



WEEKLY BULLETIN



7th December 2023



From The President

My best wishes to everyone. Only a couple of weeks of

Pennant left before the Xmas break, and we are certainly getting knee deep into the competitive season right now!

What a great day was had by everyone last Sunday, the inaugural **Alison James Lady Skips Day**. There were so many legends of Dromana Bowls Club present on the day, and our beloved Life Member **Alison** was certainly appreciative of the efforts made by the club to celebrate her achievements in our chosen sport. Life members everywhere!

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my gratitude to **Di Washfold** for her foresight and creativity in having a vision for such a celebration, along with **Phil Gannon** and his team for bringing it to fruition. There were many other people who had a massive influence in making this day the success it was, and they were all mentioned at length in the celebrations post-game. Well done to all who played and participated in this great day, and our best wishes are extended to **Alison** for a full return to good health in the near future. It was also great to see ex-President **Ron Fothergill** in attendance as well, he is a fantastic support for **Alison** and a much-respected member and friend to Dromana Bowls Club.

Without mentioning **Amelia Gibson** and **Val Park** in particular (I just have), I must express my gratitude to these two ladies whose constant involvement and attention to detail in all things relating to club administration is an inspiration.

Where other club members may advise, suggest, and question, these two actually **do**.

Personally, I would be lost without them, and nothing brought this home more to me than watching them organising all things edible on Saturday afternoon, ready for the Sunday function. And I must not forget **Barbara Souter** in my list of "Thank You's" either: for a non-bowler and Social member her contribution to the club has been enormous over many years.

There are still a couple of community functions to be held at the club between now and Xmas, we need to constantly remind all members that volunteers are always needed (and appreciated). Ring **Amelia, Val** or **myself** if you feel you can be of help in any way.

Our bowling members have remained active in a number of MPBR events over the past week, and their involvement is as follows. **Andy Wain, Nino Bonora and Graeme Abblitt** gave it their all, last Wednesday evening in the State Triples at Rosebud, played as it was in damp, dark and very wet conditions. No luck there, but the boys gave it their best shot, as did father/son combo **Matt and Patrick Williams** in the Novice Singles last weekend. Well done for giving it a go guys, you can only be better for the experience.

So that is it for another week. All the best of health to everyone, look out for yourself in the lead up to Xmas, and as usual: bowl, socialise, and live well.

Best wishes, **Peter**.

This Week's Sponsors

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Announcement

Do you know someone that might be looking to sell their property?

YPA Dromana is proud to support the Dromana Bowls Club, by giving back a \$1000 visa gift card to the Club for every referral from Club Members.



The seller does not need to be a member of the Bowls Club. Gift card awarded upon settlement of the property with Tide Realty. LIC trading as YPA Dromana.





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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER - PENINSULA CLUB

Looking forward to a lovely lunch with great entertainment and company.

- \$40.00 pp
- Two course meal and entertainment
- Entertainment – Andrew “The Wiz” Farrell - one of our favourites

Details for payment on the [flyer](#).



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS RAFFLE

Ticket sales are starting to progress but still plenty more to be purchased - do not miss out on your chance of winning one of the lovely hampers.

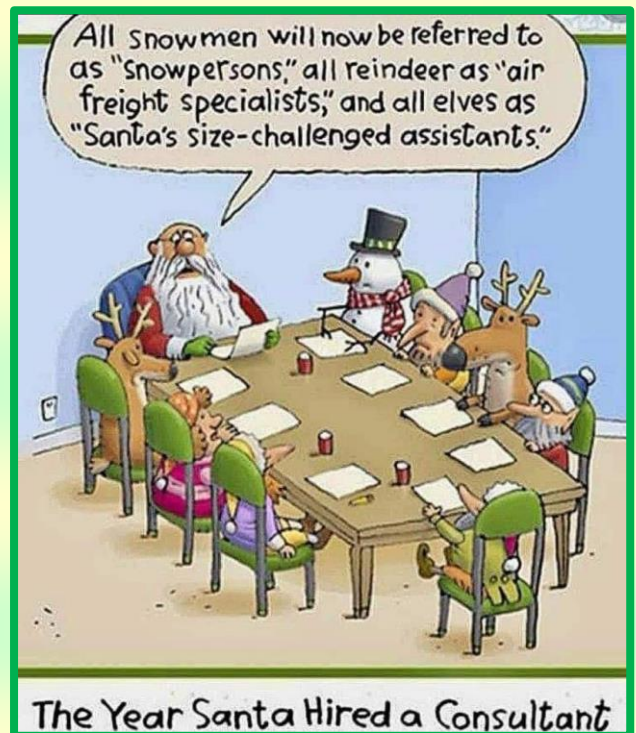
Those people who have kindly taken some tickets to sell to friends, please make sure you return the butts and money before Happy hour on Friday 15th December.

Looking forward to catching up with you at the club.

Michele Castles

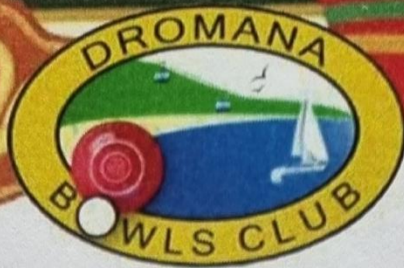


**Canasta – Monday 1pm
All Welcome**



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



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. starting this Friday, 9th December.**

Our Coaches will be available to assist and encourage.

Di Washfold

"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



*Cip Corva
and
Jan Bulka
both on
Tuesday 12th December*



New member, **Bruce Hawker (right)** vacuuming the green on Friday. It is great that the "new guys" get in and help. Bruce has been a great help to **Terry Rowe**, who has been doing the vacuuming of the Greens for a long time now.



Bruce joined Dromana BC back in May, with his good friend, **Bob Langford (left)** and have been regulars on Monday Triples, Wednesday Twilight and Friday Night Happy Hour.



Social Groups visiting Dromana BC

Members of the Australian House of Representatives Liberal party **Aaron Violi** (Casey), **Keith Wolahan** (Menzies) and our own **Zoe McKenzie** (Flinders) together with their staff spent an enjoyable afternoon together barefoot bowling at Dromana Bowling Club this afternoon. They had a ball. President **Peter Gordon**, front & centre.





Club Championship Events

Ladies' Pairs:

Final: S. McColgan & J. Wells v C. Whitwell & A. Eldridge

On or before 25th February 2024

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.



Round 1 Mens Pairs.

From Left: **Andy Wain, Peter Brace, Graeme Abblitt and Geoff Larkin.** A good quality game.

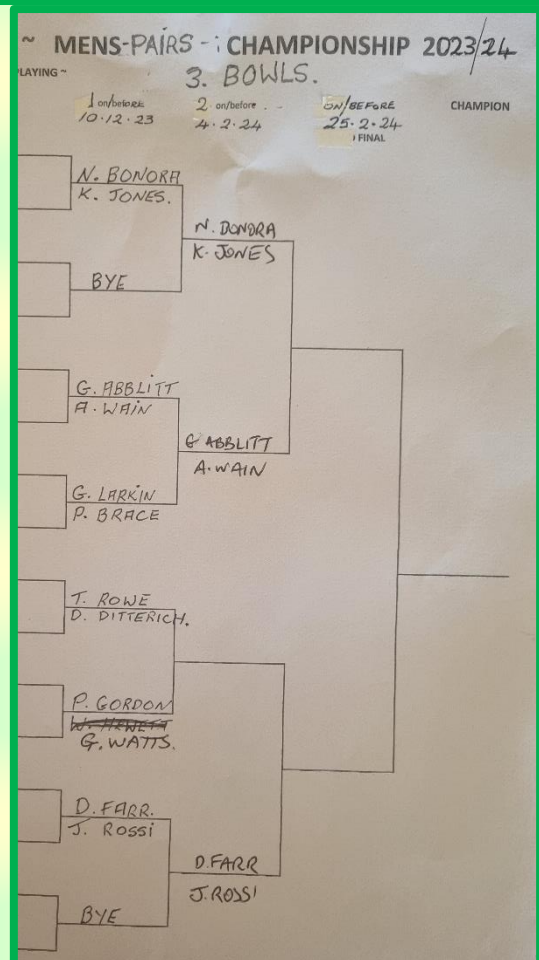
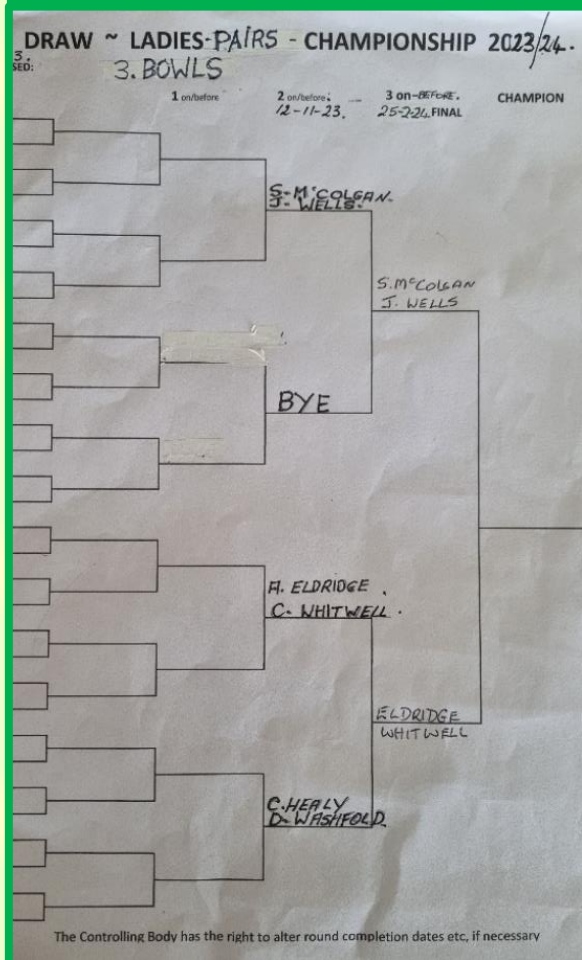
The **Singles Championship Finals** will be:

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 Men's & Ladies Pairs Championships



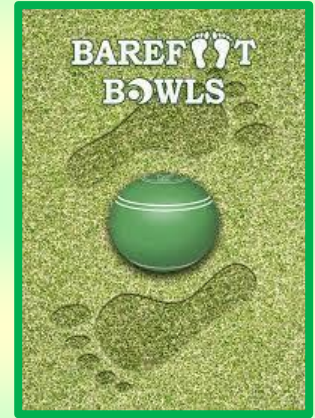
Barefoot Bowls

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.
8 th December	Val Park/Barbara Flather	David Moore
	Doug Algie	Ron Duck
15 th December	Val Park/Pat Donnelly	David Cowie
	Frank & Sandra McColgan	Nino Bonaro
22 nd December	Chris Whitwell	George Bulka
	Pat Donnelly/Val Park	Steve Parkinson
	Bev Brierley	
29 th December	Eric & Gill Fletcher	Len Starkey
	Carmel Rowe	Keith Jones
	Doug Algie	Stephen Neville

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

8 th December	15 th December	22 nd December	29 th December
Janet Ryde	Shirley Peters	Anthony Rushton	Joy Smith
Jim Rossi	Ron Peters	Glenn Mills	Bernie Smith
Chris Rossi	Vivienne Gannon	Colin Carey	Bev Waugh

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 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).

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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Alison James Lady Skip Day 2023

Alison James' Lady Skips Day was held at the club today. And what a wonderful way to celebrate one of our life members who joined our club in 1984. President **Peter** welcomed all. **Phil Gannon** our Match Director ran the day with his well-oiled team and the sun came out to welcome all to our wonderful club.



The Lady Skips

From left:

Pat Donnelly, Robyn Flower (Rosebud CC), Joy Harris (Balnarring), Di Washfold, Helen Quinton (Rosebud CC), Sandra McColgan, Carol Hardham (Keysborough), Denny Phillips (Mt. Martha), Bronwyn Evans, Susan Hand (Mornington Civic), Jean Wells, Sam Toumaras, Carmel Healy, Bev Waugh.



Our ex-President Pat Donnelly and ex-member Denny Phillips who is now at Mt Martha

Denny and Peter ex members now members of Mt Martha Bowls club as it's only 5 houses from their new home.



President Peter with Margaret Dawson a much loved and long-term member.





Winning team for the day. Peter Gordon, Anthony Rushton, Skip Di Washfold with Alison James and Phil Gannon.



Runners up for the day. David Baud, Alison, Den Healy and Skip Carmel Healy and Phil.



First game winners. Skip Sandra McColgan, Terry Rowe, Frank McColgan and with Alison and Phil.



2nd game winners. Keith Jones, Mt Martha team of Peter Phillips, Skip Denny Phillips, Alison and Phil.



Third game winners. Skip Barb Flather, Chris Whitwell, Pat Donnelly, Phil and Alison.

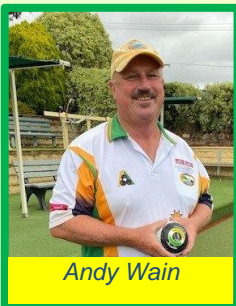


Mystery team winner. Peter Brace, Alison, Nino Bonora, Skip Jean Wells and Phil.









Andy Wain

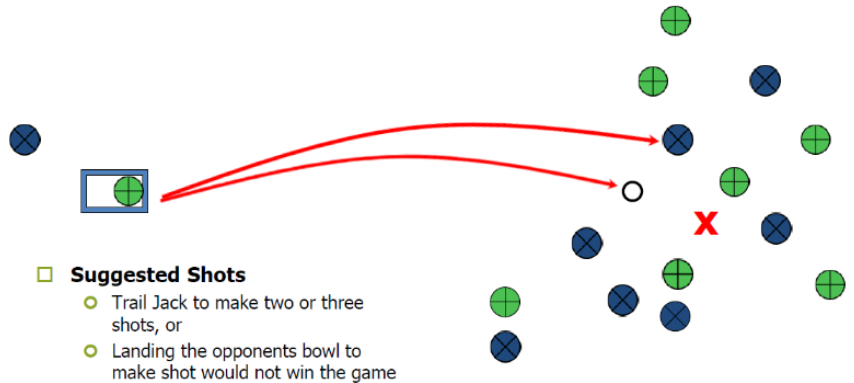
WHAT WOULD YOU DO? - WEEK 15

Last week's WWYD? Week 15 pictured right. Suggested shots indicated in Red.

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

Scenario A1: – You have the bowls

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



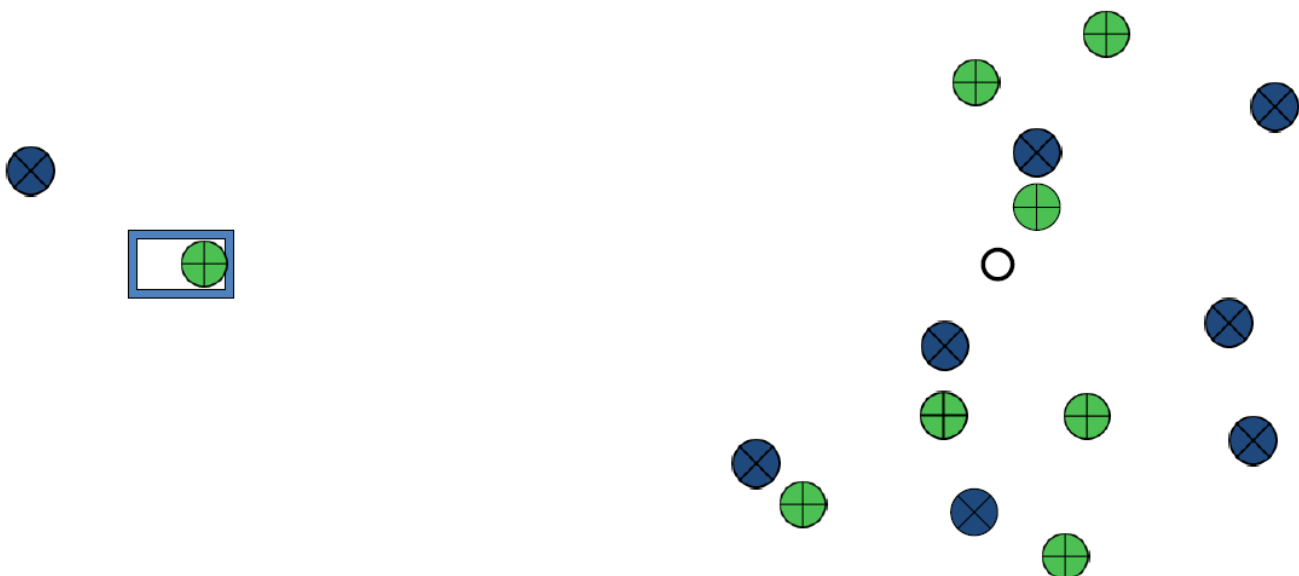
- **Suggested Shots**
 - Trail Jack to make two or three shots, or
 - Landing the opponents bowl to make shot would not win the game

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 A2: – You have the bowls

- Your opponent has **one** bowl to come and you are **two** down on the **master score board** and this is the **last** End
 - What shot would you play?



Tony's Lookback



Tony Evans

Another Tony's Talkback from the archives:

Member: SANDRA MCCOLGAN
(pictured right)

This week I am chatting with **Sandra McColgan**

Sandra was born in Manchester, U.K. and was the eldest of 13 children and because she was the eldest it was her job to look

after the other 12 brothers and sisters. Her

primary school was Holy Trinity, Manchester and then onto New Moston Secondary in Manchester. She enjoyed playing netball and rounders at school.



Sandra worked as a Laboratory Assistant with ICI in Manchester. It was at this stage of our chat that

she asked if I was writing all this down on a toilet roll as it was a long story!! **Sandra** came to Australia in 1969 and lived in West Melton. She met **Frank** on a blind date (another long story for another time).

Everybody knew **Sandra** when she came to Dromana Bowls Club in 2003, as she had a business in Dromana, the Wool and Craft shop. Every day at the shop a lady would arrive at 9am and stay chatting till closing time and **Sandra** didn't get any work done. **Frank** encouraged the lady to the Bowls Club Open Day, where she was successful in winning a small trophy and wanted **Sandra** to come and watch her bowl. **Sandra** turned up but the lady was a 'no show' and the Coach, **Pat Brew** asked **Sandra** to have a bowl. Two hours later and not being able to walk the next day....the rest is history. **Sandra** and **Mal Price** joined the club at the same time.

Sandra has been an umpire and was a qualified coach. She has represented Victoria in their open side and also the over 60's team. Playing against such people as Australian player **Karen Murphy** during games of State fours and pairs Champion of Champions.

Sandra won the State Novices and the State 4's, partnered by **Gwen Hildebrand** in her first year and was Victorian Champion of Champions and went to W.A. She also won eight Victorian State titles. She has been six times Singles Club Champion at Dromana and Country Club. **Sandra** has held the position of Selector of both Saturday Pennant and Mid-Week Pennant at Dromana and also at Country Club.



F.D.L.B.A Pennant 2004-2005 Winners, Division 1
Back Row: Nita Bouker, Gwen Hildebrand, Ann Cross, Helen Napthine, Pat Loveday
Middle Row: Margaret Robinson, Lorna Williams, Grace Heffitt, Margaret Dawson, Alison James
Front Row: Sandra McColgan, Carol Spencer, Gwen Holt, Dot Vörbach (Pres.), Eila Peacock, Robyn Parsons, Isabel Webber





Most admired Sports person: Billy Slater
AFL / NRL Team: Carlton and Melbourne Storm
Hobbies apart from bowls: None, but she hates cleaning. It is her least preferred thing to do.



Favourite TV Show: Crooks and Cops, Who-Dunnits and Murder
Favourite Music: Country and Western
Favourite Singer: Merle Haggard
Lockdown activities: Jigsaw puzzles on iPad



Sandra and Frank have enjoyed trips to Albury and Merrimbula whilst children were young. They enjoy a coffee at Baker Boys Cafe each morning and love a home cooked roast. Her favourite drink is Chardonnay but only one glass per night.... just keep refilling it.

Her passion is watching her grandkids, and two great grandkids grow up and become nice people.

Thanks for the chat,

Cheers Tony

Saturday, 25th November 2023

Regional Events

On Sunday (3/12/23), **Matt Williams** and his son, Patrick (pictured right), played in the MPBR Past Presidents Novice Singles held at Mornington Civic Bowls Club. Although not successful on the day, both gained valuable experience from the event.



Last Wednesday evening(29/11/23) at Rosebud on the Beach, under the lights, **Nino Bonora, Andy Wain and Graeme Ablitt** represented Dromana BC in the State Triples. Unfortunately, they lost to a very good Rye combination, but were very competitive. They were very appreciative of the support given by **Peter Gordon, Matt Blackwell, Frank and Sandra McColgan**.

This Wednesday, **Sandra McColgan** and **Di Washfold** are playing in the State Triples, also at Rosebud on the Beach, but in different teams.

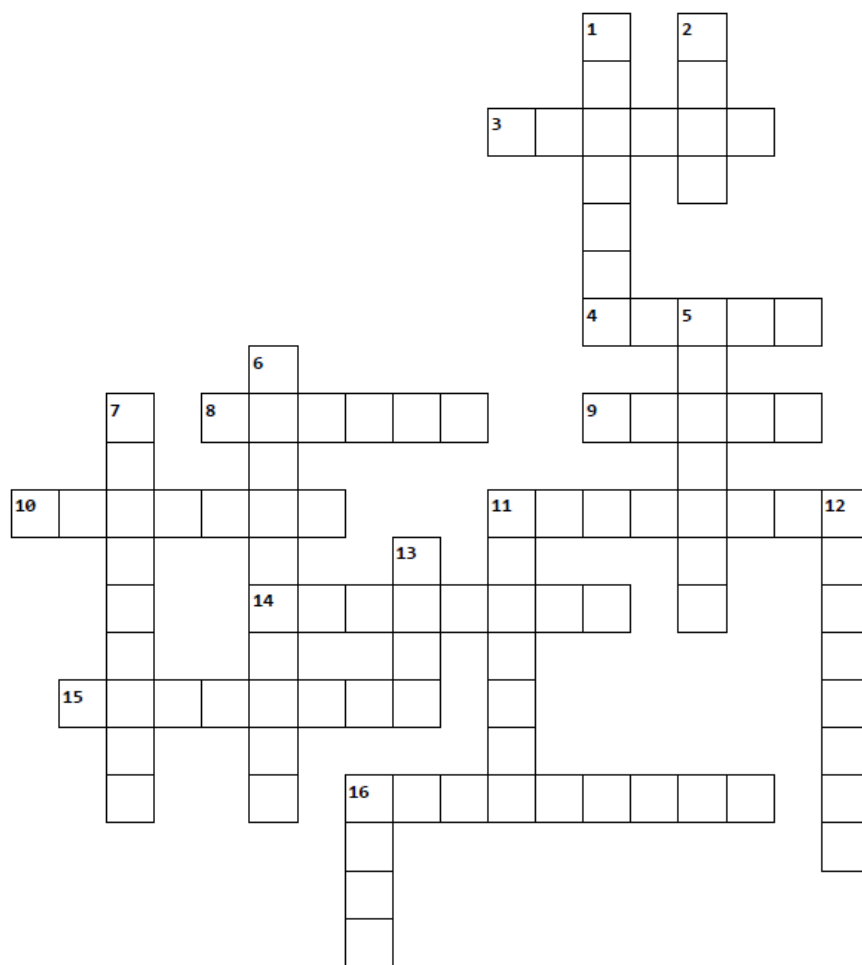
It is great to see Dromana BC represented in these events.

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

Bowls Terminology



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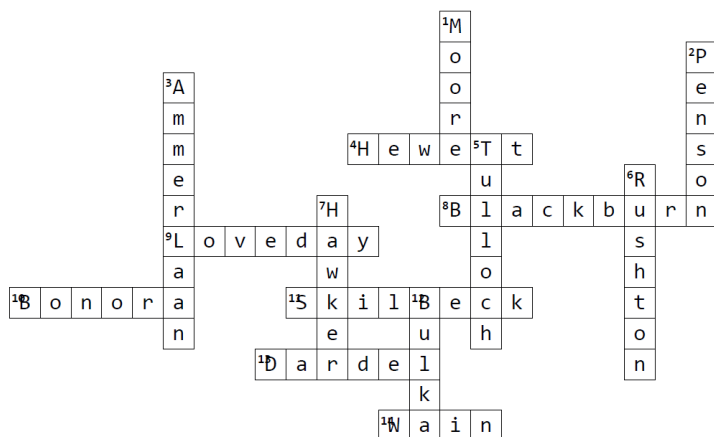
3. The position adopted by the bowler on the mat, prior to delivery.
4. The depression that surrounds the green. Its edge marks the boundary of the playing surface.
8. A person who undertakes to see that a game of singles is played according to the rules. He marks all touchers, centres the jack, measures, and keeps the score.
9. A shot excruciatingly executed, yet sublimely successful – do at least say sorry!
10. A device used to determine which bowl is nearest the jack.
11. When, for the right-handed player, the bowl is delivered so that the curve of the bowl is from left to right as it moves towards its objective.
14. Where the player has allowed too much green or land for his bowl. (4,4)
15. When, for the right-handed player, the bowl is delivered so that the curve of the bowl is from right to left as it travels towards its objective.
16. A bowl that has not been delivered with sufficient pace to reach its objective.(5,4)

Down

1. An end which is considered not to have been played and so no score is recorded. It can happen as a result of the jack being driven out of the confines of the playing area.(4,3)
2. The round yellow/white ball towards which play is directed.
5. A bowl which during its course has touched the jack.
6. Where a player has not allowed enough green or land. (6,4)
7. Where a bowl has been delivered with too much pace and will end beyond its objective. (5,4)
11. A bowl delivered with the correct pace to stop short of the objective, in the hope that it will prevent an opponent being able to play a certain shot.
12. Either a bowl which comes to rest in the ditch or is knocked into the ditch and is not a toucher, or a bowl that comes to rest outside the confines of the rink, either in its course or by being knocked there.(4,4)
13. The player who lays the mat, rolls the jack, and delivers the first bowl in an end.
16. The captain of a game of fours, triples or pairs. He is last to bowl and is responsible for dictating the tactics of the game.

Brain Teaser Answers (from last week 30th November):

Dromana Bowls Surnames 2



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

Weekly Bowls Report

Wednesday Twilight (29/11/23): 10 players

Cheers, **Di.**

Thursday (Club Selected) (30/11/23): 8 players

A group of 8 bowlers fronted for last Thursday (30th November). Two games of 2-4-2 each of 10 ends were played on a windy but otherwise fine day. Great fun with close games.

Cheers, **Keith Jones**

Saturday Pennant Round 8 (2/12/23):

Dromana 1 (Div 2) V Mt. Martha Away

Rinks: S. McColgan (-), Wain (-), Watts (-)

Washout, Points: 8, Ladder position: 2nd

Dromana 2 (Div 3) V Mt. Martha @ Home

Rinks: Moore (21 – 18), **J. Waugh (22 – 9)**, Washfold (12 – 24)

Won 55 – 51, Points: 14, Ladder position: 7th

Dromana 3 (Div 9) V Koo Wee Rup Away

Rinks: Neville (-), Gannon (-)

Washout, Points: 7, Ladder position: 1st

Dromana 4 (Div 10) V BYE

Rinks: -

BYE, Points: 14, Ladder position: 3rd

Rink of the day: **David Ditterich, Jean Wells, John McMurray, John Waugh**

Monday Triples (4/12/23): 41 players

Best 2 Game Winners: R. Tulloch, D. Cowie, J. Ammerlaan

Best 2 Game Runners - Up: C. Anketell, L. Blackburn, J. Bell

Best 1st Game: N. Bonora, J. Wells, P. Brace

Best 2nd Game: J & B Waugh, B. Gray

Tuesday Pennant Round 7 (5/12/23):

Dromana 1 (Div 1) V Karingal 1 @Home

Rinks: Abblitt (21 – 20), McColgan (10 – 31), C. Healy (23 – 26)

Lost 54 – 77, Points: 2, Ladder position: 7th

Dromana 2 (Div 6) V Mt. Martha 4 Away

Rinks: Farr (16 – 26), **Tulloch (32 – 14)**, Blackwell (21 – 15)

Won 69 - 54, Points: 14, Ladder position: 4th

Dromana 3 (Div 8) V Morn. Civic 5 Away

Rinks: Duck (21 – 22), Donnelly (11 – 30)

Lost 32 – 52, Points: 0, Ladder position: 7th

Rink of the day: **Frank McColgan, Bronwyn Evans, Joe Ammerlaan, Russell Tulloch**



The "Rogues" Gallery

Members from **Dromana 1** returned from **Mt. Martha** (washout) and had a very enjoyable (and sometimes funny) afternoon, supporting the **Dromana 2** team, in their great win against **Mt. Martha 2**.

Pictured from L to R: **Terry Rowe, Peter Gordon, Matt Blackwell, Carmel Healy, Wayne Hewett, Sandra McColgan and Gill Fletcher** (at front).

Also present were **Graeme Abblitt and Andy Wain**.