



The MANLY MESSENGER

October 2020 edition



OCTOBER is Bowls Queensland's **COME & TRY MONTH**



MANLY BOWLS CLUB
SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020
2PM - 5PM

BOWLS - GET IN THE GAME AT A CLUB NEAR YOU



EDITOR

A couple of people have said to me that most of the pictures in the Manly Messenger are about fishing. I must admit that I like a picture of a good fish but the main reason there are so many Fishing Club pictures are that the Fishing Club people send me pictures. I receive very few pictures of bowlers and their activities. If you would like to see more bowling pictures, take some on your phone and send them to me . Please make sure that they are of a reasonable file size more than 250 Kb and less than 4 Mb.

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MEN'S DIVISION REPORT

I would like to advise all members that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the club at 9am on Saturday 24th October.

I encourage that you all attend as this is a chance for all to participate and bring any concerns or “well-done” on events that have taken place this year.

I have decided to stand again as President and would like to thank this year's group of dedicated members who filled the position and did a brilliant job, making the club a successful organization.

This year we have a chance to welcome new faces who have nominated for position on the committee, and this will necessitate a vote by the members on some position.

I would like to thank all members who have helped this year and have become covid Marshalls, ensuring the Club is able to bowl as per requirements of the state authorities.

Our Club championships are in full swing so, to all competing, we wish you all the best.

We have upcoming events coming up on Sunday 25th at 2pm to 5pm with Come and Try, followed by Jack attack on the next 4 Friday nights, so if you can help please do as many hands make light work.

Murray Burdett.

President

MEN'S GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT

Final of Club Pairs was played late last month resulting in a win for Shane White and Syd Bean over Boyd Hodges and Daryl Hammond.

The Club wishes Shane and Syd every success in Champion of Club Champions Pairs to be played at Wynnum Club on Saturday 31st October.

Club Fours Final is on Saturday 24th October between Terry Newman's team and Norm Broadhurst's team. Club Triples commence on Saturday 31st October.

Open Singles, Mixed Pairs, B Grade Singles, Veteran Singles are reaching Finals stages, check notice board for playing dates.

Thanks to everyone for their assistance and co-operation in ensuring games in all competitions can be completed by late November, in time for trophy presentation early December.

I would particularly like to thank members who have umpired and marked Singles games.

The popular Thursday Super Singles continue every second week, next game on Thursday 22nd October commencing at 6.30pm.

I encourage everyone to support upcoming Bowls Promotions - Bowls Qld. – “Try a Bowl Day” and Bowls Australia's “Jack Attack”, by bringing neighbours and friends to try Lawn Bowls. Last year these promotions not only gave exposure of our Club to the local community, but our Club gained several new bowling members.

Upcoming Events –

Sunday 25th October – Bowls Qld. – **“Try a Bowl Day”** 2.00 – 5.00pm

Friday 30th October, Friday 6th November, Friday 13th November - 6.00 – 8.00pm – **“Jack Attack”**

Sunday 1st November - Breakfast Pairs

Sunday 22nd October – BPL

Sunday 22nd October – Bayside Social Fishing Club Classic

Greg Brazier - Games Director Men's Division

LADIES PRESIDENT

I must apologise for not writing a report for last month's Messenger, but it has been fairly quiet on the Ladies Bowling scene as far as any activities outside of Club Competition.

It was decided by our Pennants team not to enter the Pennants Comp this year given the added exposure it would give to the Corona Virus and most Clubs including ours cancelled all their Financial days for the same reason.

The focus has been on getting our Club Comps finalised together with preparing for 2021.

Therefore this report will be more of an info update for those Ladies who have not yet returned to play for one reason or another and a reminder for those who have been at our meeting and part of the change/ update processes discussed.

First up, no Bowls on Melbourne Cup Day.

We have been looking at our Rules & Regs and a number of changes have been made.

It was decided to change our AGM from January to November (24th) and this would incorporate the voting for Pennant Selectors which previously was held in October. AGM to commence at 9, Ladies please bring some morning tea to share, followed by social only bowls if you wish.

Some changes are also being made to competition nominations format for 2021.

We will only host 1 Financial day this year & this will be "Ladies Presidents Day" on 17th November. Bowls format will be open 4s, Ladies to skip. It would be great to see our male bowlers join us on this day and enjoy a game of Bowls, raffles, morning tea and lunch

including Plum Pudding! Ladies please bring something special for the raffle table.

Xmas Break-Up day will be the 15th December and this will include the presentation to the Comp winners for the year, which has previously been done at the Club Xmas Party. so Ladies, come along, if you could again provide a raffle prize, wear your Xmas outfits & enjoy a fabulous lunch.

The Club Xmas Party will be on Saturday, 12th December. Further details to follow but I do know there will be great entertainment & food so pencil this in now. Looking forward to a big contingent from the "Village People" to show us how to dance, hopefully!

Book early as numbers may still be limited due to Covid regulations.

Well, that's about it for this month , stay well , stay safe &

"Keep 'ya eye on the Kitty"

Jan Reed

LADIES' GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT:

Ladies,

Our year is slowly advancing and we are gladly looking ahead to our end-of-year activities. During this month, the Open Consistency Final was played with Lyn Malone defeating Clare Hall in a well fought game. There are only two finals left to be played - the "B" Consistency and Senior Singles Finals. As we have just started our Triples Championship on the 6th October with the finals to be played on the 27th October, we will try and complete those two previous finals immediately after the Triples.

A vote was given to our lady members to decide if they would like to have Trophy Presentations conducted at our end-of-year breakup day on the 15th December. The vote came in as a definite 'yes ' as all the

ladies agreed that they were all present on this day but may not be attending the breakup night function due to various reasons.

Congratulations to the Division 7 Manly Men's Team for their valiant Pennant win this season. From all the ladies here at Club Manly - well done guys. Let's hope next year some of us ladies will be able to join you on the winning podium.

This year, we have combined our President's Day with Plum Pudding Day. Gentlemen, we invite you to come along and play a Fours game with us on the 17th November. It is certainly a fun day so please come along and enjoy the end-of-year festivities.

'Til then, see you all on the green.

Kym Szymanowski

Games Director

THE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

The Covid 19 restrictions are becoming a little wearing for all of us. With that, some of us develop an inclination to resent and disregard the rules and restrictions as needless infringements on our liberty. For some in our community, the attitude to the restrictions has become a matter of political belief rather than of calm analysis of objective facts.

Here are some facts:-

- Per capita, people in the United States and the United Kingdom are 19 times more likely to die from Covid 19 than people in Australia .
- 26% of people who die from Covid 19 are under the age of 65.

- As countries reopen their economies, young people are contracting the virus at a greater rate than older people because their exposure is greater. About 20% of the younger people who contract the disease become severely or critically ill. Those people are at risk of a long recovery at best or ongoing serious health problems at worst.
- The death rate from Covid 19 is much greater than the death rate for Influenza. The exact figure will not be known for some time but it is at least 3 times greater and may be as much as 30 times greater.
- At present, the only way to manage an outbreak to avoid an exponential rise in infections and death is to impose restrictions on movement and activities. Severe restrictions have grave economic consequences. Therefore, avoiding or suppressing outbreaks with less severe restrictions, testing and contact tracing as a medium term approach has been the model favoured by Australian State governments for management of the pandemic and to allow the economic activity to continue without periodic severe lockdowns.

As a result of a mixture of good luck and good management by Health authorities and the government in Queensland, the period of severe restrictions in Queensland was quite short, compared to Victoria and New South Wales. The level of restrictions for most of the members of our club, who are retired, is quite mild. Signing in, disinfecting jacks and mats, adjusting behaviour around handling bowls, and around greeting, parting and social distancing are a relatively small inconvenience for the pleasure of playing and sharing a game of bowls with friends with very small risk of contracting the virus.

For those of you who are still struggling with acceptance of the mild restrictions imposed on us bowlers, I remind you that the way the restrictions work is that there is a ban on playing bowls unless the Covid Safe plan is complied with. The plan is not perfect or designed for every circumstance because it is a “one size fits all” plan which originated in the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

A small number of our members have taken a great deal of trouble to implement and manage the Plan for our club. You should comply and encourage others to do so, if only to avoid the fines for non-compliance and out of respect for those who have done the work to get us back to bowls.

John Curr

Editor

FISHING CLUB

Hi all, unfortunately the weather was against us for our last comp but we still had some keen anglers get out amongst it and weigh-in some nice catches. Al Stemm took out the senior division weighing-in a nice Cod that went 2kg on the scales, a cracking Tailor weighing 1.1kg a along with a half a kilo Bream and a nice Whiting.

Mick Lawson was a very close runner up in this division weighing in a lovely 1.1kg Snapper, a brute of a Flathead that went 900gm, a beast of a Bream going 660gm and a Whiting.

Al's daughter Alissa took out the Junior division weighing in a very respectable Tailor at 500gm and a nice Moses Perch that went 235gm on the scales. Big shout out to all these anglers because as said earlier the conditions were extremely trying at best.

Someone forgot to take pics at the weigh-in (wasn't me) but as we would like to remind all the bowlers about the upcoming Bayside Social Fishing Classic bowls day I thought id throw in a couple of pics of last year's winners so you know who to look out for.

Till next time, tight lines

Regards BSFC Inc





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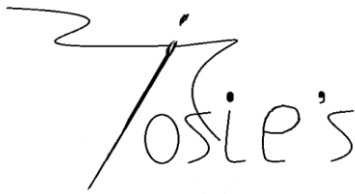
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