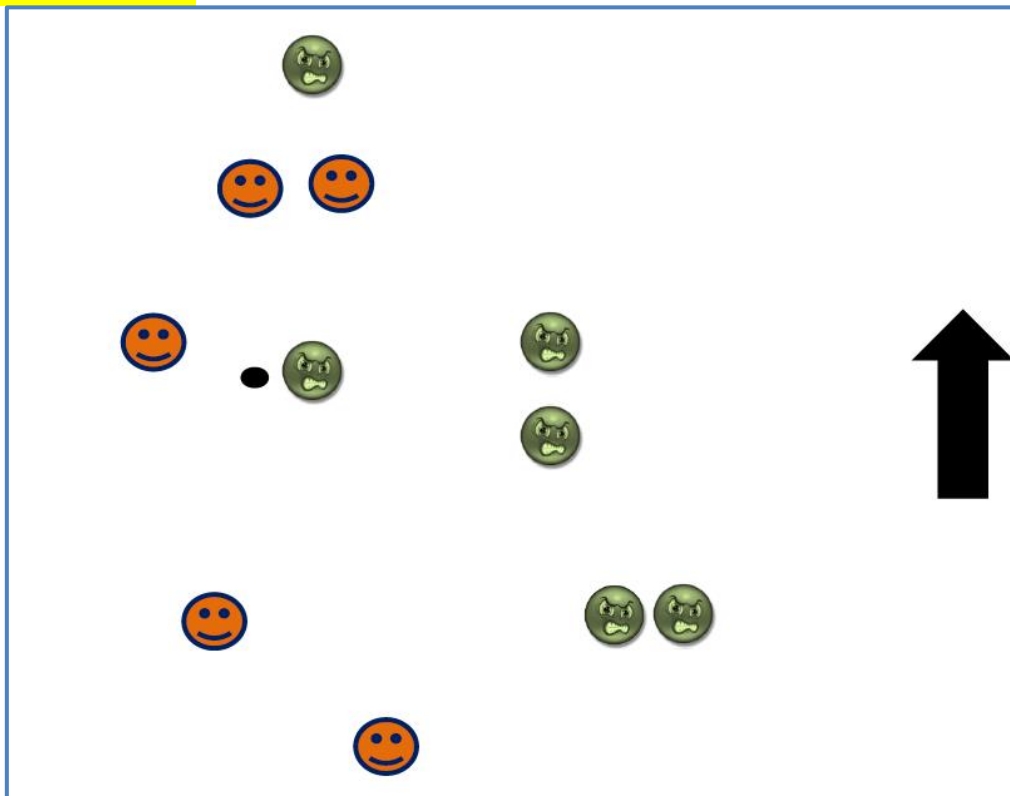
Jeff Dardel suggests: "Backhand, very slightly over draw weight, onto the jack pushing it back to be close/ or in between to "our" 2 shot bowls."

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



Scenario: You are the orange bowls

- You are playing in a 21 end pennant game.
- You are **down 8 – 13** after 10 ends.
- You are **1 down** and calling your third to play their last bowl.
- The **jack has been moved and is off centre.**
- No breeze is blowing.
- The green is running approx. 13 seconds.
- Both hands are similar and have a good draw

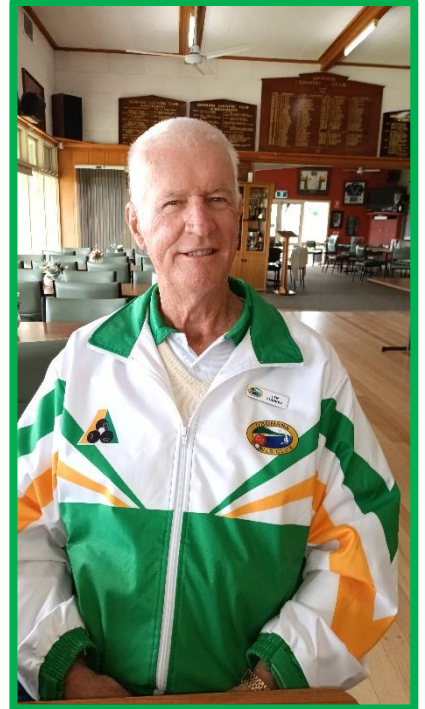


Tony Evans

Tony's Talkback

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

Member: Len Starkey (pictured right)



Birthplace: Carnegie

Primary School: Boronia Primary School

Secondary School: Boronia High School

Employment/1st job/career: Treadway's Department Store;
Paramedic – 30 Years

Married: Dawn **Children:** 5 – 3 Girls, 2 Boys

Family: 3 sisters, no brothers

Joined Bowls Club: (Why Dromana BC?): This year.
Previously at Somerville for 10 years

Bowling Club Highlights: Won 2 Grand Finals at Somerville as Skip

Positions held (if any): At Somerville: Match Committee; Welfare; First Aid.

Car Owned/Vehicles liked: Kia Sorrento & love it!

Holidays/Places visited or planned: I have been around Australia in a caravan.
Every winter go to Tweed Heads (probably for at least the last 10 years).



AFL Team/Fav. Player: Carlton – Patrick Cripps



Favourite singer (M/F): Country & Western – Emmy-Lou Harris

Favourite Food: Steak & Fish

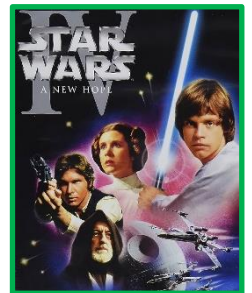
Favourite Restaurant: Kirks, Mornington



Favourite Movie: First Star Wars – Episode IV: A New Hope

Favourite actors (M/F): Tom Hanks; Sandra Bullock

Most admired person(s): Jacinta Price



Future plans: A cruise for the 50th Wedding Anniversary (2nd marriage)

Len mentioned, how welcomed he has been made since arriving at Dromana BC mid-year, and everyone has made him feel quite at home. Thanks to all the members.

Thanks for the chat, Len.



Tony

Tuesday 24th October 2023

Weekly Bowls Report

Wednesday Twilight(18/10/23): 8 players

Thursday (Club Selected) (19/10/23): 5 players

Enjoyable day of bowling

Saturday Pennant (21/10/23):

Dromana 1 (Div 2) V Karingal 2 Away

Rinks: Abblitt (15 – 20), **S. McColgan (23 – 13)**, Watts (16 – 14)

Won 54 – 47, Points: 14, Ladder position: 2nd

Dromana 2 (Div 3) V Balnarring 2 @Home

Rinks: Ferguson (24 – 19), Farr (23 – 22), D. Healy (18 – 19)

Won 65 – 60, Points: 14, Ladder position: 2nd

Dromana 3 (Div 9) V Somerville 3 Away

Rinks: Moore (18 – 22), Neville (15 – 15)

Lost 33 – 37, Points: 1, Ladder position: 3rd

Dromana 4 (Div 10) V Rosebud Beach 4 @Home

Won Forfeit, Points: 14, Ladder position: 4th

Rink of the day: G. Fletcher(L), D. Washfold (2), A. Wain (3), S. McColgan (S)

Monday Triples (23/10/23): 30 players

Best 2 Game Winners: C. Healy, A. Rushton, D. Washfold

Best 2 Game Runners - Up: J. Dardel, D. Ferguson, L. Starkey

Best 1st Game: G. Watts, G & E Fletcher

Best 2nd Game: N. Bonora, P. Brace, J. Wells



Tuesday Pennant (24/10/23):

Dromana 1 (Div 1) V Mt. Eliza 1 @ Home

Rinks: Abblitt (22 – 18), McColgan (21 – 18), C. Healy (22 – 16)

Won 65 – 52, Points: 16, Ladder position: 5th

Dromana 2 (Div 6) V Casey Grange Away

Rinks: Anketell (14 – 21), Farr (26 – 14), **Parkinson (25 – 6)**

Won 65 - 41, Points: 14, Ladder position: 2nd

Dromana 3 (Div 8) **BYE**

Points: 0, Ladder position: 4th

Rink of the day: C. Sabo (L), B. Evans (2), A. Rushton (3), S. Parkinson (S)

A Letter to the Editor

Last Saturday I enjoyed a very pleasant game in Division 3 playing at Dromana against Balnarring. It is never much fun playing on Rink 1 and our team lost by 1 shot. Strangely enough however, I went home feeling happy with the game on our rink and the fact that the other 2 rinks got up and the side won overall.

The Balnarring lead (Joy) and third (Les) hardly made a mistake and our skip, Den Healy, most ends stepped on the mat one or more shots down. He never grumbled and most times managed to at least get 2nd shot. What impressed me the most was that Den still uses his old Henselite Classic IIs.....and beautifully!

Den knows exactly what grass his bowls need and hardly ever gets it wrong, he kept us afloat.

On one end Den drew one of THE best shots I have seen in my 23 years of bowling. We were 2 or 3 shots down and the only chance he had to cut it down was to roll his bowl through a small gap between a few short bowls on his forehand. What makes the result all the more brilliant, his bowl coming to a stop almost touching the jack, AND that the shot was taken on rink 1 going towards the clubhouse on the forehand....a nightmare.

No wicks just a great draw shot, it made my day and no doubt for Len and Tony as well Den!

On top of all that, the game was played in good spirits and in the end, we gave them a fright.

Ian Dale

PS I think Den and Carmel would be hard to beat in the Mixed Pairs.....specially on Rink 1 😊

Thursday Triples in action



From L to R: Bruce H. & Keith J.; Bruce H.; Bruce H., Keith J. and George B.

Saturday Pennant – Division 2 @ Karingal



Dromana 1 (Div 2) action under the SkyeDome @ Karingal



Monday Triples



The David Baud Show – with Jeff Dardel

A bowling dilemma: How do you use the mat to get around a bowl?

A few years ago I had a problem. Most of the books on bowls I had read told me that to get around a bowl which you believe is on your draw line, you move across the mat as far as you can to the opposite side. That is a right hander moves to the left for a forehand and to the right for a backhand. As a long term coach I always taught the textbook method if an experienced bowler asked me.

My new, highly respected club coach told me this was completely wrong : you just move to the side you are bowling on.

The Mathematics of Bowls

I had never explored the reasons behind the move across the mat, but I thought I should try to sort out who was right; surely both ways could not work. Google did not help; I could find nothing of substance on the topic at all. As a lifetime applied mathematics teacher, I reasoned that it should be possible to use mathematics to sort out which method was correct.

How does mathematics come into lawn bowls? The most important way is in the establishment of the green angle. For a given set of bowls on a given green with current wind there is a fixed angle between the centre line of the rink and the delivery line which will result in the bowl finishing on the centre line. This angle would normally be between 4 and 12 degrees.

Getting Your Green

There are two main methods which are used by bowlers to ensure that they get the angle right as often as possible

- **The visualiser** is able to remember the required angle for each end and each hand and concentrates on getting this right throughout the day. Most visualise the track the bowl will take from hand to head, hopefully getting the weight right through the same process. A big percentage of high level bowlers use this method
- **The bank aimer** sets the angle by finding a point on the bank which provides the correct angle on each hand. Most then drop their eyes to a point on the green along this line and aim at that point. The bank aimer has to know what to do if the mat is placed up the green by more than a couple of metres.

TO GET AROUND A BOWL

Method One - move to the side you are bowling on

- The visualiser moves to the outside of the mat and bowls using exactly the same angle so that the bowl travels **parallel** to a bowl delivered from the normal mat position, clearing the bowl in the path by a couple of centimetres, and finishing off the centre line by the distance moved across the mat.
- The bank aimer can also use this method but has to move the bank aiming point by the distance moved across the mat to deliver a parallel bowl.

Method Two - move to the opposite side

- Move to the inside of the mat as far as the foot fault rule allows you to go (perhaps 21cm)
- Bowl at your usual point on the bank
- The **angle taken by your bowl is slightly increased** making it go wider to get around the bowl and causing it to finish wider
- Since you have delivered it 21cm narrower it should finish near the jack provided you have bowled it with perfect green and weight
- **This method can only be used by a bank aimer** since the visualizer would have to increase the remembered angle by a very small amount for one bowl (perhaps from 7 degrees to 7.04 degrees)
- Getting around a bowl using this method will only work if the bowl you want to go around is in the last quarter of the path to the head. The new path crosses the old path at about 70% of the run. My testing of this showed that the margin of error is very low and hence I believe that it may be better to also add a few cm to the aiming point when using this method.

Both methods work! But BOTH METHODS PRESUME THAT YOU WILL BOWL WITH PERFECT GREEN AND WEIGHT. There is probably no point in even mentioning these methods to beginning bowlers.

Which Method Should You Use

Prior to 2015 the foot fault rule requires you to you have to have one foot completely on the mat in the set position. If you usually bowl with the centre of your fixed foot on the centre of the mat, the old foot fault rule allowed you to move for a backhand only about 10-12cms to the outside of the mat but approximately 20-22cms to the inside of the mat (and vice versa for a forehand) The much more liberal new rule which only requires any contact with the mat in the set position results in about the same possible movement of 20-22cms for both backhand and forehand. Now your choice might depend on where other bowls are located.

However what is mostly required is confidence in your actions so that you maintain your perfect weight and green. Over the years I have been surprised how often using one of these methods works for me, given my moderate draw bowling ability, the small margins involved, and the likelihood that the offending bowl may not be exactly on the normal path.

Perhaps it succeeds because it forces the bowler to concentrate harder than usual on delivering that bowl.