



WEEKLY BULLETIN



AUGUST 31ST 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good Afternoon, Good Evening or Good Night, depending on what time of day you may be reading this report. Bowling weather seems to be improving right now, even though last Monday I thought there might have been a real chance of being fogged out, just like Fitzroy v Carlton at the Junction Oval, 1971. I presume most of us here are old enough to remember that amazing VFL day, but anyway things improved; just as the low cloud was sliding halfway down the mountain around 2.30, the sun came out, the fog melted, and we basked in the brilliant light! That's how I remember it happening, anyway.

Speaking of last Monday, I can't begin to say how marvellous it was to see old club stalwarts John Bell and Les Blackburn back at the club after lengthy absences, due to varying circumstances. Both men have had long and distinguished careers at Dromana Bowls Club, and it is to be hoped that with a bit of prodding we may get both of them back on our Membership list, in whatever capacity they feel comfortable. They were made most welcome this week, and a number of long-term relationships were re-kindled with a hearty handshake, a joke, or even a hug! John and Les, we hope to see you again very soon!

Other news this week. Pennant is creeping ever closer, and already Derrik will have contacted all bowlers concerning potential dates and fixtures for September and October. Please organise your commitments in order to maximise your playing availability, especially if you have undertaken the responsibility of bowling Pennant full time in 2023/24. Be kind to the selectors please, and let

them know as early as possible if and when you are unavailable to play. Welcome also to Val Park as she has joined the Mid-week Selection group, having placed herself on the long-term injury list. This will no doubt enable her to take a detailed look at individual performances and team results, without having to worry about her own form!

Many thanks to Derrik Farr and Jeff Dardel for meeting with the Shire reps in my absence last Friday Morning. Apparently, the meeting went very well and we can look forward to some long-term commitment from the Shire when it comes to restoring the Duggan rink to its former glory. Let's keep hoping for some further good news soon when it comes to the re-surfacing of the Hildebrand green. The end of August is only a day away, by which time I have been promised some details concerning some timelines and strategies for this project. It's all a bit like the monetary bequest we are currently waiting upon. It's just one day at a time with the aforementioned "good news" likely to come out of the blue at any time. Hopefully anyway.

A big weekend coming up for new member Matt and his partner Kathryn. Come Saturday morning they will both be participating in the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb to raise funds for cancer research, which many of you have generously supported to date. Matt begins his climb between 10.40-11.00am, Kathryn at approximately 10.48am. For those interested in tracking their progress, and I know there are a lot of members who will be keen to watch, you can tune in to the livestreaming available on YouTube.

Simply type in:
MELBOURNE FIREFIGHTER STAIRCLIMB.

Good luck to our good friends! You will also be pleased to know that both Matt and Kathryn have just last week gained their RSA certificates, which means another two smiling faces to cater for your every need at the bar. Come Saturday, I'll be watching!

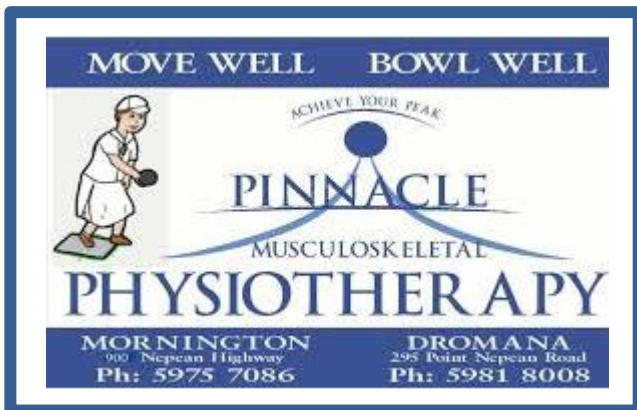
So that is it for another week. I hope to see you all at our Fish 'N' Chip night tomorrow, and while you are there, please put your name down as a volunteer for our two big upcoming events, as in Opening and Brekky Day. Amelia and her hard-working team of volunteers can't do it on their own! Catch up with you all soon, and look after yourselves. Regards, Peter.



A Presidential Response to Andy's Quiz #1

This is my response as a bowler who wants to be a skip (but can't read a head according to some), is probably a 3rd but is now in danger of being re-branded a lead (not that there's anything wrong with that). What I would do with my last bowl: Come in narrow with a metre of weight put on down the backhand side. Hit my first bowl at 7 o'clock and push the second of mine in the same spot forward and perhaps grab shot or save a shot or two. The same bowl might wick off my own on a 45 degree angle and get amongst the orange bowls at 5 o'clock perhaps deflecting into shot or at least cutting numbers back once again. A big draw on the forehand is a bit risky I reckon, as if you get it wrong you might promote the opposition and be in a worse state. Looking forward to Andy's poser #2 this week, please feel free to contact the Newsletter with your solution. After all, you are the best bowler in the club!!

THIS WEEK'S SPONSORS



Jeremy from **By the Bay Plumbing** installing new gas ducted heater in my home.

Sadly my old one died!



SOCIAL BOWLS

MONDAY

Open Nominated Triples arrive early for a 10.30 am start.

List in Match Committee window.

Contact: Phil Gannon: 0405773858

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

MATCH

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).



What Would You Do? Week 2

Last week's "What would You do?" generated a lot of discussion at the Friday's coaching session that Ian Dale has been running. Ian set out the scenario, on rink 2, and at the end of the session, a discussion was held on **What You Would Do?**

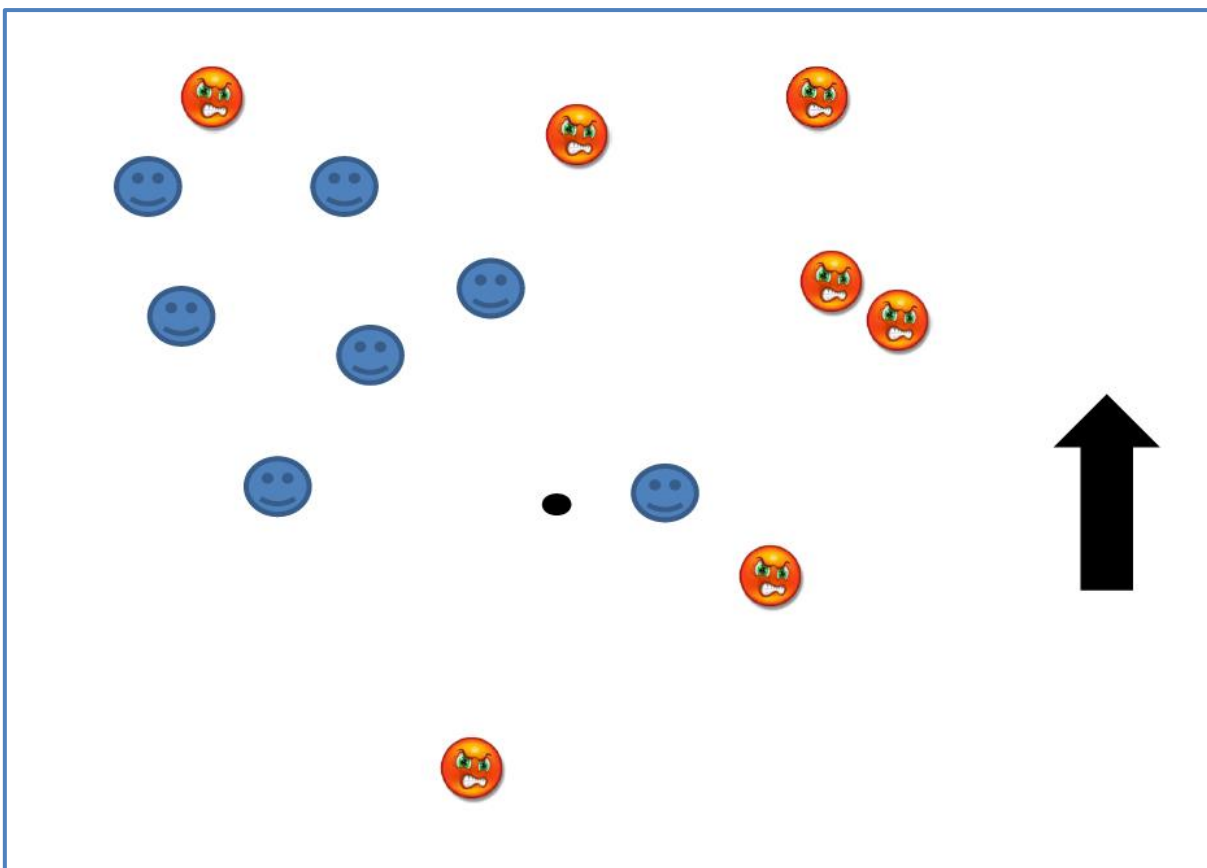
There were many of players favouring the backhand draw, some with a weighted backhand and some drawing on the forehand. THERE ARE MANY POSSIBLE SHOTS.

Then each player present, then had one bowl to try their preferred shot. The quality of the attempts was fantastic to see. A special mention to George Bulka who drew a resting toucher on his backhand around the 2 "blue" bowls.

There are 3 questions, I would like you to think about/discuss with friends, when looking at these scenarios (there will be 1 each week for the next few months):

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



Scenario: You are the **blue** bowls

- You are the skipper of a Fours Team playing in a knockout competition
- It is the 3rd End of a 15 end game and you lead 2-0.
- You are holding 1 shot and playing your last bowl.
- Your opponent has one bowl remaining.
- A slight breeze blows from the right hand side, making the arrow side of the green slightly wider.
- The green is wide drawing running approx. 13 seconds.

HOUSE UPDATE

- All the kitchen items have now been sorted, washed thru the dishwasher and are back in the kitchen uncluttering the western lounge area again. Huge thanks to Barb Souter and Michele Castles for assisting me with that mammoth job.

Just a reminder - all used kitchen items MUST be washed in the dishwasher. If you are unsure, please ask or rinse the item and leave it in a dishwasher tray on the sink side of the dishwasher (aka the dirty area).

- This week several members who had completed the Food Safety online course met with me to refresh our knowledge with safe food handling etc. (which is necessary to ensure our kitchen continues operating). On behalf of Bev and myself we wish to thank you all for their time and dedication in assisting us. We ask all members to please accept and follow their directions if you are assisting at any time over the coming busy months. Thank You to Marion McMurray, Barb Souter, Michele Castles, Janet Ryde & Val Park (a couple more are still away on holidays - Di Washfold and John Waugh). Any member is still welcome to complete the online free course, just ask for the web link.

- The new fridge has arrived and is just about up and running. Thanks to the members who assisted with levelling the fridge, (you know who you are! - thank you).

- The kitchen cupboards now have signs on the front advising what's inside, so all items now have a designated home, and we would really appreciate you returning them there.

- To ensure that our clubhouse is kept clean, and tidy, can I ask that you recycle items by taking advantage of advertising them on the social club notice board with a small notice. (ie. sell, free, buy etc). It would be appreciated if items are not left at the club in hope that someone will want them. Thanks

Just one more thing...

we really could use a few more helpers with Opening Day - Saturday week 9th Sept.

On the Friday night before the event, from 3pm (prior to happy hour) - 2 more helpers to help move tables and chairs.

And Saturday after the formalities/game.

Helpers needed both in the hall and kitchen, to return the club back to normal.

Please put your name and preferred area on the sheet at the club.

Thanks in anticipation of your assistance.

Regards Amelia (House & OH&S director).

Many thanks to Amelia and Barb for the hours of work they put into putting the kitchen back together.



SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS

FISH AND CHIPS THIS FRIDAY. Don't forget the new time is 5.30 which will be followed by our usual Happy Hour announcements and raffle. Sweet treat will follow. Many thanks to Amelia once again for organising this.

MUSIC MAKERS. If you are interested in attending, please add your name to the booking list on the social news board and make your payment into the Bendigo Bank, Dromana Bowls Club Social account, all details are on the flyer. Andrew "the Whizz" Farrell and Ash Gaudion will be providing the music for us on Sunday 17th September. Doors and bar open at 1.30. \$25.00pp.

FASHION PARADE. Wednesday 4th, October . Lunch and complimentary glass of wine, great fashion parade with clothing provided by Cathrines of Dromana and Seychelles will be providing home wares and jewellery available for purchase. All details are on the flyer and the booking sheet will be on the noticeboard from this Friday. Bookings are essential and please understand that we cannot have more than 8 people per table.

See you at the club,
Michele Castles

CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

OPENING DAY 2023/2024
Saturday, 9th September 2023
DROMANA BOWLS CLUB Inc.

12.00 Noon: Light Luncheon (free of charge)
All Members welcome. Bookings essential for catering purposes.

1.00pm: Official Opening.
Including rolling of the jack and the first bowl for the season.

1.15pm: One Game, Full & Social+ Members, in Club uniform.

The style of game is to be determined on the day, depending on the number of players. No green fees. Please write your name on the entry sheet located in the glass cabinet outside the Match room.

HOORAY!
OPENING DAY AT LAST!

2023
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Dromana
and Seychelles
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THERE IS A PRIZE
FOR THE MOST EYE
CATCHING OUTFIT

Wednesday 4th
October 2023
12 Noon for Lunch
\$20 including
Glass of wine
or soft drink

Bookings essential
Michele 0417544182
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Bowls Club Social
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