



# The MANLY MESSENGER

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Ian Redford – Winner of the District Men's B Singles

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

### **Bowls News**

Two Manly teams were involved in the four team BPL regional finals held at Club Manly on 2 September 2018. Unfortunately both Manly teams were eliminated. The event was live streamed on Facebook. Local bowls identity David Pearson, a Greenslopes member, had a guest spot in the broadcast and delivered a ringing endorsement of Club Manly's facilities and Breakfast Pairs competitions. David administers a Facebook page called SE Queensland Bowls Events which publicizes bowls in South East Queensland . More bowls than you could possibly hope to play but, if you are ever looking for a game, it is a good place to look.

The Two Day Strawberry Carnival at Cleveland bowls club was held on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August and was won by composite team mainly from Greenslopes. A Manly Team skipped by Norm Broadhurst was runner-up.

### **A Suggestion for the Selectors**

A perennial problem for selectors is that, during and particularly towards the end of the pennants season or other competitions seasons, players make themselves unavailable and it becomes difficult to field teams in every division. Taking men's pennants as an example , there is always a difficulty in deciding how many divisions to enter. There is a tension between having a lower number to ensure that teams can always be fielded and having a higher number of teams to ensure that everyone who wants to play can do so, particularly keen new bowlers.

I have a suggestion for the selectors. I had initially thought to send it to them privately but decided that it was a suggestion for

consideration by all members. In the notice which goes up on the notice board for members to indicate they wish to be considered for selection, members should be asked to indicate the nature of their availability beside their name by reference to the following codes.

1. Guaranteed available for all fixtures and finals barring injury, unexpected illness or death of self or a close family member.
2. Guaranteed available for all fixtures and finals barring injury, unexpected illness or death of self or a close family member except for these dates {specify dates}
3. I wish to play when available but I am not certain about dates I will be available. I undertake to advise selectors of my availability/ unavailability as soon as I know.
4. I am available to play if required but only for home games.
5. I do not wish to play a complete season but, I may be available as a fill-in if asked.
6. I am available to play if I am selected in a division / position befitting my extraordinary talents and with players of whom I approve. (just kidding! Or maybe not.)

With that information, the club should be able to enter the correct number of teams and in the appropriate divisions. Players who are able and willing to guarantee their availability should be guaranteed selection or, at least, given priority in selection.

Members should be asked and reminded repeatedly to complete availability before the submission to the district for entry to competitions. While the list may be left up on the noticeboard after the submission is made, there should be a line drawn on it when the submission is made and players under the line should be categorised in code 5 for selection.

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## **MEN'S SECRETARY REPORT**

Good news on the bowls front. Ian Redford represented Manly proudly and won the Gateway District Men's "B" Singles. A great effort from a very new and dedicated lawn bowler.

The Committee would like to bring your attention to the Bowls Australia (BA) Greens Protection Policy which acknowledges that greens are the core material asset of bowling clubs and must be protected from damage which may be caused by players "dumping" their bowls or engaging in any other activity that might damage the playing surface. "Dumping" is generally considered to occur when a player does not release their bowl from below knee height.

Clubs have an obligation to assist bowlers to remedy their delivery if it is potentially damaging the greens. If any player is observed to be consistently releasing their bowl above the acceptable height, they will be advised of such and, if they are unable to successfully adjust their delivery, they will be asked to attend a coaching session to rectify the problem. The BA Greens Protection Policy is on display on the Men's Notice Board inside the function room for your information.

The date for the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Division has been decided and will be held in the club house on Saturday, 13 October 2018 at 9:30am. The Notice is on display in the club house together with Nomination forms for the Committee for the 2018/2019 year. I would encourage all members to consider putting

their names forward for the Committee as this is the best way to have your voice heard and to contribute to the continued success of the Club as a whole.

Just a reminder that the Board has decided to increase Green Fees by \$2, effective 1 October 2018. Green Fees will therefore be \$12 for all matches arranged by the Men's Division from that date. The one-off \$3 nomination fee for Club Competitions will still apply.

As many of you would be aware, we have been struggling to attract bowlers on Saturday afternoons after Pennants finish. We have therefore approached members by way of an emailed survey, to give us ideas on how we might be able to offer an exciting game of bowls on Saturdays to get the numbers up. Thanks to Ian Redford for his invaluable assistance in getting the survey out and to those who have responded. We will get back to you in the near future with a format that is designed around the preferences of the majority of respondents.

Good bowling to all.

Phil Price  
Secretary, Men's Division

## **MEN'S GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT**

It is getting close to the end of my reign as games director for 2018. I thought that being games director would have given this position some respect for what I was doing for the club as a volunteer but it was the complete opposite. At times, I felt I was like the people's whipping boy! This position and all other club positions are voluntary. We nominate for these positions and most times we are unopposed. After a year in this position I can understand why.

There are three committees in our club, men ladies and the board for Club Manly. Each committee has its role for the club as stated in the Constitution. Each member has a role within the committee to which they are elected with guidelines which he or she has to abide by just as each member has to abide by the Constitution whether they like it or not.

The Constitution can be changed if the correct procedures are followed but Apparently that is too hard so we attack the people who have volunteered to do the job to make the club great which no-one else wanted. What would it be like if you had more than one position ? “ANARCHY”! (ED. Chaos?)

Anyway, moving on, most of the club competitions have been played and won. The following are still to be played – Open Singles, Mixed Pairs , Veteran singles, Mixed Fours and B Pairs . In the case of the last two competitions , if there are insufficient entries they will not be played.

Despite my earlier remarks , I do wish to thank the people who have helped me during the year to carry out my role. They Know who they are!

Don't forget to nominate for positions on the Men's committee. The AGM for the Men's Division is coming up shortly .

Thank You

Paul Smith

### **Editor's Response**

I was saddened by Paul Smith's report (above) of his experience this year as the Men's Games Director and one of the selectors. From

what I saw, Paul has undertaken his duties with energy and a determination to do his best for the club and its members. He set about tightening up the scheduling of championships and application of rules. This was necessary because looser arrangements which had been satisfactory in the past could not accommodate the increase in membership of the club and were highly likely to lead to conflict and unfairness. His report suggests he will not volunteer for the job again for next year . I hope not because the role of games director is best filled by someone who can undertake the role for a number of years because each year his greater experience should make the role easier and performance better. When I was at Belmont, the games director retired after 25 years in the job!

In his first month or so in the job, Paul made a minor error in scheduling which he had to correct. I overheard him acknowledge openly to a number of members that he had made a mistake because of his inexperience. His willingness to acknowledge his error told me then that Paul would do an excellent job as games director and he has done so.

I am certain, Paul, for every one member who has not treated you and your position in the club with the respect you deserve, there are ten members who appreciate your efforts. Many thanks!

John Curr -Editor

## **LADIES GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Another big day held at Manly with the Gateway / Cunningham District Challenge held on Sunday 19th August. What a great day. Good bowls were enjoyed by not only the players but the spectators. This event was won by Gateway, the first time in 6

years. To President Jan and her helpers, a big thank you for providing a wonderful morning tea, lunch and nibbles after the game.

August has ended well with our Division 2 side being in the Pennant Finals for 2018 which was held at Wellington Point Bowls Club on Monday 27th August 2018. Alas it was not meant to be so Runners Up it was. Well done Ladies.

Another Lorna Wemyss brooch has been awarded to one of our newer players, Congratulations to Maree Mayne. To win this competition the ladies need to win 4 games in a row. This is not as easy as it sounds. I have also been advised that Denise Dowding was awarded the latest one just this week. Well done Denise.

Cleveland held their Strawberry Carnival in the last week in August and Manly did their best to support them by providing a couple of players. Wellington Point held their Salad Fiesta Day today and I am proud of our girls (2 Manly teams) for supporting them as well. Thank you Ladies as this makes my job easier when I ask for extra teams from these clubs to support our financial days.

As Pennants is now officially over we will be able to get back to our competitions. The District is hosting the Zone Champion of Champions in the first week of September against the Gold Coast District and if it rains as predicted Manly will be able to assist in hosting these games. We also have the District 2 bowl triples which are to commence at Manly on Monday 10th September and is sponsored by our club.

Good luck to all that have entered this competition.

Marcelle Broadhurst-Games Director



## **WYNNUM MANLY VETS**

August we had our first meeting of this year committee, a real positive vibe with some wonderful new thoughts and ideas for us all to consider.

A few of the ideas we are considering are a bowling trip to Norfolk Island or a cruise. We have put sheets on the board for all members to see if there is interest in these proposed trips

We all celebrated Karen Beveridge special birthday with a cake this month and last Friday all our Ladies celebrating an early Father's day with us all, a great morning with a visit by Joe Grech who will celebrate his 90+ birthday this week

Our trip to Bribie was well attended with 45 bowlers leaving under grey and drizzly skies with resident weather expert Murray assuring it would be a fine day . Alas he was wrong, but we were treated to lovely lunch and Afternoon tea, but bowls were cancelled, it was decided that our green fees would be donated to our farmers drought relief fund and the committee is looking for a new weather expert

Our next visit is to Ipswich Brothers on the 23rd of September leaving at 10am ,the list is on the board so put your name down for a great day of bowls

We are looking forward to a visit to Club Manly on Sunday 9th by Samford with 40 bowlers coming to try our wonderful facilities

To all our members not feeling the best, get well and come and join your friends on a Friday morning

Murray Burdett -President

## **FISHING CLUB REPORT**

Hello all,

Unfortunately this month's fishing comp was a wash out. The weekend was marred by strong winds and persistent rain and whilst it was great to see the rain as we are long overdue it would have been nice if it could have stayed away for the weekend. We did however weigh some fish in, one of our members Denis braved the rain and wind and weighed in a nice mixed bag which saw him climb the point's ladder in spectacular fashion as no one else weighed anything in.

During the month one of our members broke his own brag board record weighing in a whopping big Cobia that was 1160cm long and weighed an impressive 10kg. Mick and another member had a job to do at Mooloolaba and knowing that it wouldn't take all day to complete they towed the boat up with them. A quick trip out to Caloundra Wide saw him land the big Cobia and the boys managed to bring home a nice feed of fish.

Next month sees the first BSFC annual trip up north. We have been traveling south on annual trips for many years now and the time has come to head north to a warmer climate for a change. The club is heading up to Burrum Heads on the 27th of October for a week's fishing, crabbing and relaxing. Many of our members have already booked accommodation of their own and the club has booked three houses. There are still a few beds left in the club houses so if you are interested please let us know.

Speaking of a warmer climate with the seasons changing and summer approaching don't forget that the Bayside Social Fishing Club offers 3.5kg bags of ice to members of both our club and Club

Manly at a great price of \$1 a bag. To access this all you need to do is see the friendly bar staff for the key to the ice freezer and pop your money into the honesty box inside the door as you grab your bags

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## FISHING CLUB GALLERY





## HUMOUR



Keith Harris sent in this contribution of a selection of Signs at the Indian Hills Community Center in Colorado.

“Dogs can’t operate MRI scanners but Catscan”

“Our mountains aren’t just funny they are hill areas”

“Well, to be Frank ..... I would have to change my name”

“Forget world peace, Visualize using your turn signal”



“Life is short. If you can’t laugh at yourself, call me. I will.”

“Ban pre-shredded cheese. Make America grate again”

“Electricians have to strip to make ends meet.”

“For chemists, alcohol is not a problem, it is a solution.”

“ My mood ring is missing..... I don’ know how to feel about that.”

“I scream. You scream... The police come...Its awkward”

“Despite the high cost of living , it remains popular”

“I’m friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don’t know Y.”

“I’m in search of fresh vegetable puns..... Lettuce know.”

“Big shout out to my fingers... I can also count on them!”

“Remember, if the world didn’t suck, W would all fall off.”

“ Irony, the opposite of wrinkly.”

“Tried to grab the fog.....I mist.”

“If you suck at playing the trumpet, that’s probably why.”

“When you’re down by the sea and an eel bites your knee, that’s a Moray”

### **Important Message from the Manly Gardeners**

Mick Letnic mentioned to me last week that some of the beautiful blooms which adorn the Club seem to go missing from time to time.

He is torn! On the one hand, he wishes the club to look its best at all times. On the other hand, he is an incurable romantic as we all know. He has asked that if you are seeking to win a heart or, if you need a floral token to help you to gain forgiveness from a loved one for some misdemeanour , please approach Mick and he will see what he can do for you.

Mick seeks your help to preserve his carefully planned gardens. Please keep an eye out and report any pilfering to Mick. Apparently, he knows some large gentlemen, flora aficionados all, who are pained terribly by the sight of despoiled gardens and who may seek a physical expression of their disappointment.

[Ed. Please forgive my efforts to introduce some levity but be aware, the central message is serious!]