

NEWSLETTER



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APRIL EDITION

NEW NEWSLETTER | By Simon O'Connell

I have decided on behalf of the Northern Suburbs Bowls Club to restart the monthly newsletter. So here we go...

First of all and most importantly, I would like to thank my wife Allyson for helping me with this task, and for letting me spend so much time at N.S.B.C. As someone who started playing bowls in 1990 at Gaythorne Bowls Club, I believe it is very important that the members of the club know what is going on at their Club. I would like to thank Chris Robson who put together the newsletter for the club for such a long time. Only just starting out on this journey I am starting to understand how much work he put in. I would like to encourage someone to come forward and take on looking after the newsletter. If anyone would like to contribute articles to the newsletter please do let me know.



Water, silt and bark on Green 2 after rain event 27.2.2022

AROUND THE GREENS

HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP GREENS



Gr 1 on 27.2.2022

Above is a picture of how No 2 green looked on the Sunday during the recent flooding. Due to the very hard work of all the volunteers the green was played on the next Wednesday. About 15 wheelbarrows of dirt, bark and rubbish were removed from the green. They then had to clean the green off and roll it numerous times to try to get it nice and level. After this they tamped down some high spots. Well done team!!! Also the embankment near the back of the new Greens Equipment shed collapsed and our new Greens Director Peter Corey worked very hard to move rubble and dirt (wheelbarrow loads) from where the retaining wall had fallen at the end of Gr 2, to beside the shed to replace the ground that had washed away and repair around the drain. Great Job Pete!!

Better Lighting for Gr 1

Due to the increased interest in night bowls at the club with TGIF Scroungers on Friday nights and district events held at the club lately, the club is looking into improving the lighting on Gr 1. This will enable the club to look at attracting more events and more barefoot bowlers to the club thus increasing the revenue and enabling more improvements.

Volunteers Welcome

Anyone who is interested in joining the hard-working group of volunteers that help maintain the greens, mow the lawns, and do the gardening, please come along at 7am Friday mornings. All helpers very welcome!

ON THE GREEN

OUR Q7's JOURNEY MATT BLYTH

Well, what a great way to finish Q7s regular season. Division 3 got the win on all three rinks and not only secured top spot in the section but also the number 2 seeding leading into the finals. Had we lost on the weekend we would have been eliminated. Thanks to Jeff Taylor who was texting me with updates all afternoon while I was in lockdown, I was nervously awaiting each update. Add to this a nice win

by fifth division to finish their season. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the division five team all year long, your efforts have been fantastic. Division three go on to play Aspley in the quarter finals at Pine Rivers on Saturday 2/4/22 at 1pm. Can't wait! It would be nice to see a good turnout from Northern Suburbs to cheer on division three.

BOWLS EVENTS

SPECIAL | On Monday the 4th of April we will host the Veteran's Bowls Day at our club. If you are willing to help out or fill in if needed please let Simon O'Connell know on 0411372840.

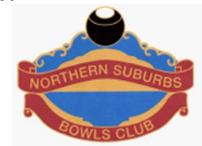
On Sunday the 10th of April is Sunday Funday bowls. Just show up at 9.30am for 10am start, the cost is \$10. Play bowls, listen to music and enjoy the social atmosphere.

Also during April after Q7s finish be ready for Jeff to call a lot of club competition.

On Thursday the 21st of April at 9am Bernborough Ascot will visit N.S.B.C and we will need some bowlers to play against them and show them what fun bowls is.

Saturday 23rd of April is Round 1 of the long awaited return of

Eclectic, put your name down at club if you want to play this year contact Roy Moore. Spots are filling fast!



REGULAR DAYS

TUESDAY - 1pm : Open Social

WEDNESDAY - 9.30am : Open Bowls with the Ladies

THURSDAY - 1pm : Open Jackpot Pairs

FRIDAY - 5.30pm : T.G.I.F. Scroungers

SATURDAY - 1pm : Open Social Bowls



MARCH SUNDAY FUNDAY

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On Sunday the 13th of March I attended Sunday Funday at the club and had a great time. I enjoyed a couple of fun 1hr games of bowls with Bronte, J.K. and co. Bronte was still on a high from winning \$60 at Scroungers on the previous Friday night in which she bowled very well. Then we sat down and enjoyed the music and had another tasty feed from Jamie @ Grid.

It was good to see quite a few visitors coming to the club. If you have some family and friends who want to have a good time, listen to music, have a beer and maybe play a bit of bare foot bowls then bring them along on the next Sunday Funday on Sunday 10th of April.

Northern Suburbs Bowls Club's
175A Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights

Sunday Funday
2nd Sunday of every month

Barefoot Bowls

Morning: Social Lawn Bowls \$10 PP
New & Non bowlers welcome!
Format depends on number participants
• Rego by 9.30am for 10am start

Cash prizes

Food: 12p.m. - 2.30p.m.
Changing monthly

Live Music: 12p.m. - 4p.m.
Presented by: Bands Around Brisbane

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Afternoon: Social Games \$5 PP

TABLE TENNIS
DARTS

NEWS TODAY

NEW MEMBERS?



With all the rain lately we have had a couple of Curlews hanging around the club. One of our members looked them up and thought they looked like Bush Stone Curlews.

Maybe we have a bird watcher amongst us who can let us know if that is right.

BREWER BOWLS HISTORIAN QUERY

Bowls Australia historian Laurie Browell is keen to find any QLD /Brisbane Club that might have a set of Brewer Bowls. Brewer seems to have been a Brisbane based manufacturer in the 1950's. They had a shop on Adelaide Street near ANZAC square. Laurie is hoping to find a club that not only has a set but who might be willing to donate them for the museum.

If you can assist with the above, please contact N.S.B.C.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1ST ROBERT MENOT
- 4TH PAULA SHORT
- 6TH JUDY LENSKE
- 8TH ROGER CLARKE
- 13TH LIBBY ODLING
- 16TH JILL STAINES
- 19TH MARIA WOOD
- 28TH PETER COREY
- 29TH NEV FRANKLIN

Sorry if I missed any birthdays as I rushed to get this out.



2022 Ladies Triples Champions Helen Rolley, Esther Lee and Roz Hughes



2022 Ladies Triples Runners-up Bev O'Brien, Judy Lenke and Dallas Weller

LADIES TRIPLE FINALS

The Ladies triples final was played on the 23rd March. Helen, Esther and Roz were victorious over Dallas, Judy and Bev. Congratulations I will have to update the photo on the Honour Board. It was good to see N.S.B.C. represented in the B.D.B.A. Ladies' District Triples which were played at our club

this month. My experience is your bowls get better if you play in these types of events. If any of the ladies would like to write a regular column about what is happening in the Ladies' bowls events involving our members. I would appreciate the help.



BAREFOOT ON THE GREENS

I was at the club last Sunday to help with the barefoot bowls. To see about 250 parents and children at our club using our facilities was great. When I first started playing bowls all those years ago the clubs were able to make good money out of its members at the bar and from those same members using the greens. Barefoot bowls numbers at the club are on the rise with about 250 there on Sunday and about 10 volunteers came to help out. It's amazing how much energy those kids have.

This last month we have welcomed some groups using our greens on a regular basis. Di and Errol ran an introductory course over 4 weeks through the University of the Third Age (U3A). We got 7 new members out of this group. Welcome to those new members.

Also the Wavell State High School football cohort were regulars at our club on Friday afternoons in March.

Thanks to Di, Ian & Lee for coming each week to look after them.

The best way for bowls clubs to prosper in today's bowls world is by getting others to your club through things like barefoot bowls and using your club premises for other events.

We have great facilities at our club which people always find impressive when they first come to the club.

It's good to see Paula and her staff, and our membership, working hard together to improve the club's appeal and services to our community .



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CAN YOU HELP ON THE GREENS?

OR WITH THE NEWSLETTER?

LET US KNOW!