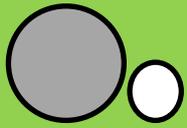
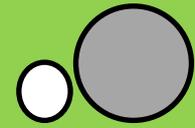


Nambour Bowls Club



News and Views



Winter 2014

Home Edition

Welcome

Winter is a time when we are reminded of the many friendships forged through the influx of visitors to our Club. To our friends returning to the Sunny Coast again this year and to those visiting for the first time, let's extend our traditional warm and friendly Nambour welcome to them all.

Mrs Helen Levitt – A Living Legend

Late last year with funding support from Sunshine Coast Council, we finally bridged the gap for many older patrons having difficulty accessing the stairwell between floors when a stair-lift was installed.



Little did we know that just a few months later a very special lady named Helen Levitt would zoom up and down as part of her 100th birthday celebrations.

A member since 1964 and Treasurer of the Ladies Club for 32 years, Helen is an honored Life Member and Patroness. She was excited about her recent afternoon "birthday" tea party and was delighted to receive a special 100 Year Medallion from Bowls Queensland. **Happy 100th Birthday Helen.**

"Get Going" State Government Kick Start

The Club received a funding boost for its 2014 membership drive under the above program so now it's time for all of us to unite and get serious.

Barefoot and Business

The Barefoot Bowls program on each Friday in March and continuing through winter from 4.30pm on the first Friday of each month has produced positive results. A business bowls night was well attended and augers well for a much broader and bigger corporate bowls competition later in the year.

A good rollup of members for the dinner prepared by our ladies on a roster basis on these nights has enhanced the atmosphere for visitors. Join us for dinner at 6pm – cost \$8 – names on the sheet please.

Inter-Sports

Plans also include an inter-sport challenge where teams representing the various sports/clubs around town go head to head in a series played over a few weeks with prize money going to the clubs. We are seeking sponsors for this exciting event.

Signage and Advertising

A new roadside sign will replace the old sign near the Club entrance shortly. This large sign is designed to be user friendly and will assist in promoting and advertising various bowls and community events.

A new multi-purpose colour brochure about the Club has been produced. This brochure is suitable as a handout to visitors, for promotional purposes and direct mail. Every home should have one.

Measurers, Umpires and Coaches

The cost of accrediting new measurers and umpires is also covered by the grant and it is pleasing to acknowledge the first of our qualified measurers - Helen Collins, Gayle Morton, Glen Whitney and Daniel Hollingworth. Congratulations and well done team.

This is an important role which is invariably required on most bowls days. Why not help out and gain your measurer qualifications too and help reduce the load. It's a very interesting short course.

Likewise, extra fully accredited umpires and coaches are needed to support both current and increased membership levels. If you would like to assist, please let the Secretary or a Board member know.

Small Sized Bowls

With an oversupply of larger sized old bowls which are unsuitable for children and those with smaller hands, 8 sets of small sized modern bowls have been purchased. The club name is engraved on the bowls which will be housed in stackable timber carry boxes purpose built and designed by Neil Brown.

Our Members Make It Happen

It goes without saying that for the past 82 years our club has survived and prospered on the back of its dedicated volunteer members. Our members do make it happen and in turn make this a very special place for members and visitors alike.

The following gathering of Life Members at Helen Levitt's special 100th birthday afternoon tea reflects an extraordinary pool of talent, dedication and service to the club over several decades.



**Seated : Jim Britten, Helen Levitt, Mavis Balkin
Standing : Ray Capper, Jack Lake, Joan Ormes,
Rex Thorogood, Margaret Thorogood.**

The Little Giant – George Jarrett

George Jarrett was a non-playing foundation member of the Nambour Bowling Club in 1932. He was a man of small stature who came from a somewhat disadvantaged background, but he had a big heart.

To support his wife Lucy (also a member) and a growing family (12 children), he initially embarked on a sales career selling Studebaker and Terraplane motor cars and Radiolas for several years. He was also the driving force behind the formation of Nambour's first radio station and was heavily committed to improving many other community services in the district.

George rose from obscurity to win the keenly contested 1938 Club Singles Title before moving to Brisbane to operate a family business. His bowling career hit new heights there where he won many championships at various clubs. In 1948 he won the State Singles, later representing Queensland.

Having suffered greatly from mustard gas poisoning during WW1 when serving in France as a 19 year old, he had a strong compassion for the repatriation of ex-servicemen. He was instrumental in the formation of the Queensland Blinded Ex-Servicemen's Bowling Club at New Farm, conducted coaching and was recognised with Life Membership upon his retirement.

New Club Brochure

Take a look at the exciting new colour brochure which 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.

Showtime Help – Down the Parking Alley

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

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 everyone receives a club brochure. We are also planning another "open day" following the Show with our **"Come and Try" Bowls Day on Sunday 22nd June**

Projects in the Pipeline

Downstairs Lighting

The old downstairs fluoro lighting, some of which is rather historic with its pull cords, is currently being replaced. Shaun O'Donnell has generously donated his expertise and labour towards the rewiring and installation of modern efficient units. Nev Perren is Shaun's "gofer" doing what apprentices do best.

New Street Sign

Our sponsor Sungod Signs is set to unveil and erect the new roadside sign at the club entrance. This promises to be another step in promoting our identity and venue which is presently well hidden behind trees.

Permanent Outside Barbeque

Another exciting project which will be welcomed by those catering on our big days and special events is the provision of permanent barbeque facilities in the undercover area. Investigations into the design and equipment are currently in progress.

Honour Boards

Plans to replace the large timber honour boards upstairs with smaller modern glass framed displays, similar to those at Buderim and Nambour Heights BCs are proceeding. The Club would like to secure suitable sponsorship for this heritage related project and would welcome any suggestions or offers.

Champions of Champions

Finally the drought has been broken following the successful mission of our Men's Fours Champions into the SCDMBA Champions of Champions playoffs. In an eventful weekend, the local boys Graeme Corps, Neil Brown, Graham Morton & Ralph Wells brought home the bacon. With Ralph succumbing to illness on the final day, the team rallied with the addition of substitute Daniel Hollingworth to go on and win the title against our neighbours Nambour Heights.



The Champs = Graeme C, Neil, Graham M & Ralph

2014 Club Championships

All championships have been well supported and contested with Singles, Pairs and Fours among those events which have been finalised. The full list of winners appears on the website but Daniel Hollingworth and Helen Ingle lead the way as Singles Champions for 2014. Congratulations to winners.

A Super SuperChallenge Year

Both Men's and Ladies' Super Challenge teams had great results this year. While our Ladies fell a little short in the Bronze Division Sectional playoff, the Men turned on the heat after a slow start in the competition to actually make the playoffs. After winning their Section in great style at Scarborough, they headed to Tweed Heads for the finals series. Elimination in a close match against Pelican Waters has increased the Club's resolve to reach greater heights next year.

Coming Events

Men's and Ladies' Pennants / Hinterland Challenge

Scheduled to commence shortly so please express your interest. All standards will be accommodated.

Cullen Shield

This very popular socially/competitive event sponsored by A Cullen & Son of Nambour is conducted each year. Two Fours (Open) Teams to a side played on Thursday nights starting in August. Don't miss out - nominate as a side, team or individually now.

Night Bowls

Night bowls will resume in late August/early September and is suited to many, particularly the less experienced and beginners, working families and others with various forms of sun related health issues.

Refer to the website and/or the games notice boards for further details about the various events.

Loo ming Upgrades to Toilets

The long overdue upgrading of the men's and ladies' toilet amenities is currently in the spotlight following the appearance of serious structural damage to the men's annex. While this project had been earmarked for attention previously, the anticipated cost factor compared with many other projects on the "wish list" prevented serious consideration.

Following a professional evaluation of the situation, sketch plans were developed which in essence involve the demolition and replacement of the male annex, incorporation of a unisex disabled toilet and various modifications to the existing ladies' toilets.

With an estimated cost well in excess of \$100,000, clearly this project is dependent upon the Club securing external finance. Accordingly, considerable leg work and research has been invested in organising and preparing grant applications for local Council, Gambling Funds and State Government.

With early signals from the various agencies pointing to tight funding, a successful outcome will most likely be dependent on co-funding which introduces its own challenges. We'll be trying our hardest against the odds in typical club fashion. Here's hoping !!

Bar Talk

The price of a beer is going up ever so slightly to reflect recent cost increases. The rise was inevitable but has been kept to a minimum. Volunteer labour ensures that club prices are very attractive when compared with others. More volunteers are needed for the bar roster so that the increasing number of events can be managed properly.

Other initiatives helping to contain general overheads have been solar power, non-reliance on town water for irrigation and low efficiency lighting. Plans to enhance the bar area itself are also under consideration.

Missing In Action

A number of loved ones have sadly passed on recently and others have been on the sick list. It makes good sense to show you care when you haven't seen someone around for a while. To those feeling off colour, we wish you a speedy recovery. For the lucky ones going on holidays, enjoy safe travels and come back refreshed.

New Members

It is always great to welcome new members and in the case of new bowlers to observe their progress. Among our new members this year are Luke Mohan-Druce and Rosalie Howe. Luke is a young man with great potential who was introduced to bowls and the club through our Friday Barefoot Bowls program and he has quickly moved into stride winning a meat tray or two.

Rosalie Howe is a former golfer who took up bowls 8 years ago. After moving to Nambour this year she joined our ladies for Social play each Tuesday. Using old wide drawing bowls and with the aid of a walking stick, Rosalie's skill and progress has amazed everyone and that's before we mention her age ... 87.

Having never previously played in a championship event, Rosalie was graciously taken on board by Yvonne Kariz for a crack at the Ladies Pairs together. As each win was chalked against more fancied opponents, the pundits wondered if the unlikely was possible. The final against Gayle Morton and Joy Hatch was a cliff hanger with the scores level with one end remaining. Gayle and Joy secured the title by one lonely shot 17-16. Congratulations go to all players with a mighty "well done" to Rosalie. Keep going girl !!



Rosalie and Yvonne

And speaking of new members, how about a cheer for our newest Life Member, Rex Thorogood. Rex may enjoy a cold beer on a hot day but he has worked tirelessly for the club over many years and continues to do so. A great full page article highlighting Rex's Life Membership and illustrious sporting career appeared in the SC Daily recently. Those tiny whiting he can't shake off somehow didn't rate a mention.

Burnout

This Club has been developed, maintained and operated with volunteers since its inception. Our continued viability and success remains dependent upon that support as cost, administrative and management pressures continue to pound the doors of small sporting clubs like ours.

It is paramount that members help where and when they can as overload leads to burnout and loss. New blood and new ideas are always welcome so please come forward and say you are willing to help and how, rather than standing back and being asked. Remember the old Chinese proverb

Many hands make light work!

Help Wanted – Wish List

Additional help is needed to either fill or assist with the following key roles within the club. There are more!!

Publicity Officer – many and varied aspects
Newsletter Scribe – prepare regular publications
Results Coordinator/Scribe – media reports
Membership Promotion – assist with events
Games Controllers – deputies and helpers
Coaches & Umpires – more accreditations desirable
Venue Bookings – coordinate "hall hire" bookings
Bar Roster – more help needed to cover extra events

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 (www.nambourbowlsclub.com.au).

Members are asked to patronise our supporters and mention that you're from the Nambour Bowls Club.

Friday Night Meals

In conjunction with the monthly Barefoot Bowls promotions on the first **Friday of each month (6th June, 4th July, 1st August) during winter**, Friday night meals will be available. From October we expect the program will revert to weekly Barefoot Bowls and evening meals.

The more the merrier so book your place on the list beforehand to assist with catering. Barefoot Bowls commences from 4.30pm with a free sausage sizzle so invite your friends and family along for a roll up.

www.nambourbowlsclub.com.au

The Club's website contains a treasure chest full of information about lawn bowls, the club's history, events, results, photographs, sponsors, links 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