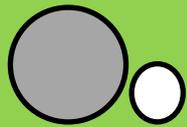
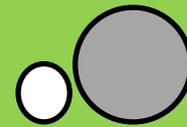


Nambour Bowls Club



News and Views



Winter 2016

Home Edition

Welcome

Winter has officially arrived but the temperatures haven't caught up with the news. Winter is a special time for many who take to the roads on camping holidays and others to the seas in search of holidays abroad.

Here on the Sunshine Coast we welcome many visitors from southern States and overseas wishing to enjoy our warmer climate. To our friends returning for yet another holiday in paradise and to those visiting for the first time, let's extend the traditional warm and friendly Nambour welcome for which we have become accustomed.

A Timely Reminder

Friendship is displayed in many ways and in many places and the local bowls club is often a place where new friendships begin and long standing associations are strengthened. The sudden passing of two great mates and club stalwarts in Life Member Rex Thorogood and Geoffrey Mansell in recent weeks highlights the fragility of life. Team spirit and a sense of belonging are therefore great values to adopt and nurture so it makes good sense to show you care when a familiar face is missing from the club.

Great Team Performances

What a marvelous opening to the 2016 lawn bowls season was had by both men's and ladies' teams.

Following their great title win in last year's Bronze Division of Bowls Super Challenge, the Nambour boys opted to join the new inter-club competition called the **Gr8 Bowls Challenge**.

The Open Division team (pictured) brought home the bacon capturing the inaugural title while the Gold Division team also reached the finals playoffs.



Meanwhile, the Nambour girls soldiered on in the Bronze Division of Bowls Super Challenge performing admirably. Their efforts were rewarded with a place in the finals series played at Musgrave Hill. They may not have captured the trophy but they sure did show that the gals from a small country club can mix it with the best.



Major Events – Coming Soon to Nambour

Sunday **26th June** ♥ Nambour 2000 Open Fours
Sponsor = Graham & Anne Dorreen

Sunday **17th July** ♥ Hinterland Mixed Fours 2100
Sunshine Coast Winter Carnival Event

Monthly Mixed Pairs (Second Monday of Month)
Mondays **11th July, 8th August, 12th September**
Sponsor = Nambour Heights Butchery

Men's Pennants ► Commences Saturday **30th July**

Ladies' Pennants ► Commences Monday **1st August**

Cullen Shield ► Commences Thursday **11th August**
Thursday Night Interclub Competition
Sponsor = A Cullen & Son

Words of Advice

Quite a few years ago as one male teacher was about to head back to the Coast after completing his country service, the following words of wisdom were issued by one astute and well informed westerner.

“Look out for Potholes and Thorogoods when driving through Nambour”.

2016 Club Champions

With the major championship events now decided, the following members are to be congratulated on their recent achievements in hotly contested finals where spectators witnessed some magnificent lawn bowls.

Singles Champion

Men ▶ Peter Nixon



Tony Green (R/up) & Peter Nixon (Champion)

Ladies ▶ Joy Hatch



Joy Hatch (Champion) & Gayle Morton (R/up)

Pairs Champions

Men ▶ Graeme Corps & Peter Nixon

Ladies ▶ Gayle Morton & Joy Hatch

Fours Champions

Men ▶ Kev Collins, Bob Smith, Allan Sandercock & Neil Brown

Ladies ▶ Helen Collins, Faye Combes, Margaret Groves & Margaret Thorogood

Amenities Upgrade – Progress Report

Work on this 8-10 week project commenced on 31 May and is proceeding well under the direction of TMG Construction. The first stage involving the construction of the new toilet amenities should be nearing completion by the end of June at which time the new amenities should become operational.

The overhaul doesn't stop there as other elements of the project including the decommissioning and refurbishment of the old male amenities block, replacement of the external landing and stairs and upgraded stormwater drainage on both sides of the clubhouse take over.

The Solution to a Tight Squeeze

It was simply a case of “we cannot tolerate the situation any longer” when the Nambour ladies constantly referred to the tight squeeze in one of their toilet cubicles.

So Tim the Builder was directed to eradicate this source of annoyance and the picture below graphically illustrates the technique adopted to put this matter to rest, once and for all. Nice work Tim.



Funding Acknowledgements



The amenities upgrade has been made possible through the community funding opportunities offered by a number of government agencies. Nambour Bowls Club is most grateful for the support and funding assistance extended through the community grant schemes outlined below.

Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Sunshine Coast Council

Queensland Government's Department of Sport

Sunshine Coast Councillor Greg Rogerson

Spotlight on Ray Capper

From the moment he began his teaching career at Nambour in 1961 Ray Capper has been a source of knowledge and wisdom. "I've been everywhere man" seemed to be his modus operandi thereafter with stints at Labrador, Dulacca, Jandowae, Peek A Doo, Maleny, Maroochydore and Norris Road along the way before settling down in Nambour again.



Ray was introduced to indoor bowls in the early 1960s during his stint on the Gold Coast. He joined the Taroom Bowls Club in 1967 and has been involved with the sport ever since. He joined the Queensland Teachers Bowls Club about 40 years ago. His dedication to the sport and administration at all levels is exemplary, befitting his honour as **Life Member** of the Nambour Bowls Club.

Support Our Sponsors

The Club is delighted to announce two new local sponsors, both located right in the centre of town.

Easy Travel and Cruise (Short Street)

Greg Close of **Easy Travel and Cruise** sponsors some of the Wednesday Pairs and is the man to see about all of your travel needs. He's a hard working small businessman who will find a special deal just for you. Contact Greg or Kayla at Easy Travel and Cruise.

Balkins Menswear (Currie Street)

The second of our new sponsors is **Balkins Menswear** located in Currie Street, Balkins has been well known for its quality merchandise in Nambour for over 50 years.

Kim and Diane have owned and operated the business for several years now and have agreed to sponsor the Club's bowls stickers which will be used during interclub competitions.

Kim and Diane are avid Jack Attack participants and eagerly await the next competition so please support them. Check out the clothing and their great service.

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.

Congratulations <> Peter Nixon

He may not have been around the Nambour Bowls Club for very long but Peter Nixon (aka Nicco) has certainly made an outstanding impression. Not only has he taken members of all standards under his wing but he has also excelled on the bowling green wrapping up some impressive titles along the way.

Peter has been appointed the Bowls Australia's Regional Bowls Co-ordinator for South East Queensland which naturally includes Nambour and the Sunshine Coast. Club members look forward to the benefit of his skills, experience and commitment to the game as we progress into an exciting future. Well done Nicco.

Help Required in the Parking Alley

A huge thank you is extended to all those members who helped out with the "show parking" during the Sunshine Coast Show. This is an invaluable revenue raising opportunity for the Club each year.

Home Garden Expo on 8-10 July.

Please volunteer your services for a few of hours on this one too if you can. Extra help is desperately needed.

Peek A Doo . . . Where Else ?

Many years ago, a certain male teacher at Peek A Doo State School was confronted with a sticky problem.

"Sir, there's no toilet paper in the girls' toilet".

Teacher directs young Erica to take a few rolls down and put them in the girl's toilet. A little while later, another girl lodges the same complaint. Puzzled teacher immediately questions Erica who responds with "You told me to put them in the toilet and I did".

The teacher explains today that, unlike the Nambour Bowls Club's new toilets, Peek A Doo's were deep earth closets which had to have lime tossed in every few days. An inquisitive school inspector was told that the name was derived as follows:-

Peek = to have a look,
A = for first class and
Doo = meant achievement.

The mind boggles and the teacher is still around to tell the tale! Sadly, the small school closed and the property was sold in 2014 but the memories remain with Ray.

Downsizing

It would come as no surprise to those who have experienced the joys of having to move house that many old and outdated items from the past clutter precious space. At the local bowls club, many more hands over time tend to exacerbate this problem. "You've got to get rid of that junk", that's what downsizing is all about.

Initial preparation for the amenities upgrade highlighted the need to make more effective use of the limited internal space available. Some tough decisions will need to be made over coming weeks in the interests of need, safety and public presentation. Members are particularly discouraged from leaving and/or storing personal items and bowls equipment at the Club.

Membership - A Numbers Game

Spotted recently was a membership list from 1992 when the Club celebrated its 60th anniversary. The numbers provide food for thought - Male 149 and Female 70. At present only 19 Males and 4 Females from that period retain membership. The figures highlight the turnover for one reason or another and the need to continually focus on participation in the game and membership.

Not only is it important to fill the greens and pay the bills but a healthy membership puts downward pressure on the costs of participation, generates a greater diversity of events and spreads the workload. Attracting a younger demographic is also good for future prosperity and importantly aids much needed and ongoing succession planning.

Later this year a number of initiatives aimed at attracting new people to the sport are proposed.

Jack Attack, Barefoot Bowls and Bring-a-Friend Days are fun ways to do so but it is imperative that adequate personnel are on hand to organise and assist.

This is a great way to meet new people too so don't hesitate to promote the game and introduce new people at every opportunity.



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.

The estimated number of volunteer shifts involved in operating the club, its various programs and activities is around 4,200 each year. That's about 300 shifts per member with more than 11,400 volunteer hours involved.

It's easy to see that small numbers are carrying big workloads in supporting roles when they are not actually playing the game. The remedy is quite simple by adopting the following philosophy.

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

Most Wanted

Heading the list of support roles and tasks which require added "hands on" assistance from members are:-

**Caterers
Bar Attendants
Games Controllers
Measurers and Umpires**

All of these roles lend themselves to the Buddy System.

Contact a Board Member if you would like to help. The Club will meet the costs associated with gaining qualifications as Measurer and Umpire. More qualified personnel are urgently needed to provide adequate coverage of competitions at all levels.

Reflections – Past Champions

Over the years the Nambour Bowls Club has witnessed some truly outstanding local champions, as people and as bowlers. Let's look at two such great achievers.

Reg Hammond

Reg Hammond overcame the handicap of having only one leg to capture the Club Singles on six occasions in a truly remarkable performance. He first won the event in 1946-47 with his last success coming in 1957-58. During this period, Reg also served as Secretary for four years and one term as President.

Max Young

Max Young enjoyed outstanding success as an all-round player. He dominated the Club Singles for many years winning a record eight crowns between 1971 and 1985. At District level, Max captured four Singles titles. Shortly before his untimely passing, Max Young demonstrated his versatility by competing in the 1990 finals series of the Capita Australian Singles Sets Play competition. He gained the honour of being the best performed Queenslander in the hotly contested National event.

A former Maths and Science teacher, Max Young was an excellent bowls coach imparting knowledge and skills to new players, several of whom today still attribute their performances to his involvement in their development.

Must See . . . Must Do

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

Facebook > Please check out our Facebook page and let us know if you'd like to help manage this service
www.facebook.com/NambourBowlsClubOfficial

Website > The Club's website contains a treasure chest full of information including events, results and photos. Check it out for the latest information.
www.nambourbowlsclub.com.au

Until Next Time – Good Bowling