



The MANLY MESSENGER

March 2020 edition

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Men's committee have asked that all members consider whether or not their telephone numbers, email addresses and residential addresses have changed. If those contact details may have changed since they were last notified to the club, please send an email entitled *Contact details update* to

mensdivision@clubmanly.com.au .

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to my Chairman's report

With our AGM coming up I would like to thank all those members who have nominated for positions for the forthcoming year. The club is fortunate to have willing members to participate in Board activities.

Since the New Year we have installed grab rails at each end of both greens. Thanks to our local member, Ross Vasta, for providing funds to assist with this. Our application for funds was made by Murray Burdett on behalf of the Wynnum Manly war vets and Club Manly. Another project underway is the provision of amenities downstairs with funds provided State Government through local member Joan Pease. Murray is also involved with this and is working to provide the best option.

Bob Mulholland and Lyn Ross have volunteered to be our representatives to secure sponsorship for the club and I would like to thank them for their involvement. Club activities are going strong with

good numbers for games and social events. Special thanks to Rob Dilworth who has put his hand up to run our Thursday super singles which is going well, this is not easy with participants leaving things to the last minute and having to produce game draws on the run. However, it is a popular event with a lot of outside players participating. We have been chosen to stage the annual Qld v Defence bowls test this year are pleased to be associated with this event. The club has committed to offer its facilities to all outside events if they don't conflict too much with our own activities, this will only grow our profile. We are also working closely with Gateway to support their activities throughout the year. I feel we are doing our bit to support and promote bowls in our area. Membership is still increasing and we have gained some good additions to our bowling ranks both male and female. We have had a good start to our competition year. I will leave it to the men's and ladies divisions to inform you of the results.

Until next month, Great Friendship

Ian Reed -Chairman

MEN'S DIVISION REPORT

It is great to see visitors enjoying themselves at our Club. I was fortunate to host and umpire the Brisbane Transport Interstate Carnival against Sydney Transport. I found it interesting that this carnival has been played between them for 72 years and very well supported by Brisbane Transport.

The players and supporters enjoyed the day and our Club immensely and hope to return. They complimented us on our support and particularly the Chef and all in the kitchen for the great food. These fellows really know how to have a good time. Would have been good to see them get off the plane in Sydney all wearing 4X hats!

Whilst on the subject of visitors, we have been asked by Bowls Qld to host the Anzac Test on 17th (evening) and 18th (all day) April and also Bowls Australia has asked us to host rounds of the BPL Cup. This may be held in May/June.

April 29th to May 1st sees us hosting the State Women's District Sides Competition. The finals for both Women and Men will be held on Saturday 2nd May. Looks like busy times ahead with these events as well as Men's championships and Poinciana Challenge (GDBA).

I would like to congratulate all who have participated in both the Q7s and Summer Shield Competitions this year.

At this time (Saturday evening 7th), the Q7 teams, Divisions 3 and 6 are still in the running at the top of the tables with Division 6 winning all three rinks today and Division 3 winning 2 rinks to 1 this evening at Victoria Point.

The Summer Shield B1 and C1 Teams have played the Finals at home and both teams won in convincing style. The B1 Division scored 120 to 51 over Camp Hill and the C1 Division scored 109 to 62 over Russell Island and winning \$1000 per Division for the Club. I can tell you that there was great bowls played by both divisions. Well Done Boys.

The Gateway District President, Jack Oliver, commended our players on their wins and also our Club on our presentation and facilities. Our thanks should go to the selectors who have worked hard to place our teams in the winner's circle.

Thanks to Robert Dilworth and President Murray for completing the installation of the handrails before President Murray left on holidays.

Don't forget, we have a great team of coaches so if you need help or guidance with your bowls, don't hesitate to contact one of them.

That's about all for now,

Good bowling

Lance Ballment -Vice President



B1 Winners

COACHING

Noel Gilbert advises he will usually be available to run coaching sessions on a Thursday afternoons from 3pm until 4:30pm for club members.

He has been coaching for 12 years and has coached from beginners to advanced, arm bowlers and bowlers who need the aid of a stick for support or balance. If any club member would like some coaching, please call Noel to make arrangements Ph 3395-1230



C1 Winners

MEN'S GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT

Club Competitions – 'A Grade' Singles have reached the Quarter Final/ Semi Final Stage.

Club Pairs have been drawn and commence on Saturday 21st March.

Summer Shield - Congratulations to our B1 Division and C1 Division teams in winning their respective Finals.

Q7'S – Going into last round our Division 3 and Division 6 teams are well placed to make Finals playoffs, we wish them every success, your support at games would be well received.

The following events have been confirmed –

Anzac Test – Qld. Presidents Team V Australian Defence Forces – Friday 17th PM and Saturday 18th April.

State District Sides – Wednesday 29th April – Saturday 2nd May, on Saturday 2nd May our Club will host Division 5 Finals for both Ladies and Men (14 rinks required all day)

Poinciana Challenge – Club has entered 2 sides, competition commences 18th April.

Brisbane Open Singles – Friday 26th June – Sunday 28th June

The following events Club Manly have expressed interest in hosting and are awaiting allocations –

State Championships – Monday 4th May to Sunday 16th May

BPL Cup – Qualifying rounds and Regional Final (to be played on Sundays).

Enjoy your Bowls

Greg Brazier - Games Director

LADIES DIVISION

Since when has toilet paper been a necessity of life ?

Well, what would I know, as it obviously became a necessity of life about a month ago and if this is the case then this could be my last report because as I write, we only have 3 rolls left.

We do have shelter, food, water and clothing but it appears this will not be enough to ward off this terrible plague that is about to befall us according to the word of the TP hoarders.

Maybe I am missing something in that if you have loads of TP you can burn it and it will kill all the germs or maybe you are supposed to offer

it up to some higher being who will spare those that offer up a certain number of rolls , or wear it around your neck to ward off evil spirits or make sushi rolls out of it or use it instead of pastry anyway blowed if I know !!

I know a few things that I will not be buying given our current predicament and potentially short life span and they are Metamucil, prunes, dates. Senokot and certainly not baked beans!! Really!! , evidently they are nearly as popular as TP .

Given our households shortage of TP , this could be my last report so you will know what happened if there is no report from me next month!!

Anyway , thank you Gail for your great report last month and thank you to Carol Watson, Cathy Urquhart ,my trusty offsider Gail Ballment and Club Manly's "Jill of all Trades", Desley Bissett who helped me so much last Sunday to organise what turned out to be a massive day when we hosted the District Challenge.

Oh , and Norm Broadhurst , Paul Smith and, of course, Ian who shifted tables and chairs etc

Hope all our members are enjoying good health and happiness and until next month -

"Keep 'ya eye on the Kitty "

Jan Reed

LADIES GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT:

Ladies,

Our Championship Singles games are well underway, and we will be commencing our other singles competitions, e.g. A Singles, B Singles, Open Consistency, B Consistency, Novice Singles and Senior Singles. The only two competitions where nominations have not closed is the Championship Triples and the Club Selected Pairs. These will not close till early August.

If you have any queries regarding our competition games please do not hesitate to speak with me and I will clear up any concerns.

The Q7s competition is going well and both Division 3 and Division and Division 6 are doing really well. If this keeps up we may see them both in the finals play-offs. Good Luck to all those participating. Congratulations to our Men's Division for winning B1 and C1 Division in Summer Shield. Well done guys.

I would like to stress to all our Ladies to look at the flyers on the board from other clubs and see what events they have on because as the saying goes "if we support our other clubs they will support us" in our special days. The Mt Gravatt Shield is due to be played on Friday 20th March and the selectors are still looking for players. We only require a total of 6 ladies.

See you all on the green.

Marcelle
Assistant Games Director

WAR VETS

The War Vets are powering ahead in full swing with a month gone by already. Last Friday we had no less than 7 new bowlers join us for a game, with most of these bowlers indicating they want to become members of the Vets club. So we welcome them with open arms.

On the 23rd February we had our first bus trip for the year to Samford Bowls Club who made us very welcome. A great social day was had by all and as usual Samford put on a lovely lunch for us before the game. A very friendly country club is Samford and we look forward to their return trip to us on the 27th September.

Our next bus trip is not until May 3rd when we will be travelling to the coast to play with the Dolphins Social Club. Dolphins is another club who always welcomes us and we look forward to that.

Another event in May is our weekend trip to Evans Head on the 22/23rd May. Anybody looking to join our bowlers for that weekend, it is still not too late to let treasurer Alan Hooper know.

Good to see Sue Barnes back with us after being in hospital. Welcome back Sue.

President Murray is still away on holidays looking to see the northern lights. He has made contact with us and says he and Kay are enduring below zero temperatures. Keep warm guys. Looking forward to hearing all about it when they get back.

Cheers to all and good bowling

Pam England

FISHING CLUB

Hello all,

Whilst the weather wasn't the best, we had a massive turn out for the first weigh-in of 2020. Al Stemm took out the first place for the senior's comp weighing-in a School Mack that went 1kg, a Snapper that went 1.1kg, a 440gm Bream and a 120gm Whiting.

Ian Reed took out the runners up spot for the seniors weighing-in a 255gm Whiting, a 360gm Bream and a 1kg Grass Sweet lip. Very impressive catches from these two anglers to say the least

Our junior members were out in the mix obviously thanks to mum and dad who are never far behind when it comes to kids being involved in boating and fishing. Alyssa took out the top spot for the junior comp with a nice 415gm Bream. This was followed up closely by Zac who weighed in a 125gm Whiting measuring 24.5cm narrowly beating his sister Ella who weighed in a Whiting weighing the same but just a shy shorter at 24 cm.

A few of the boys managed to get outside but they were met with pretty ordinary conditions. Several Snapper came in around the 1.3kg mark but, as the guys said that caught them, they were hard fought for. Very exciting to see the interest that was shown for the first comp of the year, let's hope we can get some good weather for the next comp.

All up, 20 plus fish were weighed-in comprising many different species which was fantastic to see. We would like to thank those that took the time to fish this comp and also thank those that helped out with the formalities

Till next time tight lines

Regards BSFC Inc





HUMOUR AND VERSE

This is a factual account of an incident that occurred to me in my late teens, and altered the direction my life took from that day forward. Only the locations have been changed to protect the townsfolk from the notoriety that descended on the good citizens of Lourdes in France. I called it:

Long John Best

Horse Sense

Far out beyond the Great Divide, lay another world, to me,
Son of suburbia that I am, from a city by the sea.
My academic achievements were greatly admired on the coast,
But way out there I must declare, it's horse sense that counts the
most.
Oh I'd travelled West, with youthful zest, in search of the Great
Outback,
When the ute tossed it in outa Quilpie, along the Windorah
track.
In the old girl's sparse shade I ponder, what could be possibly
wrong?
And try as I might, what I do, is not right, and nobody comes
along.
Five long hours creep slowly by, can the heat be affecting my
brain?
For I swear I can hear someone talking; there, I can hear it
again.
I'm standing now, and I'm looking, but the only creature I see,
Is an old grey horse across the road, and he's staring straight at
me.
He sorta grins and then he begins to talk in a voice quite low,
"It appears to me that your carby's blocked, clean it out and yer
ute'll go."
I stand amazed, and somewhat dazed as he saunters off out of
sight.
I've no other recourse but have faith in the horse and hope I can
put it right.

I did as he said, God Bless him, she started first turn of the key,
I'm off down the track with no looking back, a miracle's
happened to me.

Windorah's first pub finds me braking, my God what a story I
bear.

Like shot from a gun, up the front steps I run, the bar's empty,
there's nobody there.

Only the barman is present, bored, polishing glasses away,
Thinks I, just you wait the tale I relate will certainly liven your
day.

He poured and polished: I ranted; never into my story he broke,
Struth you could have knocked me down, with a feather, when
finally spoke.

"My word," he said, "You struck the grey, you should count your
lucky stars, The bay was out there last week, he knows bugger
all about cars."

*Thanks to Long John Best and Bent Banana Books for permission to
reprint this verse.*

HEALTH WARNING

For Members, Visitors and Staff

With the current virus situation,
PLEASE take note of the following points for the near future:

Please wash your hands with soap and water and dry thoroughly. Particularly after:

- **handling bowls on the rink**
- **handling money**
- **playing poker machines**

- 1. Refrain from touching your face**
- 2. If you have to cough or sneeze, please use a tissue or into your crooked elbow**
- 3. Refrain from close personal contact e.g. shaking hands**
- 4. If you are displaying symptoms of cold and flu, please don't come to the Club until your Doctor has cleared you**
- 5. If you have recently travelled in or through affected countries, please seek advice from your Doctor or Qld Health, Metro South Unit before returning to the Club.**

This information was sourced from Qld Health, Metro South Unit on Monday, 2nd March, 2020 and is meant to protect **all** those using our facilities.

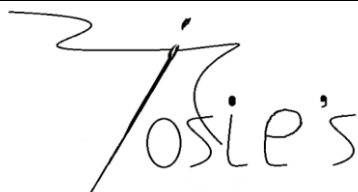
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