

BOWLS BIAS ~The Paradise Point NEWSLETTER



Paradise Point Bowls Club~ The Friendliest Club in Paradise ~ December 2011
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS ~ WISHING ALL MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS
A VERY HAPPY, PEACEFUL AND SAFE FESTIVE SEASON**

MEN'S PRESIDENT *Mick McGrath*

As we are aware, our Club has lost a great member Edward (Ted) Hudson. Ted's involvement with Paradise Point Bowls Club spans approximately 20 years. In this time Ted held positions on the Board and the Men's Club. He served our Club with great distinction and vigour. To his wife Alma and families we extend our sympathy to you all.



Our Games Director Greg Nunn is to be applauded for his efforts in producing the Games 2012 Planner. This Planner explains all events for the year 2012. It should be noted that all events will be displayed on the notice board and by public address.

A big thank you to Brian Holt for the Daniel Morcombe Day. A pleasing result of \$2,700.00 was raised. A big thank you to all members who gave so freely.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Trophy winners ~ most deserved.

A timely reminder to all members who play on the outside greens, cover up and stay hydrated.

Until next month, bowl well and keep safe.

Mick McGrath, President



LADIES PRESIDENT *Maria Griffith*

With Christmas fast approaching, the management team were occupied for much of the past month with arranging the annual Ham & Turkey Day and the Christmas Party. In addition, Snr. Vice Pat and her ladies held their Christmas Stall on 23 Nov on behalf of the Ladies' Club. I thank all involved for their efforts.



A very special birthday to Ethel Griffith turning 90 years of age this month. Ethel is still an active play member of our club. It will be an honour to present her with her Matriarch Badge.

Sadly we note the passing of Ted Hudson. His knowledge of bowls and club administration will be greatly missed. Vale Ted!

A warm welcome to Glenyce Lynch, a new member of our club. We wish her many years of enjoyment and friendship.

Newly qualified umpire Rae Freestone officiated at her first game on 16th Nov, congratulations Rae! Talking of umpiring, there seems to be an ever-increasing range of bowls footwear available, not all of which has official approval and Bowls Australia endorsement. Ladies are therefore advised to exercise caution when making purchases, particularly if likely to be worn in competition.

Finally, please note that Ladies' bowls will resume on Wed 4th Jan 2012. Until then..... *Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.*
Maria Griffith, Ladies President



Christmas Recipe:

Take a heaped cup of patience, one heartful of Love, two handfuls of Generosity, a dash of Laughter, one handful of Understanding, sprinkle generously with Kindness and plenty of Faith, mix well ~ spread over a period of lifetime and serve everybody you meet.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



MEN'S GAMES DIRECTOR

Greg Nunn

The 2011/2012 Club Championships have started with the Veterans and Major/Minors, leading the way. There were a healthy number of nominations received and it is hoped that this will continue throughout the Club Championships.

The Open Fours will follow starting mid-January 2012. The information regarding ALL Club championships will be displayed on the Notice Board, so make sure that all members check the board to ensure they get their nominations in by the closing date.

Throughout the year I will attempt to keep all members informed of what is happening within the bowling community, so again I say, check the Board. It is my intention to run all Club championships during the first half of 2012, so ensure that when you nominate, you make yourself available to play on the dates listed, remember "you have to be in it, to win it".

It has been highlighted to me that some members are having a long "roll-up" prior to the commencement of Bowls. As per Sect.5, para 18.1.1 "one trial end shall be played in each direction". I ask that members observe the ruling.

All the best for the coming year, I wish success to all Bowlers and I make myself available to any member who wishes to speak to me at any time.

Greg Nunn, Games Director



LADIES' GAMES DIRECTOR

Esther Lee

The Open Pairs final between Patricia Pask and Julie Stevens versus Esther Lee and Thelma Osborne is now scheduled to be played on Fri 2nd December (weather pending). I would also like to thank all competitors in this competition for giving us such a good games to watch and wish you ALL success in your future bowling endeavours.

Congratulations to Rae Freestone on passing her Umpires exam and thanks go to all our Umpires for their great expertise and the time they give so willingly to umpire for us.

Super Challenge trials have commenced and are progressing well. There is going to be a visit in from Belmont Services Club for "trials" on Sun 15th Jan 2012 and the Super Challenge competition starts on Sat 21st Jan. Please keep checking the notice board for updates.

This is the last newsletter before Christmas, so on behalf of the Games Committee I would like to wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a very happy and healthy 2012.

Good Bowling, Esther Lee



Trophy Presentation ~ Pennant Bash

L ~ Maria Griffith, Julie Dean, Margaret Vogler

R ~ Maria Griffith, Rose Hunt



MEN'S WELFARE

Ian McGowan

This has been a much quieter month on my sick list parade, with cards & Hospital visits to Alex Gordon, Ted Hudson & George Yealland.

Now at home but having regular day treatments are Ray Glasser, Laurie Robinson, Raymond Williams, Brian Doughty, Harry Pope, Keith Holmes & George Yealland. Best wishes to you all and may these visits become less frequent very soon. Good to see that John Ferri, Ken Edwards, Peter Drought and Ross Fox are well on the road to recovery.

On a sad note this month we said "goodbye" to Edward (Ted) Hudson and Peter Hughes. Both of these great bowlers were in adjoining rooms in the Gold Coast Hospital for a time. This year has been a difficult one for both of their wives & families and I am sure we can count on support from fellow bowlers for their widows in these difficult times.

My best wishes to you till next time & remember to keep drinking that water in the hot weather. Most of all enjoy your bowls.

Cheers, Ian McGowan





FROM THE BOARD



With plenty to navigate through after the AGM we skipped the October newsletter to work on the update letter that all members will receive in coming weeks. This month, we will focus on two important areas:-

Members Communication

By their very nature, clubs are made up of a diverse range of people ~ some members join to enjoy and compete in their sporting passion of bowls while others enjoy the social activities. In a club this size there will always be things that some members don't agree with ~ find us a club where this isn't the case.

Members with genuine problems or concerns about activities happening in and around the club regularly contact Board members. Each approach is taken seriously and every effort is made to resolve the problem or find a "win-win" position. Whilst not every complaint or request can be met, wherever possible an explanation will be provided that members can accept.

Catering issues will always be taken seriously, especially if they relate to health and safety or food standards. All complaints are directed through Administration to the kitchen staff. As we're sure you know, all clubs are experiencing tough times and your club is no different. To reduce operating expenses, cost saving measures are being implemented across the club. A hot topic is the lack of table cloths in the dining room. We are sure members will agree that in tough times, savings have to be made and high laundering costs could not be justified. We apologise to those members who are not happy about this but the Board decided that until the financial economy improves this is a small area where we can make extensive savings. The good news is table-cloths don't affect the quality of your meal which we're sure members agree is most important.

Medical Support

On a more serious note, recently a lady member took a turn on the green and needed immediate medical attention. It is understandable that members and friends were concerned & wanted to offer well wishes and support, but this is the wrong approach. Members struggling to breathe must be given space and kept calm by people qualified to provide the necessary aid without well wishers, however well meaning, crowding around & restricting them in their lifesaving work. In case some members are not aware, staff hold Senior Certificates in First Aid and are also qualified to use the Club's defibrillator machine. Quick attention to an ill member before the Paramedics arrive can make a lifesaving difference in some cases. Please remember this staff training is for the benefit of our members, but it can't be used unless our staff receive room to attend to a member that has unexpectedly taken ill.

Enjoy this exciting time of year in the lead up to Christmas 2011. See you at the Club.

Ron Mills & Janine King



THE DOLPHINS SOCIAL BOWLS CLUB



President Reta was ecstatic with the number of Dolphin Bowlers who turned up for the afternoon of bowls on Sun 20 Nov, 2011. Forty Dolphin members made themselves available & joined the 44 bowlers from Wynnum Manly. There was an overflow onto the outside green.

On 22nd Nov we returned to "La Piazza Restaurant" for our annual lunch with nearly 70 revelers!! Steak, chicken or fish had been pre-chosen for lunch, together with sticky date pudding or a crème caramel. Music was provided by the wonderful John Cornelius who had everyone on their feet dancing after the desserts. John stayed until most had left at 4pm. The customary games were played ~ Terry Ryan proving his expertise at "pumpkin bowling" and was awarded the pumpkin! and a scratchy ticket. "Celebrity Heads" had the participants thinking hard. The names revealed were elusive with Jill Carstens as Dolly Parton and Gary Stratton as Bob Katter ~ both winners.

Looking forward to next year, our first outing will be to Salisbury B.C. on 5th Feb. Reta says "we need bums on seats" due to the increased cost of the coach. So please get those names down!!!

President Reta & the committee wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks, Secretary Joe.

Left to Right:

Reta & Marilyn Heath

Robyn De Meo

Ken & Pauline Carson

Jill Carstens (Dolly)



UMPIRE ...with Bryan McMahon

National Umpire Level 2)



REPLACEMENT AND SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

Obviously, there is still a great lack of knowledge about the above issues, particularly with the change of Laws as at 1st Jan 2011. Under the old LAWS it was possible during a game or tournament to have a replacement player approved and that player would become constituted as soon as the player plays their first bowl and becomes part of the team for the complete tournament. As from 1st Jan 2011 a replacement player can only be approved before the start of the Tournament and the team becomes constituted when the team has played their bowls in the first end. After commencement of the game, any player can only be replaced by the substitute for a reason approved by the Games Director, Eg. illness, injury, family bereavement, etc. If a player does not wish to play on that particular day, that is insufficient reason to approve a substitute. Also, the substitute is only authorized for that particular game. Please remember that only 1 substitute can be approved for each team, therefore three substitutes could be approved in a side of 3 teams, i.e. 1 in each team.

If the Games Director does not approve a substitute player the team does not meet the requirement of the Laws and faces a forfeit. There is one exception to this rule, but it only applies to a SIDES GAME. If 30 minutes after the scheduled start time, one player is absent from one or more of the teams in the side the game should continue, but the number of bowls played by the defaulting team, in a fours game should be made up by the lead and second both playing 3 bowls. Recognising the benefit of 2 players playing 3 bowls the team shall suffer a penalty, equivalent to 25% of all shots gained.

THE EFFECT OF A BYE OR FORFEIT

An intended team credited with a win by forfeit in the first round will be a constituted team. A team receiving a bye in the first round of a competition will be a constituted team as soon as their opponents in the next round play their first bowl in the first round. Thus, the team cannot change its team after the start of the tournament unless there is cause to approve a substitute, i.e. injury etc. as discussed earlier.

THE DANGERS OF APPROVING AN ILLEGAL REPLACEMENT OR SUBSTITUTE

Can you imagine the drama if the team who won a tournament was deemed illegal, following a challenge from one or all of the team they defeated during the tournament.

Bryan McMahon, National Umpire Level 2

VALE ~ Edward (Ted) Ernest Hudson

17th March 1925 ~ 12th November 2011

Ted joined P.P.B.C. 19th November 1992 and in 1996 became Treasurer of the Board & went on to Chairman of the Board 1997/99. In 2000/02 Ted was Games Director of the Mens Club, 2003/08 Honorary Secretary of the Mens Club, also a Club delegate to District meetings and was past district Director of the G.C.T.D.B.A.

Reflecting back ~ in 2005 Ted was awarded a Merit award and a Life Membership. On ANZAC Day he organized the program for the day with the help of Rev. Sid Rogers, President of the Ladies & Mens Club, John Jones and volunteers.

Ted was always prompt & courteous at all times ~ if you wanted to know anything just ring Ted!! He was also a great Mentor to many bowlers and will always be remembered with great affection.

In loving memory



LADIES WELFARE

Marian Hudson and Rosemary Nausbaum

We send our very best wishes to Mary Badham, Mavis Edwards & Betty Galbraith for a speedy recovery, feeling better & better every day in every way.

Please advise Marian or Rosemary if you know of any other ladies who are not well.

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MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions from members are welcome, however, the editor reserves the right to edit if space is a priority. Please send to: Denise Thompson, Email: denisethompson@y7mail.com before the 3rd Wednesday of the Month, thanks.



A touch of humour:

" Enter the Pearly Gates"

Three men die in a car accident Christmas Eve. They all find themselves at the pearly gates waiting to enter heaven. On entering they must present something relating or associated with Christmas. The first man searches his pocket & finds some Mistletoe, so he is allowed in. The 2nd man presents a cracker, so he is also allowed in. The 3rd man pulls out a pair of stockings. Confused at this last gesture, St. Peter asks, "how do these represent Christmas?" Answer....."They're Carol's"!



SECRETARY/MANAGER

20th November 2011

PARADISE POINT BOWLS CLUB



Dear Sir,

As we near the end of a four year relationship with your Club, the Management and home owners of Halcyon Waters Lifestyle Village thank you most sincerely for a wonderful year of friendship and fellowship with you and your members. The staff of your Club has been very supportive and make each & every one of us feel very welcome.

We have enjoyed our day and night games each month and give particular thanks to the dining room staff for excellent service and quality meals at very reasonable prices. I also extend our sincere thanks to present and past office bearers for their support during the year including Richard Muller, Sam Granata, Michael McGrath, John Jones and Brian Holt. The coaches Barry Alderdice and Jim Strike have always been available to our residents who have joined as full members. We now have 31 residents (men and women) who are full members of your Club. Our aim is to encourage more full members which would indicate that the association between Halcyon Waters Management, the Residents and the Paradise Point Bowls Club is fruitful to all parties. We have tried to make our residents feel some ownership of the Club which will help to uphold your motto of:

“THE FRIENDLIEST CLUB IN PARADISE”

On behalf of the residents of Halcyon Waters, I extend to you all the compliments of the season and may you enjoy a safe, healthy and happy time with your loved ones over the festive season. We look forward to continuing our relationship in 2012.

Yours in Bowling,

BRIAN ALCORN (Alkie)

