



The MANLY MESSENGER

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FROM THE EDITOR

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to my Chairman's report for February

With competitions well under way, I would like to wish all players well in their respective events . This is a busy time for selectors and games directors and clashes between club and intra club games becomes intense. With the club fielding 5 Premier 7s and 2 Summer Shield squads there is not much wriggle room for players, so please co-operate with officials as best you can to help make their job as stress free as possible. All squads are performing well and are a credit to our club. Membership is increasing steadily and we now have 312 full members and 395 social members . A lot of the social increase is due to the great work by the kitchen staff and also participation of

the Fishing Club. Our bowls coordinator, Toni Donda, is finding his feet in the role. He has secured some good sponsorship dollars and is continuing to bring new sponsors on board. This is a difficult area to be involved in as competition for sponsorship dollars is intense but with the support from the Board for new events it makes it easier to convince companies to be associated with our club.

You will all notice that our weekly competitions are now well supported and there is a new trend to introduce Jackpots to the games. Our goal moving to the future is to host as many special events as possible to further promote the club in our district. It has been a bit quiet for Functions this month which has given the Kitchen a little respite after the holiday season but I understand there are a lot of big functions on the horizon.

Lastly, we have had about 12 of our members and Staff trained in CPR and First Aid. We used our local coast guard to conduct the training and thanks to Simon Gideon for conducting a very professional course.

Until next month, Great Friendship

Ian Reed

Chairman

MEN'S GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT

Premier 7's and Gateway Summer Shield competitions have commenced with Manly teams competitive in all divisions. Upcoming events include Mixed Night Pennant commencing Monday 18th March and Poinsettia Challenge commencing late April. Nominations for these events are on Notice board. Our Club will also be hosting Gateway over 60's Men's Pairs, Mixed Pairs and over 60's Men's

Fours Events over the coming months. Check the Notice board for details. The \$25,000 Brisbane Open Singles was launched last week with all games played at Club Manly on June 14,15,16. This is a great initiative by our club and gives members the opportunity to watch many high class bowlers including State and International representatives in action.

Greg Brazier

Games Director

LADIES GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT

There have been a couple of alterations to our Special Financial Day calendar due to double booking. Our 6-a-side is Monday 22nd July not the 1st as previously stated. Please see our calendar on the notice board.

This year we have initiated a new competition, Novice Singles. To date, I do not have very many entries so please put your nominations in so we can start this competition. Nominations will close in the last week of February.

We are well into our Championship competitions for 2019 with the Fours and Pairs Final to be played by the end of February. Championship Singles have already started and will be called as soon as they are free from the fours and pairs.

Our next special day is our Sweetheart 4s day which I am sure will be a great success.

Good bowling.

Marcelle - Games Director

MEN'S SECRETARY

Recently the concern was raised that we do not always know if a member is not doing very well or could use some friendly contact from the club, just to make sure they are alright.

Quite often we do not see people for some time and wonder if something has happened or circumstances changed.

The club has taken a proactive approach to this issue and the Secretary will become the Welfare Officer and become the point of contact for information about members, that as a club, we need to check on and provide some moral support if they need it. Please let me know if you feel we should be checking up on the welfare of any particular member or just offering our thoughts in a difficult time. I shall make contact with them and keep the membership informed of anything that is going that you might want to know about.

Thanks

Gary Watts

Alan Cousan Bray

I was sad to hear of the passing of our member Alan Bray. Alan was a regular Wednesday afternoon bowler who suffered a shoulder injury and was unable to play for several months last year. I saw him late in the year rolling up, trying to modify his delivery to enable his return to play.

Alan was quite severely hearing impaired and I thought that he struggled to engage in large group discussions before and after games. However, I looked forward to our one on one conversations as Alan had extensive interests and he was extremely well read. I will miss his company and his book recommendations. Rest in peace, Alan.

John Curr -Editor



***Sunday April 28th
2019***

\$1000

Open 2 Bowl Triples

***Game 1 9.00am. Game 2 10.30am. Lunch
12.00pm. Game 3 12.45pm. 2.15pm Finger
Food and Presentation***

***3 Games of 10 ends, No
dead ends, \$60.00 per
team, Mufti dress***

Winner \$300.00 per team

Runner Up \$210.00 per team

3rd \$180.00 per team

4th \$120.00 per team

*Entries to Club Manly on 3396 3272 or nomination
sheet is on the notice board.*



K.M.SMITH

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WYNNUM MANLY VETS

Well the new year is shaping up to be another successful one with numbers already into the 70s attending each week. With no less than 5 new members joining us for our second game in February, it speaks for itself as a friendly social club where the game of bowls can be enjoyed.

Our first Sunday bus trip for the year is fast coming up on the 24th February. We are heading for Buderim. The cost for the day, including the bus, lunch and the game will be \$45. Vets may remember last year the cost was \$25 for the day but this was subsidised by a government grant which we were unable to apply for this year.

On Sunday the 17th March. Bribie Bowls Club will be visiting us for a return visit. Lunch and the game will be included in the cost as usual with the games starting at 1pm. After the game there will be afternoon tea and members are asked to bring along a plate, please.

The Norfolk Island tour dates are 23-30th April. Anyone interested in coming along can contact Alan Worling on Ph 3393 4042.

Pam England

War Vets committee member and *Rapporteur*

FISHING CLUB

Hello all, our fishing comps haven't started for 2019 yet but there sure is a lot of chatter around the subject throughout the club so it's looking good for a huge year. December 31 saw the closing of our clubs financial year, we have had our financials audited and our AGM was held during January so all of the official stuff is out of the way (time to start fishing again). The club is getting stronger as we move

forward and our membership is still growing which as always is encouraging to see.

The discounted priced bags of ice we have on offer at the club have been well utilised over the festive season and during the warmer months, please remember this is available all year round. This hasn't been set up as a money making venture it has been set up to allow all members of both the Bayside Social Fishing Club and Club Manly access to discounted priced ice.

Quite a few of our members are heading back up to Burrum Heads for a fish this month, it will be great to catch up with those that can make it. It will have only have been three months since we were last there but it will be interesting to see how the area fishes as apposed to last October, I'm quietly optimistic that there will be some nice quality fish landed.

Regards

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Thanks Troy for the Fishing Club Picture gallery. Clearly you have some expert anglers among your crew! -Ed.







What do they say about little fish? -Ed.





EDUCATIONAL SECTION

Keith Harris sent in some information to help us improve our minds – Believe it or not!

Early aircraft throttles had a ball on the end of it, in order to go full throttle the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel. Hence "balls to the wall" for going very fast. And now you know the rest of the story.

During WWII, U.S. Airplanes were armed with belts of bullets which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measure 27 feet and contained hundreds of rounds of bullets. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, I gave them the whole nine yards, meaning they used up all of their ammunition.

Did you know the saying "God willing and the creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek", he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

Here are some tall tales but true from Lance Ballment

The Homeless Man

A man was walking down the street when he was approached by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars dinner. The man opened his wallet, took out ten dollars and said,

"If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

'No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

'Will you spend this on nomination fees at a bowling club instead of food?" the man asked.

'Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played lawn bowls in years!"

'Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a hot shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife." The homeless man was astounded.' Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a guy looks like after he's given up *drinking and bowls.*"

The Obituary

A woman goes into the local newspaper office to see that the obituary for her recently deceased husband is published.

The editor informs her that there is a charge of \$1 per word. She pauses, reflects, and then says "Well, then, let it read 'Fred Brown died'

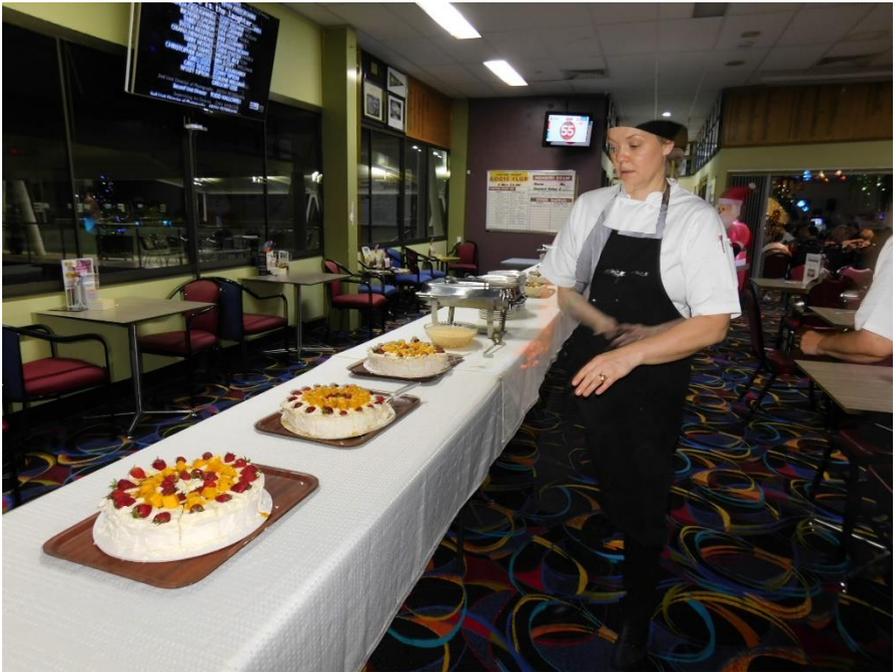
Amused at the woman's thrift, the editor tells her that there is a seven word minimum for all obituaries.

She thinks it over and in a few seconds.

"In that case, let it read, *'Fred Brown died: bowls equipment for sale.'*

PHOTO GALLERY

Awards Night



Shelley ghosting in to ensure everything is perfect, as usual.



Two presidents – Just like Venezuela!



Clubman award – Well done Mick!



Marcelle and Lynn with Madam President -winning something again!

BOWLS COORDINATOR

Toni Donda has been working hard on The Brisbane Open Singles to be run by Club Manly. These competitions do not happen without sponsors. Here are some of the sponsors who are already on board.





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