

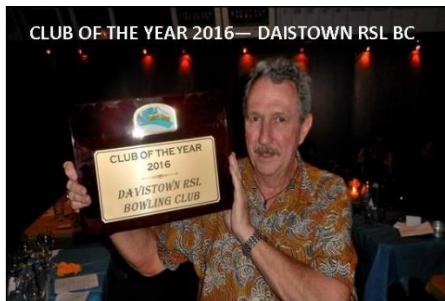


DAVISTOWN RSL BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2017

2016 Club
Of the Year
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Club of the Year Award



President Chris Jones holds the award

Our greatest achievement ever. We were voted unanimously by the Bowls Central Coast judges as the best Club in the Zone in 2016. A great honour for us and it follows a "Highly Commended" in 2015. We will celebrate this throughout the year in a variety of ways

Pennants



By the time you read this Pennants will be underway. The selectors have worked hard at getting the teams together and the series of trials, culminating in the match against Avoca, will show the value of their efforts

Coaching

Members are starting to show the benefit of participation in Dick Love's coaching classes. In particular, the performance of newer members in the recent Major Pairs championships, was noted by many observers. The message is clear – if you want to improve your skills, or learn new ones – join in the coaching sessions. Most Tuesday and Thursday afternoons

Championships



Club Fours champions for 2017 – Norm Whitten, Wal Sheargold, John McKee, Laurie Barrett

Runners up were – James Kennaway-Nash, Terry Milne, Gary Crompton, Freddy Dowse

The Pairs are underway and it is very pleasing to see so many new bowlers taking part. Club Championships, along with Pennants, is a good way to acquire knowledge of the game



Our increase in membership numbers is showing up in participation. The total amount we pay to Club Ltd in green fees is up by about 9% on last year. It's good that we can show Club Ltd that we are making more use of this valuable facility

Club History



Too often Clubs lose their history because the people who helped to make it are no longer there, or even worse, premises get destroyed and all is lost. Examples like these abound.

To avoid this we are collecting Davo's history and recording it on our website. It is primarily pictorial with some supporting script. It is a long term project but we are making a start. If you have, or know, anything of interest contact us so that we can photo it and make a note of the event, occasion or person(s) involved. To date Norm Gurney, Bill McCarthy and Harold Giles' daughter Christine have been very helpful



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A casual glance at the Club's Honours Board will tell you that Bill McCarthy has been one of our most successful bowlers. His name is listed there 29 times – 26 as a champion and 3 as a runner up.

It's a great story – to read the rest of it go to our website www.davistownrsl.bowls.com.au under 'About Us – Club History'

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Greenside improvements



By now most bowlers will have had the chance to roll on the new tifdwarf green. In just a few days it has lived up to its reputation of providing a true running surface. As one experienced bowler said "you know if you have the right grass the moment the bowl leaves your hand."

Also on the greenside, the north side shades on the Club House green have been replaced. The cost of the new shades, about \$8000 -was paid equally by Club Ltd, the Men's Club and the Women's Club. The work, which involved replacement of all poles and redrilling for different sized bases, was carried by dedicated volunteers Gary Dowling, Butch Michelsen and Craig Hillock. Their effort has saved the Clubs a great deal of extra cost. The Club's Pennant players will be very appreciative

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Vale – Harold Giles, Don Blackmore and Pat McLean.

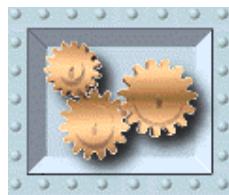
Harold was best known to most members for his regular Tuesday and Thursday afternoon roll ups with Barry Price and anyone else who was around. He was also one of the club's very accomplished bowlers, as the Honours Board will show. In the mid 90s he won every title the club offers – Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours – some of them more than once. He was also a regular member of Davistown Pennant teams through that period.

Don Blackmore was one of the dedicated workers around the Club. Vice President of Club Ltd and regular RSL bowler

Pat McLean took up bowling when he moved to Saratoga and later "next door". He also took the trouble to qualify as an umpire and until 2 years ago was a regular participant in men's bowls days and umpired for both Men's and Women's Clubs when required.

Interclub triples – commence 27 March. It's a great way for bowlers to get some competitive experience in a semi social environment. If you are available put your name down

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An important day in the life of the club recently when Tony Hegyi, VP of Zone 15, conducted a reaccreditation course for 3 Umpires and also ran a most informative session for 24 members of both Clubs on the role of **Controlling Body**

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