



DAVISTOWN RSL BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER



July 2017



IGT Classic Triples

Dick Love reports great progress with this year's Davistown Classic Triples event scheduled for 25-27 September. Almost a full complement of teams entered including one from Bowls Australia including 3 of their Development Squad players, and one from WBNSW. Both teams have nominated current and past Australian champions and one world titleholder from this year's U25 Championships. Exciting times for Davo.

Shaping up as a great tournament.

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Pennants



Our standout this year was the G3 team who played in the Zone final. Well done on your achievement.

Last year's G5 playing in their 1st year in G4 performed creditably and were 3rd in their section, G6 came 2nd in their section and G7 4th in theirs.

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Championships



Events decided since our last newsletter are:

Minor Singles Champion: Mark McLaughlin; runner-up Chris Jones

Pairs Champions: Greg Callaway/Rob Dixon; runners-up: Mark McLaughlin/Mick Dunkin

Triples Champions: David Taylor/Greg Callaway/Rob Dixon; runners-up: Laurie Barrett/John McKee/Brett Davis.

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Sponsorship

The Club's sponsorship efforts have paid off this year with Tyrepower joining as a greenside sponsor and a major contributor to the IGT event.



Creightons Funerals sponsored the very successful Muddies Day & Bendigo Bank will continue their association with our Classic Triples event.

Living Choice have agreed to sponsor our Club shirts from now on, and Travellers Hut are now sponsors of our major raffle prizes – a \$500 travel voucher.

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Muddies Day

Our annual Muddies Day became even better this year with Creightons support. Two greens full of bowlers, an extensive prize list and a handsome trophy for the winner – this year the Bowlers. This event recognises the great part played in our Club by Muddies and the continuing flow of new bowlers coming from their activity.

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New cupboards in the Bowling Office

Both the Men's and Women's Clubs needed more storage space, both to make better use of the Bowls Office and to store the many things that that we use from time to time. Ian Hutchison did the wonderful work of installing them. Many thanks Ian.

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Dick Love in China

Dick was invited by Bowls Australia to take part in the Tiger Bowls tournament in





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China. This is one of the world's biggest events and attracts bowlers from many countries. He was partnered in this event by Andy Alexandrou, Doug Finlayson and Nathan Pederson – a young bowler who is making a big impact in Australia. 3 Australian titles in Pairs and 4s in the last 3 years followed this year by the Australian Men's Singles crown. The highlight of the visit was playing bowls on a green located on top of a new Travelodge Hotel in a new Bowls District in China.

Pennants Support

Our Pennant teams need help to do what they do. This year they were supported by Team Managers – Clive Burt, Jean Paviour-Smith, Keith Taylor and Ian Hutchison (backed up by Jenny Cook when he was in hospital). Norm Green was the very authoritative Controlling Body for home games along with Umpires Barry Price, Bob Kennedy and John Green.



Club of The Year

We are determined to do more than celebrate this achievement. Signage has been placed on the drink stands in front of the club so that visitors become aware of this. Don and Jean Paviour-Smith had a special commemorative flag made and this is now flown on bowling days. These are permanent reminders of our achievement.



Fundraising



The Travellers Hut arrangement is ongoing and unlimited. This means that we have a standing arrangement with Travellers Hut which

enables us to raffle \$500 travel vouchers, for which we pay only \$250. We plan to use this source of funds to help meet our Classic Triples budget this year, but it can be used for any other Club fundraising purpose. Look out for the keen sellers so that you can take part.



Australian Open – billed as the world's biggest and richest bowls tournament. More than 2000 bowlers and \$250,000

prize money. Entry is open to any bowler from anywhere in the world. All bowlers get a minimum of 3 games in the qualifying section, and the winners of each section progress to the knockout stage. This year Don and Jean Paviour-Smith and Freddy Dowse from Davo took part. Don and Freddy contested the over 60 pairs, and lost out to the eventual winner, and came very close to qualifying in the 4s with 2 Tweed Head colleagues. Jean with 3 ladies from The Entrance did even better – they made the round of 32 in the 4s.

This event is on at Broadbeach and other Gold Coast Clubs each year. Put it on your "to do" list.

Vale Noel Heard

Noel joined our club from Brush Park in 2016, played Pennants last year and also won the Handicap Singles title with Mark McLaughlin – his 1st title in bowls. His final illness prevented him from playing Pennants this year and many members attended his wake held at the Club.