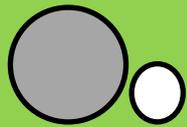
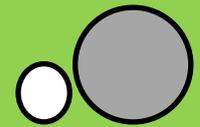


# Nambour Bowls Club



## News and Views



Spring 2017

Home Edition

### Welcome

Spring is with us once again and the recent rains have certainly provided great relief after such a long dry spell. With work commencing on the annual renovations to our top class bowling greens, it would be nice to see a continuation of kind weather for the hard working team.

The Club's solid reputation for its lawn bowls facilities together with the traditional warm and friendly atmosphere extended to visitors have again contributed to strong support during the recent winter months.

It is also most pleasing to acknowledge the healthy number of new members who have for a variety of reasons elected to adopt Nambour Bowls Club as their bowling home. Welcome one and all.

### It's Hard to Believe

The long awaited major amenities upgrade was completed one year ago bringing joy to members and visitors alike.

### Trumps in Pennants

The 2017 District Pennants Series will go down in Club history as one of the best with all 3 Men's and 3 Ladies' Sides reaching the semifinals and all but the Ladies' Division 2 Side winning through to the finals showdown.

In the finals, Nambour's Division 2, 4 and 8 Men's Sides were unable to secure the SCDMBA Flag but put in a great effort throughout the entire season to finish runners-up. Both Nambour Ladies Division 3 and 5 Sides made it all the way to capture the SCDLBA Flags in stunning fashion. Well done Ladies and Gentlemen.

### The Winners – Division 3



Leslie Roach, Joy Hatch, Sue Lane, Joy Woodward, Kerry McIlveen, Yvonne Yaxley, Lynette Higson, Lyn Hall

### The Winners – Division 5



Gloria Weaver (Manager), Sue Dempsey, Bev Krome, Lesley Leech, Elaine Asher, Sharyn Firth, Joy Brown, Di Austin, Jane Camp

### Office Bearers Elected at AGMs

The AGMs for both Men's and Ladies' Sections were held recently and hearty congratulations are extended to the following members who willingly accepted these key roles for the coming year.

#### Men's Section

President	Ron Abraham
Vice President	Wes Parry
Secretary	Ray Capper
Games Director	Derek Tomkins

#### Ladies' Section

President	Lyn Hall
Vice President	Gayle Morton
Secretary	June Robson
Games Director	Joy Brown

Please support and encourage your fellow members and volunteers at every opportunity during what we all hope will be another memorable and rewarding year.

### Board of Management – Annual Meeting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Note this important meeting date in your diary as all members are respectfully asked to attend the Club's Annual General Meeting. Full details will be issued shortly. Formed way back in August 1932, the Club has continued to service the local community and provide enjoyment for members and guests on the back of its amazing people, without whom things would be vastly different. You too can make a difference.

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Please think about how you could help to keep the tradition alive. Several long serving members have worked tirelessly over many years for the good of the Club and the sport. As we move into our 86<sup>th</sup> year, good teamwork, fresh faces and new ideas will remain paramount for continued success.

## 2017 Club Champions

Congratulations to the following players who have excelled in the major Club Championships this year. These and many other awards will be presented at the Christmas Party on Saturday 16 December.

### Singles Champions

Men ▶ Tony Green  
Ladies ▶ Joy Hatch



### Pairs Champions

Men ▶ Graham Morton & Neil Brown  
Ladies ▶ Gayle Morton & Joy Hatch

### Fours Champions

Men ▶ Bob Heir, Lester Krosch, Laurie Axiak & David Robson  
Ladies ▶ Gayle Morton, Kylie Neil, Margaret Groves & Margaret Thorogood

## Remember When

### Bowls practice and coaching on Friday afternoons were strongly supported by young and old

For many years, "Roll Up" was the catch cry for Friday afternoons as players of all standards sought to improve their game, anytime from 3pm onwards, with practice and/or coaching. For those who liked a cool drink afterwards and perhaps a nice feed, the regular Friday night BBQ filled the void. The popular Barbie was organised by a small group of members which included Life Member Jack Lake and his late wife Ivy.

### Food for thought.

## Christmas Party – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

The Club's annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Full details will be released shortly but suffice to say this should be another social event not to be missed with a great party atmosphere and yummy food and drinks. The presentation of all championship trophies will also be a feature so come along and join in the fun.

## Sponsors - Icing On The Cake

The importance of sponsorship was highlighted recently during two of the Club's major events. Each event attracted great responses with large entries from across the region. Sponsorship is essential for most events but it has to deliver a win <-> win situation regardless of the level involved. Let's take a closer look at these events and the sponsors who helped make them possible.

### Ladies Fiesta

Attracting 26 teams, the annual Ladies Fiesta proved a real winner. The following Nambour based sponsors supported this event and provide services at each end of the spectrum. To quote one traveller, "It's best to empty the bucket before you kick it".



3 / 23 Lowe Street, Nambour



Another elderly tourist was reported taking a long overdue SKI trip. Huh ! "Spending kids' inheritance"

### Rex Thorogood Memorial Men's Fours

This inaugural event was greeted with its fair share of showery conditions but this did not dampen the spirits of all and sundry. The winners' list featured teams from Caboolture to Gympie which is testimony of its appeal and the regard held in the bowling community for Rex.



The above sponsors might also be considered at opposite ends of the spectrum but the Club has utilised their respective catering and construction services.

### Details of all 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.

If you can help secure sponsorship, please let us know.

## Cullen Shield

It's never too late to dream and after a 15 year drought Nambour's dream of another title win in the interclub night challenge series, the Cullen Shield, was realised when the team defeated favourites Club Kawana in an enthralling final. With its origins back in 1992, the event itself has proven a real winner.



Graham Morton, Ian Hatch, Joy Hatch, Dave Robson, Yvonne Yaxley, Derek Tomkins, Gayle Morton, Chris Tomkins.

## Behind the Scenes

It's often the little things that people do which make a difference and may go unrecognised. Outside normal playing times, you will find a member or three contributing to the well-being of the Club and others by volunteering a little time and expertise to a pet project.

Phil Sinclair, for instance, goes about his love of gardening by maintaining and improving the Club's colourful and green surroundings at every opportunity. The greenkeeper's right hand man Kooka is always there to assist with the hard yakka around the grounds and applying his skills tinkering with machinery.

The never ending chore of carrying chilled water containers to and from the greens was mostly eliminated with the arrival of two water coolers. Elaine Asher secured major funding for the units and Sean O'Donnell donated his time and technical expertise to complete the installation.

The Club relies heavily on its volunteer base so let us know how you could help too. What special skills, interests and training might you have which could be put to good use?

## 2018 Gr8 Bowls Challenge 2018 Hinterland Challenge

With the new year just around the corner, it won't be long before these two exciting competitions catering for both men and women will be up and running. Make sure you have expressed interest in participating in one or both events as selectors/coordinators will shortly be finalising nominations and teams.

## Number Crunching Bowlers

The subject of declining interest in the sport of lawn bowls has raised its head over the past few years in particular with a number of high profile clubs among those coming under pressure. The 2015 National Bowls Census Report highlights trends over the 5 year period from 2010 with quantifiable data.

The Queensland findings provide interesting reading and food for thought. Playing membership levels has dropped 24.6% in 5 years. The composition of age groupings had altered as follows:-

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
18-39 years	10%	7%
40-59 years	24%	15%
60-74 years	48%	49%
75 years & over	15%	26%

The figures confirm what most have been saying and highlight the need for everyone to focus on attracting younger people to the sport. The 40-59 years of age profile would be a good starting point so let's all get cracking and set a new benchmark.

Two weekly events on the Club's current playing calendar which provide an avenue to introduce potential new players to the game and other members in a social environment are the Saturday Morning Mufti Pairs and the Tuesday Night Club Selected Pairs.

## Funding Acknowledgement



The Club acknowledges the ongoing and continuous support of Sunshine Coast Council since 2011/12 under its Community Partnership Funding Program. Funding assistance under this program helps reduce the cost pressures on the Club and its members by reducing the financial burden imposed by the rising cost of essential services such as insurance, electricity, rates and water/sewerage charges.

## Stroller Bowlers

The term Stroller Bowlers was raised recently by a lady who had uncovered a 1939 photograph of a group of Queensland bowlers, which included her father and Club member James (Jim) Lanham among the 30 men and 10 ladies travelling by train throughout North Queensland on a social bowls tour / holiday.

Subsequent research indicates that the term Stroller Bowlers originated in NSW back in 1919 and evolved over the following decades into the annual winter exodus of bowlers to the Sunshine State. The "Strollers" came from various clubs and varied their itinerary each time. The Stroller Bowlers are known to have played at Nambour during July 1945.

## Sick of Bowls or Just Feeling Crook ?

There are those among us who would play bowls seven days per week if they could and then there are others who like to take a break. Missing faces are often assumed to be those having a break from bowls or on holidays. It makes good sense to show you care when you haven't seen someone around for a while because ill health has a nasty way of creeping up on all of us. To those on the Sick List, we hope you recover quickly and we see you at the Club soon.

## The Buddy System

The Nambour Bowls Club was built on the back of volunteers with an interest in the Club and an eye on the cost of participation. Nothing has changed and that in part is what makes Nambour different to many other clubs.

With more than 4000 volunteer shifts and 11000 volunteer hours involved in operating the club, its various programs and activities each year, it's easy to see that a lot of work goes into arranging a game of bowls. The remedy is quite simple by adopting the following philosophy.

**HELP LIGHTEN THE HEAVY LOAD  
AND  
HELP OUT A BUDDY TODAY**

## Most Wanted

Following are the essential functions which need to be undertaken year round and for which any help would be gratefully appreciated.

Catering  
Bar Service  
Games Controllers  
Measurers and Umpires  
Grounds Maintenance  
Administration

Contact a Board Member if you would like to help. The Club will meet the costs associated with gaining qualifications as Measurer and Umpire.

## Guess When These Words Were Written

The frockings of the ladies appeared to suit the necessary stance for the position of delivering the bowls, and in most cases, the players gave evidence of great promise as bowlers, and an apparent keenness for the game. Some were not afraid to give the special stoop in order to allow the bowls to closely speed over the wellshorn lawn. The bias, however, appeared to be the greatest obstacle, but in this practice will remedy many faults. The afternoon was not without its sensations. One lady with her first bowl "kissed the jack".

Those words formed part of a glowing coverage in the Nambour Chronicle of the Official Launch of Ladies' Bowls at Nambour on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1938.

The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nambour Ladies Bowls in 2018 will be a time to reflect and celebrate on a marvelous journey and achievement. Something Special !!

## Celebrating 25 Years of Club Colours

In the early 1990s a decision was made by the sport's governing body that clubs could incorporate colours in their shirts but approval of the choice of colours had to be sought in the first instance. At a subsequent Club meeting, a question was asked as to whether the Club held any such approval. The response from one key official was swift – "yes, white and cream".

What ensued was a push by the younger members particularly for the Club to be among the leaders in this exciting journey. Jade and gold were subsequently chosen adopted and the first Nambour coloured shirts were officially launched in 1992.



This pattern, modelled above by some renowned local bowling talent, was the forerunner to the current uniform which continues to attract favourable comments.

## Must See . . . Must Do

**Brochure** > Offer a Club Brochure when welcoming all newcomers and potential members.

**Facebook** > Check out our Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/NambourBowlsClubOfficial](http://www.facebook.com/NambourBowlsClubOfficial)

**Website** > The Club's website contains a treasure chest full of information including events and results.  
[www.nambourbowlsclub.com.au](http://www.nambourbowlsclub.com.au)

## Reminder

**AGM Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** (time to be confirmed)

Come along, have your say and help us make this great club even greater

**Until Next Time – Good Bowling**