



DAVISTOWN RSL BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2016



As you would expect – a very positive report from our Classic Triples tournament. Planning has commenced for 2017. The dates will be 25, 26 and 27 September with the Draw to take place on the evening of Sunday 24th. Dick Love has been asked to lead the planning group again and all committee members have been invited to help to make it even better in 2017.

Presentation Day

One of our top days each year and this year was no exception. Over 70 members present together with special guests Ariane Dixon, Cheryl Jones and Rebeca Blackwood.



Highlight of the day was the presentation of the new Club recognition – Club Member of the year. For full details on the day go to our website and view the video.

Great challenge for Gary Dowling to accommodate 70 bowlers on just 7 rinks – he did this by arranging 5 aside teams on 5 rinks together with normal 4s on the rest.

Club Website

Daily visits to our Club website surged during the Classic Triples. A lot of interest from all around the State.



The State RSL team visited us late in



November. Of special interest this year was the inclusion of Mike Fletcher in this team which play for the

Australian RSL title in Adelaide late in December. It's a high honour for Mike – we all know that he has been playing very well this year – as most of his RSL team mates are G1 and G2 players.

Club of the Year Nomination



This is an annual recognition given by Zone 15. We were highly commended last year. If you want to see our presentation for 2016 the video is on the website.

New Tifdwarf Green



As all can see the new green is now emerging from all the dirt and dust.

With favourable weather we could be playing on it by late February. Familiarisation with this type of surface will definitely help us when we play away from Davo. Great work being done by Tony Ward in getting it into shape.

Membership Fee in 1973

The cost of joining our club in 1973 was \$20. If we apply the RBA Inflation Calculator to this figure the cost today would be \$180. Food for thought?



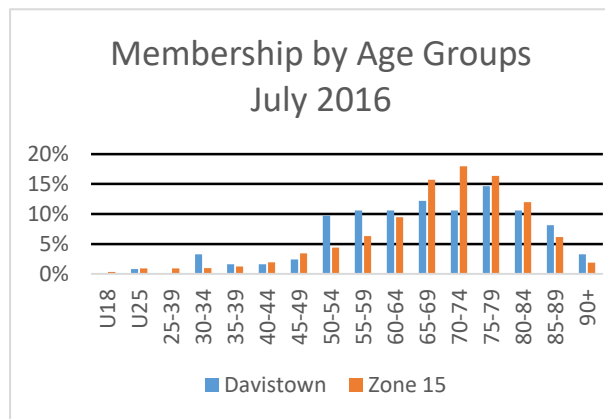


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Current Membership

Most clubs and Associations are experiencing continuing falls in membership. Davo did well last year but we have to keep working at it to maintain numbers. Zone 15 recently ran a very good workshop on Recruiting and Retention. Our membership numbers are overlaid on theirs by age bands. Ours look better in the 50 to 65 bands due to the impact of Muddies.



Grand Final, he asked Norm to give the team the “pre match talk”. He still recalls it as being very effective as it fired everyone up and they won. In fact, coaching is what Norm is all about – he has coached in all the sports listed above and has had success in all.

Norm’s connection with Davistown RSL BC began in 1973 when he was one of the foundation signatories to the Club’s commencement, even though he did not commence bowling until 1995. His start in bowling actually began at Malua Bay when he was visiting an old mate who took him down to the local Club and got him onto the green.

Norm rates his most satisfactory bowling moment as the win in the Club Pairs Championship in 2005 with Mike Fletcher – Mike was in his 1st year as a bowler and Norm was keen for him to have a crack at the Club titles.

Norm – you are a stalwart of our Club and we salute you. May you bowl many more touchers.

Norm Gurney



Norm has been a high achiever in quite a number of sports. He has been involved in 5 different sports and achieved some distinction in each one.

As a young man in Sydney he played 1st Grade cricket for Balmain - a distinction in itself – and made a whisker short of 5000 runs for them. He also made the State squad at one Softball, Netball and Bowls.

He is particularly well known in Central Coast Baseball circles and was awarded Life membership in 1979. The attached photo shows an article from the Central Coast Express noting this achievement.

Gary Dowling tells the story of how, when he was coaching a baseball team playing in a

Bowls on TV



Bowls Australia is doing a very good job of getting high quality bowls back onto TV. Foxtel did a great job with the Premier League series in November and is showing the World Championship finals from Christchurch in December. They have also promised another TV development from their archive in 2017 – “The Clubhouse”. We await this with great interest. To keep up to date check the links on our website.

