

BOWLING NEWS



DECEMBER 2016



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Fixed Fee Capitation

In the past twelve months Bowls Queensland lost another 3,700 registered bowling members.

Our Club is not immune from the issue of declining bowling membership.

Our bowling membership in September 2015 had a bowling membership of 498 and we suffered the biggest annual loss of registered bowling members in our 79 year old history when we lost 95 bowling members – 60 males and 35 females and of our remaining 403 bowling members, 133 are aged between 70 to 79 and 101 members above 80 years of age.

In response to this national declining bowling membership, Bowls Australia has moved away from 'individual membership capitation' and has adopted the 'fixed fee model' based on all the States and Territory Association's individual club memberships in 2015 / 16. As stated before we had 498 bowling members in 2015 / 16. Bowls Australia set the fixed fee for 2016 / 17 for all States and Territory Association's club's individual bowling membership at \$15.59.

Although our registered bowling membership has declined from 498 to 403, our club in 2016 / 17 will pay Bowls Australia 498 members x \$15.59. In addition, Bowls Australia has announced that the fixed fee based on all State and Territory Association's club's membership in 2015 / 16 will increase by 3% annually. So from now on, our club will be paying Bowls Australia \$15.59 annually plus an annual increase of 3% for 498 bowling members, regardless of our future declining bowling membership. Further, Bowls Australia is strongly recommending that all States and Territory Associations adopt the fixed fee model, be it a club fixed fee or an individual bowling member fixed fee.



At this point in time, the 2016 / 17 Bowls Queensland annual affiliation fee for our 403 bowling members will be \$43.65 per member. The GCTDBA annual affiliation fee for 2016 / 17 for our 403 bowling members will be \$19.30 per member.

In the event Bowls Queensland follows other States and Territory Associations and adopts the fixed fee model this would, on our current 2017 registered club bowler figures, cost our club annually, \$43.65 per bowling member plus a 3% annual increase. GCTDBA would set their annual Affiliation fee, either based on our current bowling membership figures or adopt the fixed fee model. This would mean, based on our current membership of 403 bowling members, that for every player that either dies, resigns, transfers or just stops bowling, our club would have to continue to pay Bowls Australia 498 members x \$15.59 + 3% annual increase, Bowls Queensland 403 members x \$43.65 + 3% annual increase and GCTDBA their annual affiliation fee for our current bowling membership.

Currently, our club male bowlers pay a \$90 annual Affiliation fee whilst the female bowlers pay an \$80 annual Affiliation fee. Out of this annual Affiliation fee, Bowls Queensland will receive \$43.65, Bowls Australia \$15.59 and GCTDBA \$19.30, a total of \$78.54. Therefore our club retains \$1.46 for each female bowler and \$11.46 for each male bowler. Clearly our male and female bowling membership fee will have to be significantly increased from September 2017.

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Future Club Bowling Membership

Due to the ageing bowling membership across Australia, Queensland and indeed our club, the remaining bowling membership will have to make up the ever increasing Bowls Australia fixed fee and the impending State and Territory Association fixed fees. To date some States including Victoria and NSW 'have' and 'or are' adopting either a 'club based fixed fee' or an 'individual bowling member fixed fee'.

NSW has adopted an 'annual club fixed fee' for each club to affiliate with Bowls NSW for a twelve month period and would allow clubs to register bowling members throughout the year at no extra membership cost. Bowls NSW 2016 / 17 fixed fees for clubs have been calculated taking into consideration the size of the clubs, the amount paid for in the 2015 / 16 financial year and provides for a membership decrease at the end of each club's financial year.

In order to address the declining number of registered bowling members, bowls clubs across Australia are in the 'process' of 'creating' different categories of bowling membership, for example:

- Registered Club Bowling Membership, registered with the STA and BA which entitles these bowlers to play inter club pennant etc, play for their State or Territory and Australia as well as in their club social bowls and club championships.
- Affiliated Club Bowling Membership which entitles these bowlers to play only in their club social bowls and club championships but not be permitted to represent their club.

If our club opts to go down this track, we would advise Bowls Queensland of the de-registration of those registered bowling members who decide to play only social club bowls. The club could then set their bowling member annual fees, for example:

Registered Club Bowling Member Male and Female \$120

Affiliated Club Bowling Member Male and Female \$70

NOTE: These figures are representative only!

The registered club bowling member affiliation fees would continue to be paid to Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland and GCTDBA. The affiliated club bowling member fees would be retained by the club. The club would also need to establish a separate Bowling Membership category data base for each type of Bowling Membership.

In order to play in inter club competitions like summer nines, premier sevens, over 60s pennant and pennant representation, our club would need around 120 male registered bowlers. Similarly, in order to play pennant, our club would need around 50 female registered bowlers. The remaining 233 club bowling members not interested in competing in inter club competitions can choose to remain a registered club bowling member or become an affiliated club bowling member.



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Based on Bowls Queensland research, at least 50 bowling clubs across Queensland will close their doors in the next 5 years and considering the staggering 20% decrease in our club's bowling membership in one year and having 133 bowling members over between 70 and 79 years of age plus another 101 bowling members over 80 years of age, our long term club bowling membership is not encouraging.

Whether Bowls Queensland introduce the fixed fee model or not, the Board of Management must address this alarming drop in bowling membership and leave no stone unturned to develop strategies to recruit new bowlers and introduce fair priced bowling membership packages for our current club bowlers.

In the new year when more information is known about our State bowling affiliation membership, I will be calling a Club General Meeting where the bowlers of this club will be given every opportunity to express their opinions of the makeup of our club future bowling membership.

As we approach Christmas and New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a safe, wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Board Chairman



LADIES REPORT

As 2016 comes to an end and this is my last report as your president, I would like to thank everyone who has supported and helped me through this time. Our presentation day was held on the 27th Oct. This was sponsored by the games office and a good day was had by all. Congratulations to all the winners and runner ups for 2016.

On Friday the 28th Di Pickett, Denise Lowe, Barbara Ridgers and myself attended District President Jill Buchan's day at Musgrave Hill. We had a good game of bowls against a very friendly Beenleigh team and this was followed by a buffet lunch, all good. Thanks to Musgrave Hill for their great hospitality. On Saturday the 19th Nov. A gala day was held playing with bowlers from the travelling Harrington mixed Bowles Club. All together 88 bowlers had a very friendly morning of bowls. Once again our ladies helped out in providing all sorts of goodies for a lovely morning tea. You excelled again. Thankyou to our games director Val, June and Margaret for organizing the day and also thanks to Maureen and Denise for helping with the raffle tickets.

Finally I would like to say it has been a privilege to have served as president. I have enjoyed my time and like to thank my committee, the craft and charity table ladies who have all worked very hard for the good of our club. I would like to wish our incoming president Di Pickett and her committee a happy and successful year.

Have a Merry Christmas, enjoy the break, and I will see you all next year on the green.

Good health and bowling.
best wishes to all,

Esther Cullen
Lady President

Coaching Notes by Ron

COACHING NOTES BY RON

If you have applied the delivery techniques of last month's coaching notes you should now have a smooth, balanced and repeatable delivery. It is now up to you to develop a good practice routine to ensure you can play, particularly the draw shot, with confidence. You will, with practice, be able to have a good mental picture of the track your bowl follows, very necessary when the jack has been shifted off line. You need a training method for line and for weight, the line exercise is simply to deliver the jack and play to it wherever it stops, continually changing the length over which you are bowling. This will also give you some weight control due to changing length. It's a good idea to either bowl on one side of rink i.e. forehand in one direction and backhand in the other, or bowl 2 bowl each hand in each direction. To help you see improvement in your training it is an idea to keep yourself a score book using say 1 point for each delivery within a mat length, nothing for wider or longer bowls. You will, with time and application, find that you can challenge yourself by reducing the margin to a mat width. A training program may be:-



END 1 Jack on T mat at end of chalk line. Bowl 2 bowls forehand and 2 bowls backhand. Score 1 point for each bowl within 1 mat length of jack.

END 2 Same as end 1 and deliver in opposite direction.

END 3 Jack on T mat on T 4 bowls as before.

END 4 Same as end 3.

END 5 Place 1 jack 1m or 2 lines each side of centre line on T line, place mat at end of chalk line. Draw 1 bowl forehand and 1 bowl backhand to each jack. Score 1 point for each bowl within 1 mat length of jack.

END 6 Same in opposite direction.

END 7 same as end 5 but with mat on T .

END 8 same as end 7 but in opposite direction.

END 9 Jack on T with either a marker disc, old CD or another pair of bowls, placed 150mm (6 Inches) either side of jack, mat at end of chalk line. Draw through the jack to convert from 2 down to hold shot. Try to finish 1metre behind T line, it's a draw to another place, and a good conversion shot.

END 10 Same as end 9 but with mat on T.

Concentrate as you would in a match and improve.

Have a very happy and safe Christmas.

Good bowling and enjoy. Ron

Bowls Results

S.E.Q. PENNANT FINALS 2016

5th November - Division 5 - Round 1

Burleigh Heads

1. P. Casey	8
2. C. Fehlberg	8
3. H. Forshaw	12
TOTAL	28

Tewantin Noosa

1. G. Moss	29
2. D. Birt	14
3. M. Harth	10
TOTAL	53

5th November - Division 5 - Round 2

Burleigh Heads

1. C. Fehlberg	27
2. P. Casey	10
3. H. Forshaw	15
TOTAL	52

ENOGGERA

1. B. Cantrell	10
2. A. Beauchamp	22
3. E. White	11
TOTAL	43

5th November - Division 5 - Round 3

Burleigh Heads

1. C. Fehlberg	13
2. P. Casey	14
3. H. Forshaw	15
TOTAL	42

Aspley Memorial

1. J. Lang	8
2. L. Evans	16
3. N. Hawkins	13
TOTAL	37



Bowls Results

6th November - Division 5 - Round 4

Burleigh heads

1. C. Fehlberg	15
2. H. Forshaw	11
3. P. Casey	20
TOTAL	46

Jindalee

1. J. Edwards	15
2. B. Robinson	17
3. G. Saunders	9
TOTAL	41

6th November - Division 5 - Round 5

Burleigh Heads

1. C. Fehlberg	27
2. H. Forshaw	18
3. P. Casey	22
TOTAL	67

Glasshouse Country

1. B. Mallomson	12
2. R. Sullivan	9
3. K. Beasley	17
TOTAL	38

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NOVEMBER Bowling Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		Ladies/Mixed Pairs AM	Men's Trip A Men's Four
<u>4th</u> MENS AGM Barefoot Bowls 12—5pm 	<u>5th</u> CLUB CLOSED	<u>6th</u> Ladies/Mixed Pairs AM	<u>7th</u> Men's Trip A Men's Four
<u>11th</u> CAMELS CHRISTMAS PARTY Barefoot Bowls 12—5pm 	<u>12th</u> NO PLAY Roll ups on Green no. 3 only	<u>13th</u> Ladies/Mixed Pairs AM	<u>14th</u> Men's Trip A Men's Four
<u>18th</u> Barefoot Bowls 12—5pm 	<u>19th</u> NO PLAY Roll ups on Green no. 3 only	<u>20th</u> Ladies/Mixed Pairs AM	<u>21st</u> Men's Trip A Men's Four
<u>25th</u> CLUB CLOSED  	<u>26th</u> NO PLAY Roll ups on Green no. 3 only BOXING DAY	<u>27th</u> Ladies/Mixed Pairs AM	<u>28th</u> Men's Trip A Men's Four

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Triples or Pairs Men's Triples AM Women's Triples PM 	<u>1st</u> Ladies Social AM	<u>2nd</u> Men's Triples AM Men's Fours or Pairs—PM	<u>3rd</u> Ladies Triples AM Mens Triples PM
Triples or Pairs Men's Triples AM Women's Triples PM 	<u>8th</u> Ladies Social AM	<u>9th</u> Men's Triples AM Men's Fours or Pairs—PM	<u>10th</u> Ladies Triples AM Mens Triples PM
Triples or Pairs Men's Triples AM Women's Triples PM 	<u>15th</u> Ladies Social AM	<u>16th</u> Men's Triples AM Men's Fours or Pairs—PM	<u>17th</u> Ladies Triples AM Mens Triples PM
Triples or Pairs Men's Triples AM Women's Triples PM 	<u>22nd</u> Ladies Social AM	<u>23rd</u> Men's Triples AM Men's Fours or Pairs—PM	<u>24th</u> Ladies Triples AM Mens Triples PM
Triples or Pairs Men's Triples AM Women's Triples PM	<u>29th</u> Ladies Social AM	<u>30th</u> Men's Triples AM Men's Fours or Pairs—PM	<u>31st</u> Ladies Triples AM Mens Triples PM

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