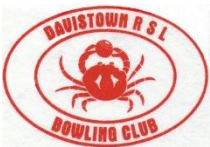




DAVISTOWN RSL BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER



March 2019



Our Club has 138 members with a number of new members joining us in recent weeks. We welcome Frank Borg ex Carlingford, Bob Gaze ex Urunga, Peter Lucas ex Everglades and Dick Nowland ex Avoca.

Zone 15 Senior Fours



Chris Jones and his team of Mike Fletcher, Wayne Hughes and Peter

Whelan did us proud, playing very well against stiff opposition in a high-quality field to make the final of the Zone 15 Senior Fours. Well done – runners-up to a very strong team from the Entrance.

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Pennants



Our pre-Pennants meeting was a great introduction to the Pennants Season with a Special Newsletter issued on this event which set the scene for what we hope will be another successful year.

The 1st round was an exceptional day for us with all 4 Davo teams at home. What a splash of colour on our greens. Very good spectator support as well. The 2s and 4s both started with wins. The 6s and 7s went down by small margins which shows that they are competitive in their grades.

Club Championships

The 4s Finalists are the teams lead by David Taylor and Don Paviour-Smith. Date for play yet to be decided.

Singles are progressing very well and now into the QF stage. Some really challenging games so far, especially for our Chairman of Selectors Lawrie Barrett who had to work hard to get through against Simon Perry and even harder against Mark McLaughlin who came from 10 – 29 down to lead at 30 – 29.

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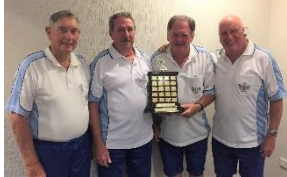
Finally, a win for the women

It's been 6 years since the ladies had a win in the Annual Men versus Women Grudge Match.

But 2019 was their year!! Well done ladies. Keep the great form going into the Pennants Season.

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RSL Bowls Champs

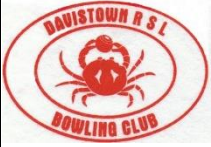


Our Davistown RSL team of Chris Jones, Mike Fletcher, Barry Price and Norm Whitten

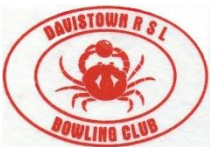
represented the Central Coast Zone and were very successful in winning the RSL InterZone 4s title.



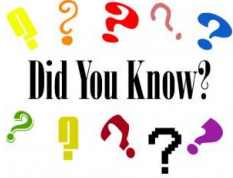
Chris, Mike also teamed up with Ken Whetton to win the RSL Zone Triples. Well done Champs!



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Glancing through an old copy of Central Coast Bowls News your eagle-eyed editor spotted Brian Broadbere's name – he played for Sydenham Bankstown in an InterZone match in Sydney in 1997. What other past champions might be lurking at Davo?

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Zone selections

The Zone Selectors have picked up the great form shown recently by Davo Bowlers. Lawrie Barrett and Paul O'Grady were selected to play against the State RSL side in February. Jye Ferguson continues to be selected in the development Squad.

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We are in good shape financially, but we have to keep a close eye on it. Jim Parr is our watchful Treasurer. At last count we have \$50k in the bank which sounds good but just meets our needs. We need to have \$20k on hand to meet the possible costs of 2 teams to State pennant Finals, \$10k for large expenses – such as green renewal or major maintenance, and \$10k for working cash.

Unfortunately, registration fees are almost entirely consumed by capitation fees paid to Bowls NSW and Bowls Central Coast.

Of the \$10 green fees charged for a game \$8 goes to Club Ltd and the balance goes to Winners and Losers

Our financial success is due to 2 main inputs –

raffles lead by the indefatigable Les Puckeridge and Ian Hutchison with great support from other members when they are not available – and Sponsorship. Our major sponsors – Bendigo Bank, Creightons, Living Choice, Mitre 10 and Tyrepower - are ever helpful and responsive to our needs. Next month, we expect to announce a new major sponsor to join this list.

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Our website grows in popularity. We measure the responses. Over the last 3 months we had almost 2500 page views the most popular being the Club Programme, Pennants and Useful Links.

For quick updates during Pennants – Draws and Results - go to the Programme Page, then click the RED button of your choice.

For Green Closures go to QUICKLINKS, then Bowls Central Coast, then Green Closures.

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