



WEEKLY BULLETIN



2nd November 2023

From The President



A big hello to everyone as you recover from your big Halloween celebrations, however long they went on for!

Some exciting news over the last few days involves our work with Mornington Legal regarding the **Pauline Brain Estate**. The club is now entering the last stages of securing a substantial sum of money from the late **Pauline's** estate, and this figure is well within the range of our original estimations. The bequest is substantial enough to secure the wellbeing of our club for a good many years in my opinion and needs to be utilised wisely in order to gain the maximum benefit from this hugely generous gift. Whatever improvements are made to our financial and amenities situation will certainly bear witness to the input and influence **Pauline Brain** had on all aspects of club life, and she will be remembered with affection and gratitude long into the future.

When these funds become available, hopefully in the next little while, the Board of Management will be seeking advice from ALL members on what they think would be suitable decisions to be made, or projects to be implemented, in order to best utilise **Pauline's** bequest. Members, I ask you to please think of 3 or 4 things you would like to see done with this money and forward your ideas through to a Board member as soon as possible. The Board will then put in place a steering group, the make-up of which is yet to be decided, which will in turn report back with recommendations, strategies and general advice in relation to forward planning and commitment.

At all times Dromana Bowls Club members will be kept informed as to the current state of play; so, to kick it all off, let's hear about some of your ideas!

As you will be well aware, Club Championship games are currently well underway, in particular the Men's Singles, of which the first round has already been played.

To our male players, I ask you to note that due to a disappointing number of nominations, the closing date for the Men's Pairs event has been extended to Sunday, November 12th, a week later than originally gazetted. The first round will still need to be played by November 26th, so please organise a team and make it a good competition worthy of a Dromana event. Please stay tuned and aware of more Club events which will be coming up in the New Year, as well as Regional and State competitions.

On behalf of the Board and all players I would like to thank and congratulate **Russell Tulloch** for his work on Match Committee over the last few years. **Russell's** commitment to all aspects of club life has been enormous, both on the Board as well as his support and encouragement of the Friday Development squad. We look forward to **Russell's** ongoing involvement in all other areas of the club when he gets the chance in the future.

Also, to **Chris Bowen**, who is leaving the area to take up residence in Gippsland, we say thanks for a job well done in your time at Dromana Bowls Club. Your work on the Match Committee, and in particular your efforts in

making Thursdays a goer, in conjunction with Rosebud Country Club, have been most appreciated. The innovative stance you have taken in making Thursday bowls a more attractive and competitive activity has led the way to similar amalgamations in the future. Best wishes to you.

Having said that, there is now room for two extra people to come on to the Match Committee; please contact **Phil Gannon** if you are interested.

The club is also in urgent need of **AT LEAST** two First Aid people to fulfil our future Health and Safety obligations. Please contact **Amelia** if you are able to help, there are training courses available which can be undertaken with a minimum of fuss. Also at **Amelia's** request is a plea for someone to take on the role of Food Safety Supervisor. Currently this role is being shared by **Amelia** and **Bev Waugh**, but another

person is needed to continue this role with **Bev** in the future. On-line courses are available, and with new regulations on the horizon the club desperately needs extra help in all matters pertaining to food handling and preparation. So, there it is, multiple areas of club infrastructure that need urgent contributions from our members: First Aid and Food Safety.

To all the Lady Skips out there, please make every effort to enter a team in the **Alison James'** event. We still need a couple more teams, and although we are still hunting around other clubs for entrants, I am sure Dromana itself can supply a few more interested ladies.

So that is it for another week. Take care everyone, enjoy your weekend and happy partying come Cup Day.

Regards, **Peter**.



Peter Gordon: Wed 1st Nov

Gary Ryde: Mon 6th Nov

Frank M^cColgan: Tue 7th Nov



This Week's Sponsors

We welcome the sponsors that are participating in the **Barefoot Challenge** on Friday Evening.



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Social and Fundraising News

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER - PENINSULA CLUB

Time: 12.00 noon **Price:** \$40.00pp
Entertainer: Andrew "the Wiz" Farrell

Have you got your name down yet. Please do so ASAP and make payment into the Bendigo Social Committee account. See Flyer, next page.

Just a word on the seating for this lunch. The Peninsula club set up long tables for this type of function and will add a few smaller tables if the number of bookings requires. We will endeavour to have people sit together who wish to but please understand that the committee does not control the room set-up. However, we will all be together in our own space for the lunch.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS RAFFLE

Many thanks to all those who have already donated, and we look forward to further donations. Tickets are now available, and the draw will take place following happy hour on Friday 15th December.

Please remember to write your name and telephone number clearly on the butt and LEAVE in the book.

See you at the club,
Michele Castles



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.**



Happy Hour Friday 27th October



Clockwise (Top Left): Craig A., the MC, helped by Kathryn and Olivia, Bronwyn E. (Bar); David F., Carl S., Nino B., Terry R., David D., Rob V. and Tony E.; Den H., Shirley P., Di W.; Fergie claiming a raffle prize.

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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From the (Temporary) Editor

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

We are always looking for more things to add, so please feel free to take photos, write an article/letter and send them to me. Just click on the links above.

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:

1st Round by 12th November

See draw below

Men's Pairs:

Entries close by **November 12th, 4 p.m.** – **Note change of date.**

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:

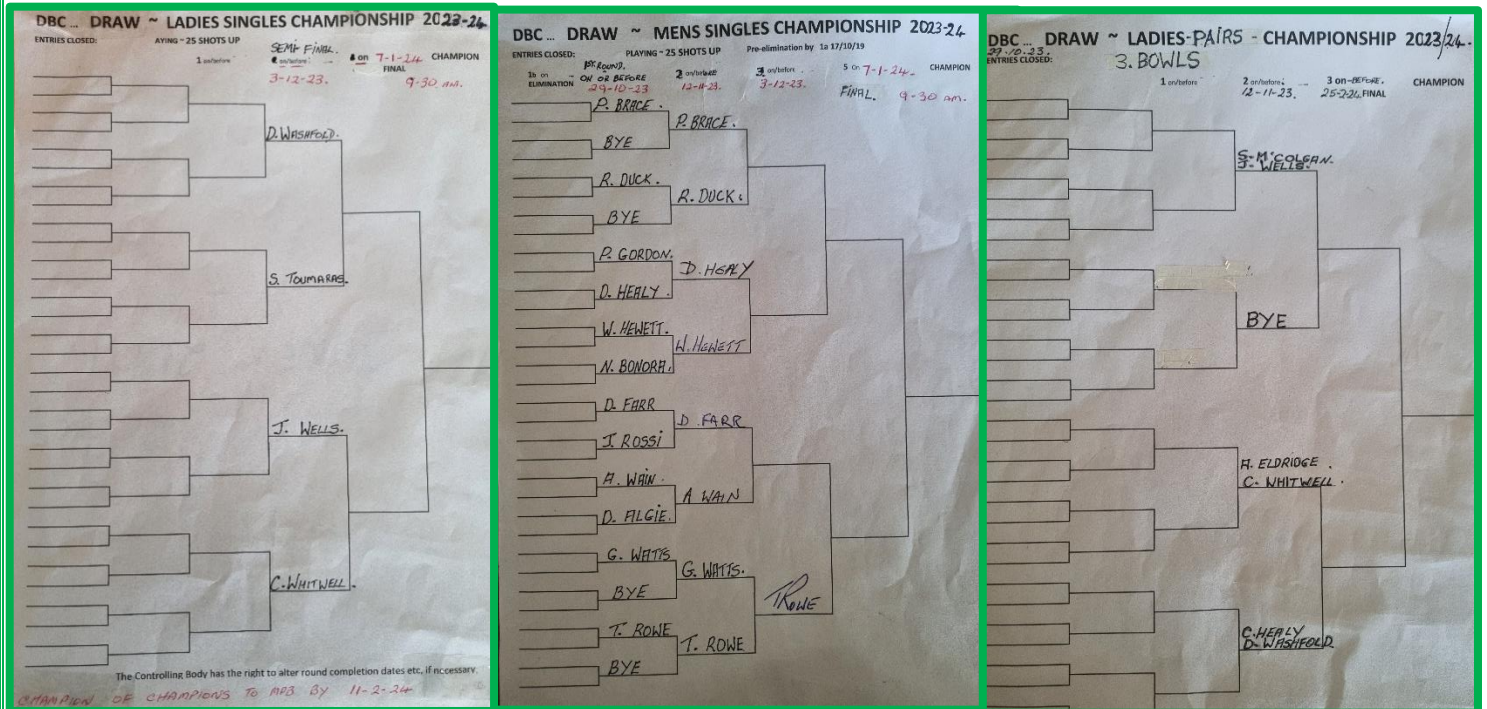
New format for all Pairs events –3 Bowls rather than 4 bowls.

\$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 & Ladies Pairs Championships



Action from Round 1 of the Men's Singles



Top: Terry R. v George W.
 2nd Row: Marker, Den H., carefully controlling the action.
 3rd Row: Interested spectators, David D. & Andy W (are they discussing the AFL Grand Final?); Derrik F. v Jim R.
 4th Row: Jim Delivering

'Getting ready for Barefoot Bowls'

Barefoot Bowls will re-commence this week 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

10th NOVEMBER	17th NOVEMBER	24th NOVEMBER
Tony Evans	Wayne Hewett	Phil Carter
Bronwyn Evans	Graeme Ablitt	Robyn Carter
?	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



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 29/10/23
 Top: Gill F., Frank M., Di W., Tony E.; Eric F. & Sandra M, in background, Bron E., Keith J., George B & Jeff D.
 Centre: Gill, Tony, Di and Frank; David M. & Barb F.; David Moore pointing out how close Bronwyn's bowls are to the Jack.
 Bottom: Bronwyn E. showing off again!

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



Anne H., George B., Bob L., Colin C.,

Bruce H. & Terry C.

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 Bowlslink.

[Men's Pairs](#)

[Women's Pairs](#)

[Men's Triples](#)

[Women's Triples](#)

[Men's Singles](#)

[Women's Singles](#)

[Men's Fours](#)

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Entries Close **12/11/2023**

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Entries Close 23/11/2023

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Entries Close 14/01/2024

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Entries Close 07/02/2024

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Entries Close 11/02/2024

Entries Close 11/02/2024



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



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

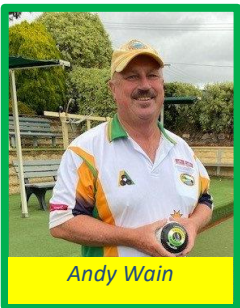
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Phil Gannon; Match Director

Mob: 0405 773 858



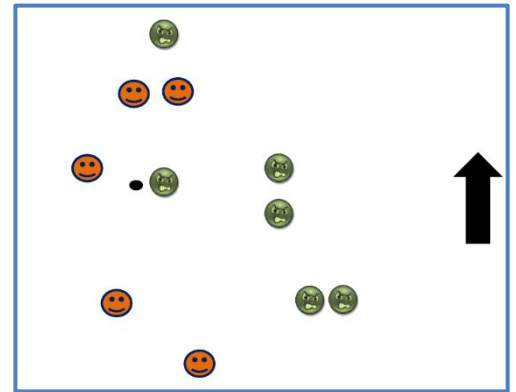
WHAT WOULD YOU DO? - WEEK 11

Last week's WWYD? Week 10 pictured right.

I would try platin a forehand with a "yard of weight" through the gap between the orange and green bowls, trying to "sit-out" the green bowl to make 2. I think to try the same on the backhand would be harder.

Jeff Dardel writes: "Hi Andy,

1. Backhand to push the jack back to our two-rear bowls.
 2. Backhand onto the shot bowl. Could be dicey as there is a chance of pushing that bowl into our two-rear bowls.
 3. Forehand to sit close behind the opposition shot bowl.
- Prefer Option 1."

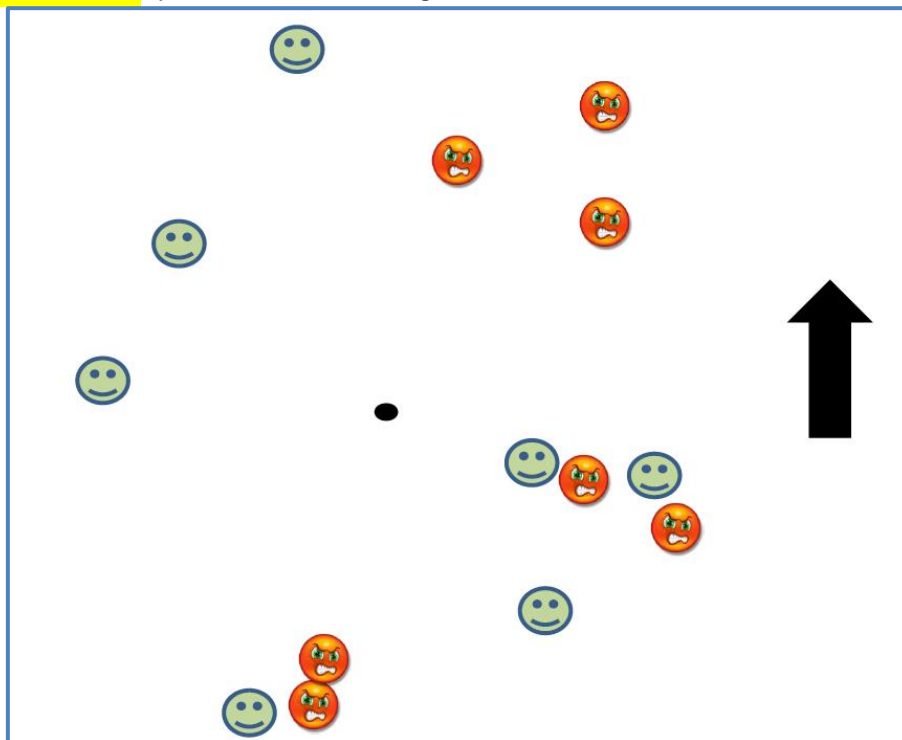


Which shot would you be most confident of playing?

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



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 **behind 12-14**.
- You are **1 up and playing your last bowl**.
- Your opponent has one bowl remaining.
- No breeze is blowing, making both hands of equal draw.
- The green is good drawing and running approx. 14 seconds.



Tony Evans

Tony's Talkback

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

Member: Peter Gordon
(pictured right)



Birthplace: Gardenvale
Primary School: Springvale Primary School
Secondary School: Springvale High School (all 7 years of it!)

Employment: First job/Career: Storeman at Westminster Carpets Dandenong 1973/74. Secondary School Teacher 1975-2022. Mt Eliza H.S 1975, Bonbeach H.S 1976-1985, Newborough H.S 1986-1988, Rosebud High School/Secondary College 1989-2022.

Married: Ronda in 1981.

Children: Adult son and daughter, 2 grandsons.

Family: 1 brother and sister, father still going strong at 97 (One month older than Gerry).

Joined Dromana Bowls Club: 2000. Work mate Wayne Hewett told Ian Dale and myself that it was time we gave away cricket at Boneo Cricket Club and play bowls. He said we could be running the club within 5 years!

Positions held: Quite a lot. It all started about 2005, when then Secretary Jeff Flather roped me in to being "Assistant Secretary", and the rest followed. Very quickly actually. But one constant who I loved working with at Committee and Board level has been David Baud, a big brother type who I always sought out (and continue to do so) for advice and support when I needed it most. Great man.

Biggest Influence on Bowls career: In the early days I learned a lot about many facets of Bowls and competition from dear old Les Bice. I suppose he was as big an influence as any, although others would argue that I have steadfastly refused to listen to any form of advice through the years! I have found however that you learn more about "Bowls" than just rolling the things down the green, and you somehow absorb it all, from scores of others, through osmosis.

Bowling Club Highlights: 3 lower grade premierships across the years, including a couple with you Tony, along with young tyro Tiyson Stone, 2014 through to 2016, I think they were. Runner-up in Club Singles, Pairs and Mixed Pairs wins with Wayne and Di Washfold.

Best Car owned: A brand new Leyland Mini Panel van (see above), purchased at Paterson Motors McCrae in 1973, for \$2100.00!

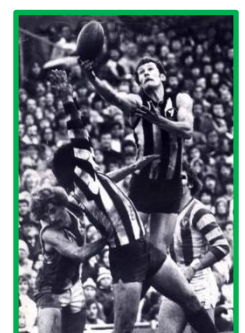
Holidays: Japan twice,  England , South Korea , West Coast of U.S. 
Japan absolutely the best!

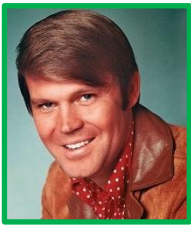
Favourite sport: Cricket.



AFL Team: That is a long story, and I will tell you one day. Collingwood St. Kilda.

Favorite Player: Phil Carman/Trevor Barker.





Favorite singers: Glen Campbell, Dusty Springfield.

Favorite Food: Humble Pie
Favourite Restaurant: The Lobster Cave
Favourite Pub: Dromana Hotel.



Favourite Movie: Groundhog Day/To Kill a Mockingbird.

Favourite Actors: Jimmy Stewart, Greer Garson.

Favourite TV Shows: Home and Away (33 years and still going strong), The Sopranos, Seinfeld.



Most Admired Person: Brian Wilson (Beach Boys. My hero for all the wonderful music he has created while overcoming major drug problems and personality disorders).

Biggest Fear: Not being able to control outside influences that can affect the lives of myself and my family.



Biggest Disappointments: Not seeing a Collingwood Grand Final Win as a supporter; Missing the famous Abbey Road crossing by 100m.



Biggest regret (sport): Although of limited ability, I will always regret not giving cricket my full attention when I was in my 20s. It is a sad part of my life that I played more cricket after 40 than before, especially as I played so much Junior cricket at Springvale. It is indeed the greatest of all games, and I am talking totally of the “boring”, “traditional “ Four and Five-dayers that old mate Terry Rowe loves so much!

Future Plans: To continue enjoying my time at Dromana Bowls Club, with all the wonderful friends I have made over the years. To improve as a bowler and be a better person to go with it. Would love to get back to the U.S. one day or go on a cricket supporters tour to England.

Having said all that, many thanks for the opportunity to chat, it was a pleasure to interview after those hundreds of hours on the phone over the past 12 years!

Tony Sunday, 29th October 2023

PS Peter and Tony (with **Tyson** and **Barry**) got 2 “Eights” either side of Xmas (ca 2014/15) and went onto win the Grand Final that season as well!



Note: Peter and Tony still have the same bowls!

Weekly Bowls Report

Wednesday Twilight (25/10/23): 8 players

Thursday (Club Selected) (26/10/23): 5 players

Saturday Pennant Round 3 (28/10/23):

Dromana 1 (Div 2) V Somerville 1 Away **Lost** 44 – 67, Points: 0, Ladder position: 3rd

Rinks: Abblitt (13 – 24), S. McColgan (17 – 24), Watts (14 – 19)

Dromana 2 (Div 3) V Belvedere 1 Away **Lost** 46 – 62, Points: 2, Ladder position: 3rd

Rinks: Ferguson (13 – 19), Farr (6 – 25), Starkey (27 – 18)

Dromana 3 (Div 9) V Hastings 5 @Home **Won** 52 – 32, Points: 14, Ladder position: 2nd

Rinks: Moore (22 – 12), Neville (30 – 20)

Dromana 4 (Div 10) **BYE**, Points: 14, Ladder position: 3rd

Rink(s) of the day: 1: Robyn C., Craig A., Bernie S., David M.

2: Carl S., Carmel R., David B., Stephen N.

Monday Triples (30/10/23):

Best 2 Game Winners: D. Healy, W. Martin, D. Baud

Best 2 Game Runners - Up: K. Jones, J. Ammerlaan, D. Skilbeck

Best 1st Game: S. Toumaras, H. Talbot, F. Souter

Best 2nd Game: G. Bulka, J. Dardel, L. Starkey

Tuesday Pennant Round 3 (31/10/23):

Dromana 1 (Div 1) V Rosebud Beach 1 @ Home **Lost** 60 – 63, Points: 3, Ladder position: 5th

Rinks: Abblitt (18 – 18), McColgan (22 – 20), C. Healy (20 – 25)

Dromana 2 (Div 6) V Beleura 2 Away **Lost** 47 - 69, Points: 0, Ladder position: 3rd

Rinks: Rossi (17 – 22), Farr (17 – 20), Parkinson (13 – 27)

Dromana 3 (Div 8) V West Rosebud **Lost** 34 – 38, Points: 2, Ladder position: 4th

Rinks: Flather (13 – 21), Donnelly (21 – 17)

Rink(s) of the day: J. Morris(L), G. Mullenger (2), R. Duck (3), P. Donnelly (S)

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.

U	E	A
R	G	M
I	S	N

Number of words – Below Average: 20; Average: 20 - 40; Good: 41 - 55; Excellent: 55+

Quiz Answers (from last week 27th October):

The 9-letter bowls-related terminology was **club-shirt**. 22 other words (apart from the **unprintable** ones) are hit, sit, bit, lit, his, sir, rib, stir, suit, list, crib, hits, slit, hilt, silt, itch, chit, built, birch, shirt, cubit. (Christ in not allowed as it is a proper noun). I am sure there are more!

A follow – up article, to last week’s article on going around a short bowl.

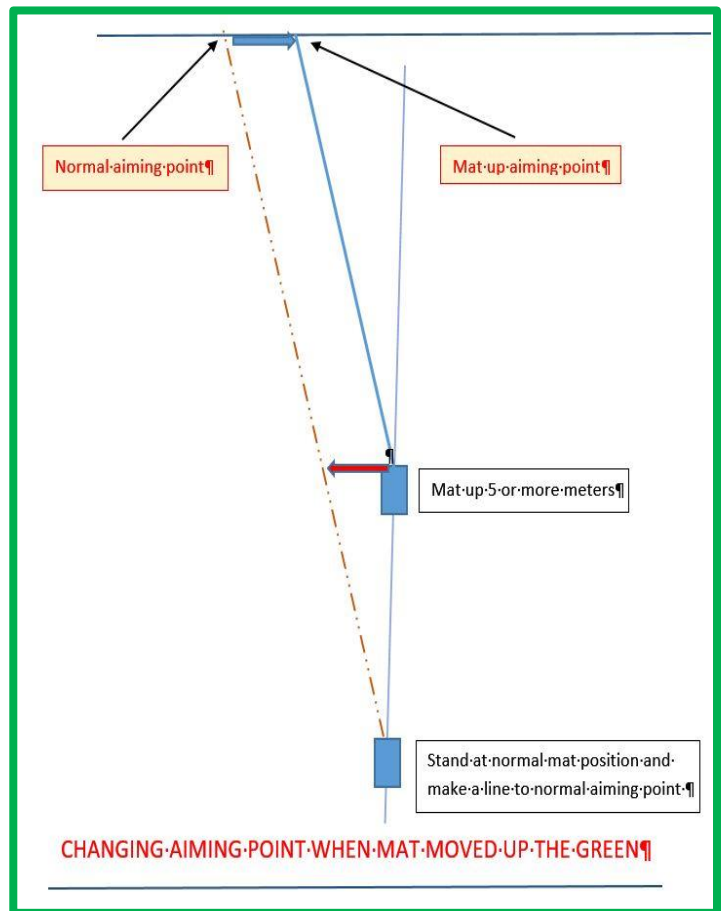
Teaching more advanced players how to deal with a mat up the line

Provided wind conditions do not change on each side of the green there is one angle at which the bowl must be delivered for it to finish on the centre line.

Some bowlers visualize this angle. If you do this, you do not need to worry about the position of the mat.

Most bowlers find their green from a point on the bank (hence keeping the angle fixed unless the mat position changed). Most ends of bowls are played with the mat between 1 and 4 metres of the T, and on the trial ends the mat will usually be in this **normal** range.

If the mat is less than about 5 metres from the T the change of angle is so small that it is not worth changing the bank aiming point



When the mat is placed more than about 5 metres up the green it is easy to find your new aiming point



- Before going to the mat for your first bowl stand on the line in the normal position (1-2 metres from the T)
- Look at your aiming point.
- Imagine a line drawn from where you are standing to your aiming point.
- Estimate the distance between this line and the centre of the mat.
- For the new mat position move your aiming point towards the centre line by that distance