



Dee Why Bowling and Recreation Club

Black Swan News

January/February 2020



Happy
2020

The year of the Black Swan?
The Crystal ball promises it will be a great year for all members of the **Dee Why Bowling & Recreation Club**.



Board Happenings

With the achievement of any site development opportunities now seen as long term, the more immediate aim is finding a potential alternative user of Green 1 to provide rent income.

Alongside this the Board is continuing to look at amalgamation with another club and identify exactly what we want to gain from such an arrangement.

David Marshall has had talks with Stockland, with a view to making them a major sponsor of our Club. Apart from shopping centres, Stockland has interests in aged care housing and other areas covering a wide demographic.

Part of the proposal is to launch the Stockland New Bowlers Trophy in conjunction with Bowls NSW. The competition is aimed at introducing new bowlers of all ages to the sport.

Triple Treat

Three of our lady bowlers are hoping to make the grade to be selected for the forthcoming pennant season with our men. With the men's competition now classified as non-gender, nearly a dozen of our lady bowlers have registered to play. Most have indicated they would be happy to fill in when needed, but three of them have decided to try for a regular spot. In the selection trials so far, the ladies have shown they're a match for most of the men with **Benita Andrews** playing in Grade 2 and **Pat Mitchell** and **Sue Marshall** making Grade 5.



Let the Games Commence!

The first round Zone 9 State Triples games will be played on Saturday 1st February. The State fours entry will close on that same day.

The 2020 Club Pairs Competition commences on Sunday 9 February.

We have 5 Pennant sides vying for honours in the 2020 season, (grades 2,3,5,6 and 7). Having lost 9 pennant players from the 2019 players list, Now's the time to perfect your skills! The selectors are looking for new and up and coming talent to fill the gap.



Members Lucky Raffle now
\$3800+
Be at the Club on Friday Night to
WIN

Oh, What a Night!

Pick a partner and enter for the night three-bowl pairs competition starting late March. A couple of Thursday night evenings starting with a BBQ then bowls under lights has been a very popular event over the past few years. Watch the notice board for the entry form.



The Wailing Board

It's that time of year when Pennant trials are underway. The most popular spot on a Monday after the selectors have met has been the notice board. Many a wailing whinge has been heard from players who think they should be playing in a higher grade or possibly skipping a rink rather than leading. Paul Somers and his band of selectors never seem to get anything right!

Locker Room Cleanout

It's best if you make sure your favourite set of bowls, shoes or anything else of yours in the locker room is locked away in your locker. Any items found outside the locker will be determined to be rubbish and disposed of accordingly. Changes are planned for the ground floor rooms and all "loose" items need to go. You have been warned.



Puff and Flutter

For those who enjoy a puff and flutter, plans are on foot to convert the Pokie Room into a smoking OK area. But rather than recreate the smoke filled atmosphere of a Casino Royale, would be Jame Bond's will enjoy powerful air conditioners to keep the atmosphere fresh, clean and comfortable.



Fired Up

Our bowlers have supported the fundraiser for those who have been affected by the recent bushfires. The ladies raised a magnificent \$895 and the men \$737 plus the contents of the wrong bias box (amount yet to be revealed).



Over 40's Call Up and Bowls NSW

Bowls NSW State Selectors are seeking Expression of Interest from players wishing to be considered for selection in the NSW Over 40's side for 2020. If you are interested send details to greg@bowlsnsw.com.au before 28 February.

Bowls NSW are also offering a Training in Sport Governance for players and administrators. Contact them if you wish to register.