



# The MANLY MESSENGER

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## **EDITOR**

### MEMBERS' CONTACT DETAILS

Members are asked to advise any changes to addresses, phone numbers and emails. Others to advise changes to [membership@Clubmanly.com.au](mailto:membership@Clubmanly.com.au).

Those members without email should ask for a form at the bar, complete it and hand it back for delivery to the membership officer.

MANLY BOWLS COACHING STAFF have asked me post this notice to all competition bowlers. The coaches are setting up training rinks every Tuesday 2 -4, with the intention of improving the skill level of our competition bowlers. Just playing social bowls is not enough to improve skill levels. Frequently problems with bowls delivery can be corrected with small changes. Bowlers need to practice all different bows situations. See you all at training.

CAR PARKING There are some reserved places in the car park for club officials. Two out of the last three occasions I have come to the club, my car parking space was occupied. I do not wish to appear too precious about it and I am content to park elsewhere, but, I am left to wonder whether the car owners also wish to undertake the responsibilities which go with the car park.



## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Board has appointed a Barefoot bowls coordinator to organize and supervise barefoot bowls in a way which will ensure that the participants enjoy their visit to our club and also to ensure that they are safe and the Club's valuable greens are protected. You will see Helen around and about the club. Make her welcome and help her when needed.

Greg Brazier has offered to be the person to guide and help Helen to implement the necessary procedures to make barefoot bowls a successful enterprise for the Club.

We are now starting a new program to smarten up the club and remove all unwanted gear that has be collected and hoarded over the years. On a Thursday morning, if you are able and willing to assist, please put your name down on the list at the bar.

A special thanks to Ross Watson for his work in the gardens, and now Mick Letnic has offered to assist in keeping our pride and joy perfect, thanks to you both.

You will notice a change, with new sponsors coming on board, so please support them. Our newest sponsor is Dollar Stretcher at Wynnum Plaza.

We are still looking for a suitable candidate to assist Shelly, so if you know of anyone, please advise us.

We will be starting up a new school program in September with Manly State School students coming up to us to learn the joys of bowling.

Murray

## **MEN'S DIVISION REPORT**

This last month has been a little quiet news wise so not a whole lot to report, the Covid 4 day lock down impacted on the Club's activities with the first round of pennants being cancelled and the entire draw deferred by one week. The first round was played on Saturday 10th July, Divisions 2 and 4 had good wins, well done gents. Divisions 6 and 8 fought hard but were not good enough on the day. Never mind, still early days yet. Practice diligently and focus on team spirit results will follow.#

The Men's Division welcomes the appointment of a Barefoot Bowls Coordinator and looks forward to seeing the Job description when it is finalised.

The Club has received a formal written maintenance report from Mr. Stephen Barry who is the owner of the Construction Company ' Berry Bowling Systems ' responsible for the original construction of our greens. The report sets out clearly the maintenance practices to be followed. Mick Lawson [Greens Director] and groundsman Ken Sowden will follow these guidelines to produce the best possible playing surfaces. However, it should be noted that tracking on synthetic greens is common and cannot be totally eliminated but, with good management, it can be minimised.

The uniform sub-Committee has made progress and it is anticipated that three different designs will be presented to the Men's and Ladies Committees in the near future, the goal is to have new uniforms available in readiness for representative games in 2022

The upper carpark hardstand surfacing was recently extended another 16 metres further up the slope, this completes the project for the time being notwithstanding some line marking defining each carpark will be

carried out in the future, in the meantime members are asked to do their best to park efficiently maximising capacity.

Remember Bowls is a game so make sure the focus is on having fun and play the game in good spirit. (# Ed. Also remember, practice will make you play better. The better you play the more fun you will have)

Ross Watson

Men's President

### **NOEL CROSS SHIELD**

The results of the annual Noel Cross Shield are

Manly division. 2 63 defeated Capalaba division. 1 55

Capalaba division. 3 59 defeated Manly division. 4 45

Manly division. 6 64 defeated Capalaba division. 5 62

Capalaba division. 7 58 defeated Manly division 8 57

Total: Capalaba 234 defeated Manly 229, 5 shots.

So, the Shield went to Capalaba this year, accepted by his relative for Capalaba with a short but moving tribute to Noel Cross in whose memory the shield was donated. The day was enjoyed by all and is a useful annual preparation for pennants.



## **MEN'S GAMES DIRECTOR**

All Club Competitions that go on to Gateway District Champion of Champions events have been completed, results were:

**A Grade Singles** – Winner - Syd Bean

Runner-up - Paul Smith

**Pairs** – Winners - Gary Gilbert and Dale Beadmore

Runners-up - Brian Mowat and Syd Bean

**Fours** – Winners – Bill Thompson, Paul Smith, Robert Dilworth, John Curr

Runners-Up – Ian Reed, Bruno Ragonesi, Mick Lawson, Doug Newman

Open Singles Commence Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Mixed Pairs commence Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Pennants commence Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Greg Brazier ( Acting Games Director)

STOP PRESS The Club pairs champions moved on to the District Champion of Champions winning their first game and being eliminated in the second.

The Fours Club Champions have won their way through to the semi- finals on 18 July with wins over Wellington Point and Belmont.

The Singles is yet to be played. Good Luck, Syd.



## **MEN'S SELECTORS**

We have just completed the first round of the pennants competition, with mixed results.

Div 2 ---Had a very good win at home over Belmont, winning 1 rink by a large margin and achieving draws on the other two rinks.

Div 4 ---Had a had a good win away to Logan winning 2 out of the 3 rinks .

Div 6 ---Had a loss at Point Lookout but won one of the three rinks

Div 8 ---had a loss at Coorparoo going down on 3 rinks, but the scores were close.

The 5 selectors are trying their very best to pick 4 competitive teams with always picking the best teams from Div 2 down to Div 8.

We consider compatibility, skill level and preferred playing positions.

We will need to move players up and down for the first few weeks to accommodate player availability, so please understand and remember, we are all playing for the club and trying to give all the teams the best chance to make the finals,

If any player has a problem or a query, please feel free to either call myself or any of the other selectors to discuss.

Cheers

Alan Bridgement

## LADIES DIVISION REPORT

Just a short report to let everyone know that after a few "hic ups", all is well and things are settling back to where we were and that is the best Ladies Bowls Club in the District.

I would like to thank all the ladies for their support and willingness to set aside any differences and give others a "second chance ", if you like.

Maybe we all need to do the old " Mirror Mirror on the Wall" thing occasionally but rather "Mirror Mirror on the Wall I'm not the most important person after all"

We are having a Special Meeting on 20th July to fill the vacated positions therefore it would be nice to see as many Ladies present as possible to have your say.

From what I understand we will be reintroducing our monthly meetings where we should be able to nut out any differences before things are blown out of all proportion.

If you are not at these meetings then your voice won't be heard !!

Only one other issue I have and that is the Chairman of the Board , Murray Burdett, informed me last week that the Men's President is getting paid 4 times what the Ladies President gets paid.

I told him that's not on and I would be writing to the Board.

(ED. I am sure that the board will rectify the gross anomaly and breach of gender equity immediately by reducing the Men's president's stipend [4 x \$0.00 = \$0.00 will be reduced to 1 x \$0.00 = \$0.00)

On that note, as always if you have any issues, problems ( only about Bowls though ) come and see me and we will sort it out !!

Oh and nearly forgot,

Keep 'Ya eye on the Kitty

Jan Reed

Interim Ladies President

## **LADIES' GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Ladies,

Our Pennant season has commenced with our first game played the first week in July. Manly did very well winning on all three rinks for Division 1. Our Division 3 had a bye and will have their first game this coming week. There will be no further competition played whilst Pennant is on.

Our Championship Triples nominations will close towards the end of Pennant in September. If you wish to nominate early for this competition please come and see me and put in a nomination form it will be placed in our nominations book ready and waiting.

The Gateway Ladies Champion of Champion 4s was completed last week and the Singles and pairs were washed out last week but will be completed in the very near future.

For those that have not yet returned to bowls we look forward to seeing you in the very near future. In the meantime great bowling everyone.

Kym and Marcelle - Your Games Directors

## **WAR VETERANS**

We all had a great and enjoyable visit to Nambour good company and great fun, but could they bowl.

I have great news for our club with us being successful and being awarded a grant from the Veterans affairs and community hub to pay the cost of our monthly coach trips, so it will be great help to many.

Our next trip is to Ipswich on July 25th so put your name down on the list on the board.

We will be celebrating our Xmas in July on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the list is on the board, so please put your name down as with our current covid condition we are capped with a maximum of 80 plus committee and guest, with a capacity of 90.

This could change, but, at the moment it will be first in will be at the lunch.

I would like again to wish our Senior Vice President Odile a speedy recovery.

Our annual general meeting will be held at 11.30am on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, it great to see a full list of members being prepared to stand for our committee.

This will be my last report as I am standing down as president as per our constitution but will remain on as immediate past President to help and assist the new committee.

To all who have helped and assisted me in the last 3 years thanks.

Murray.

# HUMOUR

## Signs that humanity may be lost





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