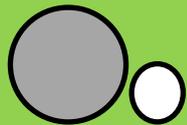
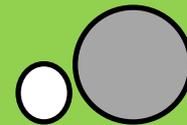


Nambour Bowls Club



News and Views



Winter 2015

Home Edition

Welcome

Winter is just around the corner and it is a special time for many as we are reminded of the friendships forged through the influx of visitors to our Club. To our friends returning for another warm winter and those visiting for the first time, let's extend the traditional warm and friendly Nambour welcome for which we have become accustomed. To all visitors, Welcome.

Nambour's Super SuperChallenge Year

2015 Bronze Division – Men's Champions

Looking back on the Club's grand efforts in making the 2014 Super Challenge Finals Series at Tweed Heads, elimination in a close match against Pelican Waters increased Nambour's resolve to reach greater heights in 2015. The boys got off to a flying start this year and maintained the momentum to finish on top of their section, remaining undefeated, and securing a place in the Finals Series at Tweed Heads.



In a well balanced team performance, the Nambour boys secured close wins against highly respected Coolangatta and Pine Rivers. Sunday's Final against Carina Leagues was a rip snorter with great cheers of delight ringing out as Nambour secured the first three matches to guarantee overall victory.

When It Rains It Pours

Just when we thought the odds might be due to change in our favour, down came the rains in January again and in the back door came the flash flooding. Another frustrating clean up ensued followed by lovely weather. Then, as quick as wink, the recent deluge hit us again with water flowing inside within minutes.

Action to address the flash flooding problem is ongoing and the work associated with the planned male toilet upgrade is expected to eliminate this problem. Less regular but much nastier flooding from the nearby creek however is another matter which the relevant authorities say we simply have to accept.

Toilet Upgrades

Most members would be aware that the condition of both Men's and Ladies' toilets has been in the spotlight for quite some time and over the past 18 months or so a concerted effort has been made to secure funding grants to allow a total upgrade to proceed.

Hard fought wins resulted in precious funds being awarded by Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund, Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Sunshine Coast Council for which the Club is deeply indebted. The very costly work associated with the male toilet annex is the remaining stumbling block. A strong application for \$100000 funding under the previous State Government's Get Playing program narrowly missed the cut and it is possible that we may be given another chance at a similar program shortly.

The latest Holden advert now says "Let's go there" but we were "Holdin On" for a big bucket of cash out of their Home Ground Advantage program. You may recall that the Club entered an ambitious, colourful and compelling Youtube video highlighting its toilet plight. Sadly, our Oscar nominees were unsuccessful as was the application with more than 1500 sporting clubs wishing and hoping for relief with their own projects.

Coaches, Measurers and Umpires

An integral part of introducing a new or potential recruit to any sport is learning about the basics. As we move towards introducing new people to our game through the likes of Jack Attack, Barefoot Bowls and Bring-a-Friend Days, it is imperative that adequate trained personnel are on hand. We could certainly benefit from having some more trained coaches.

Likewise, rarely a game of bowls takes place where an umpire or accredited measurer is not called upon to adjudicate. This is an important role which is invariably required on most bowls days. Why not help ease the load on existing trained personnel by gaining your qualifications too. If you would like to assist in any of these roles, please contact the Secretary for details.

2015 Club Champions – Unique Double

The level of support across the board for all Club Championships has been wonderful again this year. The heavy bowls program during the first few months of the year has however given both the Games Directors and competitors a few headaches trying to juggle matches and various commitments.

The full list of 2015 winners to date appears on the website but worthy of special mention is the unique achievement of the Morton family. In a Club first, Graham and Gayle claimed their respective 'A' Singles Titles after securing impressive wins throughout their competitions. They are the first husband and wife in the Club's history to capture the Singles Crown in the same year. Graham's win was the icing on the cake as Gayle had earlier captured her maiden 'A' Singles title.



Champions of Champions - Almost

The Nambour men have shown over the past couple of years that when it comes to Men's Fours, they can mix it with the best on the Coast.

The 2015 Club Champions comprising Glen Whitney, Allan Owen, Daniel Hollingworth and Tony Green went so close to winning the SCDMBA Champion of Club Champions event at Coolum recently when the result in their Finals match rested on the very last bowl. Sadly it didn't go their way but what a great team effort. Congratulations boys.

Taking Practice Seriously

Judging by the small numbers rolling up on Friday afternoons, it seems that fewer bowlers are devoting much time for practice. After all, "practice makes perfect", it is said. Have you ever thought of developing your own practice rink in the back yard?

Pineapple farmer and former Club President Colin Bambling did just that when he produced a beautiful strip behind his home. While Colin's name doesn't feature prominently on the Honour Boards, his son

Don reckons that quick and easy access to the private rink was the making of his father as a lawn bowler. The old timber home still sits proudly on top of the Coes Creek Road hill, overlooking the Bambling pineapple farm, one of few remaining in the district, but the private bowling rink and adjoining tennis court are simply memories of bygone era.

Bar Roster

Volunteer labour plays a big part in keeping bar prices to a minimum. During a typical week, there are many, many hours when the bar needs to be open and operating. A perfect match will deliver the optimum outcome so please help out if you can by offering your services on the bar roster. Training as necessary will be offered and even the smallest contribution will ease the load on others and help maintain our bar service.

Showtime Help – Down the Parking Alley

It's almost that time of year again with the two major events, Sunshine Coast Show (June) and Home Garden Expo (July), providing a great revenue raising opportunity through show parking in the club grounds.

We are also planning another "open day" in conjunction with the Showtime exposure.

"Come and Try" Bowls Day on Sunday 21st June

Please put your hand up to help on a roster which involves a small commitment of 2-3 hours per shift. We have a captive audience on these days so ensure every patron receives a flyer and club brochure.

And speaking about the Showgrounds ...

Do you remember when you could see if T-Rex was home or out chasing (other) stray animals?



Friday Night Meals

Friday night meals will continue on the **first Friday of each month** during winter with the next scheduled on Friday **5th June**. Come along and join the gang for a great meal costing just \$10 per head, prepared and served by volunteers. Reserve your place in advance on the list provided to assist with catering.



The long hard road to launch the first Jack Attack competition for non-bowlers was well worth it as the 8 teams which entered had an amazing time. The bottom line was to have fun in a strictly social atmosphere and the “Incredibowls” team featured below certainly did just that.



The 6 week competition was cut short by one week due to a washout on opening night but that failed to dampen spirits. A big thank you is extended to the huge team of helpers which assisted each week.

And here’s proof that old bowls can be put to good use other than as boat anchors. With some creative thinking and Neil Brown’s expertise, the competition winners “Lucky Jacks” received the following impressive looking and quite unique trophy. Another Jack Attack competition is proposed for later this year.



A Sad Day for Lawn Bowls

Sadly, the Sunshine Coast bowls scene lost another key player when the Noosa Heads Bowls Club closed its doors recently. While our sport generally has been suffering a slight decline, what we can say is that it’s important for our club to maintain its status as a leading provider of sporting and recreation services. In this way, we will continue to deliver positive outcomes for members, visitors and our local community.

The members of Nambour Bowls Club extend a hearty welcome to all former Noosa Heads members and especially thank those who have elected to either join or support our club following their closure.

More than just a Bowls Club

Unlike the early days when bowls was played on one or two days per week on a regular basis and the Club was closed for the rest of the time, today things are much different as we accommodate a wide range of other groups within our local community.

The car park was full one recent Tuesday morning with social and championship games in progress, a visit from the Blackall Range Care Group and an industry training course in session in the clubhouse.

Additional involvement from the broader community for a wide range of amenities and services is good for the club as it provides a source of potential membership and sponsorship, eases the financial burden and strengthens our local community. It does however command additional volunteer helpers.

When Greenkeeping was a Real Stinker

Spare a thought for a diminutive English WW1 veteran named Bob Dixon who was handicapped with partial deafness and blindness in one eye and whose only fulltime job prior to moving to Nambour from Biggenden was cutting prickly pear.

During a chance meeting with founding President and Greens Director Mr J T Lowe in 1932 en route to Brisbane, Bob was offered the job of Nambour Bowling Club greenkeeper.

After many hours of toil and with few tools, Bob Dixon quickly developed an old farm paddock into an excellent bowling green. He recalled that the first men’s toilet was a wall receptacle which drained into a bucket and it was his duty to collect this for use on the green at the right time.

Mr Lowe owned a butcher shop and slaughter yard and at times would deliver drums full of animal offal and flood the green. Bob would then have to rake off all the excess material and bury it. Often days would pass before the aroma dispersed but all things really did grow profusely.

Bob Dixon witnessed many changes to greenkeeping and the Club during his distinguished service from 1932 to 1958. For the first four years, the green was cut by hand mower and, during the growing season particularly, a willing helper was assigned to pull the mower along by a rope from one end while Bob pushed from behind. The first push roller was water filled and weighed about 300 kilograms.

Food For Thought

Some people make it happen
 Others watch it happen
 And some actually wonder “What happened?”
 Get on board the Number 1 team and
 Help us “**Make It Happen**” today.

Winners are Grinners



This bunch of relative unknowns from Nambour performed extraordinarily well at Tweed Heads, surprising many along the way to their historic BSC Bronze Division title win. The support from family and other club members throughout the campaign was a telling factor in the performances.

The assistance of Les and Helen Ingle and their volunteer helpers in preparing the team for the finals through a series of practice drills is also appreciated.

The Pershouse Legacy

Over the years, members have generously gifted the Club in many ways. Volunteering has been the common thread throughout with an amazing input across the board. After all, it is the lifeblood of this club. Other donations have included support for fund raising initiatives, supply of trophies and other goodies.

Steve and Evelyn Pershouse were staunch club supporters for many years around the 1980s. They enjoyed their bowls and the comradery. In fact the Club provided such an important role in their lives that a substantial donation was bequeathed from their estate. This legacy remains for all to see today as the donation was used to offset the cost of lighting the top green in 1989, a decision which heralded another chapter in the Club's history.

Support Our Sponsors

Sponsorship and successful sporting clubs go hand in hand when mutually beneficial. Opportunities to secure valuable sponsorships arise through our personal associations and dealings around town.

Packages can be tailored to suit any proposal so please help where you can to secure sponsorship.

Details of sponsors and supporters are displayed on Club notice boards, scoreboards and the website. Please patronise our sponsors and mention that you're from the Nambour Bowls Club.

Major Events <> Held Soon at Nambour

Nambour Mixed Medley – Thursday 2nd July

Winter Carnival Mixed Pairs – Friday 10th July

Hinterland Mixed Fours 2100 – Sunday 19th July

Cullen Shield Interclub Night Competition

Opens the new Night Bowls season when it commences on Thursday 20th August

Intersport & Corporate Challenges (to be advised)

Get Well Wishes

The heat this year has been distressing for some but inevitably the cooler months bring with them nasty chills and ills. It makes good sense to show you care when you haven't seen someone around for a while. We wish all those on the sick list a speedy recovery and, for the lucky ones escaping our winter on holidays, enjoy safe travels and come back refreshed.

The Numbers Game

Invariably when it's time to prepare grant applications or to report on outcomes of successful partnerships involving the use of public funds, authorities request numbers to evaluate investment outcomes.

An estimate of the annual number of volunteer shifts involved in operating the club, its various programs and activities places this number at around 4,200. That equates to about 300 shifts per member with more than 11,400 volunteer hours involved.

So it's easy to see that small numbers are carrying big workloads in the successful operation that is the Nambour Bowls Club. Members are therefore asked to not be backward in coming forward where and when they can to help lighten the load on the team and some overworked individuals.

Must See . . . Must Do

Brochure > The new Club Brochure provides a comprehensive overview of the Club and its facilities. It is targeted at all visitors and hall users so please offer one when greeting newcomers.

Facebook > Please check out the Club's Facebook page and promote this facility as experience has shown that social media is the most effective tool for spreading the word among friends. It really works.

www.facebook.com/NambourBowlsClubOfficial

Website > The Club's website contains a treasure chest full of information about lawn bowls, the club's history, events, results, photographs, sponsors, etc. For up-to-date information about what's on and what's happened, please check your website

www.nambourbowlsclub.com.au

Until Next Time – Good Bowling