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Happy New Year!

From the Chairman's Desk



Graham Brittain

Happy New to everyone! I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and an even better new year. We kicked off 2012 in our usual party way with Brewski, playing to a packed room of new year revelers. Let's hope it was a good indication of a great year as a good time was had by all, with celebrations going on to 2.00am!

Our entertainment kicks off this year with The Beach Boyz on Saturday 21st January. The Beach Boyz is a dedicated 100% live five piece band that faithfully recreates the wonderful good times and summer feelings of all the Beach Boys hits and more! This is the only Australian based tribute act that has retained the same dedicated line-up of talent for nearly a decade! Don't miss this one, show commences at 8.30pm and it's free!

Keeping with the summer theme our first pokie promotion for the year is the Summer Campout – over \$1500 worth of camping gear to be won simply by playing our poker machines and being present on Sunday 29th January for the draw. It's that easy, so start playing now! Congratulations also to last month's pokie promotion winners in our \$15,000 cash giveaway, which came in very handy for Christmas.

Australia Day falls on a Thursday this year so what better timing than to conduct our Thursday Night Raffles, Australia Day style. Come along for your chance to win one of 50 prizes including BBQ Meat Trays, Beer Packs, Aussie Packs and much more! Tickets are drawn from 7.00pm for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Congratulations to ten of our staff who will be graduating this month after completing their Certificate IV in Supervision or Diploma in Hospitality. The government subsidises these courses which enables us to have key staff trained in all areas and to give back what they have given to us over the years. Future courses will be held to enhance the courses that have already been completed and also for other staff to further their education.

Early in December our Bowls Coordinator, Lynsey Armitage was inducted into the inaugural Bowls Australia Hall of Fame held in Adelaide. This was a huge honour for such a young lady who was inducted along with some big names in bowls, back as far as 1914. After the gala dinner it was back to business and competing in the Asia Pacific Games. Lynsey won a gold and silver medal, Brett Wilkie won two silver, whilst Mark Casey and Nathan Rice brought home silver and gold. To top it all off the Men's and Women's Overall Team Gold was won by Australia!! Congratulations and well done to you all.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE GREENS

Happy new year everyone, welcome to the first newsletter for 2012! I trust that everyone had an enjoyable festive season spent with family and friends.

The bowls season is set to ignite this year with the first round of premier league and premier 7's starting on Saturday 7th January. As defending champions in Premier top grade, reserve grade, and Premier 7's div 2 and 3, we will definitely be the club to beat. May all those selected give it your all, play your best, and enjoy the competitive spirit that the premier league season brings. Remember to check the notice board in the games room each week for team selections and draw. Good luck!

The end of last year saw the B Grade Ladies Pairs final take place. In a great match Joy Whelan and Deryl Hardy defeated June Palmer and Kathy Ravaillion 22 - 15. Congratulations to both teams on making the final and to Joy & Deryl on your success!



B Grade Pairs Champions - Joy Whelan & Deryl Hardy

Last month Brett Wilkie, Nathan Rice, Mark Casey, and myself represented Australia in the Asia Pacific Games in Adelaide. We played against 14 countries over 10 days, playing two disciplines each. We had a very successful tournament with Brett bringing home a silver in the men's singles and a silver in the pairs, Nathan brought home a silver in the men's triples and a gold in the fours, Mark brought home a silver in the men's pairs and a gold in the fours and I brought back a gold in the women's triples and silver in the women's fours. Not only did we win a swag of individual medals, we took out the Men's and Women's Overall Team Gold as well!

A new Australian squad will be announced early in the new year, and after a successful performance in Adelaide our Hawks players will be hoping to retain their spots in the squad and make a bid for the team to take part in the World Championships to be held in Adelaide from November 24 - December 9 2012.



Australian Asia Pacific Team - Men & Women Overall Champions

While we were in Adelaide Bowls Australia held their Inaugural Hall of Fame night where I was inducted for my achievements in the sport from the era 2000 - 2010. I was delighted to have my parents and our club president Carmel, in attendance on the night. It was a very enjoyable evening and great to hear of and recognise bowlers achievements from as early as 1914! For those interested, you can read about the 38 inductees on the Bowls Australia website www.bowlsaustralia.com.au (under the events tab).



Bowls Australia Hall of fame Night, Adelaide

This month will see me reach one year in my role as Club Helensvale's Bowls Coordinator. I must say it's been a fantastic year at our club and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with both the men's and ladies committees. I thank everyone for their help over the past twelve months, I have learnt a lot and am looking forward to a bigger and brighter year ahead.



Lynsey Armitage
Bowls Coordinator



60 SECONDS WITH... MARK THATCHER

Over the coming months we will be profiling some of our club's national stars to discover some interesting facts you just may not have known about them!

NICKNAME: Rookie

FAMILY: Corina (partner), sons Mitchell 9 & Beaudi 3

HOW LONG HAVE YOU PLAYED BOWLS: 13 years

MOST MEMORABLE BOWLS MOMENT: Playing my first game for Queensland in Cairns

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM JOB: AFL Footballer

SPORTING HERO: Michael Long (Essendon legend)

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza

FAVOURITE RESTAURANT: Parso's Pizza and Pasta

DREAM HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Oahu, Hawaii

IF YOU WERE STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND, WHAT 3 THINGS WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE WITH YOU?: Corina, my boys, and a football

WHO WOULD BE YOUR DREAM DATE: Jennifer Aniston (*Friends*)

PERSON YOU'D LEAST LIKE TO SIT NEXT TO ON LONG FLIGHT: My nan, because she talks too much!

FASCINATING FACTS: I was born with only 9 toes



2012 PREMIER LEAGUE SCHEDULE



2012 Draw

Round 1 - Saturday 7th January			Round 4 - Saturday 28th January			Round 7 - Saturday 18th February			Round 10 - Saturday 10th March					
Ferry Grove	vs	Sth Tweed 5/5.30pm	Sth Toowoomba	vs	Pine Rivers 4pm	Hamilton	vs	Bribie Island 4/4.30pm	Bribie Island	vs	Wynnum Manly 5pm			
Springwood	vs	Pine Rivers 5pm	Bribie Island	vs	Salisbury 5pm	Wynnum Manly	vs	Pine Rivers 5pm	Salisbury	vs	Sth Tweed 4.30/5pm			
Hamilton	vs	Sth Toowoomba 4/4.30pm	Springwood	vs	Wynnum Manly 5pm	Salisbury	vs	Ferry Grove 4.30/5pm	Capalaba	vs	Pine Rivers 5pm			
Helensvale	vs	Capalaba 4pm	Helensvale	vs	Sth Tweed 4pm	Springwood	vs	Helensvale 5pm	Hamilton	vs	Helensvale 4/4.30pm			
Salisbury	vs	Wynnum Manly 4.30/5pm	Capalaba	vs	Ferry Grove 5pm	Sth Tweed	vs	Greenslopes 5pmDST	Ferry Grove	vs	Springwood 5/5.30pm			
Greenslopes	vs	Bribie Island 4pm	Hamilton	vs	Greenslopes 4/4.30pm	Capalaba	vs	Sth Toowoomba 5pm	Sth Toowoomba	vs	Greenslopes 4pm			
Round 2 - Saturday 14th January			Round 5 - Saturday 4th February			Round 8 - Saturday 25th February			Round 11 - Saturday 17th March					
Sth Tweed	vs	Pine Rivers 5pmDST	Ferry Grove	vs	Pine Rivers 5/5.30pm	Sth Toowoomba	vs	Ferry Grove 4pm	Helensvale	vs	Bribie Island 4pm			
Springwood	vs	Capalaba 5pm	Salisbury	vs	Hamilton 4.30/5pm	Salisbury	vs	Helensvale 4.30/5pm	Pine Rivers	vs	Greenslopes 5pm			
Wynnum Manly	vs	Hamilton 5pm	Wynnum Manly	vs	Capalaba 5pm	Pine Rivers	vs	Hamilton 5pm	Hamilton	vs	Sth Tweed 4/4.30pm			
Bribie Island	vs	Ferry Grove 5pm	Sth Tweed	vs	Sth Toowoomba 5pmDST	Bribie Island	vs	Capalaba 5pm	Sth Toowoomba	vs	Springwood 4pm			
Helensvale	vs	Sth Toowoomba 4pm	Greenslopes	vs	Helensvale 4pm	Sth Tweed	vs	Wynnum Manly 5pmDST	Ferry Grove	vs	Wynnum Manly 5/5.30pm			
Greenslopes	vs	Salisbury 4pm	Bribie Island	vs	Springwood 5pm	Greenslopes	vs	Springwood 4pm	Capalaba	vs	Salisbury 5pm			
Round 3 - Saturday 21st January			Round 6 - Saturday 11th February			Round 9 - Saturday 3rd March			Finals Weekend - Saturday 24th March					
Pine Rivers	vs	Bribie Island 5pm	Pine Rivers	vs	Salisbury 5pm	Wynnum Manly	vs	Sth Toowoomba 5pm	F1: 3rd Place	vs	6th Place 12.30pm			
Salisbury	vs	Sth Toowoomba 4.30/5pm	Springwood	vs	Sth Tweed 5pm	Helensvale	vs	Pine Rivers 4pm	F2: 4th Place	vs	5th Place 12.30pm			
Hamilton	vs	Springwood 4/4.30pm	Sth Toowoomba	vs	Bribie Island 4pm	Ferry Grove	vs	Hamilton 5/5.30pm	Saturday Night					
Ferry Grove	vs	Helensvale 5/5.30pm	Helensvale	vs	Wynnum Manly 4pm	Sth Tweed	vs	Bribie Island 5pmDST	MS1: Minor Premiers	vs	Lowest Place Winner 4.45pm			
Wynnum Manly	vs	Greenslopes 5pm	Greenslopes	vs	Ferry Grove 4pm	Springwood	vs	Salisbury 5pm	MS2: Second Place	vs	Highest Place Winner 4.45pm			
Sth Tweed	vs	Capalaba 5pmDST	Capalaba	vs	Hamilton 5pm	Greenslopes	vs	Capalaba 4pm	Sunday 25th March - 1pm					
Thank you to the following Sponsors									GF: Winner MS1	vs	Winner MS2 1pm			

**GET DOWN TO THE CLUB ON GAME DAYS TO SEE SOME OF THE MOST EXCITING PLAYERS IN QUEENSLAND DO BATTLE!
GO THE HAWKS!**

*** Please note that all Helensvale home matches will be played at 2pm NOT 4pm ***



NORTH GOLD COAST RSL SUB-BRANCH (Now meeting in Club Helensvale)

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Thank you to the small but dedicated group who worked so hard selling poppies for Remembrance Day this year a fantastic effort and you should be very proud of your efforts. To our fund raising co-ordinator Allan Walker another truly remarkable effort, well done.

In the last few weeks we have supported Ashleigh and Alexandra Fannin with their applications of the Bond University/RSL Youth Development Grants, supported the Helensvale Scouts Group and Rita Marshall receive funding from the RSL District Welfare and Community Fund to support their endeavours.

We are also in the process of assisting the Coomera State School obtain DVA funding for the development and construction of an appropriate memorial plaque at the school grounds to remember all the past students who served the Nation and paid the supreme sacrifice. We are hopeful the project will be completed by ANZAC Day 2012.

Development has commenced at the Gold Coast City Council site at the corner of Abraham and Reserve Roads so we will be looking for an alternative ANZAC Day mid morning site in the same area as the site will be closed until the end of 2012.

Sub Branch activities: Please note your diaries with the following details:

Upcoming events:

28 January 2012

Sausage sizzle BBQ commencing at 0900h, location - TBC
BYO: Drinks and alternative meats if snags not to your liking

Saturday 31 March - General Meeting (0930h):

Saturday 26 May - AGM and General Meeting (0930h):

2012 Committee Meeting Dates (0930)

21 January and 25 February

Bill Ward has advised that a group of Service personnel have been meeting for some years now at various locations around the Hope Island area and now have shifted the Meet and Greet location to the Helensvale Bowls Club (RSL North Gold Coast Sub Branch) commencing May 2011. Everybody is welcome Service personnel (Returned or otherwise) and your friends. The meets are held monthly on every second pension day from approx 5:00pm.

2012 Nasho Conference: Gold Coast 7 - 10 Sep 2012

Recognition

The Sub Branch would like to recognise the generous and on-going support for its fundraising activities by Club Helensvale members. Our Members are encouraged to patronise the Club where possible.

Service News Papers on line:

RAN:

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

Army:

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

RAAF:

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

New Zealand Defence Force

<http://www.nzdf.mil.nz/>

BOWLS COACHING

Thursday mornings from 9.00am or by appointment

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Ron Wallace 5556 0046 Cameron Wilson 0425880268
Mark Casey 0418797476 Jim Merrick 0431464659
Nathan Rice 0415750512 Lynsey Armitage 0401643958

2012 PREMIER 7'S

DATE	TEAM	HOME/AWAY	AGAINST	TIME
SAT 7/01	DIV 1	AWAY	TOOWONG	1.00 pm
	60 PLUS SECT 2	BYE	BYE	
RD 1	DIV 2 SECT 1	HOME	GATTON	12 noon
	DIV 3 SECT 2	AWAY	SALISBURY	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 3	HOME	SOUTHS-ACACIA	1.00 pm
SAT 14/01	DIV 1	AWAY	CHERMSIDE	3.00pm
	60 PLUS SECT 2	HOME	CHERMSIDE MEN	1.00pm
RD 2	DIV 2 SECT 1	AWAY	GOODNA	1.00pm
	DIV 3 SECT 2	HOME	DARRA CEMENT-CO	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 3	AWAY	CHERMSIDE MEN	1.00 pm
SAT 21/01	DIV 1	AWAY	TAMBORINE	4.00 pm
	60 PLUS SECT 2	AWAY	FERNY GROVE	12.30pm
RD 3	DIV 2 SECT 1	HOME	WELLERS HILL	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 2	AWAY	CHERMSIDE LADIES	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 3	HOME	SOUTH TOOWOOMBA	1.00 pm
SAT 28/01	DIV 1	AWAY	ENOGGERA	1.00 pm
	60 PLUS SECT 2	HOME	SALISBURY	1.00 pm
RD 4	DIV 2 SECT 1	AWAY	SOUTH TOOWOOMBA	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 2	HOME	MT GRAVATT	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 3	AWAY	RAAF AMBERLEY	1.00 pm
SAT 4/02	DIV 1	HOME	SOUTH TWEED	1.00 pm
	60 PLUS SECT 2	AWAY	SOUTH TOOWOOMBA	1.00 pm
RD 5	DIV 2 SECT 1	HOME	SUNNYBANK	12.30 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 2	AWAY	SOUTH TWEED	5.00pm DST
	DIV 3 SECT 3	HOME	BYE	
SAT 11/02	DIV 1	HOME	TOOWONG	1.00 pm
	60 PLUS SECT 2	BYE	BYE	
RD 6	DIV 3 SECT 2	HOME	SALISBURY	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 3	AWAY	SOUTHS-ACACIA	1.00 pm
SUN 12/02	DIV 2 SECT 1	AWAY	GATTON (on SUNDAY)	1.00 pm
SAT 18/02	DIV 1	HOME	CHERMSIDE	1.00 pm
	60 PLUS SECT 2	AWAY	CHERMSIDE MEN	1.00 pm
RD 7	DIV 2 SECT 1	HOME	GOODNA	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 2	AWAY	DARRA CEMENT-CO	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 3	HOME	CHERMSIDE MEN	1.00 pm
SAT 25/02	DIV 1	HOME	TAMBORINE	1.00 pm
	60 PLUS SECT 2	HOME	FERNY GROVE	1.00pm
RD 8	DIV 2 SECT 1	AWAY	WELLERS HILL	2.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 2	HOME	CHERMSIDE LADIES	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 3	AWAY	SOUTH TOOWOOMBA	1.00 pm
SAT 3/03	DIV 1	HOME	ENOGGERA	1.00 pm
	60 PLUS SECT 2	AWAY	SALISBURY	1.00 pm
RD 9	DIV 2 SECT 1	HOME	SOUTH TOOWOOMBA	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 2	AWAY	MOUNT GRAVATT	1.00 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 3	HOME	RAAF AMBERLEY	1.00 pm
SAT 10/03	DIV 1	AWAY	SOUTH TWEED	10.30 am DST
	60 PLUS SECT 2	HOME	SOUTH TOOWOOMBA	1.00 pm
RD 10	DIV 2 SECT 1	AWAY	SUNNYBANK	12.30 pm
	DIV 3 SECT 2	HOME	SOUTH TWEED	1.00pm
	DIV 3 SECT 3	HOME	BYE	

SAT 17/03 SEVENS SEMI FINALS CHERMSIDE

SUN 18/03 SEVENS FINALS

SAT 25/03 PREMIER SEMI FINALS SOUTH TWEED

SUN 26/03 PREMIER FINALS

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