

A warm hello to everyone.

Plenty of action is happening behind the scenes as we continue in our attempts to unravel the red tape currently strangling our attempts to replace our carpet surface on the Hildebrand green. Hopefully you will have received the letter I sent to the Seawinds Councillors regarding our current issues, and I invite all members to feel free in contacting either one or all, of our local reps in this matter. Just remember to remain polite and cordial in your correspondence, because we don't want any disrespectful or "colourful" comments to cause any unnecessary rifts in our current relationship with the MP Shire. We want to be direct in our comments which reflect our frustration, but we also need to be reasonable, and above reproach in our tone and language. Not that I would expect anything less from our concerned, yet respectful members!

Moving on. A number of members are currently in the process of returning from their northern sojourn, and we welcome them back with the new bowling season approaching fast! Brekky and Opening Days loom closer, and it is great to see so many members, and visitors from other clubs, supporting the former.

Opening Day always takes care of itself, and with the ever-popular Zoe McKenzie once again in attendance, it should be a great day all round. If you can help in any way on Opening Day, or Brekky Day, please add your name to the list displayed on the noticeboard in the bar area. Michele and Amelia will be most pleased to hear from you. Sad news this week to hear of the sudden passing of ex-member Gary Wragg, an ex-teaching colleague of mine as well as a valued supporter of "Frankston on the Beach" Bowls Club. Gary joined our club at the same time as his great mate Kent Wickham, via Rosebud Cricket Club. Initially joining as Social members, the two guys were always appreciative of the warm social welcome Dromana extended to them in those early days. We extend our sympathies to Gary's family at this sad time.

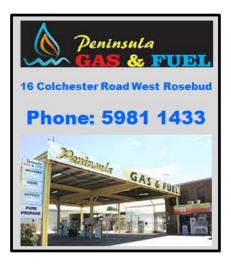
Just one last minute thought....how many of you would simply LOVE to see Tony Evans' weekly Parkinson feature where he interviewed well known, lesser known, and new bowlers in order to learn a bit more about the road taken to reach Stawell Street? I know I would love to see it back. Maybe Tony could take on a couple of apprentices to help share the workload.

So once again, that is all from me. Take care, play, and socialise well, and we will see you all next week.

Best wishes, Peter.



# THIS WEEK'S SPONSORS







### MONDAY

Open Nominated Triples arrive early for a 10.30 am start. List in Match Committee window. Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405773858

### **INDOOR BOWLS - WEDNESDAY**

There are two sessions held every Wednesday: 12.45 for a 1.00pm start and 6.45 for a 7.00pm start. The cost is \$6, bowls and tuition supplied. All are welcome. Enquiries: Contact Di 0417 397 138

Next Wednesday, the 30th, will be the last day of indoor bowls. The following Wed the 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a lunch at the Peninsula Club. For inquiries or to book call Lorna Williams 5987-3421. On behalf of the Wednesday people I would like to thank the men for putting down the mats and rolling them up, much appreciated. Chris Whitwell

### THURSDAY

Club Selected – arrive early for a 10.30am start. List in Match Committee window. Contact: Keith Jones 0418 550 752

### SATURDAY

Club Selected - arrive early for a 10.30 am start List in Match Committee Window Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405 773 858

Thanks Phil Gannon



### **CLUB TOURNAMENTS 2023-2024**

The following is an outline of dates we would ask you to take note of in your diaries. If you are talking to other Clubs, please mention these up-and-coming events. Further details and entry forms will be available closer to the dates of each tournament.

### DBC OPENING DAY: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2023

(One game of 12 ends after light luncheon & official opening. See Match Window for details and entry sheet.

### DBC BREKKY DAY: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023

BBQ breakfast similar to last year. 2 bowl, nominated 4's. Three games of 10 ends. See Match Window for details and entry sheet.

# DBC ALISON JAMES - LADIES SKIP DAY: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2023 (NEW TOURNAMENT)

(2 bowl triples, three games of 10 ends).

### DBC STRAWBERRY DAY: SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2024

(2 bowl triples, three games of 10 ends).

### 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).



# WINTER SKILLS PRACTICE

Unfortunately, the weather last week was wet and cold and the few bold souls who turned up were happy to sit inside. We talked a little about etiquette and laws and generally managed to make the world a better place.

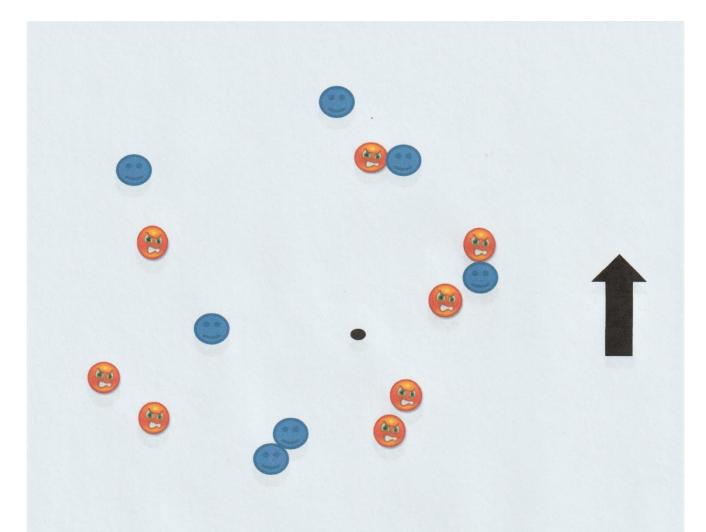
The forecast for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> is pretty good and I am looking forward seeing the usual pleasant faces and maybe even a few more. This will be the last of these organized Winter Skill Practices but all members are advised to carry out their own practice as well.

Good practice certainly helps to maintain your skills and even improve them.

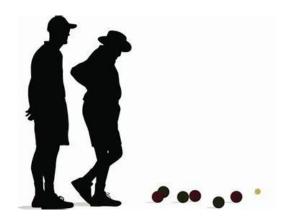
Ian Dale

Andy Wain has been investigating some online Coaching sites. If you are techie minded, you may wish to have a chat with him about what is available.

Here is an example from one site: What would you do Skip, in this situation?



Scenario: You are the blue bowls You are the skipper of a Pennant Team of 12 (3 rinks). You are on your last end and need 2 to win your rink. Another rink has finished and your 3<sup>rd</sup> rink has one end to play. You are 3 in front on the aggregate. You are 3 down in the head and you have the last bowl. The green is running a nice 15 seconds and is drawing well both sides.



# **SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS**

**RAFFLE DRAW:** This Friday following Happy Hour announcements. Good luck everyone. You don't need your tickets as - hopefully - your name and telephone number is printed clearly on a winning ticket.

**STEEPLES LUNCH, TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST:** The booking has been made under Dromana Bowls Club for 12 midday. The address – 225 Mornington-Tyabb Road, Mornington

**FISH AND CHIPS FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER:** The cost is \$15.00 for fried or \$16.00 for grilled. Please be sure to place and pay for your order no later than Tuesday 29th August. If possible, please have the correct money.

#### MUSIC MAKERS. SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2.00.

TICKETS - \$25.00pp. This will be a great afternoon of music provided by Andrew Farrell and Ash Gaudier. Payment details are on the flyer and the booking list is on the social news board.

I cannot be at the club again this Friday but looking forward to catching up next week. Cheers, Michele Castles

# **CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS**

It's in!! Congrats Amelia on a job well done! Thanks to Carmel Healy for her assistance also.





At Ellis Beach.... 🕿

Dave Ferguson and Bev and John Waugh and Tony and Bron Evans.





Second game winners on Monday! Gerry 97, Doug 90, Byron 91. What a performance!



Will you be this week's lucky WINNER



CANASTA – MONDAY 1.00PM All Welcome

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

