



# Nambour Bowls Club

## Celebrating 90 Years: 1932 to 2022

### News and Views

#### Summer 2021/22

#### Welcome

Welcome to all members, old and new, as we roll along to another exciting year. Renowned as the friendly club "Where the good times roll", we're celebrating another amazing milestone this year.

Ninety years will have elapsed in August since the Nambour Bowling Club was formed in 1932. Such was the enthusiasm and drive amongst founding members that the wheels turned quickly with the sport of lawn bowls becoming a reality in town early in the following year.

We encourage members to display similar excitement with hands-on support this year as we set about promoting the game, stimulating membership and celebrating the Club's amazing achievements and service to the local community.



Nambour Bowling Club in 1933  
Looking north with Showground Hill at the rear

#### Healthy Practice

It goes without saying that the past two Covid related years have presented many challenges for individuals and community based organisations like ours. Reduced patronage and revenue combined with the extra workload placed on Club officials and volunteers in administering the changing health regulations have impacted significantly.

Members are therefore asked to assist wherever possible and to comply with the prevailing health requirements for attendance and active participation at the Club.

Put simply, proof of double vaccination is currently needed to gain entry inside the clubhouse. Practice and play on the green is permissible for those who are not suitably vaccinated.

#### Night Bowls

Back in the old days playing lawn bowls at night would rarely have come up in conversation. In early 1980 the topic was first raised and investigated but a new tif dwarf green was deemed of higher importance. Finally in 1989 one green was officially illuminated with Nambour becoming one of the first clubs on the Sunshine Coast to herald in the new era.



Featured above is a group of Tuesday night social bowlers recently enjoying the comradery and comfort of bowling with friends during the coolness of evening.

#### Funding Acknowledgement



The Nambour Bowls Club duly acknowledges the support over several years from Sunshine Coast Council under its Community Partnership Funding Program. The Club was delighted recently to receive approval for funding assistance over the three year period 2021/2023.

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. With the added financial pressures imposed by Covid, this support is a real winner for our Club.

## Australia Day 2022

Who would have imagined back in 1949 when the Club decided to stage a Foundation Day carnival that the event would still feature as one of its favoured and most popular events.

The Australia Day Open Fours as it is more commonly referred to these days attracts male and female bowlers from across the region. The efforts by our dedicated team of volunteers are commendable with guests treated to a great BBQ breakfast and lunch.

Sadly rain forced the cancellation of the final round but it did not dampen spirits with large numbers winning prizes on the day.



**Overall Winners** – Nicco's Buddies featuring Rick Holt, Peter Nixon, Ed Haller and Doug Tognolini



**Runners-Up** – Nambour's Greg and Sharon Baker, Steve and Denise McLean

**Third Place** was secured by the Club Maroochy team of Allan Newman, Marianne Kuenzle, Paul Jones and Peter Hughes.



**2022 Thong Throwing Wizard** – Doug Tognolini

Former winner Michael Thorogood set the standard with a mighty toss in the rounds but Doug lifted his thong and triumphed In the grand final,

## Hinterland Local League Competition

The Hinterland Local League ( HLL) is underway with the Club focusing on this very special Interclub competition in 2022. The Nambour Bowls Club played a significant part in the development and organisation of this event which was specifically designed to promote and strengthen links between the smaller Hinterland clubs.

With strong support and teams from as far afield as Pomona, Kenilworth and Cooroy, we are confident that everyone will enjoy the experience. May the men and ladies in Jade, Gold and White do well !! **Go Nambour.**

## St Patrick's Day Mixed Medley



**Nominate your team now** for this exciting Nambour event on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Teams comprising 2 Ladies and 2 Men engage in games of Ladies', Men's and Mixed Pairs plus Mixed Fours with lunch included.

Dress up for the occasion and absorb the atmosphere and music on a truly unique and fun filled day of mixed bowls. Bring your friends and Paddy too.

**Great prizes on offer courtesy of event sponsor**

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## Our Thoughts Are With You

To anyone who has suffered a loss or illness, our thoughts are with you and we wish you a speedy recovery to a much improved standard of health.

Please keep in touch with your Club mates as social interaction is a key factor in the recovery process.

Wishing you good health, friendship and happy times at the Nambour Bowls Club.

## Management Team

Behind every successful club is a hard working and committed team of volunteers fulfilling roles from organising and conducting the games to catering and office administration. Nambour has a proud record in this regard and the following members are deserving of special mention at this early stage of the new year.

Now in their third and fourth years respectively at the helm, John Scotney and Joy Brown are doing a grand job as Presidents of the Men's and Ladies' Bowls Divisions. Maureen Sacco and Glenys O'Meara have just accepted the key roles of Club Secretary and Treasurer respectively and we commend them for their initiative and keen interest and welcome the benefit of their skills and experience.



We currently need to fill the role of Men's Secretary and require more volunteers to assist on the Bar Service and Catering rosters. Likewise, the various Games Organisers would appreciate a helping hand on the day.

Derek Tomkins is another who has played a tremendous role for the Club both on and off the green. With his skills and business background, he has been instrumental in upgrading management practices and operating systems to meet modern standards. His commitment has coincided with the changes of "office" personnel and is on top of his Games Director role.

Derek, the Club gratefully acknowledges your amazing dedication and commitment and we wish you every comfort during your medical treatment.

## Social Bowls – Engaging with Newbies

Membership surveys over the years have consistently shown 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.

A premature judgement call from one multi sportsperson after watching a few games from the sidelines was *"It's a simple game"*. Today, with the benefit of hindsight and experience, that view has come back to bite big time followed by consumption of some humble pie.

So let's all get cracking and reap the rewards of engaging with newbies. Just think, if every member brought a new bowler into the game, membership would double. More younger members would not only strengthen the game but reduce the workload on tiring seniors and better facilitate succession planning to ensure future prosperity.

Coaching is available for new players, the Club has sets of bowls on hand for beginners to use and two social events are ideally suited for this purpose. Operating on the Buddy principle, beginners and new bowlers can easily transition into and gain experience with real games.

**Tuesday nights** – register by 5.30pm with 6pm start (beat the heat and listen to the beat of some great music).

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

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

**Coaching Sessions** – are scheduled on Monday afternoons from 3.00pm and other times can be arranged to suit individual circumstances. Reinstatement of Friday afternoon Practice Sessions could be an option if there is sufficient interest.

## "Flown the Coop"



Members may have noticed that for many months the Clubhouse roofing has resembled pigeon paradise with acts including swirling on rotating air vents and leaving nasty messages below via air drops.

Pigeon nesting has recently been eradicated following roof, gutter and solar panel cleaning along with the installation of special meshing around the solar panels. They may still be hanging around but nesting has been eliminated and maximum solar production assured.

## Coming Soon

Concreting of the apron of the Undercover Area is planned shortly to address the uneven surface of this busy pathway alongside the bowling green and viewing area.

## 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, 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. Current sponsors and supporters are displayed on the Club's website. If you would like to help or have contacts, please contact a Board member for more information.

## Reflections and Opportunities



Greenkeeper Bob Dixon with his first mower in 1932.  
This model was referred to as the push-pull mower.

When the Club's longer serving members reflect today on the clubhouse facilities like restroom amenities and air conditioning, the question is invariably raised. How did we cope with what we had to put up with back then?

The dunnies were atrocious with inadequate toilets, cubicles so small that doors scraped on toilet seats and no disabled amenities while small electric fans proved quite useless in addressing the heat and humidity inside.

Today, the modern restroom amenities and air conditioning are a blessing and greatly enhance the appeal of the Club to lawn bowlers and other community groups and individuals desirous of using the venue for their special activities.

The venue is ideally suited to and has been used for dancing, yoga classes, seminars, training, meetings and casual functions. On the greens, barefoot bowls, seniors and school related activities have proven popular.

While the Club's major focus is now on reinvigorating interest in playing bowls, it is important that other community groups are encouraged to utilise the facilities.



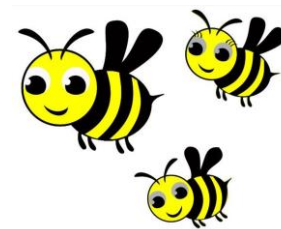
On this note, we have been saddened by news that the very popular **Gold Dust Rockers** who celebrated their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday late last year have been forced to cease operations due to a serious family illness. We extend our best wishes to Sue Stewart and family at this difficult time.

## A Bird's Eye View



The pigeons may have flown the coup from the rooftop but a drone was hovering overhead on Australia Day. The opportunity was taken to capture some images of the Nambour Bowls Club from a new perspective.

## Working Bees



Jump on board and join others helping with one or more of the following activities which are crucial for the Club's well-being.

### Greens

The annual maintenance, upgrade and repairs to the bowling greens is a big task but there are other times when assistance is desired to reduce the load and take advantage of weather conditions etc. Thanks to the guys who helped with the recent top dressings.

### Gardens

Thanks are also extended to the motivated ladies who attacked the weeds along the roadside embankment and in the gardens and set about beautifying the local environment around the clubhouse and greens.

### Bar Service

More help behind the Bar is essential on all playing days and special occasions so please volunteer to assist by adding your name to the roster.

### Catering

Likewise, the task of catering for bowls activities and functions is demanding and more help is desired.

### Facility Maintenance

Trade skills are precious assets when little jobs require attention. Let us know about your hidden talents so a quick fix might be organised when necessary.

*Until Next Time – Good Bowling*