



The MANLY MESSENGER

December 2019 edition

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to my Chairman's report for December

With the year coming to a close, I would like to thank all of our staff and volunteers for a successful year. The year has not been without difficulty and controversy in some areas. We have tried innovations some of which have been successful and some, not so successful. The board and I make no apology for this as we strive to make this club relevant in the local area both socially and in the bowls community.

We would like to thank the Wynnum and Manly War Vets Bowls Association and the Bayside Social Fishing Club for their continued support. I know that many struggling bowls clubs would love to have these organisations behind them.

We have been successful in two grant applications recently, for the provision of a toilet block downstairs and provision of handrail supports on the edge of the greens. This is due to the support of our local government representatives federal, state and local who are always willing to support us.

Throughout the year we have invested heavily in upgrades to our IT and Accounting systems which don't appear as physical improvements but future-proofs us for the years ahead. Without getting into the details of such upgrades, the accounting and legislative demands require robust administration to comply with all types of government

regulations. Our Board has been proactive in maintaining best practice in Administration of workplace conditions for our employees.

Congratulations to all our trophy winners this year. Finally, I would like to thank Julie for her service to the club and on behalf of the members of Club Manly wish her a happy retirement. To all our members a Happy and safe Festive season and I look forward to a bright and happy new year.

Until next month

Great Friendship

Ian Reed

Chairman

MEN'S PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The men's committee has decided at our meeting held on the 9th December that no Wednesday games would be held on 25th December and 1st January and would recommence on Wednesday morning the 8th January 2020. It will be up to the usual participants to decide whether to play on the intervening Fridays and Saturdays. They will have to find someone to run those games as the social selectors are not available. [ED. Barrie Browne is organising a 2 bowls triples game for Friday 27th December for those of us who are looking for something to do after Christmas. Thanks to Ian Reed and the board for allowing special arrangements for this event. There is a sheet in the foyer.]

We would like to congratulate all winners and runners up of 2019 competitions.

We have just completed a Jack attack programme in conjunction with bowls Australia over 4 Friday nights. 15 players registered. A talented junior female bowler was identified and will be followed up to join the club. Unfortunately, numbers of participants fell away in the last week.

We will commence the Q7s competition in early January with trials for summer shield also starting in January.

I would like to wish all members and their families a merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Murray Burdett

Men's President

MEN'S GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT

Men's Games Director's Report

With the festive season upon us and club competitions completed, there will be reduced activity in bowling. Check notice board for details.

During this period our Club will be open every afternoon excepting Christmas day, this is a good opportunity to relax and bring your friends to the Club for a roll-up and enjoy our facilities.

Enjoy your break and have a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Greg Brazier

Games Director

LADIES PRESIDENT

Time once again to "Deck the halls with boughs of holly", as the song goes, or, at least, put up a few K-Mart baubles and some Bunnings Solar Powered Lights !!! . Also, time to put the Bowls away for a month or so and give our Games Directors and Kitchen staff a well-earned rest.

It has been a wonderful year for the Ladies Division both socially and competitively with our financial days being well supported by other Clubs together with some of our teams taking out District and inter-District events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for supporting us financially, the Ladies Executive who have worked tirelessly to ensure our Bowls Days are run without any dramas, the Men's Committee who have been most supportive, our Cleaning staff who clean up after us week after week, the Greens & Gardening Gurus who keep the Greens and surrounds in tip top order each week, the bar staff for quenching our thirst and "lending an ear" when needed and our Kitchen staff who keep our bellies fuller than they really need to be !!

Lastly, but not least, all of the Ladies I have been fortunate to have met, spoken with, laughed with and or bowled with , you have made 2019 as Ladies President a most memorable one .

To all a Merry Xmas and Happy and Healthy 2020

This will be my last report so, I will tell you only one more time -

"Keep ya eye on the Kitty"

Jan Reed

LADIES GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT:

Ladies,

Our year of bowls for 2019 has now been completed. The finals of the Championship Triples between Lyn Malone; Lyn Gilbert and Tracie Gilligan and Jeanie Smith, Jan Reed and Felisa Hill was won by Lyn Malone's team. Great final ladies, It was a joy to watch!

Our Club Selected Pairs between Desley Allford & Anne Barrett and Lyn Gilbert & Judy Woodford was won by Lyn Gilbert and Judy Woodford. Again, a great game to watch, Well done ladies!

In October, the Special Annual General Meeting was held to elect our Pennant Selectors and make any amendments to our Conditions of Play. The new Pennant Selectors panel for 2020 is Marcelle Broadhurst, Lyn Gilbert and Robyn Tyson. The Conditions of Play was amended to eliminate holidays during competition except for finals. A list for holiday dates has been put up on the notice board. Don't forget we **MUST HAVE 2 – 4 WEEKS NOTICE**. New Conditions of Play, Calendars for 2020 for Bowls Qld, Gateway District Ladies, Manly Calendars, nominated dates of play for Manly competitions and nomination entry forms for 2020 are now available and will be put out weekly. Please see either Kym or myself. We will be taking nominations for 2020 from now till 2020 Annual General Meeting. Please Ladies get your entries in early as we don't want to leave all nominations to the last day.

If you have any queries what so ever regarding nominations, games etc please feel free to come and ask. I am always available to assist where I can.

That is all for now so I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year so until next time on the bowling green.

Marcelle

Games Director

LADIES DIVISION COACHING TEAM

Ladies,

The Coaching team wish to advise that Thursdays Coaching Skills / Training is now in recess and will resume again after the school holidays. Wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Robyn and Lyn

WAR VETS NOTES

Well, it's the busy time of the year and this is reflected in the numbers attending on Fridays the last couple of weeks. However, we still have new members joining every week, so I'm sure the numbers will increase again next year.

We had 2 committee members resign recently, namely Pam Bowness and Charlie Schembri. We thank Pam and Charlie for their time on the committee. Our new committee members are John Wilkes and Paul Pryke. Many thanks to them for filling in the gap.

Just a reminder on dates – Our Christmas lunch is on the 13th December and our last Friday for the year is the 20th December. For our return dates, our first Friday will be on the 10th January followed by our first official day on the 17th January.

Disappointingly, our planned bus trip to Tewantin was cancelled due to fire threats in the areas close by. Some of our Tewantin friends' homes were very close by and some had to evacuate. So the decision was made to cancel. We hope all is well with them now and look forward to visiting them next year.

As I write, some of our vets are on the cruise around New Zealand. We look forward to hearing of the good times had by all.

That's about all for vets for this year. Here's hoping you all have a Happy Christmas and enjoy health and happiness in the new year.

Pam England

FISHING CLUB

Hello all, this month's fishing comp was our last for this year and as is said if there is drought on land there will be a drought in the water as well. We've had no real rain for months now and the fishing in Moreton Bay has shown the signs of this. This year's over-all senior competition winner was Dennis Ehmer on 18 points with Alan Stemm finishing a close second on 17 points.

Ebony Lawson weighed-in some quality fish this year to take out the top junior spot and Ralph Lord took out our memorial trophy position.

We would like to thank sincerely all those who took part in the comps this year and all those who helped out during the comps, this year was a slow year for fishing in the Bay due to the lack of rain so those who managed to weigh-in during the last half of the comps certainly showed their dedication for the sport. We held our presentation night last week and from what I am hearing it was a massive success.

We also held the annual Bayside Social Fishing Club Classic bowls day in November as well and we would like to thank all those who took their time out to have a bowl. Congratulations to the winners of this year's comp.

Well, as I said, the fishing comps are over for this year but we are already busy planning next year's calendar which we hope to make bigger and better. We would like to thank all those who participated this year and put a big shout out to all those who gave us hand running everything. Lastly we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Till next time tight lines, BSFC Inc



Senior Champion Dennis.



Junior Champion Ebony Lawson.



2019 Fishing Club Committee.

HUMOUR

During a lesson about adjectives, a primary school teacher, asked her class to describe their mothers. One boy described his mother's hair as auburn.

Impressed by his sophisticated word choice, my friend asked, "How do you know her hair colour is auburn?" Her student replied, "Because that's what it says on the box."

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A police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station. "I have an interesting case here," he says. "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Have you arrested her?" asks the sergeant.

"No, not yet. The floor's still wet."

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A turtle is crossing the road when he's mugged by two snails. When the police show up, they ask him what happened. The shaken turtle replies, "I don't know. It all happened so fast."

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A poodle and a collie are walking together when the poodle suddenly unloads on his friend. "My life is a mess," he says. "My owner is mean, my girlfriend ran away with a schnauzer, and I'm as jittery as a cat."

"Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" suggests the collie.

"I can't," says the poodle. "I'm not allowed on the couch."

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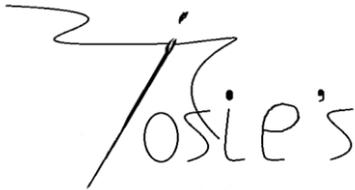
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