

CLUB HELENSVALE

HELENSVALE BOWLS CLUB LTD

Bowls Newsletter

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They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them

Lest We Forget



DAWN SERVICE

5.30am

on the grass area at the rear of the Club's carpark

TRADING HOURS:

Club Opens at 5.00am

BREAKFAST 6.00am - 8.30am

TAB From 12.00noon

GAMING From 1.00pm

TWO UP

at 2.00pm



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From the Chairman's Desk



Graham Brittain

I can't believe Easter is just around the corner, it only seems like yesterday that I was wishing everyone a Merry Christmas! Our Easter raffles have commenced on Thursday nights with six baskets of chocolate to be won. Make sure you are here for the Thursday before Easter where the Easter Bunny will make an appearance.

Also in April, actually falling on Easter Monday, is ANZAC Day. We will be holding the Dawn Service again at 5.30am on the grassed area at the rear of the carpark. Everyone is welcome and breakfast will be available from 6.00am whilst the club will open its doors at 5.00am. Two Up will be played at 2.00pm and a reminder that the gaming machines come on line at 1.00pm.

Last month I informed members that the bbq area adjacent to the bowls amenities block was underway and the current progress includes the back wall, with roofing scheduled to commence this month. A small portion of the games room has been used for a bar as I am sure you will agree that this is a necessity. This area will service many bowls functions and we are all looking forward to seeing the end result.

Our teams are doing exceptionally well in Premier

League and both look like making the finals. The finals this year will be held at South Tweed Bowls Club on the weekend of the 16th and 17th April. Make sure you are down at South Tweed to cheer on the Hawks (we are confident we will be there!).

The Premier 7s finals will be held on Sunday 10th April at Club Chermiside and four teams out of our six have made it there! Save this date and support your team!

Unfortunately the bowling membership fee increased for the 2011/2012 financial year. The new fee is \$100 and out of this, \$57 is taken out for the GCTDBA, Bowls Queensland and Bowls Australia. Junior bowling fees have also increased to \$25. Our 15 months for the price of 12 promotion has commenced so for all new memberships, if you join now you will receive 15 months for the price of 12.

The Board has made a historical decision by permitting thongs in the Club at any time. The old rule permitted them to be worn up to 6.00pm but as they are now such a big fashion item and very much a Gold Coast icon, providing the person is still neatly attired, we found no reason to keep this archaic rule. We know this has made the younger generation quite happy and it also solves the embarrassment of having to ask people to leave the Club at 6.00pm or turning them away at the door.

Mens Bowls News

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Senior Fours Final was completed with the winners being Ray Perkins team of Noel Ridgwell, Murray Jensen, and Jim Nugent. They had a great game against Bob Browns team and enjoyed a comfortable victory.

The Open Triples Championships closing has been deferred. Date to be advised.

Nominations for the Senior Pairs close on Friday 29th April. Make sure you get your name down if you want to enter.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Fours - A great final was held on Friday 18th March between skips Mark Casey and Steve Wood. Casey's team of Brett Wilkie, Anthony Kiepe, and Nathan Rice proved too strong on the day with Wood conceding at 27-6 with five ends to play. Congratulations to both teams and good luck to the boys for the future District, Zone and State Playoffs.

Pairs - Down to the Quarter and Semi Final stage we have six teams left in this event. In the first semi final we have Matt Bell and Phil Brandon taking on Jim Merrick and Rehan Wilson, and in the two quarter finals still to be played Greg Hamilton and Andy Fikar play Mark Casey and Darren Mullens, while Anthony Fantini and Anthony Kiepe play Brian Crook and Andy Wilton.

Singles - This too is down to the final six. With semi final one being played between Matt Bell and Brett Wilkie and quarter final matches between Dan Willis and Anthony Kiepe, with Mark Casey again squaring off with Steve Wood.

Sure to be some great matches, keep your eyes out for when these events will be played.

MENS TWO DAY PAIRS

Entry form up in the games room still with room to enter. Will be played on Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd May

Ron Boydell
Honorary Secretary



Ladies Bowls News

Congratulations to four of our girls namely - Joy Green, Margaret Pickering, Bev Perkins, and Carol George on winning the District Fours. Well done ladies.

We had a sponsored day by Drink and Snack Vending machines (our own Jenny Strickland) and a great day was held by all. Also another day by Skin Alert who have also over the years been a great supporter of our Club. Our thanks must go to them.

Our Triples Championships have been concluded with the winners being Ester Rivero, Jasmin Gulcan and Judy Gillett who had a very tight tussle against Joy Green, Margaret Pickering and Carol George going right down to the wire with the scores being even on the last end. Well done to both teams for a very exciting game.

Our Single Championships has commenced and best of luck to all.

Remember ladies, those interested in playing Pennants for your Club please put your name down on the list in the Games Room. Early April the Selectors will be trying to sort how many Divisions we will be entering this year and also starting to put teams together. Practice days have not been decided upon yet.

The Club's half yearly meeting is to be held this Saturday so please come along and vote on the Motion that has been put forward. Remember it is your Club and show your interest on what is happening.

Once again remember in this hot weather please drink plenty of water and apply sun screen and if possible wear a hat to combat the sun rays. Take it from me I know after last Tuesday's game with a case of sunstroke.

All for now.

Pam Peardon
Publicity Officer



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Lynseys Roundup

Just a short and sweet roundup from me this month.

Congratulations to Joy, Margaret, Bev and Carol for your fantastic win in the Gold Coast District Fours, you have done yourselves and the club very proud. Also well done to Rohan Wilson and Brenda Thompson (filling in for Jenny Strickland) for coming Runner Up in the Gold Coast final of the State Mixed Pairs Championship. Big congrats to Nathan Rice for winning the Richmond Union Master Singles event with a nice \$10,000 first prize cheque! Great stuff from the Hawks as always.

Good luck to the four Premier 7's teams competing in the finals this month. Also, the Premier League Grand Final weekend will be staged on the 16th and 17th of April at South Tweed Bowls Club with the Helensvale Hawks appearing in both grades. It will be a great weekend of bowls action, get down and support our mighty teams if you can! GO HELENSVALE!

Lynsey Armitage
Bowls Coordinator



HAWKS TRAVEL SOUTH TO COMPETE IN TASSIE

In February two men's teams of triples ventured to Tasmania to compete in the prestigious TAMAR VALLEY TRIPLES at Beauty Point, north of Launceston. The teams were Dan Willis, Sooty Rice and Steve Halliday, also Gordie Gellatly, Billy Bell, and Toddy Campbell. The tournament was over 3 days consisting of 5 qualifying rounds, then finals and consolation games.

On the day before bowls kicked off, tour director Sooty Rice took us on a scenic drive around North Tassie in our hired 1989 Volvo Station Wagon. On returning it was time for a roll up to 'suss' out the greens. Beauty Point is a little town on the Tamar River, the club has 2 greens and is only open 2 or 3 times a week. Nevertheless this was their big tournament and preparations were well in order. Paradise Point also had two teams entered so there were bragging rights involved for whichever Gold Coast club came out on top, and it goes without saying Club Helensvale prevailed on all fronts. YAY!

Sooty's handpicked team of Dan and Steve managed to win only 1 game from 5, thereby relegating them to the consolation games in which they failed as well, but Sooty DID win a giant crayfish in the raffle, WHOOPEE!

The other team of Gordie, Billy and Tod successfully progressed to the Final 8 of the 28 teams, into the knockout finals stage. Well done boys. By this stage of the week, fatigue was starting to take its toll on the only QLD team left in the finals and eventually they succumbed to a better team (Tassie state reps) in their first game knockout game.

At presentation time, medals and monies were handed out, everyone commented on the wonderful country hospitality and Billy made a great speech on behalf of Club Helensvale thanking all involved and that the Club Helensvale Crew couldn't wait to return next year.

- Thanks to the guys for this Bowlers Tale -



The Tassie Crew

Junior News

Congratulations to Rohan Wilson who won the Gold Coast District "Most Improved Junior" for 2010. Well done Rohan!

April Wilson and Bill Bell and Jenny Strickland and Rohan Wilson entered the District Mixed Pairs with April and Bill knocked out in the quarter final and Rohan and Jenny making the final. Jenny was unavailable to play in the final so Brenda Thompson took her place, finishing as runners up. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to Bill, Jenny and Brenda for playing with the juniors, and a big thank you to the members who came to support them.

The Junior State Titles commence on April 16th to the 21st so good luck to those who have entered. We hope you represent your club with pride.

Rohan Wilson has been selected to play in the district game on the 3rd April, being played at Club Helensvale. The Gold Coast are playing against Brisbane, Brisbane North and the Sunshine Coast.

There will be no junior training over the Easter break and school holidays.

Have a safe and happy Easter.

Cameron Wilson
Junior



Congratulations



Novice Singles champion Andy Nelson, celebrating with Coach Ron Wallace and fellow novice singles entrants - Miles, Brian, Graham (Runner-Up) and Paul. Congratulations!



NO COVER CHARGE!

THE BEATLEGS

Saturday 16th April @ 8.30pm



NORTH GOLD COAST RSL SUB-BRANCH

(Now meeting in Club Helensvale)

All correspondence to:

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Sub Branch activities:

Please note your diaries with the following details:

Upcoming events:

2011
ANZAC Day and Easter Monday Monday 25 Apr
AGM and General Meeting (0930h): Saturday 28 May
General Meeting (0930h): Saturday 30 July
General Meeting (0930h): Saturday 24 September

2011 Committee Meeting Dates (0930)

30 April (cancelled) 27 August
25 June 29 October

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

The North Gold Coast RSL Sub Branch was recently recognized by the RSL District Council for achieving the highest percentage membership increase for 2010. This is a magnificent achievement and means we have achieved this now for two consecutive years. The Sub Branch was also awarded a Sapphire Award for donations between \$1000 - \$1999 to the Care Parcel program. Many thanks to the RSL members and patrons of Club Helensvale for all your support.

Sub Branch BBQ breakfast Saturday 9 April at the Park grounds Abraham Road (GCCC Hub) from 0900h.

ANZAC Day badge sellers are sought to assist man the stalls across our area of responsibility. ANZAC Day badge sales will be conducted on **Fri 15, Sat 16, Thu 21 & Sat 23 Apr** at the following venues:

Westfield Helensvale
Woolworths Coomera West
Woolworths Oxenford
Coles Coomera
Helensvale Plaza

Anyone who can donate an hour or two on a roster is asked to contact the Sub Branch on the number above.

Dawn Service

All members of the community are invited to attend to remember the sacrifices made by the Service men and women on behalf of our country, many of whom made the supreme sacrifice.

A traditional Dawn Service will be held in the grounds behind Club Helensvale, 28 Discovery Drive Helensvale, with assembly from **5.00AM**. Service will commence at **5.25AM**. As parking is limited please make use of the Helensvale Community Centre parking area.

There will not be a veteran's march at this Dawn Service.

Immediately following the Dawn Service, breakfast will be served in the dining room of Club Helensvale. Everyone is most welcome (cost of \$7.00 each). Gunfire (free) additive will be available on request.

Mid Morning Service

The Mid Morning Service will commence at **10.30AM** with a march from the GCCC Hub car park in Abraham Road Upper Coomera opposite the Coles Shopping centre, and proceed along the footpath towards the new GCCC Hub Centre where our new memorial gardens will be constructed. All Service personnel (past or present) whether members of the RSL or not, are invited to join the veterans' march.

Floral tributes will be accepted and prominently displayed. All members of the North Gold Coast community are most welcome to attend with their family and friends.

Seniors Expo - Monday 18th July 2011

The Fadden Senior's Expo is in its second year and seeks to offer the local seniors community an 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:

RAN:
http://digital.realviewtechnologies.com/default.aspx?xml=defencenews_navy.xml

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Coaches Corner

CONTROL OF LENGTH

This is the harder of the two basic factors (line and length) for the player to master.

Many instructional publications advocate the Theory of Elevation--- namely, that the higher the bowl is held prior to delivery, the longer will be the pendulum action, and therefore the momentum will be applied to the bowl. Others recommend that the length of the step be increased or decreased to increase or reduce the distance the bowl travels. Both these methods work and are employed by many leading bowlers.

However, the method best recommended to players involves the **SPEED OF DELIVERY**. It is considered that every bowler has their own individual natural speed of delivery. That is to say, when his/her "natural" pace matches the pace of the green and the length of the end being played, his/her length control will be good. The ability to adjust to varying conditions, greens of different pace and ends of different lengths will determine how proficient he/she is to become as a bowler. Ignore the backswing. The momentum applied to the bowl at the point of delivery, this determines how far the bowl will travel before coming to rest.

INCREASING the speed of delivery action will **AUTOMATICALLY** increase the length of the pendulum, the length of the step and therefore increase the momentum with which the bowl leaves the hand.

Conversely **SLOWING** the speed of delivery will decrease the length of the pendulum, length of the step and therefore **DECREASE** the momentum on the bowl.

Provided players have developed a consistent delivery technique, practice will permit accurate adjustments of length by simply varying the speed of the delivery movement.

Bob Hill
Coach



BOWLS COACHING

Thursday mornings from 9.00am or by appointment

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Junior Bowls Sessions

Saturday mornings at 9am

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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 5502 3670 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.