



Nambour Bowls Club

Celebrating 90 Years: 1932 to 2022

News and Views

Autumn 2022

Welcome

The catchphrase “What a difference a day makes” finally makes some sense. The sun is shining, the bees are buzzing, the birds are happy and bowls are rolling along in the sunshine on our greens once again.

Our thoughts go out to all those individuals and community based clubs like ours which have been impacted by the recent floods. The Nambour Bowls Club has been inundated with floodwaters on several occasions in the past so we know the heartache many are experiencing.

The worst flooding occurred in 1983 when waters throughout the clubhouse rose above the height of the bar. On a more positive note, we are now looking forward to a brighter future in this the Club’s 90th Birthday year

Focus on Health and Recovery

While the strict rules which applied during the peak Covid period have been relaxed, members are requested to adhere to prevailing community health guidelines, policies and practices at all times. Covid numbers remain high so stay alert, think of others, family and friends and protect those long awaited travel plans.

Like many businesses and other sporting clubs, Covid restrictions created a heavy financial burden in varying ways. Reduced patronage and revenue from bowls and other venue related events over the extended period was significant yet most of the major overheads remained on track. The bottom line is that we all can and need to help the recovery process through regular participation in and support of Club events.

Winter Visitors

We locals may not cherish the colder weather but the arrival of our interstate and overseas visitors always delivers a warm and glowing experience. 2022 may well see numbers reach pre Covid levels on the Sunshine Coast but regardless we express our warmest wishes to all visitors to Nambour where the greens remain in top order.

Southerners Bowling Club

A special welcome is also extended to this Club which will again adopt Nambour Bowls Club as its “home away from home” base during winter. Their expected tenure will be
Tuesday and Friday mornings
Likely commencement date is 2nd week in June

Club Champions

The following championship events have been held over the last four months with weather interruptions impacting on the completion of events in time for Champion of Champion playoffs. Following are the winners to date.

Men’s Singles

Winner Peter Nixon
Runner-up Allan Owen

Men’s Fours

Winners Terry Hall, Eric Sprules, Glenn Colley & Victor Howe
Runners-up Lyle Gibson, Lee Lavers, Neil Krome & Peter Nixon

Ladies Singles

Winner Robyn Perren
Runner-up Helen Ingle

Ladies Pairs

Winners Kerrin Cook & Helen Ingle
Runners-up Gayle Morton & Joy Hatch

Ladies Fours

Winners Kerrin Cook, Joy Brown, Gayle Morton & Joy Hatch
Runners-up Heather Abraham, Sharyn Firth, Faye Combes & Dorothy Kelly

Congratulations to all finalists and especially the winners and those who have secured their first Club championship. Look for more information on Facebook and Website.

Showtime Parking

Two of the most popular events at the nearby Nambour Showgrounds also provide excellent opportunities for the Club to produce invaluable revenue. We are speaking about the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show and the Home Garden Expo and Car Parking is the game we play.

June = Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show

July = Home Garden Expo

The Club conducts paid parking on its property throughout each of the events and volunteers are required. This is an activity which most members should be able to help by volunteering to do one or more shifts of a few hours duration. Check the dates and time slots on the Main Board in the downstairs Bar area and add your name please. These are great revenue raisers for the Club.

Upcoming Club Events

Sunday 26th June at 1pm

Bring a Friend / Come & Try

Club Selected 3 Bowl Triples

Bowlers, beginners and families of any age welcome

Sunday 31st July (all day)

Graham Dorreen Day

Open Fours

Sunday 14th August (all day)

Club's 90th Birthday Celebration

Open Fours

Tuesday 13th September (all day)

Nambour Ladies Fiesta

Ladies Fours

Thursdays from 22nd September

Cullen Shield

Thursday Night Competition

6 Weeks commencing 22nd September

Sunday 2nd October (all day)

Rex Thorogood and Jim Britten Memorial Day

Open Fours

Sunday 6th November (all day)

Scorpio Day

Open Fours

Hinterland Local League Competition

Nambour's focus on the 2022 Hinterland Local League (HLL) competition proved a real winner especially for the Nambour Men's Jade team which captured the HLL Trophy with an impressive performance. All teams performed well with keen competition from teams throughout the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

The final results with top 4 teams are summarised below.

Men

Winners	Nambour Jade
Second	Nambour Heights
Third	Nambour Heights
Fourth	Nambour Gold

Ladies

Winners	Mapleton
Second	Nambour Gold
Third	Nambour Jade
Fourth	Nambour White

Bar Help Wanted

More help behind the Bar is essential on all playing days and special occasions so please consider volunteering to help lighten the load. It would be especially helpful to have more of our volunteers hold or obtain a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Certificate.

Autumn Facelift

The crazy weather may be blamed for cleanup time being rescheduled from Spring to Autumn and what a great job has been done with our team of dedicated volunteers who had a real spring in their step. Let's take a look at what they have achieved.

Undercover Area

Under the direction of Peter Cole, replacement of the grassed area with a concrete surface and suitable drainage has made an amazing difference. The barbeque / catering facilities have also been overhauled with upgrades and replacements where necessary..

Planter Boxes

Peter Cole and Marty Paulsen were instrumental in building the new planter boxes which align the wall dividing the top and bottom greens. This great job was topped off by Gayle Morton and Robyn Walls when they followed close behind with gloves, garden tools, soil, plants and mulch to brighten up the environment.



Clubhouse Clean

A dedicated team of ladies then proceeded to tackle the general cleanliness of the bar and ground floor areas, both inside and outside, which had been impacted by prolonged wet weather, mould etc. They then set about cleaning and restoring many of the scoreboards around the greens. Well done girls.

The Gurney Boys

They may be okay swinging bowls but they were damn good on the end of a gurney. Neil Brown and Neil Krome did a marvelous and massive job with their machines cleaning all of the concrete surfaces around the Club. What a difference it made.

Greenkeeper's Prayers

Your prayers have been answered Mick. The sun is shining and you've got the greens looking pretty good again despite the incessant rain of late. Well done.

Reflections and Future Vision

Since the Nambour Bowling Club was formed 90 years ago, it has benefited from the strong support of duly elected community representatives. Despite not having played bowls, Shire Chairman Mr J.T. Lowe was not only one of the driving forces behind establishing the Club but was committed enough to serve as its founding President for 3 years. He also performed the role of Greens Director for the 10 consecutive years from Day 1. What a truly amazing record of dedication and commitment for such a busy man considering the club mushroomed from an empty block of land perched beside a creek bank!

Flashback



Within 20 years of formation, the Nambour Bowling Club was literally on a roll with lawn bowls so popular that it became necessary to construct a new clubhouse and this image reflects the venue in the late 1950s – early 1960s.

Special Visits

In recent months both Division 10 Councillor David Law and Member for Nicklin Rob Skelton MP were invited on separate occasions to the Club for a personal inspection of the venue and its facilities. This was a first visit for both David and Rob and enabled them to gain an invaluable insight into the Club's service to the sporting and wider community plus the challenges and opportunities which lie ahead. Both members expressed their appreciation of the efforts of our volunteer based club and offered their strong support for any future initiatives.

Venue Hire

As we move ahead from the dreaded days of extensive lockdowns and disruption to recreational and social activities, it is time for us all to focus on increasing the hire of the venue for regular and casual activities and social functions.

The modern restroom amenities and air conditioning are a blessing and greatly enhance the appeal of the Club to many community groups and individuals desirous of using the venue for their special activities. In the past, dance bands, yoga classes, martial arts, seminars, training, meetings, barefoot bowls and casual functions featured regularly.

Over the past few weeks, the Club has been chosen for two interesting and mutually rewarding functions. The venue was very well received by the organisers and many outsiders who attended an exciting Drag Queen Bingo evening. In stark contrast shortly afterwards, Mrs Eileen Smith celebrated her 100th birthday with her seven sons and extended family in great style.

Please mention the Club with your network of friends and family so that we can attract more patronage.

Monday Training and Coaching



Training and Coaching sessions are scheduled on Monday afternoons from 3.00pm and other times can be arranged to suit individual circumstances. The sessions will resume on 13th June so beginners and anyone interested in training drills come along and join in the fun experience.

Shades Project

Members will be relieved to know that the Club will soon benefit from the replacement of all shades around the bowling greens. The project has been made possible following an offer from Allan Newman to remove all existing structures, supply and install near new and modern shades.

A successful Sunshine Coast Council major grant application has helped to offset the large costs involved while the recent Special General Meeting unanimously endorsed the project and expenditure. The project will be scheduled around the bowls program and is expected to commence around late July.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship is an integral part of successful business today. Not all sponsorships involve big money and can be directed to one-off or regular events, it might consist of cash, products 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. Please help where you can.

Teachers Firing Up



Teachers of old always used to say “You’ve got to have a Plan B in place”. These two old larrikins don’t practice in the classroom anymore but they certainly pull their weight in support for the game of bowls and our Club. Thursday afternoons they really hit their straps with the Teachers group but they rush to help around the BBQ on other major events.

Keith Dean and Howard Purdon, we’re right behind you but we think most will accept Howard’s Plan B (fill up with beer) over Keith’s (face the hotplate) in a tough situation. Well done and many thanks Keith, Howard and the Teachers Team for your contribution over so many years

Funding Acknowledgement



Community Partnership Funding Program

The Nambour Bowls Club duly acknowledges the ongoing support from Sunshine Coast Council under its Community Partnership Funding Program for the three year period 2021/2023. Financial assistance under this program helps reduce the cost pressures on the Club from essential services such as insurance, electricity, rates and water/sewerage charges.

Major Grant – Shades Project

Sunshine Coast Council has just announced its support for the Shades Project by granting approval for a \$10,000 towards this very important upgrade of the Club’s facilities.

Nambour Bowls Club duly acknowledges this crucial financial assistance which will enable players to enjoy the game of lawn bowls in a safe and healthy environment for many years in the future.

Memories



Rex Thorogood was renowned for his magical shots but he needed liquid medication from the bar before he got into full stride. He is seen here during one of those highlights watched by a couple of fascinated members who shall remain headless. Guess who?

The Floods of 22 June 1983



90th Birthday Time Is Just Around The Corner

