



WEEKLY BULLETIN



9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## From The President



Hello to everyone and I hope you are all enjoying the recent change to semi-summer weather. Take care when you are outside and on the greens however, as dehydration and sun exposure are ever-present dangers. Already there have been a couple of instances where bowlers have been seen struggling in the heat, with individuals showing signs of **“not being adequately refreshed.”** And I am not speaking about over the bar post-game either. Keep those water bottles full!

It is certainly great to see the Men’s and Ladies’ Singles, as well as the Ladies’ Pairs, events running along so smoothly right now. Although I am personally disappointed in the numbers these Championship games are getting, the standard has been most pleasing, and all games well worth watching. As always, the spirit of competition shines through, and this year, as always, no bowler can take a result for granted. Some big results already, so stay tuned. No bowler is safe! I certainly look forward to and expect participation numbers to increase when the other formats relating to our Club Championships are rolled out in the period before and after Xmas.

We welcomed back the **Waugh’s** to Monday Triples this week, and also witnessed the home ground debut of two of our newest members, **Matt** and **Patrick Williams**. The father/son combination bowled really well at times, and it was a pleasure to witness the second game match-up between **Patrick** (12 y.o) and club legend **Gerry Shepherd** (97y.o) The two extremities of our age profile, these two fellas had a terrific tussle, and it was great to see how

much support **Gerry**, and all other bowlers, gave to **Patrick** on the day. A really, really nice feel - good story.

And one more story from Monday. Over the last few weeks another club stalwart, **Les Blackburn**, has made his way back into our playing ranks, and is thoroughly enjoying himself. So much, in fact, that a very experienced bowler at the club happened to say quietly to me: **“he could still play as my second any day!”** It is lovely to have you back with us **Les!**

With a number of bowling, social and community related events coming up in the lead into Xmas, please support Dromana Bowls Club and each other by helping out when and where you can.

From Remembrance Day this weekend through to Barefoot Bowls and school coaching sessions, our members are out and about helping the community in any number of areas. Your help and input is always much appreciated by the Board.

Finally, please remember **Amelia’s** pleas from the heart, regarding volunteers to undertake courses in First-Aid and Food Handling. A number of individuals have already approached me with expressions of interest, so please continue to contemplate participation in these, and other important areas, of our great club. Ditto for the two remaining positions that are now available on Match Committee.

And that is it for another week. Continue to stay

well, bowl well, and socialise well. I hope you came out as a winner on Tuesday!

Looking forward to our first night of Barefoot Bowls this Friday, I wish you a very good

afternoon, good evening good night.  
*(Apologies to Truman Burbank).*

Regards, **Peter.**

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# Sponsors' Night

Carmel, Chris and Terry with some of our sponsors, Beel Electrical, YPA and Pinnacle staff enjoying bowling followed by a barbeque . All had a great time



Grant Mullenger  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Carole Baines  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November



# Social and Fundraising News

It is starting to feel like Christmas is on the way. If you have been to or are at the clubrooms this week you will notice that the elves or better known as social committee have been busy putting up decorations. Many thanks to **John Waugh** for sorting out our power problems to the Christmas tree and to **Den** and **Andy** for helping get the tree up and in place.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - PENINSULA CLUB

Speaking of all things Christmas - Have you booked for Christmas lunch yet?

- \$40.00 pp
- Two course meal and entertainment
- Partner, friend or family member welcome

Pre-payment into the social account no later than Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and no refunds can be made. Details for payment on the flyer.



## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS RAFFLE

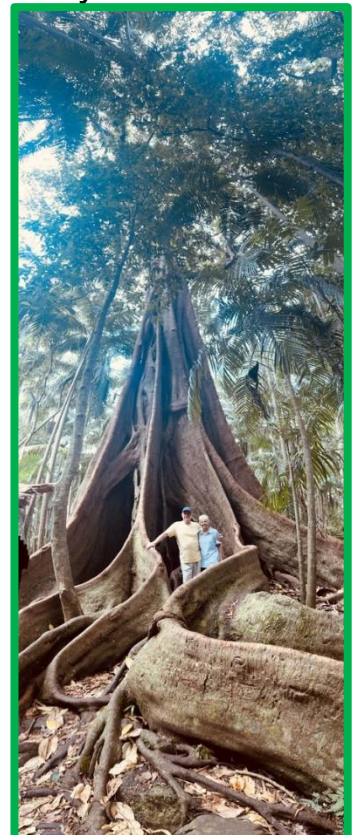
- Many thanks for all the great donations and the hampers are filling up fast. However, to make this a success we need to sell tickets. Please buy your tickets, available next to the hampers, and leave your money in the box provided. Can you take some tickets to sell to friends or neighbours? Please see myself or one of the committee if you can help out. Don't forget to write your name and telephone number clearly on the ticket butt and leave in the book. Good luck to everyone.

See you at the club,  
**Michele Castles**



*Nino, happy in Port Douglas*

**Canasta – Monday 1pm**  
**All Welcome**

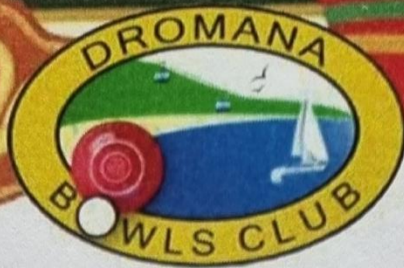


*Russell and Wendy, with this gigantic tree at Tamborine Mountain Queensland*

**Friday**  
**HAPPY HOUR**



**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*



## 85 Years Apart

**Our Youngest & Oldest,  
played against each other on Monday  
Triples.**

**Patrick W. (12 y.o) & Gerry S. (97 y.o)**

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](#).

Photos for the Newsletter or Club records:  
[photos@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:photos@dromanabowlsclub.com.au)

Reports and items for the Newsletter  
[newsletter@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:newsletter@dromanabowlsclub.com.au)

### From the Editors

I hope everyone is enjoying the Newsletter and "extra" things that are appearing. Thanks to Michele, Donna, Tony, Peter, Di, Carmel R., Keith, 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 [newsletter@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:newsletter@dromanabowlsclub.com.au).

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Round:** on or before Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
**Ladies' Singles 1<sup>st</sup> Round:** on or before Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
**Both Singles' Finals:** To be played on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Ladies' Pairs:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Round by 12<sup>th</sup> November  
 See draw below

**Men's Pairs:**  
 Entries close by **November 12<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m.** – **Note change of date.**  
 Final on or before 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Mixed Pairs:**  
 Entries close Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, 4 p.m.  
 Final on or before 10<sup>th</sup> 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/Results for the Singles & Ladies Pairs Championships

The image displays three hand-drawn tournament draws on paper. The leftmost draw is for the Ladies Singles Championship 2023-24, showing a bracket with participants D. Washford, S. Toumaras, J. Wells, and C. Whitwell. The middle draw is for the Mens Singles Championship 2023-24, listing participants such as R. Duck, D. Healy, W. Hewett, N. Bondra, D. Farr, J. Rossi, H. Wain, D. Filgie, G. Watts, T. Rowe, and C. Whitwell. The rightmost draw is for the Ladies Pairs Championship 2023-24, showing a bracket for pairs including S.M. Colman & J. Wells, F. Eldridge & C. Whitwell, and C. Healy & D. Washford. Each draw includes dates for various stages like elimination, semi-finals, and finals.

## 'Getting ready for Barefoot Bowls'

Barefoot Bowls will re-commence **this week on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



*Circa 2015*

### BAREFOOT BOWLS GREENS ROSTER (Next 4 weeks)

	5:00pm – 6:30pm.	6:30pm – 8:00pm.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Pat Donnelly/Chris Whitwell	David Moore
	Barbara Flather	Mick Arendsen
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Carmel Rowe	Steve Parkinson
	Pat Donnelly	Ron Duck
<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Frank & Sandra McColgan	Keith Jones
	Bev Brierley	George Bulka
<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Val Park/Pat Donnelly	Len Starkey
	Chris Whitwell	Nino Bonora

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

10 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November	24 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> December
Tony Evans	Wayne Hewett	Phil Carter	Marion McMurray
Bronwyn Evans	Graeme Abblitt	Robyn Carter	John McMurray
Carmel Rowe	Matt Williams	Joe Ammerlaan	Jean Wells

**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 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 (NEW TOURNAMENT) - Updated

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

## DBC STRAWBERRY DAY: SUNDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

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

## DBC PRESIDENTS DAY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Bowlink.

[Men's Pairs](#)

[Women's Pairs](#)

[Men's Triples](#)

[Women's Triples](#)

[Men's Singles](#)

[Women's Singles](#)

[Men's Fours](#)

[Women's Fours](#)

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[Women's Champion of Champions](#)

Entries Close **12/11/2023**

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Entries Close 23/11/2023

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Entries Close 07/02/2024

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

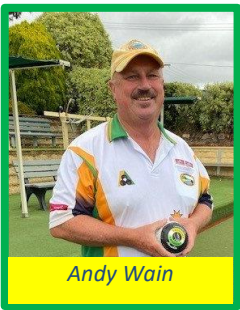
**Contact Details:**

**Email:**

**[match@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:match@dromanabowlsclub.com.au)**

**Phil Gannon; Match Director**

**Mob: 0405 773 858**



# WHAT WOULD YOU DO? - WEEK 12

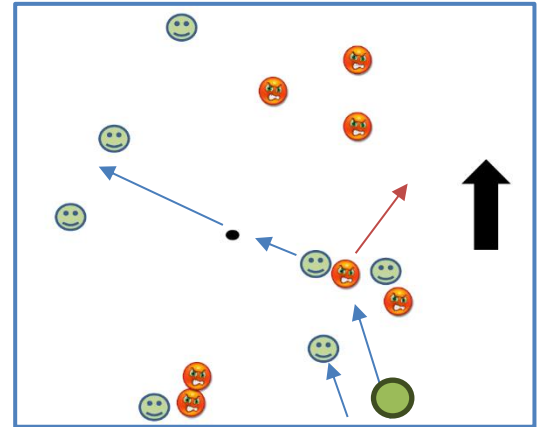
Last week's WWYD? Week 11 pictured right.

You need 3 at least, so the Jack needs to be moved (& followed) to the bowls on the back left as one possibility, very difficult to

execute.

A better option is to move the orange bowl next to the "shot" bowl, this could be done either on the backhand or forehand, I'd prefer the forehand as contact will push the green shot bowl onto the jack over to the waiting bowls at 9 & 10 o'clock, making at least 3.

If you were a touch narrow you might promote the short green bowl and could do the same.

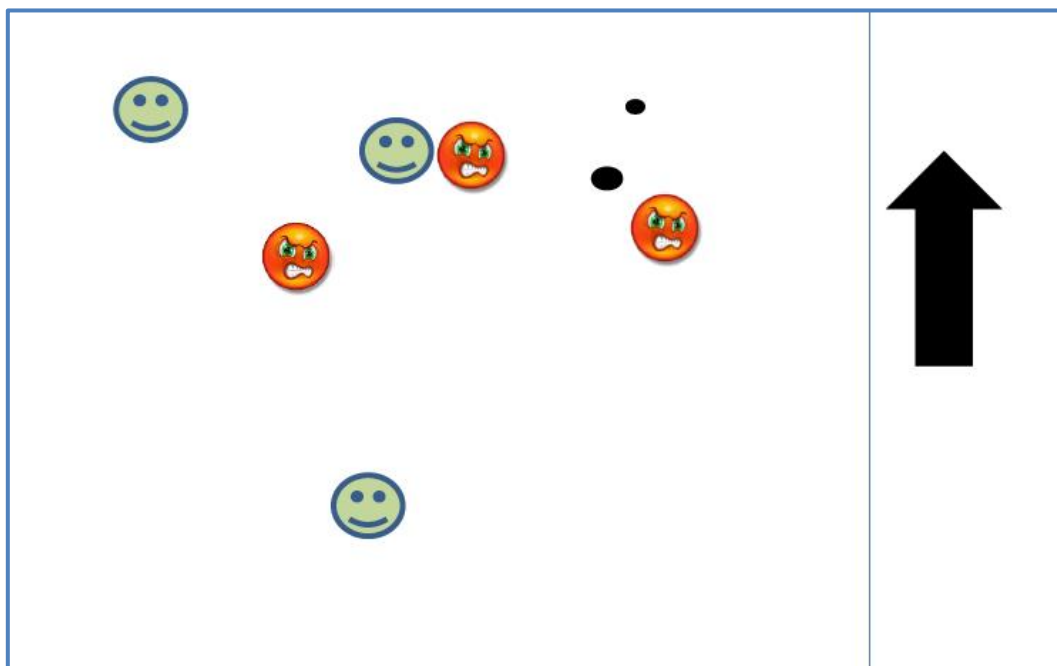


Which shot would you be most confident of playing?

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



**Scenario:** You are the **green** bowls

- You are playing a Singles game of 21up and are behind 15-18
- It is a **re-spot** game. The **line shows the boundary**, and the **smaller dot is the re-spot** (?)
- You were 7-17 behind and are beginning to out play your opponent.
- You were holding 2 shots, but the jack has just been trailed to its current position.
- You are **2 down** 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. 15 seconds.

# Tony's Talkback



Tony Evans

Here is a Tony's Talkback from 2020:  
This week I am having a chat with **Gerry Shepherd**

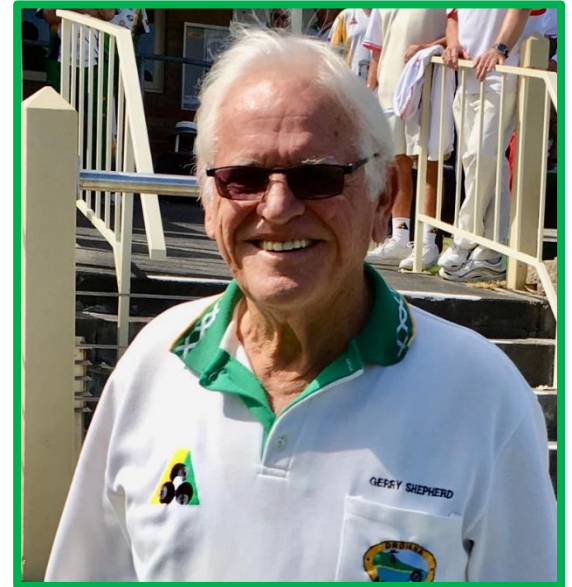
**Gerry** was born in Brighton East and lived in that area during his single years. He had one brother and three sisters and went to school in the Hampton area. He enjoyed kick to kick with his school

friends and still loves watching football  and tennis 

on television .

When **Gerry** left school, he took on a job as a Grocer boy making deliveries on his bike. He did mention that some of the orders with chocolate royals were a little light on after delivery, due to his liking of chocolate.

He joined the Navy at seventeen years of age but was not called up until eighteen and he signed up at Older Fleet building in Collins Street, Melbourne. He trained at Flinders for four months which was very demanding. It involved him rising at 6am and stripping to waist for exercise and if you were the last to arrive you had to frog march with a rifle above your head around the quadrangle.



**Gerry**'s served in the Navy for three years and was full of many highlights, the biggest one being when his ship was alongside another ship in Tokyo Bay and onboard the big brass of the Japanese Navy were signing the surrender of Japan. After the Navy he went into building and then into teaching woodwork and graphics for twenty-four years, finishing as a Careers Counsellor for thirteen years.

**Gerry** met his first wife at dancing school, and they were married for thirty years with three daughters, living in North Brighton. After divorcing, **Gerry** married **Win** and they were together for thirty years until she passed away a couple of years ago.

He bought a block of land in 1989 for \$42,000 and eventually moved to Dromana. He started bowls with Rosebud RSL and played for three years and because it closed down, he moved to Dromana BC in 2000.

When asked why he came to Dromana BC he said, "you are influenced by where you live". He played with **Merv Wagner** and his highlights at the bowls club are playing in a Premiership team three years ago and also when playing in a back-to-back

Premiership in Division 6.

**Positions held at the club:** **Gerry** does a great job as Welfare Officer and previously has been Sponsorship Co-coordinator.



**Persons most admired:** Allan "Yabby" Jeans  
**AFL team:** St Kilda



**Favourite TV Personality:** Eddie McGuire  
**Favourite TV shows:** AFL Football/Tennis



**Favourite drinks:** Loves a cold beer  
**Favourite Food:** Steak and Eggs



**Favourite Movie:** Cool Hand Luke  
**Favourite Actors:** Paul Newman & Tom Hanks



**Favourite Travel:** Northern Territory, Darwin and USA



**Music Likes:** Country and Western  
**Favourite Singers:** Slim Dusty & Glen Campbell



**Passions:** Wood designing and lawn bowls



**Lockdown habits:** He enjoyed writing articles to Newspaper Editor

**After lockdown:** Catching up with bowling friends.

Thanks for the chat, Gerry.....Tony 22/11/20

**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.

E	E	T
R	P	D
I	S	N

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

**Quiz Answers (from last week 2<sup>nd</sup> November):**

The 9-letter bowls-related terminology was **measuring**. Other words (apart from the **unprintable** ones) **8-letter:** geranium, resuming, smearing; **7-letter:** reaming, searing; **6-letter:** ageism, arming, easing, enigma, genius, guinea, imager, manger, margin, mirage, musing, ragmen, regain, resign, singer; **5-letter:** anger, argue, auger, gamer, genus, grain, grime, image, mange, range, reign, ruing, sarge, sigma, singe, sugar, surge, suing, unrig, usage; **4-letter:** ague, gain, game, gear, germ, gram, grim, mage, magi, mega, mung, rage, rang, ring, rung, sage, sign, sing, smug, snag, snug, sung, urge; **3-letter:** age, erg, gar, gas, gem, gin, gun, mug, nag, rag, rig, rug, sag.

I am sure there are more!

# Weekly Bowls Report



**Wednesday Twilight (1/11/23):** 8 players  
Bowlers are all new, Social Plus.  
They had wonderful ends, but this one was stunning.

The bowl on the right is the toucher from very new member **Steve Berryman**.

The shot bowl is from brand new bowler ( just started) **Michelle Smith**,

The next bowl is **Steve's** second bowl and the furthest is **Bruce's**.

The red bowl from **Colin**(on the bank) remarkably came down THROUGH THE GAP

between the shot bowl and the Jack without touching anything and only just dropped into the ditch. What an end!

Photographed (R to L): **Bob, me, Anne Hawker, Steve Berryman, Bruce and Colin**.

Fabulous night.

Cheers, **Di**.

## **Thursday (Club Selected) (2/11/23):**

A total of nine players turned up for a day of bowls played on a generally warm and sunny day (a bit of an improvement from our recent weather).

Given the odd number of players two games of 2-4-2 were played made up of one game with two players on each team and a second game made up of one team of two against a team of three. To ensure the evenness of the teams the team of three played with three, three and 2 two bowls. This created a bit of confusion with the order of delivery for a few ends, but we eventually worked it out. Two games of 10 ends were played including a lunch break which allowed for an early finish at about 2-30pm.

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 window and arrive by 10am for a 10-30am start.

**Keith Jones**

## **Saturday Pennant Round 4 (4/11/23):**

**Dromana 1** (Div 2) V Hastings 2 @Home

**Rinks:** Abblitt (9 – 24), S. McColgan (19 – 24), Watts (18 – 17)

**Lost** 46 – 64, Points: 2, Ladder position: 6<sup>th</sup>

**Dromana 2** (Div 3) V Frankston 2 @Home

**Rinks:** Ferguson (12 – 23), Farr (23 – 11), Starkey (11 – 22)

**Lost** 46 – 56, Points: 2, Ladder position: 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Dromana 3** (Div 9) V Yamala 2 Away

**Rinks:** Moore (25 – 15), Neville (25 – 10)

**Won** 50 – 25, Points: 14, Ladder position: 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Dromana 4** (Div 10)

**Rinks:** **Gannon (40 – 8)**, Donnelly(11 – 21)

**Won** 51 - 29, Points: 12, Ladder position: 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Rink(s) of the day:** Gerry Shepherd, David Greatorex, Peter Brace, Phil Gannon

## **Monday Triples (6/11/23):** 48 players

**Best 2 Game Winners:** Nino B., Jean W. & Peter B.

**Best 2 Game Runners - Up:** Sandra Mc., Frank Mc. & Derrik F.

**Best 1<sup>st</sup> Game:** Gary R., David F. & Jeff D.

**Best 2<sup>nd</sup> Game:** Gary & Janet R. & David D.

See photos on next page



**Wednesday Pennant Round 4 (8/1/23):**

**Dromana 1 (Div 1) V Belvedere 1 Away**

**Rinks:** Ablitt (22 – 24), McColgan (15 – 23), **C. Healy** (24 – 15)

**Dromana 2 (Div 6) V Frankston 5 @Home**

**Rinks:** Rossi (14 – 22), Farr (19 – 15), Rushton (13 – 17)

**Dromana 3 (Div 8) V Rye 2**

**Rinks:** Flather (13 – 24), Donnelly (13 – 30)

**Lost 61 – 62, Points: 2, Ladder position: 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Lost 46 - 54, Points: 2, Ladder position: 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Lost 26 – 54, Points: 0, Ladder position: 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Rink(s) of the day: Len Starkey, Di Washfold, Ian Dale, Carmel Healy**

**Monday Triples in Action**



**16 Teams filled up the rinks**



mmm... one day, all this, could be mine!



Hey Terry, have you got room for 3 more?





# 2024 GALA



# STRAWBERRY DAY



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Please email your entry details to:  
[match@dromanabowlsclub.com.au](mailto:match@dromanabowlsclub.com.au)

