

Nambour Bowls Club

News and Views

Winter 2019

Home Edition

Welcome

Winter this year has been very pleasant with many interstate and New Zealand tourists adopting the Sunshine Coast as home while things warm up a little bit back home. Welcome all and it's great to see so many enjoying the great facilities which our club has to offer.

It has been a very busy time for both the social and more competitive bowlers with a host of events having been based at Nambour. We would especially like to acknowledge the wonderful support received from the Southerners Bowling Club again this year with their large contingent playing twice weekly. The Maroochydore RSL Lawn Bowlers have also taken to our greens on a number of occasions during this period.

Healthy membership is also a key ingredient for any successful club and it is comforting to see several new players join our club recently. To all new members and visitors alike, we extend to you a hearty welcome.

The Greats Who Graced Our Greens

There are still a few oldies around who would remember the true immortals of our sport with names like Bryant, Wood, Poole and Parella. Some 35 years ago in 1984 the Nambour Bowls Club in conjunction with local sponsor Skinners Mazda secured the services of these gentlemen for a special International Tournament at Nambour.



David Bryant, Willie Wood, Rob Parella & Keith Poole

All four players held astonishing records at that time with Englishman David Bryant and Scotland's Willie Wood setting the benchmark but the two well known and respected Aussies Rob Parella and Keith Poole were not

far behind. Their challenge matches on the Nambour greens attracted huge crowds.

Wood played his first game of bowls at seven – Bryant had his first lesson at 12. "The secret of bowls, or any sport, is to start when you are very young when you are supple", Bryant said. Willie Wood believed the successful bowler has an inbuilt talent. "Combine that with rhythm and touch, concentration, self-discipline and experience, you have the makings of a champion bowler".

2019 Club Championships

Congratulations to the following players who have excelled in the major Club Championships this year.

Singles Champions

Men ► Derek Tomkins
Ladies ► Yvonne Yaxley



Pairs Champions

Men ► Graham Morton & Ralph Wells
Ladies ► Judy Stephenson & Dorothy Kelly

Fours Champions

Men ► Bob Heir, Gerry Peterson, Max Middleton & Matti Savimaki
Ladies ► Leslie Roach, Sharyn Firth, Helen Ingle & Fran Connors

Help Celebrate 30 Years of Night Bowls

This year marks the 30th anniversary of night bowls at Nambour. Three younger members working in town were the driving force behind this project as they could see real benefits in being able to play bowls after work and in the cool of evening.

Nambour became one of the first clubs on the Sunshine Coast offering night bowls when lighting on the top green was installed. It became the catalyst for social bowls, interclub challenges and nominated events attracting players from throughout the Coastal region culminating in lighting of the second green a few years later.

What a great time to introduce the sport to some of the younger brigade who are still working. But don't forget the oldies too who either don't like the heat or have finally been released from grand parenting duties for the day. It's a team effort. Bring a friend, workmate or family member.

Recent Majors

The Nambour Bowls Club has been in the thick of the action through its involvement in several major events. The Club started by hosting some of the Open Singles matches in the Sunshine Coast Winter Bowls Carnival.

Kicking off then was a special Aussie vs Kiwi day organised by Steve Hebbert. One of the highlights off the bowling green of this Cross-Tasman rivalry was a massive "pig out" after Gary McKay produced a scrumptious roasted pig-on-the-spit. A truly great day was had by all. *Oink oink.*

Nambour then played the major role in hosting the popular Hinterland Carnival Mixed Fours, an event which attracted 52 teams from all over Australia and New Zealand.

The popular Nambour 2000 Open Fours sponsored by Graham and Anne Dorreen followed on Sunday 28 July. In its eight year, the teams were evenly matched with only one team finishing the day undefeated.

The hectic July period ended with the hosting of the Sunshine Coast District Ladies Champion of Champion Fours event played over two days. Winners were Club Maroochy.

The Status Quo

When applying for project funding from government agencies, questions are invariably asked about membership and participation numbers. Nambour has retained a healthy player base throughout its history but the following numbers are food for thought.

In 1992 when the Club celebrated its Diamond Jubilee, male membership totaled 149 while female numbers had reached 70. The present membership base remains quite healthy today but how many of those 1992 members remain on the books 27 years later? The boys are down to 12 and the girls rest at 4.

The figures highlight the need for us all to be proactive when it comes to promoting the sport and club membership. It also illustrates the importance of training deputies and successors for all roles in club and sports management. New and skilled younger members are vital for any business.

Saluting a True Champion – Jack Lake

When Jack Lake moved to Nambour from Gympie almost 40 years ago, this Club gained a member who was a champion bloke in all respects. He quickly established himself as the player to beat, dominating singles events in the eighties with many Club and District titles.



Off the greens, Jack played a significant role in the management of the Club over many years as Secretary and Treasurer as well as key roles in District administration.

We salute you Jack Lake, Life Member, for your contribution to the Club, the sport and providing inspiration for others. We miss you around the Club and wish you the very best of health.

Funding Acknowledgement



The Nambour Bowls Club duly acknowledges the financial support extended by Sunshine Coast Council under its Community Partnership Funding Program which covers the three year period 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.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship is an integral part of life and successful business today. Both parties benefit from strong 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.

Not all sponsorships involve big money but as the saying goes "**Every little helps**". Sponsorship can be directed to one-off or regular events, it might consist of cash, goods or vouchers and is tailored to suit both parties.

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

Please patronise our sponsors and don't forget to mention that you're from the Nambour Bowls Club. Why not canvas the business you often deal with about the prospect of sponsorship.

2019 Pennants Up and Running

The 2019 Pennant competitions for both Men and Ladies have kicked off and this year signals the consolidation of both on a Saturday. There may be some teething problems, only time will tell, but hopefully the move will prove positive for the game. Smaller clubs my find challenges sourcing umpires and catering on certain days.

In the Men's competition, Nambour has fielded sides in Divisions 1, 3 and 6 while the Ladies have sides in Divisions 1 and 6. We wish all players well in their united efforts to deliver the respective 2019 Pennant flags to Nambour.

Catering and Coping with the Workload

It has been great to see so many locals and visitors playing on our greens and soaking up the fabulous weather over recent weeks. The amazing number of major competitions and carnival events has placed an extraordinary load on many volunteers, but none more so than Margaret Thorogood with her exceptional food catering skills and Terry Hall with his role behind the bar. Derek Tomkins is also cherishing an opportunity for a holiday after being heavily involved in the management of many events plus administration duties. Well done to everyone who has shared the load.

Coming Events

Cullen Shield - Commences Thursday 15th August

This great interclub night bowls competition is back again and what a great way to celebrate Nambour's 30th anniversary of night bowls. Help light up both greens by participating in one of the 12 sides comprising two teams of Open Fours. Team or individual nominations accepted.

The competition will be played at Nambour on Thursday evenings over 6 weeks commencing on 15 August. The annual event is proudly sponsored by A.Cullen & Son, Peugeot Dealer of Nambour

Ladies Fiesta – Monday/Tuesday 16-17th September

Following the outstanding success of last year's special anniversary event, the 2019 Ladies Fiesta will be another bottler. Played over two days, major sponsor of the event is Churches of Christ Care while Easy Travel and Cruise, Nambour will also feature strongly on the supporters list.

Rex Thorogood Memorial Fours – Saturday/Sunday 19/20th October



This is a special two day 'by invitation only' event which has become an annual event in honour of the Late Rex Thorogood, former Life Member and one of the true blue doers who have graced the volunteer based club throughout its journey since formation back in 1932.

Scorpio Day - Sunday 27th October

This is the time when Scorpions jump out of their web and put some sting into this annual all-day event. It may be some time in the distance but this Open Fours event has proven the test of time as a great, fun filled competition.

Help Wanted

The operation of a modern bowls club demands a 24/7 business management approach and commitment. At this club, there are no salaries involved, just a love of the game, a desire to succeed and comradeship.

All volunteers would appreciate a break from time to time and, with that in mind, following are key functions on and off the green for which extra assistance is needed.

**Catering
Bar Service
Games Controllers
Measurers and Umpires
Administration
Coaches**

If you would like to help in any of these or other areas, please come forward. You will be guided through the respective processes and the Club will pay any related course fees. Your contribution will be most welcome.

Missing Faces

The local bowls club is often a place where friendships begin and are strengthened. Team spirit and a sense of belonging are therefore great values to adopt and nurture. It makes good sense to show you care when a familiar face is missing from the club. To those travelling we wish you "happy holiday" and for our friends who have succumbed to ill health our thoughts are with you.

Flashback Six Decades

The following historic image taken in 1959 provides a perspective of the Nambour bowling greens, greenkeeper shed and new clubhouse shortly after the latter was open for business. The original clubhouse was located down near the creek bank.



The Wish List

Now that the clubhouse has finally been air conditioned, the focus turns to other items on the wish list. Many dream fixes and facilities inevitably involve major expenditure and a dependence on community grants for financial assistance. The \$40000 investment in air conditioning and an estimated \$50000 for new shades and awnings highlight the need for responsible business and financial planning. The Club is waiting for a second chance at securing major funding for the latter project later this year.

Meanwhile, an application is presently being prepared for funding assistance from Council which would help deliver a high priority amenity in the form of a permanent and secure barbecue/catering facility installed outside in the Undercover Area.

Brett's New Mower



This is no joke. Brett does have another new mower but this one runs on different fuel. Meet Mike Reid (straw hat) our new greenkeeper who has taken over duties from stalwart Brett Sinclair (cap). Brett has good reason to smile as he has opted for retirement.

Congratulations Brett on a job well done. We will miss you slaving around the greens but hope to see you more with bowls in hand. Many thanks are also extended to sidekick Kooka for his contribution. Finally we stamp our feet and chant the Maori haka as we provide a hearty and noisy welcome to our new greenie Mike.

House Rules

Binning the Rubbish

Nobody likes messing with rubbish bins but Council regulations dictate what refuse goes in which rubbish bin.

Yellow Bins ► Only used for recyclable items such as paper, glass, approved plastic and cans. Coffee and water cups cannot be recycled – they must go in general waste.

Container Refund Scheme ► use specially designated bins for bottles and cans where possible. This will assist those managing this process.

Alcohol and Smoking Regulations

Government regulations apply in relation to the responsible service and consumption of alcohol on licensed premises along with smoking. All members are requested to familiarise themselves with the Club's policy in such matters as the parties may face serious penalties where breaches occur

Tap on the Shoulder

Studies over the years confirm that the majority of members were introduced to the sport by a family member or close friend. It only takes a tap on the shoulder and a little bit of encouragement to start the bowl rolling.

Folk who have retired from other more active sports often relish the change of pace and are amazed at the skills involved. Those coming from the generation below us would also make life easier for everyone and help secure the future of this historic club.

Coaching is available for new and prospective players, the Club has sets of bowls on hand for beginners to use and the social bowls program is ideally suited for this purpose.

Tuesday nights – register by 5.30pm with 6pm start
escape the heat and play to the beat of some great music.
(Recommences in October)

Saturday mornings - 8.30am start – more experienced bowlers are encouraged to assist the beginners

Volunteers are required to assist with the organisation and conduct of these events.

HELP LIGHTEN THE HEAVY LOAD
AND
HELP OUT A BUDDY TODAY

Until Next Time – Good Bowling