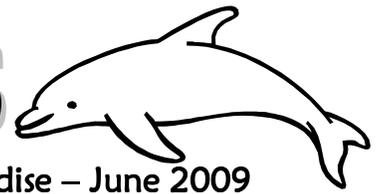


# Bowls Bias



Paradise Point Bowls Club – The Friendliest Club in Paradise – June 2009  
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Very sad news this issue, we lost some members last month who will all be sadly missed. The renowned Brian Vogler (Chookie) died on 6<sup>th</sup> May, Denis Moore passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> May, Phillip Patterson died on 25<sup>th</sup> April, Eric Bunter passed away on 16<sup>th</sup> May, Colin Lutwyche and Frank Gregory also died recently. Our heartfelt condolences go out to all their families and friends.

## CHAIRMAN

**Barry**

*Alderdice*

Hello members.

At the half yearly meeting the members were advised that the Constitution has been finished and that copies are available. Submissions from members for alterations will close on the 30th June 2009.

The Board has decided that the time has come to find a Bowls Manager. We have for some time trialed different staff in the role of **Bowls Co-ordinator** but have found this is not what we were looking for. The Bowls Manager will report directly to the Club Manager, and the job will entail more than just bowls.

## PREMIER LEAGUE

Sam Granata, Jim Hickey and myself attended the Premier League meeting on the 6th May. From this meeting the following matters were resolved:-

\* There will only be 12 teams, being 3 premier and 4 reserve teams.

\* To our disgust the ladies team has been replaced by men, but as the Premier League is an open event ladies are as welcome as any man to play in this League. The main reason given for the decision to remove the ladies' team was that most clubs (not ours) could not field a competitive side. I find that hard to believe! The vote was 8 for 6 against. I am of the opinion that this is not a good move by Premier League. There are no double ups planned at this stage but weather can change things.

\* Premier League (Jim Adams) is of the opinion that there will be a second tier. If this does happen, teams that finish 11th and 12th will drop down to the second rung and the 1st and 2nd winner of the second tier will join the Premier League.

\* Premier 7's will be discussed at the next meeting, but from the comments this will be very similar to this year.

**Chairman, Board of Directors**  
**Chairman of the Board of**



## MEN'S

## PRESIDENT

**Richard Muller**

Congratulations to

**Armando** and his team for winning the Club Fours. He is making a habit of our Championships. The point is, though, the stronger the winning team, the more chance we have of progressing into higher honours through District, Region & State bowls.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of another 3 of our bowling members, Denis Moore, Chookie and Eric Bunter. Denis was well known to our male members, loved his bowls; a lovely man (not like the Irishman of Irish joke fame). Chookie, no introduction needed, again loved his bowls. I use the nickname deliberately because that is what he liked, if anyone put 'Brian' on the scoreboard; he would straightaway change it to Chookie. Eric, in latter years, played predominantly on Friday Mixed and was a good bowler too! Please, no more bereavements for a while!

Fantastic to see the State Championships played at our undercover venue. Because of foul weather, B.Q. and District did appreciate our facilities. It is rare indeed to witness finals on our greens.

If any male members wonder why the paper towels were eliminated from the men's toilets, we apparently have a pyromaniac in our midst after 5 fires in 6 months. The alternative was to install surveillance cameras – pretty invasive!

**Richard Muller, Men's President**



## LADIES

## PRESIDENT

**Ingrid Thurecht**

I love birthdays and I am happy

to report that our 39<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bowls was an outstanding success.

The Ladies' Club hosted this event and our most special, beautiful and popular guest was our Patron Mary Badham. It was so lovely to have Mary join us.

Patron Edith Byrne was away and unable to attend, we missed her and look forward to her return.

It was also an honour to have as our guests Chairman of the Board Barry Alderdice, Deputy Chairman John Jones and Treasurer Allen O'Donahoo. Our Manager Steve Day helped us to celebrate as did our Men's Bowls President Richard Muller, Vice Presidents Sam Granata and Bryan Weldon, Games Director Mick DeMeio and our Greens Director Noel Gray.

I would especially like to thank Board Director Robbie Dobbins for filling in for us at a moments notice.

My thanks to all for attending and helping to make our 39<sup>th</sup> birthday such a fun day. My thanks also to my Committee for doing such a wonderful job. The caterers excelled once again, and the birthday cake was just beautiful – my thanks to Frances Meinrath for her lovely creation.

There are far too many people to thank individually but to all those wonderful people who donated their time and their talents, I thank you most sincerely.

Our next major event is the Dolphin Triples, to be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, which is only weeks away and sure to be another great success.

**Your President Ingrid**



## MEN'S GAMES DIRECTOR

Mick De Meio



All the open events are done and dusted. The Fours was won by **Armando's** team, **Ross Fox's** team played good bowls but I think all their luck and skill was used to beat Alan Clarke's team in the semis.

*Well done gentlemen!*

The nominations are up for the B Grade Singles (men). Things have changed inasmuch as winning the Open Fours is no longer a restriction in playing B Grade. The Match Committee and myself are working real hard on a new draw for next year, which will, I think, bring a lot of good changes. *Your Games Director, Mick DeMeio*

## LADIES' GAMES DIRECTOR

Ev Cousens



Our Open Pairs final winners are **Patricia Pask** and **Julie Stevens**. Runners-up were **Lyn Stewart** and **Esther Lee**.

The B Grade Singles are going quite well, final will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> May. B Grade Pairs first round will be played on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Our Dolphin Triples will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Ladies, please form a team for this event. District Triples will be played at our club on Monday 1st June.

For the first time the State Championships were held on the Gold Coast. We were lucky to have had the Singles and Pairs sectional play at our club. When we thought we were finished with these events, the inclement weather opportunity to hold the semi-finals and finals of the Ladies' Fours and Triples, at our club. It was great to watch the top players in action!  
*Good Bowling! Ev Cousens*

## MEN'S WELFARE – Ian McGowan

Several home visits and phone calls have been made recently to the following members: John Daniels is still undergoing specialist tests, whilst Patrick Dillon has broken ribs. David Parks continues to have tests but manages to get out most days. Barry Lachmund is unwell and is in the Gold Coast Hospital, let's hope this is the last one for a while! We hope to see Ivan Lee and George Whittingstall back on the greens soon. It is good to see other friends making headway to better health including John Heydon, and 'Flick' Ian Valentine. Wishing Happy Pope and Ron Hooker a speedy recovery! May has seen our membership numbers fall as sadly we have said "Farewell" to the following members: Eric Bunter, Denis Moore, Phillip Patterson and Brian Vogler and also to past members Frank Gregory and Colin Lutwyche. We extend our sincere sympathies to the widows and families of our departed friends. Please advise of any sick or absent members. Keep warm and stay well. *Cheers, Ian McGowan*

## LADIES' WELFARE – Pam Meyer and Lynda Guylor

Thankfully no further welfare news at this time. **Pam: 5537195/414762288, Lynda: 5528 9305.**

### SIGNS TO WATCH FOR IN CASE OF A STROKE – OR SUSPECTED STROKE - *Courtesy John Hayden*

**F** Facial weakness. Can the person smile? Has their mouth or eye dropped?

**A** Arm weakness. Can the person raise both arms?

**S** Speech difficulty. Can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?

**T** Time to act fast

**If you recognise the signs of stroke call 000 immediately. StrokeLine 1500 787 653 [www.strokefoundation.com.au](http://www.strokefoundation.com.au)**

# UMPIRE!!

### OUR BRYAN'S NOW ON THE STATE COMMITTEE!

We are very proud of our umpire Bryan McMahon, who devotes so much of his time to Paradise Point Bowls Club, and are pleased to announce that Bowls Queensland have appointed him to the State Umpire Committee; a richly deserved honour. Congratulations Bryan!



For decades there has been constant debate between bowlers and officialdom about the role of an umpire, because past laws have not clearly defined the role, the responsibility or authority of an umpire when on duty. The revised International Laws applying from September 2006 does address this issue:

*During the last 18-24 months, five club members have become Accredited Umpires, three ladies and two men. In the interests of all Umpires in the Club, I take this opportunity to outline the law changes:*

**LAW BOOK Page 7 – Foreword – Conventions: References to 'should' and 'will' mean that the action is compulsory. References to 'can' mean that the action is optional.**

*A study of the law book will determine that 'should' or 'will' feature in a large number of laws.*

**LAW 56.2.8** – The Umpire should make sure that all aspects of play are in line with the laws of the sport of bowls.

**LAW 37.1.2** – The Skip should decide all disputed points of law with the opposing Skip, making sure that any decision is in line with the laws of the sport of bowls.

**LAW 37.1.4** – If the Umpire considers that a decision reached by the Skips is not in line with the laws of the sport of bowls, the Umpire should overrule that decision so that is in line with the laws.

A most important part of the umpiring function is the education and training of club members, so please acknowledge that if an Umpire talks to you during or after a match, it is highly likely the Umpire's intention is for the purposes of helping you enjoy your bowls!

*Bryan McMahon, Nat. Umpire Level 2*

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT MAY 2009

The months seem to be flying by and I bet it won't be long and we are talking about another Christmas. Whilst the cooler weather is upon us and the days are shorter the Club continues to trade well. The beer sales are down a little which we experience every winter, however, the coffee sales are good. Gaming continues to be our main revenue stream and it still experiences some growth.

The application for additional gaming machines is progressing well and you will notice ads in the local paper and a sign out the front of the club over the next couple of weeks calling for objections. Hopefully we won't get too many objections and the application will progress fairly smoothly from here. The whole process could still take over twelve months before we get an answer and even then it may be approval for less than the 40 machines we applied for. The final application lodged was for an extra 40 gaming machines and with the continued increase in membership and the increased use of the gaming machines the Board are comfortable we can justify an increase of up to 40 machines.

It was good to see Bowls Queensland use the undercover green for the recent State Championships due to the inclement weather. Whilst it may be an inconvenience to some members to have to give up a day of social bowls, the exposure the club received and the income generated over these two days, I believe, made it a raging success. It shows how spoilt we are to have such a magnificent facility and the fact that we missed only two days of bowls when every other club on the coast has had to forego many bowls days this year due to the weather.

After much waiting and a few false starts the web-site is finally ready to be launched. The new site can be viewed at [www.paradisepointbowls.com.au](http://www.paradisepointbowls.com.au) and there will be a competition to kick off the new site and prizes to be won. The website will be regularly updated and will be a great way for members to keep up to date with events at the Club. Make sure you check it often!

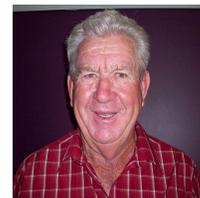
*Steven Day, General Manager.*



## *From The Greens*

Well what a great week it has been for our club to have the state bowlers playing on our greens.

It has taken quite some time for this to happen but it has been well worth the wait. The feedback we have received from the players has been nothing but praise for our greens and complex on a whole and I must thank Jeff, our greenkeeper for his effort and guidance over Tom and myself to get our greens into the condition they are in. To our own club members that missed out on a game when the State requested our undercover green due to the bad weather conditions, I say sorry, but if you came and watched the final series the standard of bowls was incredible, further to this the money that came into the club from the spectators in these difficult times was also substantial. I can only hope that our club can host many more top bowls events like we have had in the past week in the future! *From your Greens Director, Noel Gray*



## THE DOLPHINS SOCIAL BOWLS CLUB

**The Dolphins are a club within our club and spend time entertaining and visiting other bowls clubs, going on buses, playing bowls, staying away and generally having a wonderful time! Any member can join for a small annual fee, well worth the money!**

On Sunday 3rd May, the Dolphins Social Bowls Club went to Wellington Point. Forty six players enjoyed a great day. When the bus arrived at Wellington Point we were warmly greeted by the Lady President and two committee members, who escorted us into the dining room where we enjoyed a delicious roast lunch followed by Pavlova sweets. Bowls commenced at 1pm till 3.4pm, followed by the usual drinks, raffles and prizegiving.

Our next outing will be to Salisbury on Sunday 7th June. Bus leaves the club at 10.30am so make sure you get your name in early!

*Joe Sinclair, Secretary, The Dolphins*

*President: Reta McMurtrie, Treasurer: Bronwen Anderson.*

*(Guess who's in the photo?)*



## MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions from members are welcome, however, the editor reserves the right to edit if space is a priority. If you would like to contribute your thoughts or ideas, suggestions etc. please present in writing (preferably by email) to: The Editor, Marita Pointon, at [maritap@dodo.com.au](mailto:maritap@dodo.com.au) or post in the Newsletter niche in the Games Office *before the third Wednesday of the month.*

### SCORE BOARDS ON UNDERCOVER GREEN

The undercover green is a wonderful venue for matches to be played before interested spectators. However, may I point out that due to the necessary siting of the score boards placed in front of the wooden slats, **reading the scores from any position on the terrace is very difficult.** I did raise this matter some time ago and I realize the solution is not an easy one, however as we have the largest bowling membership in the state the reading of the scores should be clearly visible to all. Regards, *John Morrissey* (Member 000893).

*Ed note: It might help if the boards were raised slightly, to enable seating of waiting bowlers, and covered at the back to eliminate glare?? Any more ideas on this one?*

# Paradise Point Juniors



The Junior Challenge is underway with some good bowling. Further info in next newsletter. We welcome any Junior who is interested in having a game of Bowls.

Contact Wally Quirke (Junior Bowls Coordinator) or call the Club for more information.

*Birthdays: Happy Birthday Rick and Nicky. Well done boys!*

## **BILL HOFFMAN CELEBRATES HIS 91<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH**

Bill is one of our older members, having been a social member of Paradise Point for 20 years. Since his beloved wife Thelma died in 2003 Bill has drives to the club every day to watch the bowls and enjoy lunch before going home to his pet cat. He says that if it wasn't for the bowls club he doesn't know what he would have done! He recalls the beautiful and exclusive Faberge eggs which Thelma made for David Jones and other high class outlets, with pride. Although not a bowler he is an enthusiastic supporter and watches many games with knowledge and expertise.

*So here's to a Happy 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup> June, Bill!*

## **A DARING FEAT BY A COURAGEOUS LADY**

Well known coach and championship bowler Rosemary Nausbaum recently competed in the 55km **Dragons Abreast Australia** paddle race down the Ord River from the Argyle Dam to Kununurra. This huge Adventure Paddle was organized to promote Breast Cancer Awareness, and the participants, from Australia and New Zealand, had all fought and overcome the insidious disease.

Rosemary is justly proud of completing the row of 55 kilometres and says that she found the experience both awesome and humbling. When she thought that she couldn't go any further and was ready to down oars she tuned in to Chookie Vogler, whose fighting spirit and great tenacity encouraged her to finish the ordeal.

Rosemary says that having Breast Cancer, or indeed, any form of cancer, is not necessarily a death sentence.

*Congratulations Rosemary, we are proud of your fighting spirit!*

## **AN ODE TO JULIE AND HER TEAM**

(District and Zone Champion of Champions)

**Julie stood upon the mat**

Her team needed two to win.

As skip she knew that one bowl sat

Where a tap would push it in.

**As she eyed the kitty and took her mark**

She knew where her bowl should go.

It left her hand and began its arc

Would it be the final blow?

**Sure enough it travelled on**

And the seconds they ticked by.

If it tapped that bowl her team had won

Julie smiled, she was happy with her try.

**The target bowl was duly hit**

But it then moved past the jack.

It wasn't much just a little bit

But for the team it set them back.

**Her opponent now had a turn to bowl**

And she played it very well.

It reached the jack with its final roll

Who was in? It was very hard to tell.

**So Julie had just one to go**

She wondered what to do.

I'll let it rip not bowl it slow

If I miss I'm in the poo!

*By Tony Rhodes*

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

**DOLPHIN COVE BISTRO - Open 7 Days**

Lunch: 12-1 Dinner: 6-8 Sun-Thur, 6-8.30 Fri-Sat

### **BINGO**

Eyes Down 9.15am every Tuesday & Thursday

### **BRAIN FREEZE TRIVIA**

Thursday nights, starts 7pm. Free for all to play!

### **RAFFLES**

Wed & Friday 7pm, Sunday 3.30-4pm

### **MEMBERS' DRAW**

Each Sunday at 3pm

### **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

Fridays from 6.30pm, Sat from 6pm, Sun from 5pm

### **COURTESY BUS**

For members and guests. Book at reception

Two elderly women were eating breakfast in a restaurant one morning. Ethel noticed something funny about Mabel's ear and she said, 'Mabel, do you know you've got a suppository in your left ear?'

Mabel answered, 'I have a suppository in my ear?'

She pulled it out and stared at it.

Then she said, 'Ethel, I'm glad you saw this thing. Now I think I know where to find my hearing aid!'

# Vale

**Phillip Lawson Patterson: 03.11.1930-25.04.2009**

Esteemed member and family man, Phil had a few favourite sayings, among them: 'Never give a sucker an even break', 'Watch the donut not the hole', 'The price is soon forgotten when you get it home'. **R.I.P. Phil.**

**Denis Joseph Moore: 14.04.1943-1.05.2009**

Des was a beloved and devoted family man whose unconditional love, honesty, generosity and humour will be sadly missed. Born in Crumlin, Dublin, Des was a popular member of our club. **R.I.P. Des.**

**Brian 'Chookie' Vogler: 30.05.1932-6.05.2009**

A beloved family man and popular member of Paradise Point Bowls Club, the famous Chookie Vogler was truly a legend in his own lifetime. He will not be forgotten by all who knew him. **R.I.P. Chookie**

**Eric Bunter: Passed away on 16.05.2009**

Sadly missed by all who knew him, dear Eric was a keen and knowledgeable bowler. As ex mayor of Bowral NSW and founder of the famous Tulip Festival, Eric was also a great stalwart of the Bowral Bowls Club. He was a gentleman in every way and leaves behind his beloved wife of over 60 years, Daphne. **R.I.P. Eric**

**Colin Lytwyche**

A dedicated bowler and esteemed member, Colin played at Paradise Point for many years, and always with the same team. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. **R.I.P. Colin**

**Frank Gregory**

Frank, a member of Paradise Point, passed away recently, and will be missed by all who knew him. **R.I.P. Frank**

## Brian Vogler – 'Chookie'



How could we miss this opportunity to hail and celebrate Brian's outstanding achievements during his lifetime?

Chookie joined Paradise Point Bowls Club in 1992 and made his mark as an outstanding bowler, sportsman and character, winning many prizes and championships. With his beloved and popular wife Margaret they made a formidable team, followed closely by bowler sons Mark and Peter, also members. The Voglers United certainly contributed much to our club over the years, involving themselves with all aspects of bowls and greatly assisting our club's progress; indeed Brian's mother Dorothy was an early founding member and Margaret has served on various committees.

Chookie's sporting prowess began at an early age in his home town of Ipswich, where he attended St Mary's prep and later Ipswich Christian Brothers. His nickname happened when he was a small boy of five and had to pick an animal whilst playing 'farmyard' at school. Brian picked a chook, a name that would stay with him for life!

A talented Rugby League player, Chookie played for Ipswich at the tender age of 17, At the age of 20 he suffered a serious elbow injury and had to withdraw from League. In 1952 he signed on with the Dinmore Bushrats Soccer Club and within 2 years was selected to play for Queensland, and shortly thereafter for Australia.

Chookie represented Australia playing in the soccer team at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics Games, an outstanding achievement. A tough but fair player in all his sporting life, it became obvious that he was a force to be reckoned with!

In 1959 Chookie married Margaret Crane from North Ipswich, which union produced six children, Mark, Gary, Christine, Peter, Matthew and Anne plus 9 grandchildren. In 1971 he joined Booval Bowls Club and, with his familiar sporting prowess quickly became a champion bowler. In 1992 he retired from his coal mining job in Ipswich and moved to Paradise Point, where he and Margaret quickly became ensconced in the Bowls Club life.

A great, highly respected and forceful character, Chookie loved his bowls and was not averse to a beer, indeed he said he had to have a few in the morning to get his forehand working!

We remember him as being quickwitted, outspoken, and always fair and helpful to other bowlers. Chookie leaves behind a grieving widow and family, and many friends.

His legacy of sporting greatness and the will to achieve is succeeded only by the way he touched so many people's lives, he taught his family to stand tall, play tough but fair, never to give up and always pay your own way throughout life, at all times respecting your elders and your history. Chookie battled to the end, and never gave up.

**You were an inspiration and a greatly loved man, Chookie, they don't come any better!**

*We send our sympathy to Margaret, Mark, Gary, Christine, Peter, Matthew, Anne and their families.*

## Vale: Brian Vogler

*On behalf of myself and members of the Paradise Point Ladies Bowling Club I wish to offer heartfelt condolences to Margaret and her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.*

*President Ingrid*

*Thinking of you, Nan! OXOX.*

*Paul and Bar Staff*

