



The MANLY MESSENGER

June 2019 edition

FROM THE EDITOR

I had game last week at Belmont. The Green was fast and true. After the game I had a word with their President to compliment him on the state of the green. He told me that he was disappointed that some members of other clubs who had not played there for some time continued to criticize the standard of their green based on an experience they may have had more than a year ago. Such unwarranted criticism creates ill feeling and generates a hyper-critical mindset among players which is generally damaging to the game of Lawn Bowls.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After a relatively slow month we look forward to a busy few weeks with our Brisbane Open Bowls Tournament on the 14th, 15th and 16th of June and a host of functions being held. The week leading up to the Tournament will require a bit of early spring cleaning and it is good to see members volunteering to help. I would like to thank Bob Mulholland and Lance Edmonds for assisting in the tidy up of the foyer area. All the Pennant Flags will be displayed with the Photos digitally displayed in the near future. Thanks to the War Vets for

moving their competition to Thursday to accommodate the Tournament.

The Fishing Club spent the first week of June at their annual trip to Illuka with some good fish caught and some tall stories to tell. This made for a quiet social time at the club but we look forward to some great photos on their screen.

Our Barperson Jess is away for a well-earned holiday back to the States and we wish her a great time.

With an influx of new members we are looking forward to a successful pennant season with some pre-pennant trials coming up over the next few weeks. The Noel Cross Shield is always anticipated with friendly rivalry against Capalaba also a visit from Point Lookout which is always a great day with some old friends.

On the evening of Saturday the 15th we are running a Calcutta on the Brisbane Open Finalists , this promises to be an entertaining night with some Bucks to be made with the right choice . Details are displayed at the Club. Remember the Club is here for our members so please support us where you can.

Until next month

Ian Reed -Chairman

MEN'S PRESIDENT REPORT

All the members at Club Manly would like to extend a special welcome to all international, interstate and Queensland bowlers who will be participating in the Brisbane Open Singles, which will be played at Manly Bowls Club, Faine Street, Manly from Friday 14th June, with the final to be played on Sunday 16th June. We at Manly

Bowls club will be available to offer any help or assistance that any visiting bowler requires.

The Men's Division had its June Meeting, with the number of our Pennant teams decided and confirmed as per our last meeting to be Divisions 1 and 2, Division 3 and 5 and 7. So that members are fully informed, we have decided to publish a report of how and why it was decided to proceed this way.

We will be playing pennant trials against Musgrave Hill on the 22nd June with 4 squads playing them. A Bus leaves Manly at 10.30 am and returns after the game [expected arrival about 6.00 PM] . The total cost for the day is \$20 per player .

The bus will hold 60 passengers, so an offer to transport spouses at a nil cost, on a first in basis has being suggested, so please keep an eye out for the list as squads have being posted on the notice board.

We also have the annual trial against Capalaba set down for the 29th June. Divisions 1 and 2 away and divisions 3, 5 and 7 at home. We are defending the Noel Cross shield won last year

A dedicated group had an early morning start Monday morning preparing for The Brisbane Open starting on Friday 14th ensuring the club is seen it as best, so thanks to you all, the club will be a knockout success to all our visitors from interstate, Queensland and overseas, showing all our visitors, guests and those who livestream the finals why we are all proud of our club.

The club championships are in full swing with the singles final being played between Lawrence Bingham and John Curr with John getting the win. Congratulation and well done to you both.

The Vets have an upcoming cruise planned on the 24th November to New Zealand on the Princess Line. All Club Manly members are welcome to come cruise with the Vets. The list for showing your interest is posted on the notice board .

Murray Burdett

President

PENNANTS REPORT

Pennants season is about to commence. For almost all of us, it is the premier bowls event of the year. The Job of selector is a responsibility few of us are prepared to take on because, no matter how well or carefully a selector performs his task, someone will be displeased. The selectors do not have stop watches to compare performances, so, to a certain extent, their decisions are a matter of opinion. Please ensure that any communications you have with the selectors are done respectfully and at an appropriate time.

Because of declining participation in lawn bowls, there has arisen in the ranks of bowlers an expectation that if they express the wish to play in the pennants competition, they will be entitled to be selected in a team whenever they choose to be available leaving it to the selectors to find replacements when they are not available. For reasons which should be obvious, this is unworkable.

The Men's committee has to decide how many teams and what divisions are to be entered. Their problem is to find the right balance between ensuring that Club Manly is able to field competitive teams each and every week [avoiding the risk of forfeits] and giving members a reasonable opportunity to gain selection in a pennants team, particularly keen new players. The decision had to be made by 6 May 2019 to meet the GDBA deadline. Members were asked to

nominate in early April. Some members find it difficult to register their commitment so far in advance of the pennants season.

On 6 May, 64 players had indicated their interest in playing of whom 47 indicated full availability. The committee decided to enter 5 teams (requiring 60 players every week) in the expectation that more players would nominate. The decision was revisited on 11 May and it was decided to change the request for a division 4 team to a request for a division 3 team. The decision about the number of divisions was reconsidered again at the 3rd June meeting and confirmed.

At present, there are 57 players who have indicated full availability and several more whose availability is limited. Experience tells us that a significant number of those who have indicated full availability will encounter unexpected unavailability.

Last year only 8 out of 24 players in divisions 1 and 2 played every game. 17 players of 48 in the top 4 divisions played every game. All of the players in divisions 1 to 5 would have been selected if they had made themselves available. Only 22 players out of 60 in 5 divisions played every game.

It is likely that there will be keen competition for places in pennants teams this year. I think it is reasonable to expect that those players who

attend practice on Tuesdays between 4.30 and 6.00 pm and who play social bowls on Saturdays, if they are not selected to play pennants, will enhance their prospects of selection in subsequent weeks.

John Curr - Men's Division Secretary

LADIES' PRESIDENT REPORT

To all those who complained about the heat this past Summer and predicted a "Hot Winter", leave the weather forecasting to Lennox Walker, don't give up your day job and welcome to Winter . Only consolation is it is now only 10 weeks till Spring !!!

Given we now have thongs that have been sanctioned by Bowls Aust as appropriate footwear for lawn bowls , I thought it might be the time for me to introduce my line of winter footwear . The brand will be "Polar Bear Bowls Boots" . The range would consist of only 2 styles . The first being a fully fur lined / skin upper and of course flat soled boot, mid-calf length for undercover greens such as ours. The other style would be as above except for the upper which would be waterproof rubber , ankle height , more like a gumboot but still fur lined which would suit those players who may have to play on rain affected surfaces. Both styles will come in your very own Club Colours or Colours to match your Bowls !!!!

Just waiting on a call back from Bowls Australia.

Now if I don't knock Gina Reinhardt off the top of the Ten Richest Women list with this range , it will be back to housework for me !!!!

Congratulations to Rene Higgison , Bev Ryan , Mary Rodda and Sanchia Waters who played with the big boys on the Golf/Bowls Day held a couple of weeks ago. The girls were victorious and the eye fillet burgers were delicious !!

June will be a big month coming up for Marg Drewett , Leanne Grieve and Marcelle who will be having a Birthday ending in zero .

This Friday sees the start of the Brisbane Open here at Club Manly where you can catch some of Australia's best bowlers battling for a share of the \$25 ,000 prize money . Come along and support the players and your Club . The Bistro will be open extended hours for Lunch and Dinner , Friday , Saturday and Sunday and as always the Bar will be serving the best beer on the Bayside.

Well , off to get some more Rabbit skins , so until next time

"Keep ya 'eye on the Kitty"

Jan Reed



The Ladies champions from the Golf / Bowls day

MEN'S GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT

"A Grade" Singles Final resulted in John Curr defeating Lawrence Bingham.

Congratulations, John on winning your first "A Grade" Singles.

"A Grade" Pairs Final resulted in Ian Redford and Terry Newman defeating Ian Reed and Mick Lawson.

Club Manly wish John, Ian and Terry every success when representing our Club in upcoming Gateway District Champion of Club Champions events.

Club Fours Final is scheduled to be played on Sunday 30th June.

Other competitions are progressing with **"B Grade" Singles** at Semi-Final stage and **Club Triples** at Quarter Final stage.

Open Singles Championship has been drawn with games commencing on Sunday 23rd June.

Nominations for **Mixed Pairs Championship** will close on Sunday 23rd June with games commencing early July.

Club competitions will continue on Sundays through to September.

Pennants commence on Saturday 6th July. Trials have been arranged against Musgrave Hill at Musgrave Hill on Saturday 22nd June and against Capalaba for the annual "Noel Cross Shield" on Saturday 29th June.

Good Bowling

Greg Brazier

Games Director



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LADIES GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT

Ladies,

Not much is happening in the Ladies Division this month. We have had pre-pennant games at other clubs and they have been well presented by Manly.

Manly Ladies held their Pre Pennant Day on Monday 3rd June, and was attended by Capalaba, Victoria Point, Wellington Point and Manly Ladies. I thank all those who attended.

Some competition has had to be put on hold due to Ladies being on Holidays, this does cause problems as it does hold up the continuance of games. Hopefully next year this will not happen as I will be asking that the Conditions of Play be amended to exclude holidays.

Our next big event will be our Manly 6 a side to be held on 22nd July.

Until next time Good bowling.

Marcelle - Games Director

WYNNUM MANLY WAR VETERANS

It has been a busy couple of months for our War Vets group.

During April we hosted a couple of our largest ever attendance Fridays, celebrated Anzac Day, visited Northern Suburbs Bowls Club (Wavell Heights) and a small but intrepid group headed off to Norfolk Island where they enjoyed some beautiful scenery, learnt and observed some of the amazing history of this small island, including taking part in their Anzac Day celebrations. They also experienced some delicious food, including the Sunset Fish Fry atop a west facing cliff top which was magnificent, both in the splendour of the sunset

and the array of food available, and, of course, enjoyed some friendly bowls with the locals.

Our Friday morning bowls will continue throughout June except for the 14th June, when we will move to the Thursday 13th to accommodate Club Manly as they host the Brisbane Open on that weekend.

Our monthly trip for 30th June will be to Nambour as we have endeavoured to introduce some new venues to the agenda.

For those looking for something different we are in the throes of planning a 14 day cruise to New Zealand departing 24 November 2019 via Princess Cruises with the possibility of a couple of games of bowls at the stop overs for those who are interested. Contact Murray Burdett if you require more information.

That is about it for this time, keep those bowls rolling and have fun!

Odile Anderson

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Hi all,

Last month's fishing comp went well despite Mother Nature's attempt to dampen it. As I write this I am sitting on our rental house balcony in Iluka, so this month's newsletter will be short and to the point. The club has just spent an enjoyable week down here but that's a story for later.

Last month's comp saw Gordon weigh-in a cracking Flathead that went 940gm, Dennis weighed in Snapper and Bream with the Snapper going 940gm. Harold weighed in Bream and Whiting with the Bream weighing 510gm. Herb weighed in a cracking Snapper that went 2.23kg and a beaut Cod that weighed 1.4kg giving him second place in the senior section of the comp.

Alan weighed in some really nice fish, firstly a huge Mackerel that went 1.98kg then a smashing Snapper that went 2.8kg and lastly a very nice Bream that went 660gm which gave him first place in the senior section of the comp. Alan's daughter Alissa weighed in a nice little Sole that went 200gm thus giving her the first place in the junior section of the comp.

Regards BSFC Inc











Bowlers Arms

5.1.1 “Bowlers Arms” have been successfully introduced into the game to allow persons with a physical restriction or impairment that would otherwise prevent them from playing the game the opportunity to play, or continue to play, bowls. There are various types of bowlers arms approved for use in Australia.

5.1.1.1 Each device is manufactured in several lengths and release mechanisms. Only approved arms (with a BA logo as part of the National Merchandising Program) can be used in Australia. Modifications are not permitted (with exception to the rubber grip on the bottom of the arm which may need to be replaced as it wears out.). For a list of approved bowlers arms refer to the Bowls Australia website at <http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au/ClubAssist/Approved-bowlers-arms>.

5.1.2 If a player is using a bowlers arm that is not approved, the player becomes a defaulting player as per law C.2 and will forfeit the game as per law C.10.

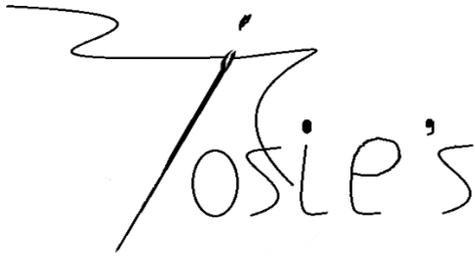
5.1.3 A player may use any number of approved bowlers arms during trial ends for suitability. Once a game has commenced, the designated brand or style of bowlers arm chosen by the player must stay the same during the match.

5.1.4 Whenever a player commences using an approved bowlers arm in a game, the player must use it for the remainder of that game. This does not apply to the rolling of the jack, which can be rolled either by hand or by a bowlers arm.

5.1.5 A player cannot alter/change the brand or style of approved bowlers arm during the course of a game except in such circumstances where the device is rendered unplayable and in this instance, the player may change

to another approved brand or style of bowlers arm on approval by the umpire or controlling body.

5.1.6 Challenge on appeal to an umpire regarding a bowlers arm could occur before the trial ends or up to 10 minutes after a game (but not during the game) as similar to law 52.4.3 and 52.4.4. 2. A



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