

BURLEIGH HEADS BOWLS CLUB

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CHATROOM

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The Burleigh Heads Bowls Club occupies prime land that is wasted on a small bunch of boozing boomers for their dying 'sport'. Surely with the next stage of the light rail to alight on the club's doorstep there should be something worthwhile there, a park, a car park, anything! Give this space back to people. Bill.

In reply to Bill 24/12, what people do you think this space should be given back too? The Burleigh Bowls Club is a meeting place for real locals with the best beer garden on the Coast. Methinks Bill is just your typical new south Welshman who blew in with the rest of the southern blue bottles. Why change what ain't broken? TJK

OK Bill, let's see you turn your home into a park. After all, the Burleigh Bowls Club has just as much rights as you do, if not more! They have been bought and funded by members. They are a green space, cheap meals and entertainment. I wonder if you're a sour, jealous, food business there?

TODAY'S BEST TEXT

Bill, (chatroom 24/12) and your comments on Burleigh Heads Bowls Club. The club has 440 bowling members, 2500 social members, this year over 30,000 visitors and 10,000-plus barefoot bowlers enjoyed the amenities. Live music Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Booked out show nights during the year, Aust Day, Anzac Day festivities, trivia and a great eastern/western cuisine bistro. Please come in and grab a copy of the 'whats on' booklet. It may change your thinking. Paul Hynes, Chairman BHBC

and the raffles there one Friday night and see if he still feels the same way. Michael Hart, MP Burleigh.

In response to Bill in Tuesday's Chatroom. The Burleigh Heads Bowls Club is a key part of what makes Burleigh the place we all love. It's staying in place as long as I represent the people of Burleigh. Bill should join my family and I for dinner

That's a waste of police resources... about the... brown... the... cl... W... th...

A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I trust members had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. With the Ladies Section back to bowling after a break and the Premier League and Q7 competitions in full swing there is much activity and excitement happening in the club.

The Board has appointed Ossie Moore as the Greens Supervisor. Ossie expressed an interest in this role due to his long association with turf related to golf courses. I must also mention our greenkeeper Michael Turner and the effort he has put in with the renovation of green 1. Thanks also to Allan (bobcat) Holmes and the volunteers for their efforts. A greens report is included in this publication.

The following tasks have been assigned to Board Director's who will chair sub-committees and provide recommendations to the Board:

Finance - Phil Westlake. Responsible for financial targets and the allocation of funds.

Jim Wadling – Communications. The action is to introduce a policy relating to an improvement in communication within the club including external communication.

Di Pickett/Allan Cullen – Infrastructure and Club House improvements. Prioritise projects, and provide recommendations to the Board.

The above actions together with Financial targets, Bowls Development, Customer Service improvements and marketing initiatives will form the basis of a 2020 Action Plan. The Action Plan should be finalised by mid February and information on the plan will be made available to members.

Who is Bill. We must thank Bill for his 'letter to the editor' which appeared in the Gold Coast Bulletin paper. This was an opportunity for some free promotion of our club. Bill's letter and responses to the letter appear on the previous page.

REPORT CONTINUED...

Entertainment in 2020. The following shows have been arranged for this year:

Saturday June 20th. Living In the 70's

Saturday July 18th. The Best of Britain's Divas

Saturday August 22nd. The Australian Dire Straits Experience

Saturday October 10th. Octoberfest. Sneaky Schnitzel

(oompah band)

Bushfire Appeal. The club has donated to the Bushfire Appeal by mat fees raised on the Australia Day bowls tournament. A further initiative revolves around our bowls co-ordinator Barrie Lester. Barrie will be playing in the Bowls Premier League in Moama VIC during February, 14 games in total. The club he represents Dandenong will donate \$20 for every toucher Barrie gets, our club will match that. In addition, there is a sheet at reception for any member to promise a donation per toucher.

A surprise donation has been received by the club from the small coffee outlet at the far end of James St called 'Seadog' run by a dedicated local Brodie Green. Brodie donated \$1 for every coffee sold on Christmas Day. Say hi to Brodie if you are up that way, buy a coffee and thank him for the donation.

Congratulations to all involved in the preparation and organisation of our Premier League debut. This was an important opportunity to showcase our club and we have acquitted ourselves brilliantly. Members will be wishing our teams all the best for the remainder of the season.

Good bowling to all.

Paul Hynes

Men's President's Report January 2020

Happy New Year everyone!

We are well into our Premier League and Q7's season with some success coming our way.

It is heartening to see the dedication our Premier League players are showing and this certainly is reflected in the results. We are currently in 3rd place on the ladder in Premier Grade and 8th in Reserve Grade. I'm looking forward to the match against North Toowoomba at the Hammerdome this Saturday night which is being Live Streamed on Facebook. What a great opportunity to showcase our Club. The weather has been against us with rain on all our home games so far but fingers crossed we'll have more luck from here on in. Please if you can get down to the Club and support our teams when we have home games.

The Q7's have had mixed success but it's still early days. There are still a couple of games that have been rescheduled due to rain. Good luck to our 4 Divisions.

Thanks to everyone that helps with our home games of Premier League and Q7's. This includes Managers, Umpires, BBQ attendants and others who help setup and pull down marquees etc. Many hands make light work and it's great to see us working as a Club.

The Men's Council with the co-operation of Barrie Lester has been working on a new format for the Burleigh Classic. We want to make it a hallmark event in the Gold Coast Bowls calendar and the concept we are looking at is unique for the area. More info will be forthcoming once some details are finalized.

We also will be bringing some new events to the club this year. Barrie has some exciting concepts in mind and the Men's Council also has some ideas we'd like to try out. We intend to revamp the Anzac Challenge Shield (last played in 2015), the State of Origin

Shield (last played in 2003) and the Easter Challenge Shield – Men v Ladies (last played in 2001).

The first round of the biannual Bowly Grail challenge between the Camels and the Men's Club will be held on the 1st March. At the moment it stands at 1 win each. This is a great day at the Club and we look forward to a hotly contested tournament.

New official Facebook Group —
Search for "Burleigh Bowls Official" to join.

All in all I look forward to an exciting bowls year and hope everyone will support the events.

GO Burleigh!

Brian Bottrell
Men's President

TREASURERS REPORT

Club Finances

We have now completed the first quarter of our financial year, It gives me the pleasure to report to you that the club has had a successful trading period that has resulted in an \$87,434 turnaround when compared to the same period last year. This turnaround is mainly the result of the club not having the payroll costs of the greens and bistro and also a strong showing in increased barefoot bowls.

We are now entering our traditional slow trading period of January to March. We are hopeful that the advent of our participation in Premier League could bolster our trade over this normally quiet period. As I have previously stated the increase in the repairs and maintenance to our ageing facilities is an ongoing concern that the Board is reviewing.

Phil Westlake

Barrie's Bowls Bulletin

By Barrie Lester



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January has been a rewarding month both on and off the greens at Burleigh heads Bowls club.

Congratulations to Jake Fehlburg who has been selected as a finalist in the 2019 Gold Coast Para – sport Sports Start of The Year Award. The event will be held on Thursday 27 February 2020 at Southport Sharks Function Centre.

The New Year's Day pairs were a success with very good attendances played in great weather and spirit.

Premier League Bowls arrived for the first time at Burleigh heads Bowls Club on January 11. The mighty Hammers challenged Victoria Point Magpies and came away with a fantastic win in very treacherous conditions due to the heavy rain.

The Premier and Reserve Grade teams made an outstanding debut to the Premier League winning three games out of a possible four over the double-header weekend. As it sits currently the Premier League grade are in third position in our reserve grade in eighth with plenty of bowls to come. Very proud of all our player's efforts and especially our spectators have come along to both our home and away games to support the Hammers. We encourage all our members to make it along to home games where the crowds can really make the difference between a win and a loss.

Thank you to all the volunteers involved umpiring, team managers or help setting up our match day events such as social bowls Q7's and Premier League.

A special mention to Michael Turner our greenkeeper who has delivered a brilliant green to play on which helps showcase our club during big events.

Barefoot bowls has been very busy with huge numbers attending the club and enjoying their experience, thank you to the barefoot bowls team/staff for assisting with setting up and teaching our visitors how to bowl.

Planning is in place for a big calendar-year of tournaments and events on our greens. I am currently in discussions with many potential sponsors to come on board and support our club and tournaments.

I have booked in a school program for six sessions starting in March, information will be posted on our noticeboard. I look forward to hosting the Palm Beach Currumbin School and looking to recruit future members for our junior Academy. If you would like to assist with the school program please let me know.

Burleigh heads Bowls club currently sits at number one when you google Lawn Bowls or Barefoot Bowls. Burleigh Bowls Club has a strong presence online and our social media is growing from strength to strength.

GREENS SUPERVISOR REPORT

Early January saw the major work on green# 1 commence.

3 inches of turf and sand were scalped off the top. Alan Holmes, Burleigh Bowls member, operated the bobcat and his company removed the sand and soil, with green's superintendent Michael Turner providing direction and labour! After this 2 day operation the green was then laser levelled later in the week.

The following Monday, the surface was fertilised and 25+ members assisted with the spreading of the Tifdwarf stolons and the spiking/rolling of the green. A mesh was then used to cover the green for protection and encourage even growth.

A rewarding day and a big thank you to all involved!

The green was then watered 5 mins every hour for several days. There was concern after 250 mls of rain fell on Saturday morning, followed with falls of 23 mls and 22 mls in a few days. The mesh was lifted after 10 days, to reveal a great result.

The green has had an organic feed and is now waiting 3 weeks until mowing begins. Again, the laser will be used to level the surface.

The target, is to bowl in early April, maybe earlier!

Ossie Moore



LADIES PRESIDENT REPORT

Happy New Year & hello bowling friends,

A welcome wet start to January & we look forward to some more rain. It's been a heartbreaking time for many Aussies going through the bushfire devastation & we feel their loss & pain & want to help in any way. Our club has found a few ways to help in this regard.

Our Thursday Ladies have started as usual slowly for 4-5 weeks as it's so hot. The attendance on the first 2 days has been excellent.

We are all looking forward to our Aust Day Mixed Day on Monday 27 Jan as well as a few more mixed days during the year.

To any of our members who are unwell or have lost loved ones our thoughts are with you.

I wish all a good bowling year, happy & healthy.

It's nice to be important.....but it's more important to be nice.

June O'Dea
Ladies President 2020

LADIES GAMES DIRECTORS REPORT

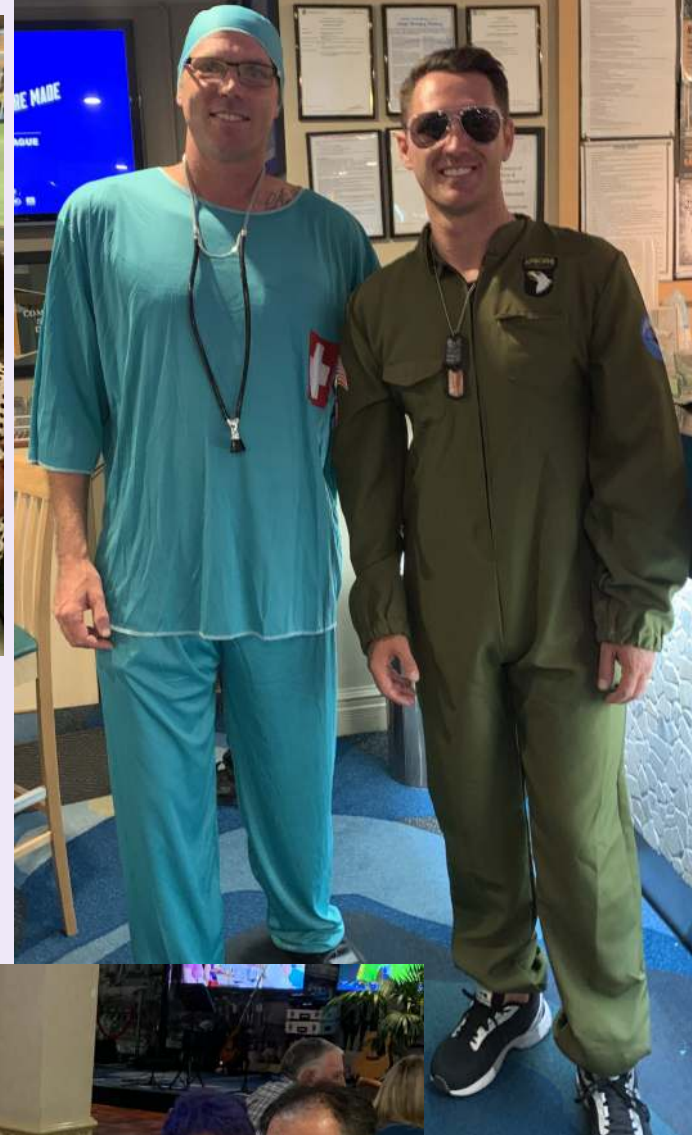
As this is our first Bowlers News for 2020 I'd like to welcome back all our Lady Bowlers who have braved the heat, and look forward to seeing the rest of you when it's a bit cooler.

Our Competitions and scheduled events will not begin until the middle of March. Our first Championship will be the fours so start thinking about, and arranging your teams Ladies. Remember we need 8 teams to run a competition so all you Skips please try to help other players by trying to limit one skip to a team. Nothing like a change Ladies...be daring!!

Now just to wind up last years news....On Saturday 14th December Saturday bowls finished for the year with Social bowls followed by a sumptuous lunch, a few drinks and lots of laughter. Sadly Hazel Easton has decided to step down this year from collecting the prizes and supplying morning tea, (and her helper Karen has too!!) She was presented with a wonderful card by Margaret Huxley that was written on by all the girls (and it takes pride of place in her home) and a spectacular arrangement of flowers. The format will be a little different in 2020 but I know all you wonderful ladies will still support it.

Karen Harding
Ladies Games Director 2020





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COACHING NOTES

I would like to start the year by looking at the mechanics of delivery, and stress the importance of a smooth, relaxed and repeatable delivery action. There is appearing, particularly in the elite ranks of bowlers, a different delivery to that which most of us have been taught, let's call it the walk through delivery. But first we will consider the older method and stress the importance of a smooth delivery.

FIRSTLY your grip must be comfortable and sure, the bowl should be held in the finger tips to allow you to have a good feel for it's weight, but must not feel that it is going to fall out of your hand. The preferred grip by most coaches, and probably the majority of players, is the orthodox index and little fingers on the rings beside the running surface, with the thumb on, or just below, the ring. Just below the ring does remove pressure from the major joint of the thumb and is preferred by many players and coaches. The bowl must be held such that the rings are exactly vertical at delivery and the bowl must be pointing along your delivery line.

SECONDLY, your stance on the mat should be such that you can stand with your body facing along the aiming line repeatedly. This is necessary because if the mat is moved up or back on the rink you don't have a fixed aiming line other than the one dictated by your angle to the centre line from your feet. If you wish to prove this, place the mat on the T and a jack on the other T. Draw a bowl to the jack, make a strong mental note of the position of your anchor foot position on the mat, move the mat up to the 21m , place your foot in precisely the same position as before and deliver to the jack. You will find that, without reference to any other mark, you will draw the shot.

THIRDLY, be completely balanced on the mat if you are not, as you start your backswing, stop, stand and restart your delivery swing. As you take the step forward, again if you don't feel balanced, stop, stand and start again.

FOURTHLY, as you are swinging your arm into the backswing, make sure you lock your elbow and wrist at about the vertical then complete your backswing with a rigid arm



COACHING NOTES CONT...

Hold this position in the follow through, watch your bowl travel roughly a third of the way up the green before you come up going forward.

FIFTHLY, as you step forward make sure you are stepping straight ahead without bringing the toe of your stepping foot across your line as this will twist your body off your aiming line and produce a narrow backhand or a wide forehand delivery. Now let us look at the walk through type of delivery, most of the foregoing still applies otherwise your delivery will not be smooth. This delivery style produces much more of the body's momentum into the bowl as there is no pause or slow down in the delivery movement. Basically, you stand on mat in normal delivery position, looking along the aiming line and begin your backswing, which you will find needs to be less than normal, as you begin to swing forward and step off you will dip the shoulder of the delivering arm to have the bowl as near running surface as possible. Still moving forward, deliver the bowl and continue in your stepping forward for some steps to ensure you are balanced. It will take a lot of practice and concentration to get the delivery repeatable, but if you persevere I believe it will improve your overall performance. Always remember that however you deliver the bowl, practice with a purpose should improve your game. If you are having trouble with a particular shot, practice this shot repeatedly till you are comfortable playing it, but still practice the shots you play well. If you need help deciding on a training regime, talk to a coach who can help you develop the program which will suit your needs. Train your body and mind to produce a smooth delivery, free of jerking or stutters, have a pre-shot routine which relaxes you and allows you to deliver the bowl without any doubts in your mind about how to deliver. Remember the delivery is what you can control, the result is dependent on your ability to deliver smoothly, so ignore those things which you cannot control and deliver to the best of your ability.

Good Bowling and Enjoy

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Camels Corner February 2020

Best wishes for a Happy New Year to all of the Camels and congratulations to the new executive for 2020.

President: Paul (Cigar) Baggaley

Vice President: Andrew (Doog) Opferkuch

Treasurers: Anthony (Hydro) Taubman and Mick Boland

Flag Bearer: Neil (Unra) Taylor

The amazing year ended with the Camels Annual Christmas Party attended by an enthusiastic group.

The morning on the greens were complimented with a prawn feast at the break followed by a light lunch, raffles and awards.

The Award winners for attendance and loyalty to the club included Denny, Wally, Doog, Mick the Matt and Hendo. Mick the Matt and Hendo tied for the most games played during the year, but Mick the Matt won out as he had attended one more away game.

The much-coveted trophy's were hand crafted by own Camel, Ugly. Not only is Ugly a talent on the greens but obviously missed his calling as a trophy manufacturer.

One oddity that followed the award to Mick (The Matt) for attending every game of the year is that he was absent for the first game of the year in 2020. There is now an investigation underway to the validity of his award.

The first home game of the year with visitors will be February 9th against Normanby and the first away game will be at Robina March 8th for a Gala Day.

Camels Corner February 2020 Continued...

There will be additional exciting games to come this year, as many as six games with Robina. Tugan has also indicated that they would like to play more games with the Camels.

Mark it on your calendar, the two big overnight trips of the year will be Iluka June 6-7th and Bribie Island on September 12-13th.

The other big dates to mark down are March 1st and August 30th for the Annual Bowly Grail. This year we have intentions to have the rules of the event established before the start of the games.

The Camels were well represent at the Australia Day fun events at the club. Winning the Pie Eating Contest was Adam, and the runner up in the Thong Throwing Contest was a Tas. Well done boys!

And a big thanks to all of the Camels who volunteered for the #1 green renovations during January including Chefs de Sausage Sizzle, Wally and Ron

Our best wishes to our new president Cigar for his imminent surgical procedure. We all know cigar has a big heart and he will be back onto the greens very soon.

Bullwinkle





February 2020 Bowling Calendar

MONDAY	NO BOWLS— roll ups GREEN#3 ONLY
TUESDAY	LADIES MIXED/PAIRS AM
WEDNESDAY	MENS TRIPLES/PAIRS AM MENS FOURS PM
THURSDAY	LADIES SOCIAL AM
FRIDAY	MENS TRIPLES/PAIRS AM MENS FOURS PM
SATURDAY	LADIES TRIPLES AM MENS TRIPLES PM
SUNDAY	BAREFOOT BOWLS 12-5PM

CAMELS FEBRUARY SUNDAYS:

February 9th - Normandy H

February 16th - Ipswich A

February 23rd - Robina Gala Day A



March 2020 Bowling Calendar

MONDAY	NO BOWLS— roll ups GREEN#3 ONLY
TUESDAY	LADIES MIXED/PAIRS AM
WEDNESDAY	MENS TRIPLES/PAIRS AM MENS FOURS PM
THURSDAY	LADIES SOCIAL AM LADIES PRESIDENTS DAY SEPTEMBER 19TH
FRIDAY	MENS TRIPLES/PAIRS AM MENS FOURS PM
SATURDAY	LADIES TRIPLES AM MENS TRIPLES PM
SUNDAY	BAREFOOT BOWLS 12-5PM

CAMELS MARCH SUNDAYS:

March 1st - Bowly Grail H
March 8th - Robina H
March 15th - Bribie Island H
March 22nd - Ballina A
March 29th - Tugun A



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A. Patty
O' furniture !!



Q. When is an Irish potato not an Irish potato?



A. When it's a FRENCH fry !!

Q. How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?



A. He's DUBLIN over with laughter!

Q. What does a leprechaun call a happy man wearing green?

A. A Jolly Green Giant!



Q. What do you get when 2 leprechauns have a conversation?

A. A lot of small talk.



Q. Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?



A. Because regular rocks are too heavy !!



Q. Where would you find a leprechaun baseball team?



A. In Little League !!



Knock, knock. Who's there?

Irish. Irish who?

IRISH You a Happy St. Patrick's Day!



What always sleeps with its shoes on?

[Answer](#)

A Horse.

What animal is always moaning?

[Answer](#)

A WHINEoceros!

What are the two strongest days?

[Answer](#)

Saturday and Sunday. The rest are week days.

What are two things you cannot have for breakfast?

[Answer](#)

Lunch and dinner.

What are vampires?

[Answer](#)

A pain in the neck.

What bank never has any money?

[Answer](#)

The riverbank

What bet can never be won?

[Answer](#)

The Alphabet.

Valentine's Day Word Search Puzzle

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