



The MANLY MESSENGER

February 2021 edition

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Members who come to the club to roll-up must also sign in even if they do not go inside the clubhouse.

Members are reminded that the COVID-19 pandemic is still at large in the world and that occasional out breaks are still occurring in Australia. These out breaks include new, much more contagious variants. We have been extremely fortunate to avoid the worst of the pandemic. Many people have paid a heavy price in lockdowns and restrictions to keep it at bay.

The effect on most of our members and the Club has been relatively light. To keep it that way, members are reminded to continue to observe the COVID-19 protocols under which the Club is permitted to operate whilst on the Club premises.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

With the New year and Festive season behind us let's all look forward to an enjoyable year ahead.

Since the last report the board has approved the upgrade of our poker machines and at the moment there has been an upgrade of four Aristocrat machines and in the near future, we will be upgrading our Konami machines.

The Board has also approved the use of a cleaning contractor to wash down and clean the shade structure and fabric on both greens. This will be carried out in the week commencing 22nd February. Obviously there will be some disruption to greens with availability restricted during this week to one green only. We have some high-profile events booked with live streaming so we would like the club to be presented in the best possible way.

We have applied for a couple of grants with the main one being the installation of a cover between the bottom green and clubhouse, this was with the cooperation with the war vets. General upgrades are continuing around the club with TVs etc. Our social membership is growing and it is good to see many new faces and families enjoying our facilities.

I have been asked to advise on the Board response to the subject of bowls tracking on the greens. We requested advice from Berry re the matter and they prepared a course of action to follow to mitigate this occurrence, subsequently our greens director has followed instructions and we will observe the results. We look forward to any comments from our players.

With the commencement of interclub and intraclub competition I would like to wish all players an enjoyable and successful season.

Finally I would like to personally thank our games directors and game day organisers both men's and ladies for their continued contribution during the year, this is highlighted by the tremendous patronage of our weekly games .

Ian Reed

Chairman

MEN'S DIVISION REPORT

I would like to thank the organizers of our Wednesday, Friday and Saturday events. The numbers have increased to a level that puts a smile on my face. So, to Norm, Dicko, Boyd, Dan and Lance and the selectors a special well done.

There has been an increase in all aspects of our games with Breaky pairs and Friday Vets filling the greens.

I would like to inform all, that starting 22nd February, we will be starting to clean the rooves with the bottom inside and out and the top inside only. Please be careful as there will be moving scissor lifts and high-powered cleaning equipment present and walkways, could be affected with water spray.

I have, with support from Lawn Bowls 2U, increased the items that can be purchased from the cabinet, and they will be available for purchase shortly.

Club events competition are now underway and Q7s and Summer shield starting 6th February.

We are planning to look at a Corporate bowls event and some assistance will be required; I will notify all soon.

Murray Burdett

Men's President

MEN'S GAMES DIRECTOR

Games activity is now 'hotting up' and it's great to see all events being well patronised by our members.

A field of 30 players nominated for the A Grade singles and the first round was completed on 30 and 31 January. The lower green looked a treat with all 7 rinks full on both days. I would like to personally thank all of the volunteer markers and the umpires on each day (Rob Dilworth and Paul Smith). It is customary for round losers to mark a game in the following round so I'm looking forward to players stepping up and honouring that custom.

A Grade singles round 2 is scheduled for 1.00 pm, Sunday 21 February. Spectators are welcome.

Nominations for A Grade pairs are now open and close on 10 March. See the notice board to nominate.

The Australia Day event was very successful. The outfits worn by some people were quite amazing, with special mention to Paul Smith, Bev Ryan and Rob Dilworth.

Summer Shield and Q7 commenced on 6 February with Club Manly represented by 2 teams in each competition. Look out for the teams and players posted each week on the notice board.

The nomination form and payment for Poinciana Challenge has been submitted. This event is for Division 5, 6, 7 and 8 players. Club Manly have entered 2 teams of 10 players and play commences on 17 April.

Many of our members enjoy the various games organised by our volunteers every week. I'm referring to the following:

Wednesday – Open Pairs in the morning and Social Pairs in the afternoon.

Thursday – Super Singles every second Thursday.

Friday – War Veterans in the morning and Open Pairs in the afternoon.

Saturday – Social games in the afternoon.

Sunday – Brekkie Pairs on the first Sunday of each month.

Don't forget to thank the people in 'the box' who voluntarily bring these games to you.

Upcoming Events –

Brekkie Pairs – Sunday 7 March

David Bach - Games Director Men's Division

LADIES' DIVISION PRESIDENT

Hi Ladies,

The first month of the year has come and almost gone and the club has dealt well with many new restrictions put on us by the new strain of COVID-19. Our ladies are learning to "electronically" sign in to enter the club and our thanks to Bev, Carol and the other helpers for making it a smooth transition.

We celebrated Bev Letnic's 80th Birthday with a cake during the month. A big thank you to Michael and Shelley for looking after us at lunchtimes and Jan for serving us our tea and coffee on arrival.

It's great to see so many ladies return to bowls after Christmas. Best day so far, 48 in attendance. We are looking forward to our first Invitation day of Brekky and Bubbles on Monday 8th February and catching up with friends from other clubs in our district.

It is also good to see we have new members starting this year from the recent Jack Attack before Christmas and the Tingalpa Village. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Keep smiling, Gail Ballment

LADIES' GAMES DIRECTOR REPORT:

Ladies,

At last things are reasonably back to normal. We now have to sign in electronically as all paper sign-ins no longer apply. For those who don't have a mobile phone we are able to log you in. Our President has organised people to assist with sign-ins on a Tuesday.

It was so good to see so many Ladies return to Bowls in 2021. We have commenced our Competitions with the Championship 4s and the Championship Pairs will be closed and drawn by the time this newsletter is out.

Our Games Director Kym is on leave at present due to health concerns with Gary. We wish Gary all the best and to get well soon. Our Brekky Bubbles and Bowls is due to be played on Monday 8th February and I am hoping that we get enough teams to run this event. It is our first event for the year so we are hoping that it will be a success.

For those that have not yet returned to bowls we look forward to seeing you in the very near future. In the meantime, great bowling everyone.

Kym and Marcelle

Your Games Directors

WAR VETS NEWS

Christmas with the Wynnum Manly War Vets. 2020



On Friday 18th December the War vets club held their Christmas function which included a game of bowls in the morning followed by their Christmas lunch. The day was well attended with both greens almost full and a group of close to 100 attending the luncheon. Both the food and camaraderie on the day was excellent and quite a number of prizes were donated for the raffles.

Whilst the year itself was not kind to anybody, the members kept going and finished the year in fine spirits. We would like to think that 2021 will be a better year.

A long-standing member Lindsay Clarke is moving on with a shift to Hervey Bay and we hope that all goes well in his move.

Best of luck Lindsay!



HUMOUR AND VERSE

List of Demands.

You're a bloody tennis player, not a neuro surgeon, mate,
You've no grounds to go demanding, cos your status isn't great,
You just belt a hairy ball Cobs, back and forward cross a net,
Bet them Nobel Prize assessors haven't rated your job yet.

It's apparent that you're brilliant, at this Tennis game you play,
In your field you are an expert, precious, that's where you should stay,
For you're just an entertainer, after all is said and done.
You're another tennis player, and though rated number one

As a super fit obsessive, you have powered to the top,
But come on young man; demanding, this delusion has to stop.
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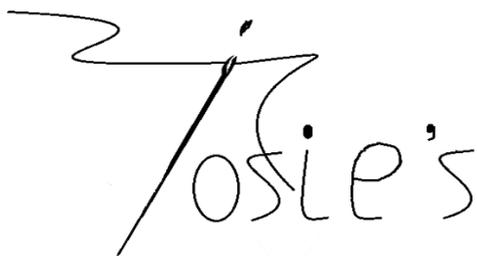
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