



WEEKLY BULLETIN



SEPTEMBER 15TH 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A warm hello to everyone in expectation of some beautiful weather for all sorts of club activities over the next few days. Good luck to all Pennant bowlers travelling to Rosebud on the Beach this Saturday for our first pre-season practice match of the season. Round 1 is certainly not very far away at all, and once again I say well done to Derrik Farr, Carmel Rowe and their team for their valuable work in putting a meaningful schedule of practice opportunities for all those players who love their Pennant bowls so much. Roll on October!

It seems that sadly we are bidding adieu to our regular Monday visitors from Rosebud Country Club, and the kind words of their members were greatly appreciated by all in attendance last week. The idea of co-operating with each others' events on a Monday and Thursday has been extremely well received and an outstanding success. Long may this partnership continue throughout the rest of this year and into 2024. Their Thursday Pairs event certainly sounds like something a good

many of our bowlers will warm to as valuable grass practice for Pennant fixtures.

A warm welcome to our newest member Matthew Blackwell, who has joined Dromana BOWLS CLUB this week from Caulfield Park. Please make yourself known to Matt as he plans to bowl as much Pennant and Social bowls as he can, and as an experienced bowler he will be a valuable acquisition to our club over the coming months.

Those of you who have been guilty of a wrong bias or two over the last 6 months or so will be pleased to know that the last tin emptied at Rosebud Hospital contained \$232.10, all of which will be of importance to the wonderful piece of infrastructure that we know as our very own hospital. The administration has thanked Dromana BOWLS CLUB for our donation, and look forward to our continuing support. Of course it goes without saying that they have it!

My sincere thanks to everyone who played such a major role in delivering another wonderful Opening Day event to our club last Saturday. I mentioned last week many people who have both my and all members' gratitude, so I won't repeat the process again. Needless to say the day ran beautifully, and Zoe McKenzie once again contributed to the wonderful atmosphere through her friendly, relaxed approach to the job at hand.



On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Zoe publicly for the positive attitude she has displayed towards our club over the past 2 years, and I sincerely hope that she continues her good work in supporting us through some of the difficulties we are currently experiencing. Zoe and her assistant Katie, who also showed a keen interest in our current applications awaiting Shire approval, are most welcome at Dromana Bowls Club anytime.

And now we look forward to some big functions coming up over the next month. This Sunday presents another instalment of our ever-popular Music Makers event, always a sell-out and always a fantastic opportunity for an afternoon of music, celebrations and good times. Closely following this DBC event is the Annual Fashion Parade, set to take place on Wednesday, October 4th. Hopefully there will once again be a full complement of male attendees, suitably dressed as penguins, on hand to attend to our visitors' every whim. Once again, many thanks to our hard-working Social Committee, magnificently led by Michele Castles and Carl Sabo, for once again bringing these events to fruition.

Speaking of functions, I must tell you about the fantastic 90th birthday celebrations that were held here last Sunday. A beautifully organised family function was attended by many generations of Margaret Robinson's family, and it was fantastic that she chose Dromana Bowls Club as the venue for this significant life event. As a Life member of this club Margaret has been a key factor in the fabric of her beloved club for 30 years, and it was a great honour for our volunteers to help deliver her special day in such an enjoyable and memorable manner. All concerned should be proud of their efforts, whether it be family members, friends or DBC members. Needless to say we look forward to many more years of Margaret's strong contributions to Dromana Bowls Club.



Also of interest and sitting comfortably in the middle of the two afore-mentioned events is a huge fund raising function which is being held on our premises on behalf of the Dromana Football Club. This is taking place on Grand Final Eve, Friday September 29th, an afternoon affair featuring a number of AFL speakers. Our legendary member Gerry Shepherd has been advocating for many years the importance of establishing stronger links between our two clubs, and this is one way in which both our organisations are able to use our mutual talents in order to raise money for significant community welfare projects together, as well as sharing the good will that should be delivered in abundance through local sporting that live in such close proximity to each other. And, may I say it, this Sunday, in the MPNFL Division 1 Grand Final, at Kinetic Stadium, Frankston.....

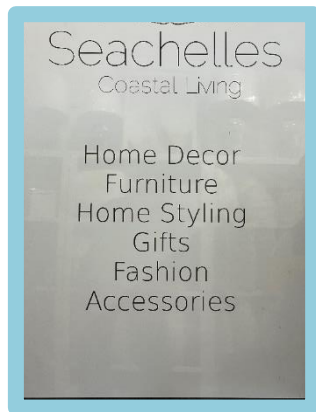
GO DROMANA TIGERS!!!!



Finally, all members need to be aware that some major floor renovations in the kitchen area will be taking place from Thursday, October 5th (the day after our Fashion Parade). These renovations are expected to take a week or so, therefore there may be some inconvenience to be encountered during one or two of our club activities. Please stay tuned for further details regarding access etc, and once again thank you to Amelia Gibson for her unflinching efforts in constantly putting our case to the Shire in order to finally getting this work done.

So that is it for another week. Best wishes to all, stay well and happy! Regards, Peter

THIS WEEK'S SPONSORS



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



PENNANT INFORMATION NIGHT

In the Clubrooms on Thursday the 12th of October at 5.00pm

Pizza Supper!!

It is requested that all pennant players attend if possible.

Derrick Farr, Chairperson of Selectors

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 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

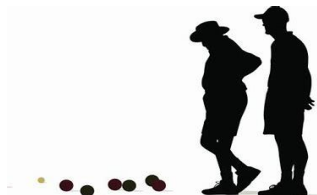
(2 bowl fours, three games of 10 ends). Entry includes catered lunch.

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).

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? WEEK 4



with Andy Wain

PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO ANDY'S POSER NO.3

A bit simpler this week I think. Even though we are still down on the card, I wouldn't want to run the risk of increasing the opposition's lead, therefore I would advocate a prudent approach. The open backhand side offers the opportunity for a dead draw in order to win the end and reduce the overall margin by one. Weight and line have to be perfect though! We don't want to go in too hard and knock the jack backwards to their two catchers. A draw on that backhand side also allows for the chance of us wicking off our 8 o'clock bowl and maybe also producing the shot bowl. There is also a chance of gaining shot with a draw on the forehand side, by making contact with our bowl at 5 o'clock and pushing it in to shot. BUT, if we hit our own bowl next door, it merely plays on to the opposition orange, further promoting it. No, it is definitely the open backhand side for me, but don't undercut or we may very well promote another orange bowl, and at this stage we do not want to give away extra shots!

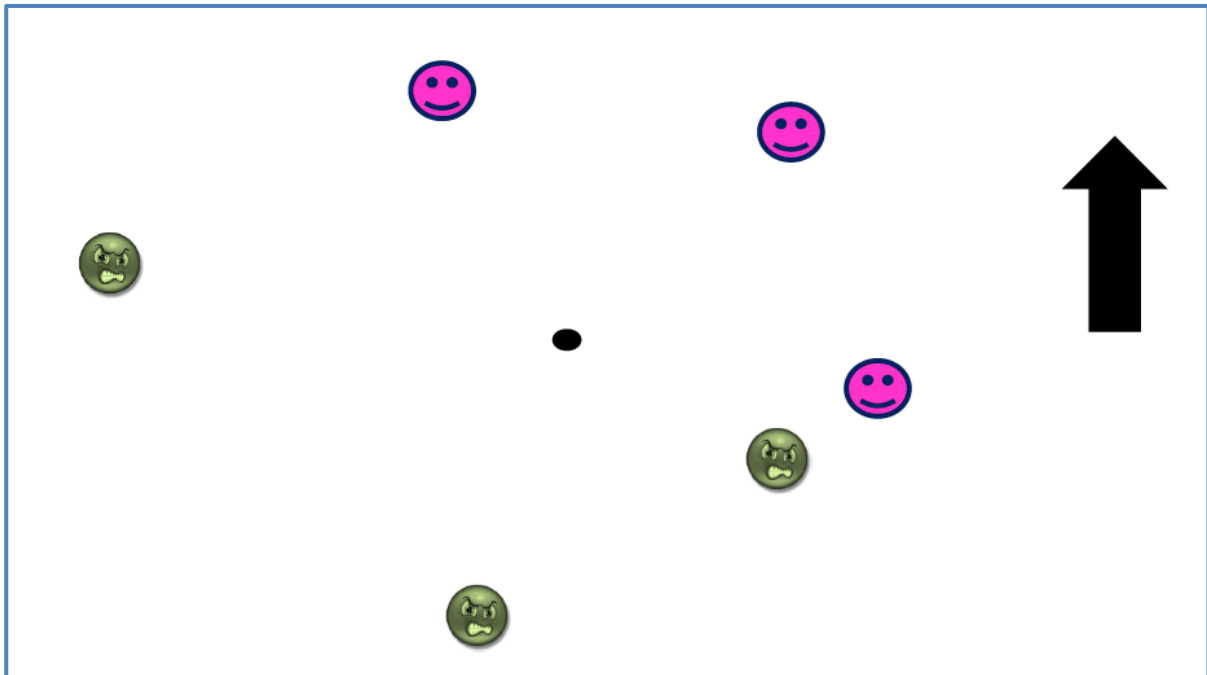
Over to all you other experts!!

Last week's scenario had 3 schools of thought. Option 1 draw on the backhand and go into the last end 1 down (at worse 2 down). Option 2 was to draw on the forehand, to draw the shot or promote the blue bowl at "4 o'clock". Fergie suggested a 3rd option of driving, and putting the "jack" in the ditch and getting 3 shots. (A keen very "hawk-eyed observer noted there are only 7 orange bowls on the rink – let's assume that the bowl is in the ditch or so short that it didn't make the picture – or even worse, a wrong bias – very possible, considering the number of bowlers in the "Walk of Shame" this Monday!)

Please visit the Website, under the Coaching tab on the Member's Portal Page, these scenarios and other coaching links can be found. (PS there are lots of other New things on the Webpage, for example, Open Day photos). Remember the Member's Portal Page is password protected – if you don't have the password, please ask any Board member.

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



Scenario: You are the **pink** bowls

- You are playing in a **first to 21** singles knockout game
- You are **leading 17-10**
- You are **1 down** and playing your last bowl.
- Your opponent has one bowl remaining.
- **No breeze** is blowing, making both hands of equal moderate draw.
- The green is running approx. 15 seconds.

DBC WEBSITE



Visit our club website www.dromanabowlsclub.com.au for information on board meetings, games, pennant teams, ladders and so much more!

The website is regularly updated with Member Portal, coaching tips, links and photos. Check it out members - there is a lot to interest and inform us all.

HOUSE MATTERS

With the season fast approaching we are again addressing our medical needs. Our present First Aiders are presently unfit and unable to renew their certificates at the moment, so we are in need of a volunteer to complete the First Aid course and become qualified. If this interests you, please let me know asap.

We will also be revisiting our member's medical information forms over the next few weeks. This is not compulsory but available in case of a medical emergency where external treatment is required. Members who had completed these forms last year may also want to check that the details are correct. These forms will be available over the next few weeks so keep an eye out.

Enjoy the sunshine, regards Amelia Gibson - 0419 311 903 (House & OH&S Director)

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS

A very busy time for the committee and we are missing Donna! We all hope she is doing well and will be able to re-join us in a few week's time.

MUSIC MAKERS - SUNDAY 17TH

Looking forward to a great afternoon of music and good company. If you have not already paid for your tickets, please do so into the DBC social account and do not forget to use your surname/MM as reference so the payments can be reconciled with the bookings.

If you have not booked or you wish to add more to your booking, please contact me directly to make the adjustments.

FASHION PARADE - WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER - \$25.00pp

Lunch and a glass of wine.

Spring fashions courtesy of Cathrines of Dromana.

Time to try on after the parade.

Home and gift display curtesy of Seachelles of Dromana.

You can make your booking either by contacting me or adding your name to the booking list on the noticeboard.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Many thanks to Barb Souter for all her work on researching a venue for this annual event. It has not been easy with a number of places long since booked out or just not available for our date and others either closed or just not getting back to her. We hope to have something locked down by the end of the week and we will let you know where/when as soon as we can.

Enjoy the spring weather and see you at the club

Michele Castles, 0417 544 182



SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER BREKKY DAY -

Amelia and I have had a number of responses to the call out for assistance with this day but we still need a few more people to help out with the following. For the most part it will only take around an hour or less depending on the task and number of helpers. So if you can help out with the either of the following please let me know ASAP.

SATURDAY 23RD. 3.00 - BBQ CLEAN AND AREA CLEAN-UP

SUNDAY 24TH - END OF DAY CLEANUP.

Many thanks in advance,

Michele Castles - 0417 544 182

CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Val won pizza at Jetty's on Friday



Our sponsors certainly look after Donna!



I lost one of my hearing aids in Fiji and our sponsors bloom did a fantastic job to get me fitted with new ones in time for my hospital stay.

Donna busy is busy recuperating at Beleura Hospital with the help of beautiful flowers from D'Alias, sent by the Monday Card Ladies. Hope you are up and about very soon Donna.

FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR

LUCKY NUMBER DRAW

RAFFLES

GOOD COMPANY!

**CANASTA MONDAYS AT 1.00 PM
ALL WELCOME!**



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Browse our new Club History Archive And check out our Sponsors details.

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