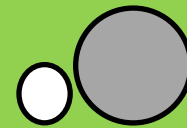
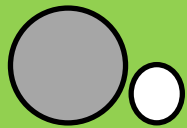


Nambour Bowls Club



News and Views

Spring 2018

Home Edition

Welcome

Spring is with us once again and after such a long dry spell we would all love to see a little rain fall from the skies overhead. The lawns and gardens at home are looking for some TLC and it is no different down at the Club.

The Club's solid reputation for its lawn bowls facilities together with the traditional warm and friendly atmosphere extended to visitors have again contributed to strong attendances during the pleasantly warm winter months.

The support offered by members of the large Southerners Bowling Club in particular has been exceptional and we look forward to welcoming everyone back again next year.

Special General Meeting – 28 September

Members are reminded that a Special General Meeting of the Nambour Bowls Club Inc has been called for 5.30pm on Friday 28th September for the purpose of discussing and approving a new Constitution based on the Bowls Queensland endorsed model for Bowls Clubs. All members are encouraged to attend this special meeting. Proxy forms are available at the Club office.

Farewell Jim Britten (Life Member)



He was renowned for his poems and interesting stories, he adored his racehorses and country music, but he will be remembered as a champion bloke. Whether it was wood chopping at the local show, running his regular morning bowls event or organising the club's catering, our Jimmy was a Legend.

He was a big bloke who played with big bowls and had a big heart and fully deserved his place along with pictures of his beloved horses in what was once affectionately known as Group 1 Corner at the end of the Club bar.

During his final days, Jim was still watching the races from his hospital bed with the Racing page of the newspaper in hand while wishing to be able to get out of bed and make some more bowls bags out of the leather in his possession at home.

Samuel James Britten <> Thanks for the Memories

The First Ladies



What a marvelous initiative it was to establish ladies bowls in Nambour some 80 years ago. Those early pioneers would be highly delighted to know that the girls of today are still rolling up both on and off the green.

Life in the good old days as we might refer to them was tough. How tough? To provide one example, Phyl Goffey and Nora Horton used to walk from Park and Reilly Roads to the Club carrying their full sets of bowls with them. Then they had to return home after the game the same way, unless they could secure a lift.

In their early days of travel to other clubs for competition, the Nambour ladies frequently travelled by bus and developed their own theme song which goes like this :-

***We are the Nambour girls
The bowlers of the day
We are the girls you know of
Who always like to play
Wherever we may be
It's all in white you'll see
For we are a pride and a credit
To our locality
Nambour, Nambour, yes we are
Nambour, Nambour, yah, yah, yah***

Ladies 80th Birthday Fiesta

The Nambour Ladies celebrated their 80th Anniversary in style with a grand "Fiesta". The two day event was one to cherish with plaudits coming from all of the visiting players and teams. The hosts toiled long and hard in typical Nambour style over both days to deliver the event of the year. Relishing the occasion were Life Members Mavis, Joan and Margaret along with Bowls Qld representative Colleen Ryan who was most impressed with the Club's long association with and contribution to the sport.



Wyatt Earp

Dr F J Short was an extremely popular man about town both for his medical know how and his involvement in a broad range of community activities. As a Nambour Bowling Club member, he was there in the beginning when the club was formed in 1932 and was still there in 1942-43 when he served as President.

He will also be remembered for his reputation on the bowling green too. Doc Short was affectionately known as Wyatt Earp as he fired them from the hip, presumably a legacy of his introduction to the game and rather hectic lifestyle. Greenkeepers, past and present, would be quick to point out some of the other gunfighters who have graced the Nambour greens over the years since.

Spotlight on the Greenies

For those members who have been around for quite some time, most would say that the greens and surrounds have never looked better.

Greenkeeper Brett is a champion at producing and manicuring top class bowling greens. What more can be said but "Thank you Brett".

"Kooka" can be found around the greens helping Brett in a voluntary capacity. He may not know every blade of grass but he certainly has a knack of servicing machinery and stepping up to help when assistance is required.

Meanwhile, the flower power award goes to Phil Sinclair whose love of gardening ensures that the playing environment is beautiful. What a team!!

2018 Club Champions

Congratulations to the following players who have excelled in the major Club Championships this year. These and many other awards will be presented at the annual Christmas Party in December.

Singles Champions

Men ▶ Ray Teunon
Ladies ▶ Lesley Leech



Pairs Champions

Men ▶ Robert Combes & Dave Robson
Ladies ▶ Gayle Morton & Joy Hatch

Fours Champions

Men ▶ Ron Abraham, Glenn Colley, Derek Tomkins & Ian Hatch
Ladies ▶ Elaine Asher, Chris Tomkins, June Robson & Margaret Groves

Engagement with the Local Community

As a member of Nambour Alliance (Chamber of Commerce), the Club is participating in its Community Activation Program which has in part a focus on promoting health and well-being within the local community.

"Come N Try" Lawn Bowls Event

Sunday 30 September <> 2pm-4pm



2018 Series starts in October

Fridays from 5.30pm

5th <> 12th <> 19th <> 26th October

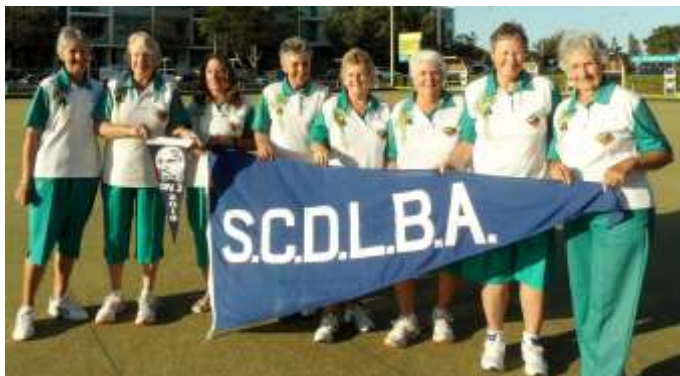
Helpers will be required for both events which provide wonderful opportunities to promote the game of lawn bowls and importantly membership of our Club. Assistance both on and off the greens will be needed due to the expected numbers of participants.

2018 Pennants

The 2018 **Ladies Pennants** Series has concluded and it's great to see and hear of Nambour's strong showing again this year. You may recall that the ladies captured the 2017 pennant flags in both Division 3 and Division 5.

It was Division 2 that triumphed this year in a tight finish while Division 5 again performed well finishing in third place. Well done girls.

The Winners – Division 2 SCDLBA



(l to r) June Robson (sub for Fran Connors), Helen Ingle, Sharyn Firth, Claudia Cartwright, Kerrin Cook, Lesley Leech, Gayle Morton & Joy Hatch

The **Men's Pennants** also delivered some encouraging results across the board but sadly no pennants this year. Division 6 missed the playoffs and Division 4 fell short in their semi-final match. Division 2 after a slow start stormed home to make the playoffs and then convincingly defeated top team Tewartin-Noosa in the semi-final.

Pacific Paradise proved too good in the final played in good spirit (and wind) at Caloundra. The runner-up flag is a reminder that we'll have to try harder next year.



Inspiration in a Slogan

**Tough times don't last, Tough teams do
Our people make it happen**

Funding Acknowledgement



The Nambour Bowls Club duly acknowledges the ongoing and continuous support of Sunshine Coast Council since 2011/12 under its Community Partnership Funding Program.

The Club was delighted to learn recently that its application for funding assistance under this program had been extended for another three years 2018/2020.

Financial concessions under this program help reduce the cost pressures on the Club and its members by reducing the burden imposed by the rising cost of essential services such as insurance, electricity, rates and water/sewerage charges. Electricity charges for instance have risen 50% over the past two years.

Keeping Cool

Following the oppressive heat conditions encountered over the past couple of summers in particular, a decision was made to escalate the priority for air conditioning of the clubhouse. This was one of several capital intensive projects bidding its time on the wish list.

Following an exhaustive investigation and evaluation of the optimum requirements for the historic building by industry professionals, recommendations and cost estimates were supplied.

Members will be pleased to hear that two grant applications seeking funding for the project have been approved. The Club duly acknowledges the financial support provided by both Sunshine Coast Councillor Greg Rogerson and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Their endorsement of the project should prove invaluable when a third and final co-funding grant application submitted recently is evaluated in the weeks ahead.

Car Parking Issues

This year the weather gods delivered a warm and dry winter which on one hand was nice but on the other not so good. The most obvious impact of the long dry period at the Club was the seemingly endless generation of dust from the carpark and driveway.

The matter was compounded by the number of unauthorised vehicles using the carpark for school related purposes. This has caused considerable angst for many members particularly on bowls days.

The Club has raised the matter with the relevant authorities and community representatives. Members will be pleased to learn that the issue will be fully discussed at an on-site meeting involving all parties within the next few weeks.

Rex Thorogood Memorial Men's Fours

This 'invitation only' event held for the first time last year proved a great success with visitors from throughout the entire region from Caboolture to Gympie and beyond. The hard working team behind the event has already assembled an impressive starting list for the 2018 challenge which is being held over the weekend of 13-14 October. The importance of sponsorship for such events cannot be understated and the following major supporters this year are as follows:-



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Sponsorship

Sponsorship is an integral part of life and successful business today. Both parties benefit from successful relationships so it is vital that the Club through its members actively pursue such opportunities and in turn that members support our sponsors where possible.

Details of sponsors and supporters are displayed on the Club website, notice boards and scoreboards. Sponsors are encouraged to attend events and offered an opportunity to display material and speak about their business. This is good business.

Please patronise our sponsors and don't forget to mention that you're from the Nambour Bowls Club. If you can help canvas and secure sponsorship, please let us know.

What do you do for a crust?

This old saying would ring true for many of the older brigade, so to speak. It was often used during a casual conversation with a stranger and provided an avenue for engagement and possible longer term friendship.

Eulogies often reveal information about a person's life and experiences that even close friends never knew. Some disclosures are of a humorous nature while others can be quite sad. In today's society it seems that there is an increasing reluctance for people to commit to assisting organisations in which they have a real connection. It could be the local Garden Club, Girl Guides or even the local Men's Shed.

The bottom line is that the majority of retirees have spent most of their working life utilising specific skills or knowledge. So have a think about this question. What did you do for a crust and how could a little of that skill or background experience help the local team of volunteers and make everyone's task or contribution a little easier?

What the L?



The Answer = Lyle, Lex and Les

These three stalwarts were all washed up after they voluntarily tackled the task of washing up all the dishes on both days of the Ladies Fiesta. Fabulous job boys.

More Hands on Deck

Following are the essential functions which need to be undertaken day in, day out, year round and for which any help would be gratefully appreciated.

**Catering
Bar Service
Games Controllers
Facilities and Grounds Maintenance
Measurers and Umpires
Administration**

Many hands make light work so please contact a Board Member if you would like to help.

Note that the Club will meet the costs associated with gaining qualifications as Measurer and Umpire. The next course will be held on Friday 5th October from 8.30am at Club Maroochy.

Adapting a Famous Quote

The following quote was made famous by JFK in 1961
"Ask not what your Country can do for you
Ask what you can do for your Country"

An amateur sporting club like ours is heavily reliant on the physical contributions of its members for an extraordinary range of operational and management functions aimed at future prosperity and survival.

Replacement of one "c" word with another in the JFK quote produces another thought provoking statement:-

**"Ask not what your Club can do for you
Ask what you can do for your Club"**

Food for thought and reflection.

Until Next Time – Good Bowling