

BURLEIGH HEADS BOWLS CLUB



**BOWLER
NEWS**

February

Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the first Bowling News for 2019. Since the last report in December the club has experienced an excellent trading period over Christmas and New Year and it continues well into the New Year. It is pleasing to see queues at the bistro leading to a few complaints about the waiting time. However, a nice position to be in. A special mention to all our tuned in staff who have been incredibly busy but have handled it with distinction and you have done yourselves proud. Barefoot and Corporate bowls continue to thrive and provide necessary income to support our bowling membership. Our Treasurer and Vice Chairman (House Director) have good news in the following pages with our Bowls Development Manager also listing upcoming initiatives.

The New Year's Eve show featuring Captain Wow exceeded expectations and was enjoyed by the many attendees who filled the dance floor all night. Our favourite band Partners In Crime are already booked for next year.

On a disappointing note our application for a State Government Grant supported by our local MP to fund an upgrade to our green lighting to Bowls Australia LED lighting standards was not successful. Applications for grants from sporting clubs throughout Queensland totalling nearly \$39M were received for \$13M of available money. The past Board approved expenditure in the event of the grant not being successful and a motion has again been passed by the current Board to upgrade the lights. As more inter-club competitive games are played at twilight/night the upgrade is seen as essential if we wish to remain a professional and progressive club. In addition, the improved lighting will provide our members with better facilities for night social games such as the Thursday Hawaiian nights and improved practice facilities under lights. At the time of writing 4 quotes from different suppliers are under consideration.

A 2019 Action Plan for the club has been developed. The plan covers Customer Service requirements, Finance, Bowls Development, Club Facilities, Club Promotion, Entertainment, Social Outings and Sponsorship. I am happy along with any member of the Board to discuss the contents with any member who may be interested remembering that some items are commercial-in-confidence.

Our Secretary Manager has received a letter from a member regarding dissatisfaction about the general running of the club and other criticism's. It was indicated that the letter had been distributed to several other members.

At a meeting with the member it was pointed out that several statements in the letter were incorrect. It is disappointing that I and the other named persons in the letter were not afforded the basic courtesy of a response to statements prior to the letter being circulated. As always, members of the Board and myself are always open to constructive feedback from members regarding the running of the club.

Despite Australia Day falling on a Saturday with all retail stores open and not a public holiday the club had an excellent trading day. Morning mixed bowls proved successful with few complaints about the 1 bowl format used. Unfortunately the very hot weather and the synthetic green did cause problems with some ladies footwear. Live music, thong throwing, pie eating and a mud crab race kept a large crowd interested in the afternoon. It appeared though that some of the crabs were also impacted by the weather and never got out of the starting gate. Sunday was also extremely busy at the club.

It is great to see Ian and Allan Law and Scotty returning to play for the club in the Q7 competition. A great start by the Division 1 side winning their first two matches. Enthusiasm is infectious and with drill training occurring under the watchful eyes of our coaches the skills of our players can only improve. The first few weeks of playing matches with twilight start times are proving popular with many members supporting our teams and many visitors enjoying the contests and our club facilities.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2019.

Paul Hynes
Chairman

HOUSE/ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

It certainly is a busy time in and around the club.

HOUSE

The air conditioning is now completely reviewed and commands temperatures that are compatible with most congenial activities within the club. Whether you are enjoying a meal in the bistro, socialising at the bar, watching bowls from the lounge area, the air conditioning is adding to a very pleasant environment.

As part of “keeping up with the Joneses” we have migrated the honour board to an electronic kiosk. The kiosk, situated at the reception area, now houses and shows the history of the club for member championships, achievements and the like. It is a work in progress as we add sponsors, coming events, cross reference achievements and the like. Should you have any thought that may value-add, please let me know.

As soon as we launched the electronic kiosk, it then permitted us to introduce two larger than life 82 inch TV screens on the stage wall. There has been great feedback regarding these tv’s and we are looking forward major sports and other broadcasts being shown as a central focus in the club.

Also the “NRL” tv in the corner at the end of the bar has now been joined with a second tv, this will become the “AFL” tv for the bar area.

There are also now installed 2 new 20 inch tv’s for the keno players.

Our poker machine room has been further updated. We have taken advantage of an offer from Ainsworth and replaced two old machines with their latest and upgraded two others.

In March, there is a gaming expo in Brisbane and we will be monitoring offers that coincide with this event to further upgrade our gaming room. This is an ever ongoing surveillance as we strive to stay with the latest machines for the benefit of our club.

The men's locker room area has taken a huge appraisal. A very big thank you to Dennis Hurst and Mick Myers, these men have very spent countless hours clearing out the smaller locker room and improving the main locker room. I am sure that they are still dreaming keys, keys and keys. A great job well done and another example of the wonderful gratuitous effort. We are very fortunate with the generosity that our members provide with many hours of voluntary work from time to time. So, the freeing up of the smaller men's locker room means that we have room to store the overflow of chairs. We thank the ladies for their patience when there was inconvenience caused when these chairs were regularly stored in their locked/lounge area. The main lounge chairs have received a "spruce up", being spring cleaned and are again looking brand new for our member/guest use.

ENTERTAINMENT

The main show entertainment dates and has been set for the year and many thanks to Garry Potts for his guidance here.

The main show dates to take note in your diaries are:

16th March Herman's Hermits and Mersey Beat 20th April (easter) Paul Kelly Tribute 6th July Creedance Clearwater Band 24th August Elton John show 19th October Sneaky Snitzel (German Umpa band) New Year's Eve Partners in Crime. Dress theme to be decided.

Our ever popular last Saturday of the month Rock ' Roll nights are all booked and ready to jive the nights away.

Peter Johnson

Deputy Chairman



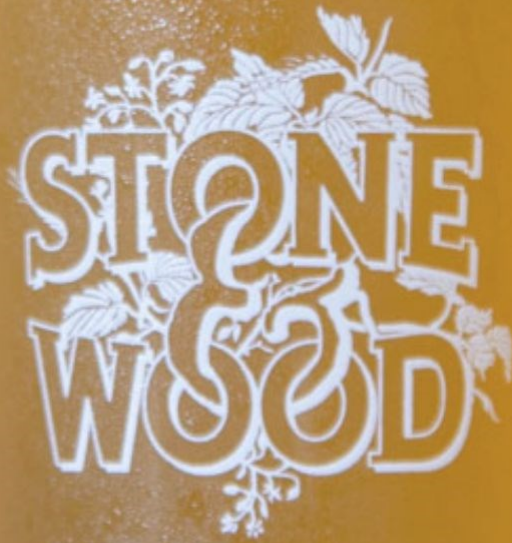
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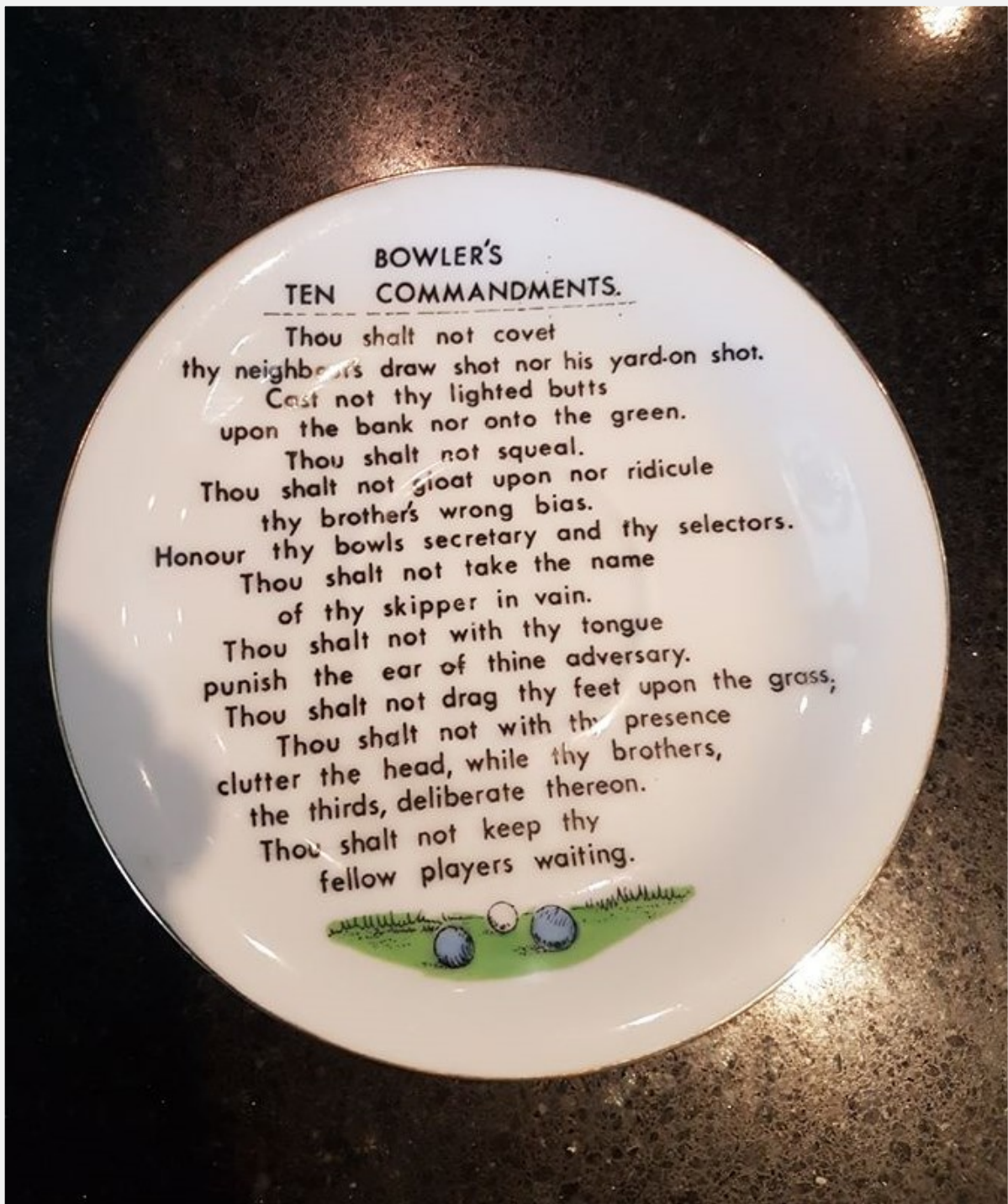
AUSTRALIA DAY 26.1.19



Members Christmas Party!



Bowler's Ten Commandments



Take note of the Bowlers Ten Commandments!
Thank you to Nevin Harris for sharing this plate of knowledge
with us

Finance Report

For the first quarter of trading of our financial year I am happy to report a steady increase in turnover. Our income was up 38% from the corresponding period last year and the gross profit up 34% or \$117,600 for the period.

Expenditure for the period has been contained and has risen in line with our expectations and in line with addition activates commenced e.g bistro and bingo. The resulting net profit for the period was \$95000 compared to a loss for the same period last year. The bistro is becoming an integral part of our business and now has a steady and increasing patronage.

On the gaming side of things we have replaced three of the under performing machines with two new Konami machines at a discounted price and another upgraded machine at no additional cost.

After a couple of hiccups with our book keeping support last year, we now have reliable support and the identified shortcomings with the various sub accounts are now being rectified. The next quarter has traditionally been a slow trading period, so we will endeavour to maintain our patronage in all areas with our proposed entertainment and other activates.

Phil Westlake
Treasure

Member Bio

Trevor Stuart Webster

Trevor turned 94 years old on January 29th. This is Trevor's story in his own words:

I was born at Helensville in NZ on January 1925. My parents were Dairy Farmers. I am the eldest of 3, I have 2 sisters aged 91 and 88. We were brought up on a country farm. We had metal roads and had to walk 5 miles to school from ages 6 to 12. We had a bus to go to High School 12 miles away. My first job was at a local grocer's.

I moved to Auckland to get better pay. I got a job at the Glass Works at 3 pound per week. In 1943 at 18 years old I joined the Air-Force and was trained as Air Frame Rigger. I went into the Pacific Islands for war service. In 1946 I was in the NZ forces to go to Japan called BCOF for occupation duties. I came home in 1947 and got discharged from the Air-Force. I returned to take over the family farm. I married in 1949 and went on the farm for two years. My father sold the farm, and I moved into Auckland as my wife was a city girl. I brought a house and a Bread Round, had it for two years and then sold it and purchased my own farm of 56 acres near the Air-Force at Whenuapai. I had to set it up as a dairy farm for cream supply. They stopped collecting cream and made it a whole milk area, my farm was too small so I sold it off in 10 acre lots.

I got a job at the Air-Base mowing lawns, pushing a Gravely Mower. Pay 4 pond 10 shillings for 40 hours (\$9 in today's money). This was in the 1950's, we could not live on that money, so I went to work as a hammer hand for a builder. After I learnt the trade, a mate and I went into labour only houses. In 1970 I sold my 10 acres and brought the local grocery store. It was a little old store, so I built a new shop with a residence above it. We were there for 15 years as a grocer and got out before the big super markets started. I retired at 60 in 1985, then went over to London.

We had many tours of Europe and have been to Russia twice. We did a gliding trip in France as my son had a glider. We could not stay in London in the winter as it was too cold. We went to Spain Costa-De-Sol, for 4 months. I went to 2 bull fights at Madrid in Spain. We had to go to Gibraltar to buy English food. We had a total of 8 months in Spain.

I returned home in 1987 and brought my place at Palm Beach. In 1994 we moved to Palm Beach. I demolished the old Fibro and built a Duplex. I joined Currumbin RSL Bowling Club and I got my umpires certificate in 1996. I have a Life Membership in the RSL. We all had to go to the Palm Beach Club when the RSL took it over. I was President at Palm Beach Club of 350 members. When the Club closed in 2001 most of the members went to Tugun Bowling Club. I served as a Treasurer for 2 years and on the Bowling Committee and worked in the Games Office.

I decided to have a change and joined Burleigh Heads Bowls Club 5 years ago. I have enjoyed my time and friendship here. I had 2 strokes in 2017 but I am trying to get back into playing bowls again.

Regards to all members.

Trevor Webster



Ladies Report

Our ladies started back at bowls on Thursday 10 Jan to our usual hot weather. We had a well deserved month off to catch our breath & enjoy a rest. I was surprised & pleased to see 28 ladies on our first day back . Well done!

Our new committee had their first meeting last week & all went well. Welcome to the ladies who have joined the committee for their first year. Unfortunately our Vice President, Val Bourne will be returning to Melbourne soon for family reasons.

We will be getting a delivery of our new club shirts before Easter.

Good bowling to all & keep cool in this hot weather with our neck cooling cloths. These are available at Reception also on our Thursday Ladies Day for only \$7 each, also a great gift.

Happy bowling & it's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice!

June O'Dea
Ladies President 2019

Saturday Morning Bowlers celebrated their Christmas Party on 8th December with a game of social bowls and a sumptuous morning tea .Everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere and thanks go to Margaret Huxley and her team, Phyllis Sculley ,Hazel and Karen for their work throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 9th February 2019.



Coaching Notes

First I will ask a question, do you know the difference between Training to Compete and Training to Win?

Training to **COMPETE** requires the athlete to be a contributor but training to **WIN** requires total commitment by the athlete. The bowler who is training to compete is satisfied with taking part in training sessions by coaches and the occasional roll up between sessions.

However the bowler who is training to win will take training programs specifically designed for the position he will be playing and devote regular time to training in the skills needed to allow him to perform at his best in the team. This bowler will be at the club training most days of the week. He will be training alone or with another member of the team playing in the same position as him. The committed bowler will know the training programs most suited to his position and will be practicing them as often as he can so that he will be able to perform them automatically without having to suddenly think, "How am I going to play this shot?"

Certain training programs are designed for individual positions mean while others work better for teams. For example, how many leads practice delivering the jack? This is a most important part of the training for the lead position and the lead should spend some part of every session practicing the jack delivery technique. The lead must be the most consistent draw bowler in the team, if the lead is wayward you will consistently be playing catch-up bowls. Remember the team most likely to win is the team which makes the least mistakes.

So how should the lead become proficient at his work? Firstly he should become proficient in his jack delivery and be able to deliver to any required length with an error of no more than one metre.

So place markers on the green and deliver to them over all conceivable distances, measure your error and record, length and error. Do the drill often and determine to reduce the error every time you bowl. Leads in particular should do a 40 bowl test often to ensure they are developing the ability to draw their first bowl into a counting position.

The 40 bowl test is conducted over maximum and minimum distances and requires you to finish within a mat length of your target to score. An acceptable score for a first time would be around 40% overall but would have to improve with each repeat of the test. You are looking for a score of 65% or better. Organise to do this test with a coach or reliable scorer (ask Ron for a copy of the drill sheet)

Our lead should also practice drawing to a hidden jack, as should all members of the team, as this shot probably occurs more often in a game than any other. The way for a lead to get practice in this shot is to set up a head with a couple of old bowls, and draw around covering bowl to the jack. The other alternative is to have a game of 2 bowl singles with another lead.

Don't forget to practice drawing to a moved jack, from the first bowl the jack can be moved sideways and you must adjust your delivery line to account for the shift. Best practice method is to deliver the jack and draw to wherever it stops. This also helps you deliver the jack correctly and fairly straight. Practice a different length every end because it happens in every match. Next issue of magazine I will have drills for all other positions, remember to come to training and you will learn how to do these, and more, drills.

Good bowling and enjoy.

Ron Alexander (Head Coach)

Bowls Development Report

Just an outline of what we have been doing over the past 2 months;

The Q7's competition has commenced involving over 250 teams throughout South East Qld from Division 1 to Division 7 and including Over 60's.

We have made significant progress from last year with our Division 1 currently 2 from 2 and comfortably at the top of their section. Our Division 2 have struggled to get a win but have been very competitive in both games with no luck. Our Over 60's have also lost both their games in close contests and given the numbers that are currently unavailable in this division they have performed well. A number of absentees will return to this side in the near future and I am sure they will get back on top. Our Division 4 have lost both games one being a close affair and the other was an uncomfortable loss. This side however has had a significant number of changes and I am sure once they have consistent personnel they will return to their winning ways.

Our club members have been awesome with volunteers umpiring, marking and manning the BBQ for our home games, thank you to all involved and to especially to our 'Pres' for organising.

Late February we will start a monthly open 3 bowl pairs tournament (The Endurance Pairs) on every 4th Monday with a 9am start, the sheet will be up late next week. This tournament will have an entry fee of \$40 per team and prize money totalling \$800, we hope it is well supported by our members.

Once we finalise the details we are hoping that in early March we will start an all day 2 bowl triples tournament, this will be similar to the above with an entry fee and relevant prize money available. Again we hope this develops into a monthly event.

During February I will start to visit the schools in our local district to get bowls introduced into their sporting programs.

Once we can get them into bowls our coaches will start to identify prospects and we hope to re-start the Junior Academy. This will be a long term project but one Ron and myself are keen to make happen.

And finally a big thank you to Ron and his coaching group, including the ladies. They have manned our training on Tuesday nights and are ever ready to help any bowler new or old to improve their bowls.

Steve Miller
Bowls Development Officer

A big Congratulations to Don Collins our new Life Member!



Presidents Report

Hello Bowlers

I hope everyone had a great Christmas/New Year.

Our bowling season is well and truly underway with the Queensland 7's (formerly Premier 7's) being into round 3. Some mixed results but our Division 1 is faring well.

The Summer 9's competition has commenced with Burleigh having a Men's side and a Mixed side. The Men's side had a win in their first game and the Mixed side were unsuccessful.

I hope everyone that participated in the Australia Day 1 Bowl Fours enjoyed themselves. We couldn't do anything about the temperature but the day ran smoothly and reports are that the majority of participants had a good time.

I have issued a challenge from the Men's Club to the Camels to play against us in an annual event. This will be held on Sunday 3rd March. There will be a trophy for the winners. We have christened the trophy "The Bowly Grail".

Quest for The Bowly Grail

Come all ye good men and true of Burleigh Bowls Club and join your President in a quest for the Bowly Grail. A challenge has been issued to those who go by the name of "Camels" to defend their honour on the Fields of Glory. Upon the appointed day of March 3rd in the year of our Lord 2019, battle shall commence at 9.00 in the forenoon on the hallowed grounds of Burleigh Heads Bowls Club. The method of combat shall be Lawn Bowls at a distance of no less than 21 metres. To the victors go the spoils and the "Bowly Grail", a mysterious artefact which shall be passed down through the ages.

We still need players for the Men's Club side so if you would like to play please put your name on the sheet in the locker room.

Our Hawaiian Nights on each Thursday are going well. We are limited to 14 teams for a few more weeks until Green 2 is back in use.

Good Bowling
Brian Bottrell



Happy Birthday Jack Pitt!



Jack Pitt is a long time member of the Burleigh Heads Bowls Club and reached 100 years of age last week (Jan 2019)

He would appreciate any visitors at : McKenzie Age Care Terraces Robina



Camels Corner

It was the Christmas Party of the year. It was long event with the two last men standing were Jake (Magoo) Fehlberg and A.J. (The Champ) Buatava. Well-done gentleman.

Before the 2018 Christmas party had started the much-anticipated Camels Election was held with some surprising results.

President Yogi did not retire and will stand for one more year in office (Yay Yogi). Vice President Wally has officially retired and his position has been filled by Ian (Spaco) Spackman. Treasurer Mick Boland continues in office with Anthony Taubman, joining Mick as Deputy Treasurer. Two new selectors were also announced at the election with Andrew (Doog) Opferkuch and Jeff (Fish) Sutherland taking on the challenging role.



The day was completed with some great bowls that were filled with Christmas spirits and an amazing steak dinner by the bistro followed by the always-anticipated raffles.



A big thank-you goes out to the entire bar staff, administration and grounds crew that continue to support the Camels. Scales Seafood also gets big thumbs up for their continued support and it was great to see the Scales crew joining in the festive celebrations. The Camels also want to recognize Denny and Greggo for their continued hard work in the raffles department. Well-done boys.

The Camels look forward to another great year in 2019. The first event of the year was in Tugan with 38 Camels playing and having a great day. The Camels are also looking forward to the bowls challenge presented by the BHBC Men's President Brian Bottrell.

Stay tuned.

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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

Q7s Home Games	3.2.19 Vs Paradise Point - 9am 9.2.19 Vs Musgrave Hill - 4:30pm 15.2.19 Vs Tugun 5pm 17.2.19 Vs Paradise Point - 9am 22.2.19 Vs Broadbeach A - 5pm
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CAMELS FEBUARY SUNDAYS:

Feb 3rd - Pottsville (Away)

Feb 17th - Normbanby (Home)

Feb 24th - Home Alone



MARCH Bowling Calendar

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SUNDAY	BAREFOOT BOWLS 12-5PM

Q7s Home Games 2.3.19 Vs Helensvale - 4:30pm
9.3.19 Vs Beenleigh - 4:30pm
16.3.19 Vs Moorooka - 4:30pm
23.3.19 Vs Southport - 4:30pm

CAMELS MARCH SUNDAYS:

Mar 3rd - Home Alone
Mar 10th - Tugun (Away)
Mar 17th - Bongaree (Home)
Mar 23/24 - Ballina (Away)
Mar 31st - Home Alone



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