



DAVISTOWN RSL BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER



March 2018

Coaches Meeting



A very successful Coaches meeting was held earlier this year. With 5 accredited

Coaches the Club is in a very good position to assist both Clubs develop new bowlers, improve individual skills and lift our Pennant performance.

Dick and Barry are on the green most Tuesdays and Thursdays with bowlers, Jean and Ariane have worked with the Ladies Pennant teams, and Rob has the distinction of being appointed coach to the Norfolk Island team.

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District success

The Davistown WBC 4s team of Jean Paviour-Smith, Jenny Fletcher, Ariane



Dixon and skip Abbe Clark achieved great success in their recent District 4s championship. They were achingly close to winning with the result being decided with the last bowl on the last end. They went down to a highly credentialed team from Ettalong which included current and former district and State champions. Congratulations Ladies.



The Classic Triples dates have been set – 24 to 26 September 2018 – and the event has National Ranking accreditation again. Dick Love advises that Bowls Australia and Women’s Bowls NSW will again send teams to take part. More news on this as we get nearer the time.

2018 Club Championship



The Club’s first Championship event of 2018 was the 4s. Winners were Craig Hillock, Dave Compton, Ken Whetton and Don Paviour-Smith. The final was a close fought match with Peter Whelan, Pat Harrison, Chris Barling and Rob Dixon. It was good to see 3 of the club’s rookies participating in the final, and even better to see Ken Whetton get the final’s yips out of his system. (Five finals, finally a win!)

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Commonwealth Games



Rob and Ariane Dixon have the special distinction of participating in the Commonwealth Games this year. Rob will be coach for the Norfolk Island team and Ariane will be team manager. Very well done to both of you on these appointments.

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Zone events

The first Zone event of the season was the Pairs. Davistown had 10 teams participating in the 3 grades – Open, Senior and Presidents Reserve. Mike Fletcher and Chris Jones carried our colours furthest making the section final.

In the Senior Singles Dick Love made a section final, Don Paviour-Smith a section semi-final and in the Presidents Reserves Les Puckeridge also played in a section semi-final. Well done to everyone who took part.



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Green Fees and Club Finances



You may have heard that Club Ltd has asked us to increase the amount we pay them for use of the greens.

At present we pay them \$5 per head for every event played. This includes all social games, championships, pennants and other tournaments. Gary Dowling informs us that there has been no change in the 11 years he has been Bowls Secretary.

Club Ltd carries the total cost of maintaining our greens and our green fee contributions only go part of the way to meeting this cost. The shortfall is approximately 50%. Despite our increased participation over the last 2 years Club Ltd's costs have also risen.

Club Ltd have asked us to increase the amount we pay them to \$7 from 1 January and \$8 from 1 July.

Your Management Committee has decided that we will make no increase in the amount paid by you each time you play - \$10 – as we are able to offset this increase in the amount paid to Club Ltd with the very successful fundraising we do through raffles and sponsorship. Well done Pucko and Ian.

Some hard numbers for you:

Amount paid in last 12 months to Club Ltd for green fees -	\$30,000
Amount raised by way of raffles -	\$11,000
And Sponsorship -	\$17,600

The advantage to bowlers of doing it this way is that all members of the Club contribute – not just those who bowl.

These increased green fees are applicable to all bowling activities – Women's Club, Visiting groups and Barefoot bowlers. Muddies have also agreed to pay green fees.

The key thing for us is to have frequent happy bowlers supported by successful fundraising and sponsorship activity.

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The Club has decided to support NEURA –  "Neuroscience Research Australia" – who are running a campaign across the state in conjunction with Bowls NSW. NEURA is a UNSW based research foundation focussed on improving balance for ageing Australians. Most of you will know that falls are one of the major causes of accelerated mortality amongst seniors.

We will donate the green fees from a day in April.

NEURA will also accept personal donations.

The date for this event will be on the Noticeboard.

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Stars of the Coast Dance for Cancer



Peter Steele, Director of Kincumber Mitre 10, is taking part in this fund raiser for the Cancer Council of NSW and will be dancing the "Salsa"

Kincumber Mitre 10 are very good friends of Davo and we have decided to sponsor Peter and wish him well