



Nambour Bowls Club

News and Views

Autumn 2024

Welcome

It would seem that the extended wet weather period is slowly abating with sunshine appearing quite regularly. With the popular winter bowls season on our doorstep, we certainly hope good weather is the order of the day as the Club needs to recover lost ground and maximise participation rates at all of our regular and special events.

Hinterland Local League Competition 2024

Nambour entered two teams in both the 2024 Mens and Ladies BPHLL competitions and when the final bell rang both the Nambour Men's and Ladies' Jade teams had captured the 2024 titles. The first four placings in each competition are summarised below.

	Men	Ladies
Winners	Nambour Jade	Nambour Jade
Second	Yandina Blue	Nambour Heights
Third	Palmwoods Hawks	Yandina
Fourth	Mapleton	Mapleton

Congratulations to both Nambour Jade and Gold teams for their contribution and performance throughout the closely contested competition, one which is clearly evident from the final points' tables.

The BPHLL hosted a celebratory Presentation Day at Yandina Bowls Club to mark the end of another (12th) successful season for the league. Nambour members who represented the Club on that great day are featured below.



Pennant Nominations Urgently Required

Nominations for the 2024 District Pennant Competition are required urgently. Names are needed to enable the Club to submit teams and secure entries into the appropriate divisions. Provide any dates when you're not available.

Storm Damage to Clubhouse

Over the years the Club has coped reasonably well when confronted by adverse weather events like intense rainfall and flooding. However the intense storm which arrived just days before Christmas literally tipped us over the edge when the overhead box guttering on the clubhouse roofing collapsed causing significant damage on the upper level. Sadly the complexity of the insurance investigations, production of associated reports, clarification of responsibilities and delay in securing quotations for the wide range of fixes needed have delayed the project.

The Club is focused on rectifying the matter at the earliest possible opportunity for the benefit of members and guests. An independent inspection and assessment has been completed in recent days by a local builder. That comprehensive report has been presented to the insurance company for consideration. A final decision on the insurance claim is expected before the Club's Special General Meeting which is outlined below.

Special General Meeting – Wed 5th June

Members are reminded that an important Special General Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 5th June commencing at 5.15pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider and approve financial expenditure for the most appropriate repairs to the clubhouse following the December storm damage. The Meeting will also consider proposed changes to the Club's Constitution which have been requested by the Office of Fair Trading.

All members are asked to attend this important meeting but, if unable to do so, proxy forms will be available for completion before the meeting

Upcoming Major Club Events

Sunday 30th June (all day)

Fifth Sunday Open Fours

Sponsor <> Brent Dickson from McGrath Estate

Sunday 4th August (all day)

Graham Dorreen Day

Open Fours

Tuesday 10th September (all day)

Nambour Ladies Fiesta

Ladies Fours

Club Champions 2024

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.

Singles

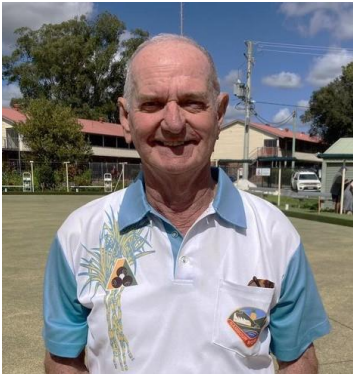
Winner
Runner-up

Men

Robert Combes
Lee Lavers

Ladies

Gayle Morton
Jill Guthrie



Men's Pairs

Winners
Runners-up

Robert Combes & Peter Nixon
John Scotney & Steve McLean

Ladies Pairs

Winners
Runners-up

Susan Balasabas & Judy Stephenson
Beth Jenkins & Jane Camp



Men's Fours

Winners

Robert Combes, John Scotney, Bill Roberts & Peter Nixon

Runners-up

Lyle Gibson, Victor Howe, Neville Perren & Lorry Axiak



Ladies Fours

Winners

Sharyn Firth, Una Rowlings, Margaret Thorogood & Jill Guthrie

Runners-up

Carol Murdoch, Margaret Groves, Robyn Perren & Helen Ingle



Congratulations to all finalists and especially the winners and those who have secured their first Club championship.

Nambour Hosts Major Events

Champion of Champions

It was great to see the Nambour Club hosting the 2024 Sunshine Coast District Champion of Champions Men's and Ladies Pairs competitions recently. It was a terrific opportunity for our local Club Champions to play on the big stage at home. The inclement and wet weather was not kind with some games having to be re-scheduled at night.

Sunshine Coast Winter Bowls Carnival

The Club has a significant role in the 2024 Winter Bowls Carnival by jointly hosting four of the major events as follows:-

Saturday 6th July <> Open Fours
Tuesday 9th July <> Open Pairs
Tuesday 16th July <> Open Pairs
Thursday 18th July <> Open Singles

Members are asked to volunteer their services at each of these major events which will attract up to 28 teams and many other visitors and officials.

Business Bowls

The initiative by Peter Nixon to conduct a social Business Bowls program on each of the four Wednesday evenings in April proved popular with staff from several local businesses enjoying the occasion and introduction to lawn bowls. Banks, real estate firms and milk factory personnel were some of those in attendance.

Stay tuned for further Business Bowls activities during the warmer months and commence promoting the concept with local businesses when shopping around town.

Our Thoughts Are With You



It is with great sadness that we received news recently of the passing of Neil Brown, husband of Ladies President Joy.

Neil was a top class bowler who contributed greatly to the sport and to our Club through his playing and coaching roles.

Neil's passing sadly followed that of another coach Les Ingle who was heavily involved with assisting the armed bowlers at our club and encouraging many to remain active on the greens. Our kind thoughts are also extended to Helen during this difficult time.

Garage Sale



The Club duly acknowledges the extraordinary efforts of the Nambour Ladies with their amazing Garage Sale which was masterminded and directed by Syl Fisk and Bev Krome. The contributions of the entire team were appropriately reflected in the financial rewards. A special thank you is also extended to the family of the late Bob and Ann Davidson who generously donated many items for the Garage Sale.

Winter Visitors

We locals may not cherish the colder weather but the arrival of our interstate and overseas visitors always delivers a warm and friendly atmosphere. 2024 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.

Funding Acknowledgements



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 which ends in June 2024. 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. The Club has lodged an expression of interest in a further three year partnership.

Major Grant – Bar Refrigerator

Sunshine Coast Council has just announced its support for the purchase of a lockable two door drinks refrigerator which will be installed on the upper level of the clubhouse.

Nambour Bowls Club duly acknowledges this financial assistance as the facility will be a great boost when catering for functions upstairs. Importantly, the effort and risk factors associated with moving stock between levels should be greatly reduced.

Australian Government – Volunteer Grant

The Club has also been advised that its application for financial assistance under the Australian Government's Volunteer Grant program has been approved. The scheme is intended to recognise the contributions made by club volunteers by funding certain key expenses. The Nambour Bowls Club's application targeted the pressing need for upgraded computer and office equipment for our busy administration team and helpers.

Does This Scene Ring A Bell?



You may ask why this photo of bowlers playing on the bottom green almost 18 years ago is featured. Just ask a greenkeeper what they think and you're sure to hear their

extreme pleasure about not having to deal with nasty big trees shading the green. Some may ask "What's that place on the hill?" If you must know, Margaret Thorogood may be able to help you solve the puzzle.

Car Park Upgrade



Members will have noticed that the Car Park and Driveway have finally been upgraded with great support from local business Maudsley Excavations. The Club funded the roadbase material and the Maudsley team generously offered to spread the roadbase material free of charge.

Showtime Parking – Volunteers Needed



14th > 15th > 16th June

4th > 5th > 6th > 7th July

The Club has benefited financially over many years now by conducting show parking during major events staged at the adjacent Showgrounds. These events provide an excellent opportunity to raise precious revenue as well as promote the club and venue. Handing out of Come and Try flyers may stimulate interest with some local visitors.

The Sunshine Coast Show is now the fourth largest in Queensland and this year the gates will remain open until 10pm each night due to the planned program. The Garden Expo is celebrating its 40th anniversary by extending its program over four days.

Nominate Now

Members are encouraged to assist each other and the Club by volunteering to do one or more shifts of a few hours duration at these two events. Check the dates and time slots on the Main Board in the downstairs Bar area and add your name as soon as convenient.

Watering the Greens

Today it's a relatively simple exercise to water the greens. Prior to a significant investment in the installation of an automatic irrigation system in 2012, it was a demanding and time consuming task for greenkeepers. Pictured below is Peter Duley commencing to assemble the aluminium irrigation pipes on the top green.



The automatic system utilises rainwater collected from the clubhouse roofing and backed up by an underground water bore. Previously, the Club was reliant on costly town water which was pumped through the pipes that needed to be repositioned by hand regularly to ensure adequate coverage of the greens. No rest for the water boy.

School Visits

It was great to see Burnside State High School students on the bowling green recently as part of their sporting and educational program with several displaying a natural talent. Nambour State College students were involved with a similar program last year and are expected to return in coming months. Thanks to John Scotney and his helpers.

Membership Drive



Lawn bowls is a great game for all ages and offers wonderful opportunities to socially engage with others. It is important that we all seek to promote membership for the Club's ongoing success.

Why not bring a friend, relative and/or business associate along for an introduction to the game.

Helping Team Mates

Unlike many larger clubs, the Nambour Bowls Club has evolved and operated since its humble beginnings in 1932 solely on the back of its dedicated volunteers. The range of functions associated with managing the club and its bowls program today is enormous by comparison.



Everyone wants a holiday so members are encouraged to lighten the heavy load of others by offering to help club mates.

URGENTLY WANTED

New Members <> Coaches <> Umpires <> Volunteers

Until Next Time - Good Bowling