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HAWKS dominate QLD Premier League



Club Helensvale showed it's strength during April securing not just the Queensland Premier League Top Grade Crown, but the Reserve Grade Trophy as well as the Premier 7's Division 2 and 3 Titles!!

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From the Chairman's Desk



Graham Brittain

The cure was worse than the original disease.

Many Australians will know the story. In the 1930s, beetles were ravaging Queensland's sugar cane. So, based on overseas success and a brief Government study, it was decided to introduce cane toads, a natural enemy to the beetles. Some lone voices protested the action, but by 1937 thousands of toads were released into the wild. The result: not only were the toads unsuccessful in eliminating the threat from the beetles, but they contaminated the natural biodiversity and proved that the cure was worse than the original disease.

The Federal Government's proposals to reform poker machines are not dissimilar. Despite the prevalence rates of problem gambling falling in every Australian state, the Federal Government believes it should legislate over the top of states and territories to introduce a licence to punt - a system whereby all poker machine players must show ID, register for a card and 'pre-commit' to the amount of money they wish to spend each session. Once the limit is reached, they will be locked out of all machines for at least 24 hours.

We know that problem gamblers will do whatever it takes to gamble. They will use the licence, and then when their limit is reached, they'll beg, borrow or steal another. Or they'll simply gamble online. Recreational punters, however, will simply stop punting in clubs and pubs. Who wants to register for a licence to have fun when you can have a drink instead? It's the lost revenue from these players that threatens the future of pubs and clubs. And let's not forget that the money from gaming revenue not only funds around 10 per cent of state taxation income, but it also funds RSLs and veterans services, junior sports and bowling greens, surf life saving and local charities.

It is not wrong for the Government to want to do more for problem gamblers. Australians with a poker machine addiction need counselling and treatment. However, they don't need a licence to punt. That solution is nothing more than a cane toad of an idea. Please help us try and put a stop to this UN-AUSTRALIAN LICENCE TO PUNT and go online to vote NO! Further information is available in this newsletter.

Other than supporting this campaign 100% April has been a very busy month for the Club with a record breaking ANZAC Day keeping everyone on their toes! The dawn service was well attended again in its second year and we can only see this going from strength to strength.

The Premier League finals were held at South Tweed Sports and both first and reserve divisions took out the title. Well done to everyone involved and good luck in the nationals later in the year.

May is looking just as good with a few shows, Mixed Nuts on the 6th May, a fun male revue Les Girls style, with tickets available for only \$10 for members and Saturday 21st sees the return of the popular Rumours - Fleetwood Mac Show. This show is free! And...don't forget Mother's Day on Sunday 8th. Bring her down and shout her breakfast, lunch or dinner in Cafe 22 or The Grill.

During the month the gaming room will start getting a mini facelift which will be done with minimum disruption to our patrons. New and exciting gaming machines will also be installed on the 10th May.

Membership is now due for renewal so make sure you pay before the 30th June and receive your free financial year calendar. If you are a 5 year social member, you are also entitled to your calendar so pick it up next time you come to the Club.

Mens Bowls News

Our bi-annual Men's Two Day Pairs is full up for the 1st and 2nd of May. It should be a great event again with a quality field.

Well done to Brett Wilkie on his recent efforts at the World Cup, reaching the semi final. Also, congratulations to Rohan Wilson and Jim Merrick on winning the Mt Gravatt Easter Pairs.

More congratulations to our victorious Premier League Team, Premier Reserve Team, and Premier 7 Division 2 and 3 teams. Four titles to Club Helensvale in a strong finish to the season.

The Men's Open Triples nominations will now close on 13th May, with the first round to be played at 1pm Saturday 21st May and the second round on Saturday 28th May.

The Senior Pairs (over 65) nominations close on 13th May, with the first round on 19th May and the second round on the 28th.

Helensvale Veterans (over 60) will play Northern NSW at Cabarita on Thursday 12th May. Sheet is on the notice board, bus will leave am returning pm.

The B Grade Singles and the Veteran Singles (Over 70) nomination lists are up in the games room, entries for this close on the 27th May.

Saturday 7th May—Metro Care Charity Day, \$1000 prize money. Men's triples, club selected.

Good luck to Brett Wilkie, Anthony Kiepe, Nathan Rice, and Mark Casey for when they compete in the upcoming District Champion of Champion Fours event.

Ron Boydell
Secretary



*World Cup Semi Finalist -
Brett Wilkie, & World Cup U25
Champion - Ben Twist*

Ladies Bowls News

Our congratulations must go to Lynsey Armitage who has once again been selected in the Australian Squad. Well done Lynsey.

Also three of our men namely - Brett Wilkie, Mark Casey, and Nathan Rice who also made the squad.

Our Singles Finals has been completed with Mother and Daughter competing for the title. What a great game with Lynsey winning on the day. Sorry Teresa but a great comeback!

Also congratulations goes to our Premier League and Reserves winning the coveted title. Two of our Premier 7's teams also came out winners. Not a bad year for Helensvale.

Ladies the month of May is going to quite a busy one with Birthday Bowls, Major and Minor Day, Sponsored Day by A.P.I.A, 3 Bowl Pairs Sponsored by Queensland Financial Services, and 4's Day with White Lady Funerals being one of our sponsors so keep your eye on the board in the Games Room. All we can hope for that the rain will stay away for these days.

The Selectors have named 2 squads for Pennants and we will commence training on Thursday the 5th May commencing at approximately 9.30am. Please tick beside your name on the sheet which is up in the Games Room if you are available so the Selectors can form teams,

Please keep safe.

Pam Peardon
Publicity Officer



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Lynseys Roundup

Wow April was definitely a bumper month for bowls achievements at Club Helensvale!

The 2011 Premier League and Premier 7's season were wrapped up in two big Grand Final weekends. First up in the Premier 7's our Division 2 and 3 teams both secured the titles, inspiring our Premier and Premier Reserves teams to victory the following weekend with some tremendous games on display. Dominating at all levels of the league just goes to show what a fantastic depth of players our club boasts. Thank you to all the loyal club members and supporters that got behind all these teams during the year and especially over Grand Final weekend. We definitely couldn't have done it without you! Good luck to the top grade side who will now compete in the National Premier League Final to be held in Perth, WA later in the year.

Big congratulations to youngster - Rohan Wilson on winning his first State Singles Crown, the Under 18 Singles! What a great achievement, with many more to come. All of Club Helensvale are very proud of your efforts.

Brett Wilkie went down in a thrilling semi final match at the World Cup staged in Warilla, NSW. He was just pipped in each set 6-7, 7-7 by eventual winner James Talbot from Ireland. Well done on a great effort and being the best performed Aussie at the event.

We had 8 Club Helensvale Players in the recent state team that went to the National Sides Championship in Nelson bay in early April. The Queensland Ladies brought home Gold for the state with the men finishing fifth. We also had 6 representatives in the Australian Super 6 event with Brett Wilkie securing a Bronze medal in the men's singles and myself winning Gold alongside Chris Pavlov in the women's pairs. During these series some milestones were marked with the awarding of badges - Mark Casey and Nathan Rice both playing 200 games for Queensland, and myself for reaching 100 games for the state. Mark Thatcher was named Player of series for the test match against Tasmania, while Nathan Rice was named player of series for the National Sides event. Congratulations to our rep players, great ambassadors for the club.

Four Club Helensvale players - Brett Wilkie, Nathan Rice, Mark Casey, and myself - were also named in the Australian Squad for the 2011 season.

Lynsey Armitage
Bowls Coordinator



Hawks contingent in the recent QLD team for the Australian side - 8 Helensvale



Premier League Reserve Champions for 2011 - Helensvale HAWKS

Junior News

GAMBLE PAYS OFF

Rohan Wilson's decision to forgo his place as lead in the 2011 Premier League, to pursue his dream of his first State Title (also a chance for state representation) paid big dividends for the Club Helensvale star, when he captured his first State championship - winning the under 18's Boys Singles Crown, at Pelican Waters on the Sunshine Coast over 16th - 21st April. Also along the way he claimed a silver medal in the open boy's state fours (losing to arch rival Sean Ingham's team, 24-16) and another silver in the triples final (going down 24-10). In the pairs section he reached the semi finals, only to lose on the last bowl of the game going down 18-17 to a Woodford team. In the high quality singles final Rohan defeated Sean Ingham 25-15. Rohan played extremely high class bowls to race out of the blocks with all cylinders firing to jump to a match winning lead of 16-3 and never looking back. He was unlucky not to capture the Ray Lanham memorial trophy for the best performed boy. Rohan would like to thank Geoff and Filo O'Meagher for their support over 2 of the 4 days and also the woot woot crowd of Boner, fireman Tod, Steve Anger and Mick Terral for coming to watch the singles final. This will open many doors for the young gun with hopefully an invitation to the Australian Open and also the Golden Nugget. NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN - Club Helensvale's April Wilson also played a high level of bowls claiming a silver medal in the Girls fours, placing third in the open pairs and finishing second in her singles section. Well done April. Both Rohan and April have already picked their teams for 2012 State Titles, which will be held in Bundaberg over the Easter break. Coach - father is extremely proud of their performance. They represented Club Helensvale proud.

Helensvale have entered 2 junior pennant teams and 3 spare juniors to participate in the local junior challenge which commences May 7th (Saturday) at various clubs. Also up coming events: Club Helensvale Jnr/Snr day end of July which is the best Jnr/Snr day held in Queensland, training commences after the Easter break 30 April.

Rohan Wilson and Jim Merrick won the Mt Gravatt Easter pairs played over 24th April and 26th April. Well done lads!



Cameron 'Yowie' Wilson
Jnr Development Officer and Coach



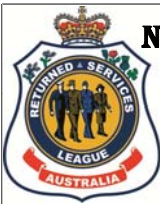
Queensland State Champion -
ROHAN WILSON



Queensland State Silver Medallist -
APRIL WILSON



Premier League Champions for 2011 - Helensvale HAWKS



NORTH GOLD COAST RSL SUB-BRANCH

(Now meeting in Club Helensvale)

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Vale: Patrick Broome (RNZEME) 15 May 1927—29 Mar 2011

Sub Branch activities:

Please note your diaries with the following details:

Upcoming events:

2011

AGM and General Meeting (0930h): Sat 28 May
General Meeting (0930h): Sat 30 July
General Meeting (0930h): Sat 24 September

2011 Committee Meeting Dates (0930)

25 June 27 August 29 October

Nomination forms for Committee elections (AGM) are available Meeting and must be returned to the Secretary by 12 May.

Sub Branch BBQ breakfast was held Saturday 9th April at the Park grounds Abraham Road (GCCC Hub) with approximately 30 members and friends attending. A great social outing indeed. Thanks to Gary and Angie Sutton for the coordination, to Col Spies for cooking and to the Super Butcher for their sponsorship and support.

Seniors Expo – Monday 18th July 2011

The Fadden Senior's Expo is in its second year and seeks to offer the local seniors community and option to find out what local private and government services can do for them. With around 80 exhibitors plus presenters, lucky door prizes and special guests the day is sure to be informative.

The legendary **Normie Rowe** will again MC the event and the **Hon Bronwyn Bishop**, Shadow Minister for Seniors will be in attendance for the day. More information can be found on Stuart Robert's webpage.

Service News Papers on line:

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Coaches Corner

NATURAL RHYTHM

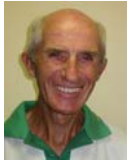
Everyone has a natural rhythm and the easiest way to explain this is to observe that when we walk without rushing we all walk at the pace that comes naturally. So when we bowl why not go through the actions or movements as naturally as possible?

In doing this, one should start by delivering a number of jacks to try to get the natural feel and also to develop a length. When you can deliver 20 jacks within 20 or 30 centimetres of each other, then you have developed what is known as a natural rhythm.

On fast greens the jack will travel further with your natural rhythm, while on a slow green the jack will not travel as far. You should know at this stage whether you have developed this rhythm with the jack. If the bowl is delivered with this same natural rhythm and the correct angle of green is taken, the bowl will finish very close to the jack.

Once you have developed your natural rhythm, it is not difficult to increase or decrease the speed of delivery, so you will be able to accommodate all lengths and conditions. This same natural rhythm should be used to develop the constant speed of the drive and running shot.

Bob Hill
Coach



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R.S.L. Bowls Information - DID YOU KNOW.....

There are over 1400 Returned Services League Bowlers now associated with the Queensland RSL Bowling Assn. Only 5 from Club Helensvale. The monthly competition (Sundays, 1 a month) are held at different clubs throughout the South East. When your RSL membership is verified, application can be made for RSL State Bowls Assn membership through Robin Cope Phone 07 55023670 or preferably e-mail at robin.cope@bigpond.com. Here is an opportunity to join with others around your age and interests (a serviceman or woman) for a fun time. Your spouse can join as well as an associate member.

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Fri 6th Face Off	7.30pm
Sat 7th Brett Hitchcock	7.30pm
Sun 8th Leigh James	2.30pm
Fri 13th Just The Ticket	7.30pm
Sat 14th Craig Taylor	7.30pm
Sun 15th Roulf Commandeur	2.30pm
Fri 20th Goran Sedlar Duo	7.30pm
Sat 21st RUMOURS	8.30pm
Sun 22nd Glenn Brace	2.30pm
Fri 27th Relish	7.30pm
Sat 28th Mike Winkworth	7.30pm
Sun 29th Leigh James	2.30pm

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