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Club Bulletin

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Welcome to the May edition of the Club Bulletin.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following the AGM and the recent Board of Management meeting, here is the list of new office bearers for the Club:

Board of Management

- Executive Chairman Peter Letos
- Deputy Executive Chairman John Thorburn
- Greens Director Not filled – Greens Co-ordinator appointed
- Finance Director Margaret Parker
- Secretary and Public Officer Fran Broadfoot
- President Bowls Section Gary Baird (Nominee of the Bowls Section)
- Vice President Bowls Section Irene Garrett (Nominee of the Bowls Section)
- Committee Brian Donovan
Peter Hanson
Neil English

Allocation of Board Responsibilities:

- Treasurer Peter Hanson
- Grants – Strategic Planning Peter Letos
- House – Physical Environment – Greens Neil English
- New Membership – Marketing/Special Projects – Sponsorship Brian Donovan
- BOM Representative to the Bowls Section Fran Broadfoot
- Cleaning Contract – Club House Functions John Thorburn

Special Members Responsibilities – Line Reporting to the BOM:

- Sponsorship Co-ordinator Brian Morris
- Greens Co-ordinator Ian Golding
- Welfare Officer – Jill Segan
- Club Provedore – Food Hygiene Lyn Goodman
- Publicity Officer – Peter Johnson
- Communications Manager Dinesh Balgovind
- Information Technology Liaison Peter Hanson
- Social Committee Liaison TBA
- Social Committee as elected
- Auditor TBA
- Member Protection Officer Kevin Mason

- Constitution and Regulations Brian Hester
- Club Records Officer Kay Golding
- Rosters: Bar and Cleaning David Clifton
- Thursday Night Meals TBA
- Greens/Gardens Committee As Elected
- Bar Committee Geoff Bandy (Manager)
Ian Golding (Treasurer)
Matt Cursio – Laurie Hogan

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Board of Management Report

At the AGM, in the retiring Executive's Directors Report, it was noted that the Board of Management during the year, endeavoured to adhere to the Strategic Plan produced by the Board in December 2014. It was also noted that that the Plan outlines the steps required to ensure that Doncaster Bowling Club remains viable in the years ahead.

In this respect, the Strategic Plan will also be the focus of the new, incoming Board, as the Club continues to face challenges in the year ahead, and also in the years to come.

At the forefront of these is the uncertainty that still surrounds the future of Clubhouse, and the Manningham Masterplan objectives for the Green Wedge Precinct on which the Club is located. The dialogue taken by the previous Boards with Manningham will be continued by the new Board.

The Board also will be embracing an exercise to test the Wellness of the Club, both fiscal, and in its development of policies.

The fiscal policy objectives will embrace membership, expenditure stability, maximising income opportunities, optimum allocation of resources, and capital formation and growth.

The Board warmly welcomes new member, Margaret Parker, Chartered Accountant, who has been elected by the membership as Director of Finance. Margaret brings to the Club an extensive career in accounting, Board and Committee appointments at the highest levels, and extensive business experience. Margaret has skills in planning, prioritising, identifying needs and taking into account all aspects of a project. She will be a major asset in the Board's work ahead.

Also the Board welcomes back Brian Donovan, and Neil English, both elected, and John Thorburn and Peter Hanson, both returning for their elected second year. Fran Broadfoot was re-elected as Secretary to the Board.

A welcome is also extended to Gary Baird and Irene Garrett who join the Board as the nominees of the Bowls Committee.

Other positions within the Board have now been concluded, as are the other member positions with line responsibilities to the BOM.

Members are advised that the Board will be, in some instances, progressing work within sub-committees, and will always welcome member input and participation in these processes.

The Board will meet on the 3rd Friday of each month, at 9.00am.

Peter Letos
Executive Chairman
Board of Management

GREENS & GARDENS COMMITTEE

Greens Co-ordinator: Ian Golding

Committee: Kevin Connell, Brian Salvage, Rien Van der Peet, Ian Thomas, Alton Trufitt, Gary Baird, Geoff Mills, John Seeward and Maurice Ryan.

BOWLS SECTION

President Gary Baird

Vice President Irene Garrett

Secretary Kathy Rehe

Treasurer Nicole Carriero

Ash Rowe, David Purdon, Suzanne Tyson Lyn Goodman, Dianne Phelan and Dinesh Balgovind (Ex Officio Member)

Tournament Committee

Chairman Ash Rowe

Robert Bateup, Nicole Carriero, Eileen McCormack, Phil Rock, Trevor Dawson, Peter Kok, Sandy McDonald, Gus Rosa, Roger Wright and David Purdon

Selection Committee

Saturday Selection

Tim Fewster, Keith Kirby, Peter Demeris, Kathy Rehe, Bernie Mullens & Richard Lovell.

Midweek Open Selection

Dianne Phelan, Gerda Van der Peet, Kathy Rehe and Richard Lovell

Women's Only Selection Committee

Jill Ford and Elizabeth Reid

FROM THE GREENS

As we enter our winter bowling season when the couch is dormant and no growth occurs, I would ask members to note the following points which will assist in managing wear on the greens.

I have noted in recent times some bowlers wearing other than flat, smooth soled shoes when bowling. I would remind bowlers, old and new to ensure the correct footwear is used at all times when bowling on our greens. This will eliminate scuffing which can occur when incorrect shoes are worn.

I would also ask bowlers when using the greens for practice or indeed club games, that you don't just head to the nearest rink when descending the ramp. It is noticeable that the rinks closest to that area, say numbers 4, 5 and 6 invariably show the most signs of wear leading to the Greenkeeper having to close them occasionally. There is little difference between the 10 rinks and by spreading your use across the green you will assist in the management of the surface as a whole.

Ian Golding

LIFE MEMBERS

At the AGM Bob Byron and Pat Calabresi were inducted as Life Members of the Doncaster Bowling Club. Congratulations to both Bob and Pat for this wonderful achievement. The other Life Members of the club are: Darryl Bishop, Bette Fordham, Ian Golding, Bob Grishold, Arthur Ram and Alwyn Petherbridge.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

The summer bowls season is well and truly over. Nevertheless bowls continues at Doncaster, both indoor and outdoor. If you would like to give indoor bowls a go, contact Bob Byron. Those wishing to play outdoor bowls can do so on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Contact Phil Rock for Saturday bowls and Peter Demeris for Wednesday bowls.

NEW CURTAINS

Have you noticed the new curtains at the club? The windows were cleaned last month and new curtains put up. Specials thanks to Lyn and Peter Goodman, Graeme Warren, Irene Garrett and Anne Jones.

CLEANING ROSTER

The new men's cleaning roster is up on the noticeboard at the club. Do have a look and please contact David Clifton in case of any issues. Please note that the bins need to be put out on Sunday and brought back in on Monday.

ENTRIES FOR THE 2018/19 PENNANT SEASON

Shortly the club will have to advise Bowls Victoria about the number of teams that Doncaster BC will be entering in the BV Pennant competition for next season. If you have not advised the Bowls Secretary of your intentions, it is critical that you do so immediately as this will impact on the number of teams we enter for the various BV competitions. The intention of the Bowls Committee is to give as many players the opportunity to participate in the Pennant competition but we must have the correct information from members in order to do this. Please contact Gary Baird, Kathy Rehe, Irene Garrett or Richard Lovell if you have any questions on this matter.

WINTER COACHING

Richard Lovell has been re-appointed as Head Coach for another season and coaching continues during the winter months for those interested as follows:

Tuesdays & Thursdays

11.30am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 3pm.

Indoor training in the event of inclement weather.

The Club Bulletin will go into hibernation for the next few months and return in August. To those members travelling to warmer pastures during the winter months, we wish you a safe journey. To those staying in Melbourne, keep warm and enjoy our beautiful winter.



Dinesh Balgovind