

HEADLINES

Newsletter of the Dalkeith Nedlands Bowling Club.



The new format provided some problems for phone and I pad users – computer or laptop no problem. We are working on it. There is always a copy on the website.

KNOW YOUR MEMBER

It would be difficult to find a man who enjoys his sport more than our John McCormack. It all started as a country kid in Trayning in the 50's and then at Aquinas College where he excelled in cricket and football, but I am reliably told it could just as easily have been tennis or hockey. A contemporary in Herb Elliott may have shaded him in athletics and Kerry Haddleton assures me J Mac wasn't the school's best boxer(I wonder who was?) After school days he was enticed to play football for South Fremantle. Never did much of a pre season, as the crop had to be in before he could leave the farm. Cricket took him to Perth 1st Grade, a short spell in England and some years later captaining the WA Country X1 in several games against touring international teams. He has some wonderful cricket stories he can tell. Ask him about Ross Ditchburn's weakness to leg spin or Norm O'Neill's nervous starts. When the boots were finally hung up, golf took over and he was pretty handy at that too, attaining a low single figure handicap. You would think all of this would have made him Trayning/Yelbini's greatest sportsman, but no he may have competition for the title. Good friend and neighbour Terry Gale might have a say in that. What are the odds?

These days it's bowls, golf, the Eagles and avoiding slow racehorses that holds his interest. We are very lucky to have him at Dalkeith where he has been a wonderful contributor for many years.

Does he miss the hedge?

There is a little plaque near the gate on the corner of B green that records his efforts over many years.

CALENDAR

- **GAMES DAY**
Monday 9th November. Organize a table of 4 for bridge, mahjong, scrabble etc. \$20 includes a delicious afternoon tea, Sheet for names on the board
- **MENS CLUB FOURS**
November 1st and *8th
- **CLUB XMAS FUNCTION**
Friday evening December 4
Early notice but it promises to be a night not to be missed.



Back to trainer wheels for Jeanesy!

PENNANT NEWS

It's an injury list that resembles the Dockers for the men. 3 of our leading bowlers Macca, Kenneth and Peter Jeanes (* see picture) are on a long term list and may not be seen until after Christmas at best. Hard to imagine pennants without Macca. A good opportunity I guess for some others to step up. Bike riding has now joined rugby as a banned activity for pennant bowlers.

The ladies got us off to a flying start on Tuesday with good wins in both divisions. A convincing rink win by Maureen's team of Sue, Leigh, and Wendy O secured the aggregate in the first division. Saturday saw a win in Div 1 but a home loss in Div 3.

The men followed up on Saturday with 7 points against Scarborough in 2 Gold and Division 3 came away with the points in a great win at Wanneroo. Div 4 need to wait another week to open their account. Well done to Chris Scovell who made his debut.

COACHES CORNER

Practise like a golf pro. Spend your practice time perfecting your technique/delivery so that it will hold up under pressure. Just repeating draw shots over and over on a mid week slower green may be of little help on match day when conditions could be vastly different.

SOCIAL NEWS

There is a good feeling at the club at the moment. Some new members joining in, well attended social functions and the anticipation of a good season of pennants and jackpot triples has generated a good spirit around the place. And we will need that spirit of duty and co operation in the next few weeks. Green keeper Gary has had a health issue that will limit his input in the next few weeks and Brian Page will be entering his busy period of corporate social activity. Please consider offering your help to those responsible and make their jobs a little more manageable. Ross Donald has already contributed and can be seen wearing the cap of assistant green keeper but let's not leave all the work to just a few.

HAPPY BOWLING