



Nambour Bowls Club

"Where the good times roll"

News and Views

Spring 2023

Welcome

Spring has certainly arrived with warm and dry weather the order of the day. Many of our visitors from interstate and overseas have thoroughly enjoyed their Sunshine Coast winter holidays and playing lawn bowls on Nambour's excellent greens. Renowned as the friendly club "*Where the good times roll*", we have achieved positive outcomes this year, thanks to good teamwork and despite a few cold room challenges.

'Come and Try' - October Promotion



We are now into Bowls Queensland's 'Come and Try' month and the Club is conducting special sessions each Friday afternoon in October (6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th) between 3pm and 6pm with a free sausage sizzle available for guests.

As the caption above states, bowls is a game that brings people together so please help by arranging for family, friends, workmates and neighbours to come along and give it a go. The Club will continue the Come and Try sessions on Friday afternoons beyond October. Flyers are available for letterbox delivery so please help promote the activity around your local area.

Annual Meetings

The following Annual General Meetings have been scheduled and members are requested to attend the relevant meetings to contribute to the ongoing success of our great club. Full details and nomination sheets for the Ladies and Mens Section Meetings can be found on the relevant notice boards. Full details about the Club's AGM will be issued shortly.

Ladies Section <> Thursday 19th October at 11.30am

Mens Section <> Friday 10th November at 5.00pm

Bowls Club <> Monday 11th December

Sad Passing of Club Champion

Club members were saddened by the passing of our esteemed Life Member and Patroness Mrs Mavis Balkin on 5th September, aged 95 years.



Mavis joined the Nambour Ladies Bowling Club in the 1960s and served as President four times between 1966 and 1992.

Such was her enthusiasm, devotion and commitment to the sport, Mavis served as President of the Nambour District Ladies Bowls Association in 1978.

Following the amalgamation of the Nambour and Sunshine Coast Districts, she continued her service in many roles including as an integral member of the District Match Committee. Mavis was also awarded Life Membership of Sunshine Coast District Ladies Association and in 2022 served as their President until the Mens and Ladies District Associations amalgamated. RIP Mavis.

Club Champions 2023

The following winners of the 2023 Club Championships are to be congratulated for their great achievements.

Men's Event Winners

A Singles	Peter Nixon
Pairs	Neil Krome & Greg Baker
Fours	Victor Howe, John Scotney, Robert Combes & Bill Roberts
B Singles	Victor Howe

Ladies Event Winners

A Singles	Syl Fisk
Pairs	Bev Krome & Syl Fisk
Fours	Robyn Perren, Lesley Roach, Judy Stephenson & Helen Ingle
B Singles	Judy Stephenson

Mixed Event Winners

Pairs	Joy Hatch & Peter Nixon
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Most finals were very closely contested but none more so than in the Mixed Pairs where Robyn and Neville Perren suffered a nail biting last end loss to Joy and Peter, similar to their 2022 Final against Joy and Neil Brown.

Singles Champions 2023



Syl Fisk



Peter Nixon

Interclub Events

BPHLL

Nambour Bowls Club entered 2 teams in both Men's and Ladies' Divisions. In closely contested competitions with little separating the top three sides, Yandina Blue triumphed over Nambour Jade and (Nambour) Heights Gold in the Men's Division. In the Ladies' Division, Nambour Gold were the competition winners with Yandina and Nambour Heights filling second and third places.

Congratulations to all sides for contributing to a great 2023 BPHLL series and well done to the 'Nambour Gold' Ladies Team members:-

Team 1 : Robyn Perren, Jane Mantle and Helen Ingle

Team 2 : Carol Murdoch, Bev Krome and Una Rowlings

DISTRICT PENNANTS

Nambour entered sides in both Divisions 3 and 5 of the 2023 Mens Pennant but only the Division 3 side qualified for the semi-finals after finishing second on the points table. Unfortunately third placed Coolum defeated Nambour in the semi-final.

Nambour entered sides in both Divisions 4 and 6 of the 2023 Ladies Pennant and the Division 4 side sadly failed to qualify for the semi-finals by falling 1 point short of third place on the points table.

Despite failing to bring home a Pennant this year, all players who contributed to the overall Nambour team performance, promotion of the game and Club are to be heartily congratulated.

Help Wanted – Umpires and Coaches

Like all sports, umpiring and coaching is an integral part of our game. Without sufficient numbers of qualified persons in these roles, clubs cannot progress and perform their "on-field" tasks nor deliver the motivation and training needed for inexperienced and potential new members.

The Club urgently requires more members to fill the roles of Umpire, Measurer and Club Coach to properly support club and major competitions. The Club will meet any costs associated with gaining these qualifications.

Cullen Shield

The popular Cullen Shield played on Thursday evenings is well under way again this year with 10 sides comprising 2 teams of open fours competing for the 2023 honours. Kawana Thunder is defending their title against clubs as far afield as Glasshouse to Tewantin Noosa. Thanks to Brett Cullen and his team for their ongoing Sponsorship.

SC Winter Carnival – A Winner for Nambour

The Sunshine Coast Winter Bowls Carnival proved a winner for the Club this year with increased events played on our greens and enhanced exposure to visitors. Another bonus was the performance of the awesome foursome Nambour team which claimed the Open Fours title. And the grinders in order of play were Beth Jenkins, Trevor Cook, Gayle Morton and Victor Howe (skip) featured below with John Scotney.



Welcome New Members

Over the past few months, the Club has been delighted to welcome the following new members with a wide range of backgrounds and bowling experience.

Geoffrey Thorne	Ian Dufty
Neil Wright	Rodney Donaldson
Mark Wheaton	Barbara Labinsky
Julia Barlow	Warwick Fribance
Ian Harber	Phil Sinclair
Jill Mabb	Alan Johannessen
Stephen Nixon	

Snapshot – Second Green Challenge

The following story featured on the front page of the **Nambour Chronicle** dated 26th July 1946.

Presenting his presidential report to the 11th annual meeting of the Nambour Bowling Club on Wednesday evening, Mr J Bentley stated that the No. 2 green was now in an advanced stage of construction, and to date it had cost approximately £1300. Magnitude of the work involved, he said, could be gauged by the fact that 1500 yards of material was used.

The task has been an arduous one and in view of the difficulties which had to be surmounted this committee is to be complimented upon their work.

Flashback – New Clubhouse 1953



Many members may be unaware of the history of the current clubhouse. The original small building was erected near the creek bank shortly after the club was formed in 1932 but by the 1950s a major upgrade was needed to meet growing membership and demand.

The following article from the Nambour Chronicle on Friday 6th November 1953 covered the official opening. The building at that time looked similar to the above image and in the following decade the clubhouse was extended further towards the green. Today the extension can be detected from the outside by way of the flat roofed section.

£4470 BOWLS CLUB HOUSE OPENED Nambour's Gala Day Netts £200

Saturday last was a gala and historic day for the Nambour Bowling Club for it marked the official opening of the new £4470 club house. The afternoon's proceedings were eminently successful, the club collecting a rain insurance of £100 when it insured for 10 points and 21 points fell. Rain did not mar the proceedings or diminish the crowd, being in the vicinity of 4100. The evening was also successful, but the club missed out on insurance. Profits on the day aggregated £200

Sponsorship

Sponsorship is an integral part of successful business and community organisations 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" for a club like ours. Just ask Syl Fisk and Bev Krome who have done an amazing job canvassing businesses for donations for raffle prizes for the majority of the Club's major events.

Simply by raising the subject with a business you know or deal with may deliver a rewarding outcome.



Funding Acknowledgement



The Nambour Bowls Club duly acknowledges the support over several years from Sunshine Coast Council under its Community Partnership Funding Program. The current agreement provides financial assistance for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Under this program the financial concessions help reduce the cost pressures on the Club and its members by offsetting the burden imposed by the rising cost of essential services such as insurance, electricity, rates and water/sewerage charges.



Gambling Community Benefit Fund

The presentation and appearance of the highest timber clubhouse was revitalised following repair and repainting. The project which included a new hot water system was made possible through funding support gained from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

Help Required

The Club relies on the support and hands-on assistance where practicable from its members to help operate and maintain its facilities. Functions where support would be most welcome at present include the following:-

Greens

The annual maintenance, upgrade and repairs to the bowling greens are often a big task. This year the greens will be undergoing a refresh during December-January and some light duties help may be required.

Gardens

Thanks are extended to the ladies who undertake regular weeding and rubbish collection along the roadside embankment. More green thumbs would be welcome to assist with maintaining the planter boxes and gardens 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. The workload can then be spread more evenly enabling everyone to have a break.

Facility Maintenance

Trade and technical skills are precious when little jobs around and within the clubhouse need attention so please let us know your speciality.

Games Coordinators

Games Coordinators are needed for all games of bowls and we would like to expand our numbers to provide assistance to the regular team.

Winter Gains

Southerners Bowling Club

A special welcome was extended to the Southerners Bowling Club which adopts Nambour Bowls Club as its "home away from home" base during winter. Many of their members flee the colder weather down south each year and cherish the warmer and glowing experience of the Sunny Coast. This year was no exception for all visitors with the local winter and greens deemed quite magical by everyone from Australia and New Zealand. Most have recently headed home with our best wishes and we look forward to catching up again next year.

Show Parking

All major community events conducted this year at the adjacent Nambour Showgrounds were well supported with the fine weather also benefiting the Club by way of precious revenue raised from conducting Show Parking. Members who volunteered for the car parking roster are sincerely thanked for their contribution.

Coming Bowls Events

Queensland Teachers Group Visit Sunday 15th October

The Queensland Teachers have been supporting the Club for many years with their social visits and this is a great opportunity to support them and the Club once again in 2023. Simply put your name down and you'll be assured of a great game of social bowls.

Scorpio Day Open Fours Sunday 29th October

This eagerly awaited annual event with \$1500 prize money is just days away and has already attracted many entries from players and clubs across the region so it should be a real winner.



The 2023 Scorpio Day Open Fours is proudly supported by a new sponsor 'The Shed House'. Our thanks are extended to the Perren family for engaging with this company which undertook work on their property.

Hall Hire

During the extended impact of Covid, many community groups which utilised the Club's facilities for the likes of dancing and exercise classes were forced into lockdown. Other family and business related social functions followed suit and the recovery rate has been slow.

With the festive season fast approaching, now is an excellent time for members to promote the Club as a venue for work Christmas parties and socials, Barefoot Bowls etc.

"Bingo" – Drag Yourself Along

If you like playing Bingo and would like to experience a different version of the game, come along to the Club and join in the following memorable and entertaining evening.

Melony's Drag Queen Bingo Friday 3rd November from 6.30pm

Beginner & Social Bowls

We need to attract more people into lawn bowls and especially the younger and those who may have reached the end of their playing days in more active sports. Beginners and new bowlers can easily transition into the game and gain experience from participation in the following activities.

Monday Coaching

Sessions – are scheduled on Monday afternoons from 3.00pm and other times can be arranged to suit individual circumstances. Further coaching is available during the present Come and Try sessions on Friday afternoons.

Tuesday Social Night Bowls

With summer just around the corner, now is a good time to come along on Tuesday nights for some friendly social bowls. This is a great chance also to help some new bowlers. Simply register by 5.30pm with a 6pm start. You'll beat the heat and listen to the beat of some great music.

Friday Come and Try Sessions

The Club is presently holding these sessions on Friday afternoons between 3pm and 6pm to promote the game and attract new players. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday Mufti Pairs

Players of all standards are invited along for an 8.30am start. Bowlers of all standards are encouraged to participate in order to embrace our beginners on their journey into our great game.



Until Next Time
Good Bowling