



The MANLY MESSENGER

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

EMAIL ADDRESSES.

The Men's Club secretary has placed a notice on the notice board requesting members to share their email addresses to facilitate communication between the club and members. Names and phone numbers are already shared between the club and members. The Secretary requests that all men's club members check the notice and provide their correct email addresses unless they have good reason not to. Members who do not have email should advise so that the Club can make appropriate arrangements to communicate with them.

[Ed. I suggest that all divisions of the club consider pursuing this initiative]

FROM THE EDITOR

It would seem that our intrepid Newsletter photographer, Lance Ballment, exhausted himself with the multitude of images generated for the January Newsletter. This month it is text, text and more text. The Chairs of the Board and the Men's and Ladies' committees and other office bearers have plenty of information in their reports, so polish your spectacles and get reading! Almost all the news is good, which is supposed to be bad for circulation, but Rupert and I will soldier on. The Australian is said to lose \$20 million a year.[Some say that the influence it buys Rupert is worth much more!] The Manly Messenger costs the club between \$60 to 80 per month printing costs, so I think it can continue for a little while longer.

Seriously though, when club committees take trouble to keep members informed of decisions made and the reasons for them through reports in a newsletter and otherwise, it reduces speculation and rumour which is sometimes ill-informed and can produce discontent which can undermine club spirit and retard club development. I hope club officials continue to communicate with members about the decisions they are making about the running of the club and plans for the future. P.S. These remarks are not directed at Ian Reed who was too busy doing things for the club last month to report to us about it. His report this month is a great example of communicating a decision and the reasons for it.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Firstly apologies to the editor for missing last month's newsletter, the Christmas activities caught up with me. As always, thanks to our staff who worked tirelessly up to Christmas with many functions to cater for and did an outstanding job. Just when we thought we

would have some respite in January, the month was busy and has now come and gone. The poker machines are going well and we are already reviewing another upgrade so I will keep you posted. The board is committing funds for a repaint of the dining room to spruce it up a bit as you will agree is looking a bit tired .Mark Randel is in charge of this work. Bar sales are going well as is Keno thanks to increased custom from members and guests.

I am pleased to announce that the board has appointed Tony Donda as Club Manly's bowls coordinator on a part time basis of approximately 20Hrs a week. His duties are to increase our sponsorship base as well as look after existing clients, coordinate corporate and barefoot bowls within the club, assist with any coaching or bowls duties, organise major events and generally to help lift the profile of the club. I would hope that all members will welcome Tony on board and see this as an opportunity to take the club further. Looking at results from our Premier7s and summer shield we are performing well and a special mention to our Div.1 ladies who are more than matching other teams in this division. The future looks good from our Bowls perspective. Last but not least we will know if we are successful with our grant application for downstairs upgrade in march .

Yours in Friendship

Ian Reed
Chairman

MEN'S PRESIDENT REPORT

The year is already well under way and we have certainly got off to a good start. Our Premier 7's teams are achieving early success. That will hopefully continue through the series.

Everyone who comes to the club will have noticed that it is busier than it has ever been. Representative bowls is a big part of this. However, other social activities are contributing enormously. Thanks to the commitment and foresight of individuals and committees up to the present, our club is blessed with facilities that are second to none. More often than not, the members of the wider community who come here want to come back. Our club could not hope for better support than it currently enjoys.

I continue to be grateful for and humbled by the excellent work of the Men's Committee. Everyone is putting in and the results are obvious. Whilst not something I would normally do, I have to single out the work of one of our committee. Phil Price took on the task of implementing and maintaining an annual calendar. His work on this has been magnificent. This comes on top of the great job he is doing as Men's Secretary.

As you know, we have been discussing Corporate Bowls and Bob Targett has offered to bring this into being at Club Manly. The format will be Jack Attack and the equipment is on order. We even have the assistance of Andrew Howie, Regional Manager from Bowls Australia, to make sure this is a success. We plan to hold the first round after Easter.

To help cope with increased bowling, the second Umpire's Kit is almost ready. We had to make sure the smallest measurement capacity of the Callipers is less than the largest of the Feeler Gauges. Whilst on the subject, the long tape for measuring roll of the jack etc has an inbuilt brake. Always ensure you release this by pressing the curved bar on the outside before running the tape out. And, of course, retrieve the tape by running it through your fingers onto the spool.

Please bear in mind that I am always open to suggestions on how I can help to make the club even better than it is. All ideas will be taken on board. Also, we are grateful for all offers of assistance.

Don't be shy!

Ian Badham

Men's President

MANLY VETS REPORT DECEMBER.

The vets were back on the green bowling on the 5th January where 60 bowlers had a game of bowls with a Barbie, a special thanks to Mick Lentic who helped with the Barbie.

The programme for our monthly away Bus visits is now available, so pick one up from Liz and come along and join us for a day of bowls with like-minded Vets and you will have a great time and meet some great people at our host clubs.

We are actually planning a trip to Point Lookout in May, a first for us, with the bus going over on the ferry so I'm sure it will be a popular visit.

We have welcomed President Charlie back after his Stay in Hospital; it was great to see him back on the greens.

We celebrated Australia day on the Thursday 25th Jan with bowls and lunch of pies peas and mashed potatoes and finished with lamington cake, a great day, and then a large group backed up and played Friday 26th to play the fun game Aussie versus the rest at Club Manly, bowls and a spit roast, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Friday the 2nd of February, we will welcome the Hon Ross Vasta MP for Bonner, who will present the grant from the Veterans Affairs which will be used to pay for the cost of hiring the bus for our Monthly inter club visits.

To Ross, thankyou, and to Murray Miller, thanks for your help and assistance in the preparation of our grant application.

Our first monthly bus trip to Buderim on the 25 Th February is now on the board, with numbers filling, so get your name as soon as you can.

Terry trip to Stanthorpe is nearly finalised but if you decide you want to go please speak to him to see if it is possible,

Murray Burdett

Snr Vice President (Vets)

MEN'S GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT

The final of the club pairs will be played on 11 February at 1.00 pm between Peter Ramsay and Terry Newman and Paul Smith and Lawrence Bingham. Good luck to both teams.

The A singles has been drawn and is posted . First round games are on 11 February at 1.00 pm. Players must organise their own marker. A player who does not present to play on the due date at the appointed time or play the game beforehand as agreed with his opposition forfeits the game.

I have heard that the club has appointed Tony Donola as Bowls co-ordinator for Club Manly . I look forward to working with him.

Nominations for club triples have been called for. I look forward to seeing a few more teams nominated for this competition before it closes.

Up to the 6th round of premier 7s Teams entered by the club are placed (in groups of 6) as follows

Division 1 – 4th

Division 1- 60+ -1st

Division 3 -2nd

Division 5- 1st

Summer Shield competition has just begun and our B1 and C grade teams have won their first rounds.

All club competitions are posted on the notice board in the dining area of the club where nominations can be entered.

Details for nomination for district competitions are also on that notice board . Fees are a one off payment of \$25 for district competitions per event.

Players from 5th division pennants and below from last year are encouraged to nominate to play in this years Poinciana Cup competition. Last year the Club Manly team was runner up in the final. Let's go one better this year!

Paul Smith

LADIES' PRESIDENT REPORT

The Ladies A.G.M. was held early January and it was encouraging to see the number of Ladies who attended and showed interest in the ongoing management of our Club.

Nearly all positions were filled prior to the meeting with only 1 position being filled from the floor.

Thank you to those who took on positions last year, you all did a great job !! and I look forward to working with the new committee in 2018.

For those of you who are new to the Club , I thought in this first Edition of the Messenger for the year I would give you all a bit of a

rundown on the Ladies Division and how we fit into the big picture of Club Manly

Playing day is a Tuesday for both Social and Club Comps with a fee of \$10 , \$5 of which goes to Green Fees and \$5 for lunch . Last year we were fortunate to have Shelley and her staff in the Kitchen of a Tuesday to assist with lunch which usually was a delicious concoction of the left-overs from Friday night . This year we are not so fortunate but the meat and salad wraps have been going down a treat !!

Raffles are run every week with a percentage of the take going into the Travel fund account and the balance into the Raffles account although at the end of the day it all helps to fill Club Manly's coffers and pay some bills.

This year it was decided that the Ladies would purchase the food required for Premier 7s games held here on the weekends to ensure that the Club would not be embarrassed when we have visiting players here and no one has thought about afternoon tea requirements . We will continue to do this until the end of the series only and I would ask that the Men's Committee take this on board and make alternate arrangements . Thank you to the Ladies who have helped in this regard. As with the Men there are a number of Ladies who give up their time to do all the "ad hoc" jobs around the Club and without you the Club would not be in such a good position .

We run approximately 6 Financial Days a year which involves other Clubs in the District and our men being invited to play on these days. These have always been a great success , and a lot of work , but with declining numbers in other Clubs and the player costs

involved we have decided to look at the number of Financial days we run next year and perhaps reduce the number

Our Sweet Heart Fours day set down for 12th February is a prime example of the difficulty in getting players. As I write this report , we have only been able to attract 56 players between all the Clubs in the District , our Men's Division and the Ladies. Maybe our marketing skills need honing or rebranding might be the answer for as it stands it looks more like "Lonely Hearts Fours" than "Sweet Heart Fours". It is so disappointing given the magnificent covered greens we have.

There are no major changes planned in the way we run our Club Comps as these are managed well by our Games Director but a little tweaking to the manner in which social games of a Tuesday are organised should assist the Social Selectors and take a bit of pressure off .

Don't forget the Clubs A.G.M. coming up in March . I know many of our Club members have so much to contribute so if you can spare a little time , please nominate for a position on the Board.

Looking forward to see our Club go ahead in leaps and bounds in 2018 and as usual -

Keep 'ya eye on the Kitty !!!

Jan Reed

Lady President

LADIES' GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT

2018 has begun, we have had our Ladies AGM and have our new committees in place.

Competition has commenced and we are well into the Championship fours and the pairs. Championship singles will be called as soon as players become available from the above. I will be closing all the other singles by the end of January so that they can be drawn and play may begin.

We have our Sweetheart Fours on Monday 12th February which is a mixed event with Ladies skip. Hopefully we will have a few of our men wishing to join our ladies on this day.

Until next time good bowling everyone.

Marcelle Broadhurst

Games Director

FISHING CLUB REPORT

Hello all, our February fishing comp was plagued by high winds and rain unfortunately but in saying that several anglers still managed to catch a fish or two and weigh it in. Whilst the sizes weren't huge you have got to give it to the guys that went and had to go in what can only be called extremely trying conditions. This was our first comp for the year so hopefully the weather will improve as the year unfolds.

December 31 saw the closing of our clubs financial year and we are pleased to say it was a successful one, we have had our financials audited and our AGM will be held on Sunday the 11th of Feb commencing at 12pm at Club Manly. Our membership is still growing there usually isn't a week that goes by that we don't pick up another member which is fantastic to see.

The discounted priced bags of ice we have on offer at the club seemed to be well utilised during the festive season, please remember this will be available all year round. This hasn't been set up as a money making venture so to speak it been set up to allow all

members of both Club Manly and the Bayside Social Fishing Club access to discounted priced ice.

Regards

Troy Holt

Bayside Social Fishing Club Inc

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