## BOULTMG MEUS





#### **Message from the Chairman**

I trust members had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year period. Thanks to all members and guests who attended our New Year's Eve function at the club. A great night enjoyed with fellow members.

A couple of member profiles are included in the booklet this month. Our long serving Treasurer Don Collins and Geoff Irwin. Congratulations to Don and Geoff.

Thank you to Craig Clarke for the excellent job in painting the external walls and other infrastructure of the club in more modern colours. I know Craig enjoyed doing the work and helping the club out. Well done Craig.

<u>Board of Management Committees</u>. The following sub committees have been formed following the AGM and the appointment of committee members:

Finance Committee. Chaired by Don Collins.

House & Entertainment. Chaired by Peter Johnson

Future Infrastructure & Planning. Chaired by Paul Hynes

Bowls Committee. <u>Note</u>: This new committee includes the Presidents and Vice Presidents from both Men's and Ladies sections, the three director's, and is chaired by Jim Wadling.

The Bowls Australia Strategic Plan 2018-2022 clearly outlines the challenges faced which affect the future viability of bowls. The new committee does not interfere or override the section councils however the committee objective is to further promote participation in bowls events and activities and ensuring bowls events operate effectively

through (quote Bowls Aus.) "coordination, cooperation and collaboration to ensure the successful and sustainable" future for our club.

Some objectives are to attract and encourage new bowling members, devise an induction program for new bowlers to ensure they are made to feel welcome and to show them all the facilities and protocols of the club and to ensure the club has sufficient volunteers to cover tasks including umpiring and coaching. The committee members are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm in exchanging ideas to assist in the future of our club.

Music on the Green. Following the lead set by many other bowls clubs we have been trialling music on the greens during some social and competition bowls events. Member comment so far is very supportive of this initiative.

The club has not passed on the first of two regular CPI excise tax increases for liquor to members. To maintain margins the next increase around August will need to be passed on.

Burleigh Heads Bowls Club has been named in the top 12 most picturesque clubs in Australia by Bowls Australia. A good selling point for our club. Air Conditioning. Improvements are noticeable in the operation of the air conditioning during the summer period. Further improvement will come within the next few weeks when new coils are installed on our main unit servicing the bistro area. This unit has been operating at only 50% effectiveness.

UBet Facility and Courtesy Bus. Questions were asked at the AGM into why we do not have a UBet facility or a courtesy bus. Our Club Manager, Justin, has provided the cost benefit listed below:

<u>UBet</u>. In addition to the requirement for the rental of the Ubet terminal, stationary costs, extra staffing costs, sky racing access, building works would need to take place to provide an environment for punters whilst not disrupting normal club operations. Presently, the club does not have a suitable place for the facility. Whilst not disclosing commercial-in-confidence costings, I can disclose that the club would need approximately \$20,000 invested per week to break even. The benefits do not justify the expenditure.

<u>Courtesy Bus</u>. A courtesy bus was trialled some years ago before being disbanded due to a lack of patronage and the high cost of maintaining the service. The following costings are conservative. New 12 seater bus plus on roads \$68,000. Used 12 seater plus on roads \$31,000. Excluded is the cost of a driver or a pool of volunteers to drive the bus and a secure spot to park the bus. Insurance costs are also high. Once again, any benefits do not justify the ongoing expenditure Camels. Thanks to Yogi and the crew for the invite to your Christmas bowls day. A great day and well organised. As I mentioned on the day, the Camels are another recruitment arm for the club to attract new members and hopefully many will come through to become regular weekday/ weekend players and represent the club in interclub competitions.

Uber Function. In excess of 200 Uber drivers and their family's enjoyed the club's facilities on a Monday night during January. The function was organised by Uber management as a post Christmas party. The group consumed 40 platters of food, enjoyed live music and many had an introduction to barefoot bowls. Management remarked to me how they were all made to feel welcome in our club and the excellent service provided. A very good promotion for the club.

The Australia Day mixed bowls and activities were a resounding success. 26 teams of mixed triples participated in the bowls. A free sausage sizzle, live entertainment, a thong throwing competition, pie eating and mud crab racing completed the day much to the amusement of members and visitors. No doubt, word is out about our members who won the thong throwing and mud crab racing. Just ask AJ and Camo. A great effort by our club manager Justin for organising the day's activities.

Paul Hynes

#### **Treasurers Report**

The following report sets out the current financial position of the club and also the notes of the last meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee published for the benefit of members.

Committee decisions include:

- No major expenditure is required for the Bistro as a result of the club take-over and similarly all other areas require no major expenditure
- Expenditure on the Air con units nearly complete. It has now been identified that the coils on the unit servicing the Bistro need replacement. Total expenditure on the units:
- \$14,630 coil replacement unit 1
- \$46,088 supply and install 33KW outdoor unit. Supply and install 2 11KW units to poker machine area. Supply and install ducting off VRV in licensed area.
- \$14,842 coil replacement unit 2
- External ventilation on Mens toilet at approx. \$10,000 is desirable but not urgent
- Additional solar panels discussed but further discussion "on hold" until Stage 3 of the Light Rail and other impacts on the club are made known
- Poker machines will be reviewed in April to establish if any further upgrades should be made
- It was agreed that the income needed to increase by 3%, plus the Bistro income
- A reduction in expenditure on the Greens and surrounds by \$50,000 is necessary
- Advertising expenditure will decrease by 50% (\$15,000) due to no radio advertising this year. Social media a much cheaper option

- Water usage will reduce this year with new access to fresh water instead of using Town supply
- Professional fees are not expected this year
- The Secretary/Manager is to supply Committee members with a weekly financial report of key financial indicators

#### **Club Trading Position**

For the month of December our trading a/cs (incl. Bistro) produced a Nett Profit of \$12,529.35 compared to a loss of \$12,665.15 for the previous year or \$25,194.50 better off. This is the first December since 2015 where the Club has earned a net profit and augers well for the future. For the YTD the club net profit of \$12,869.60 is \$39,303.04 better off than the year previous. Section results include:

Our Bar earned a Nett	\$63 <i>,</i> 848	compared to	\$80,417
Gaming	\$75 <i>,</i> 502		\$110,244
Bistro	\$7,462		\$4,800 (rental)
Mat Fees	\$27,022		\$28,012
Barefoot Bowls	\$12,216		\$9,566
Electricity	\$13,026		\$9,812

Bistro trading for December earned a Nett Profit of \$7,463.02 which is \$2,663 better than the previous rental earnings. The result reflects great credit on all concerned with a profitable launch of a new, fresh start enterprise

#### **65 Years Married Life**



Don and Joyce Collins at the recent 80th Club birthday celebrations

Don and Joyce were married at Innisfail on 14/02/1953. They have one son Don (Jnr) a Civil Engineer who retired recently to Caloundra and one grand daughter, Alissa, now working with the UN in New York.

Don's working life consisted of 46 years with QR and his proud boasts include never having shirked his responsibilities, never having imposed on his work mates or his employer, started his working life in for NQ and 16 appointments later finished his career at Head Office. Extra curricular activities include qualifying for his Un-restricted Private Pilots Licence and time spent at Manus Island with RAAF Active Reserve. With retirement from QR in 1991 came the arrival at their retirement unit at Key Largo Apartments, Burleigh Heads, total strangers to the area. Don joined Burleigh Bowls the next year and was made welcome at the Club. It wasn't long before Don's work ethic came to the fore with him contributing 2 years to the Volunteer Receptionists, 15 years to the Gaming Machine Clearance team and is now in his 11th year as a Board Member

Joyce has never played bowls and subsequently joined the Club as a social member.

Retirement living for Don and Joyce at Burleigh has been enhanced by the availability of the facilities and activities and companionship of the well furnished and well conducted Club house, the "Home" of a successful club.

In commenting on their future, both Don and Joyce hold the view that a life-style with "more of the same" would provide a life-style "as good as it gets".

Our thanks go to the Club for a life-style which has enabled us to achieve this mile stone (long sought after but seldom achieved) in not too bad a travelling order.

#### **Member Profile**

#### **GEOFF IRWIN. A PARTICIPANT IN THE QUEENS BATON RELAY 2018**



The following is a copy of the submission to participate in the Queens Baton relay 2018 and is printed with Geoff's permission.

Geoff has had over 40 years Council service to the community and is very proud of the city where he grew up and went to school. He has played and coached Waterball, Touch football and junior Basketball, becoming a manager and coach for state basketball teams and is a foundation member of Southport Tigers Rugby League Football Club. He is a regular cook and serves meals to homeless people in Southport where he was knocked unconscious by a homeless person in 2014. He hit his head then suffered brain damage/seizures, and was unable to work for over 12 months experiencing two years of rehabilitation, but once able returned to feed the homeless and is now only able to work part time.

He has continued to raise money for charitable programs such as sending homeless youth to Christmas camps and along with his sister helps build homes and schools in Cambodia. Geoff is proud of his indigenous heritage, a very keen Burleigh Heads lawn bowler and deserves to be acknowledged for his tireless charity work.

Geoff has stated he feels his acceptance of this honour is on behalf of all those volunteers who work tirelessly and unrecognised within the community.

He will carry the baton on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 from Columbus Avenue to Bluegum Street, Hollywell at approx. 9.42am. At the request of the organisers he would love anyone wishing to join his family and friends in supporting him to please attend.

Geoff. On behalf of the members of the club well done, and enjoy the experience.

Paul Hynes.



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#### **Ladies Bowls**

On Thursday 7th December the ladies club held their Christmas party and luncheon. June O'Dea the Queen Bee (aka Madame President) and her trusty helpers did a wonderful job making everything look festive and a great afternoon of dancing after the buffet lunch was enjoyed by all.



Saturday bowls ladies celebrated in style on 9th December with a Christmas party after bowls. A great morning, delicious food and lots of laughter was enjoyed by all.



#### **Ladies Report**

Wow, we are into February already!

Our bowling days have been very hot, so numbers are down, however our games are still enjoyable.

Our Australia day bowls was a huge success with the mixed triples in the morning followed by a welcoming sausage sizzle cooked for us by the Camels, a huge thank you to them. Our own Karen Harding won the ladies throwing competition. The crab racing event was entertaining and delicious as the Bistro cooked the owners crab for their dinner that night!

We are pleased to welcome back Noreen and our Craft & Charity ladies from their Christmas break. I must mention that Hazel has been cooking up a storm lately bringing in her jam and chutney delights which vary from mango to mulberries. Buy now ladies, don't miss out on these home made products and craft items. If you are ready this and are not a member of our bowls club, our Craft & Charity stall is open every Thursday morning so come along and do some shopping, you'll be pleased you did!

To anyone who has had an illness, accident, recovering from an operation or having change of accommodation, we wish you well.

I encourage you ladies to seriously think about joining a coaching clinic when they come up on the calendar. We need more coaches

#### **Ladies Report Continued**

A couple of Burleigh ladies teams are playing in the Seaside Triples in Broadbeach in early February. Ladies try to get a team together for some of these away events, it's a good thing to do!

Did you hear about the blonde tap dancer? She fell in the sink.

Its nice to be important but its more important to be nice!

June O'Dea Ladies President **Burleigh Heads Bowls Club** 

# BISTRO SPECIALS

MONDAY NIGHT MEMBERS 2 FOR 1 MAIN MEALS

TUESDAY- LUNCH & DINNER \$15 LOADED CHICKEN SCHNITZEL

> WEDNESDAY NIGHT \$15 RIBS & RUMPS

### THURSDAY NIGHT SHANKS, SHIRAZ & JAZZ

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT CHEFS BACKBOARDSPECIALS

#### SUNDAY

BUFFET BREAKFAST \$13.9 members or \$15.90 non members ROAST LUNCH & DINNER \$13 members or \$15 non members

#### **Camels Corner**

Camels Christmas Party and Year End

2017 was another banner year for the 60 plus members of the Camels playing in 44 games this year, 28 at home and 16 away. The year-end was celebrated with the Annual Christmas Party Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

It looked like Santa Claus didn't show up, but he did leave a bar credit for the group of 30 revelers. At tea break a delicious feed of prawns was delivered to the greens. Chef Rob and his excellent staff from the kitchen treated us to an outstanding steak lunch following the entertaining morning competition. A big thanks to the bar staff for their continued great service and humor in 2017.

After lunch there were numerous prizes drawn in the raffles. It looked like everyone went home with a prize. Santa made it after all, but he looked a lot like Yogi.

The Camels New Year was kicked off with two 'Bring a Friend Day' events with many new faces out to experience the friendly competition and camaraderie on the greens.





Another successful Camels bus trip

Prawn feast on an away trip

One of the outstanding 'Bring a Friend Day' games was on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Green 4 had 1 guest on each team experiencing the demands of their respective skips Gavin and Denny. It was close finish with Gavin's team coming back from behind for the big win. Camel's perennial winner of 'Most Games Attended', Andrew (Doog) Opferkuch, put in a commanding finish at the same time celebrating his birthday. There is still discussion going on over Doog's real age?

The Camels also wish to congratulate fellow Camel Jake (Mcgoo) Fehlberg for his selection to represent Australia in the up coming Commonwealth Games.

Well-done Camels!! 2018 will be a bigger and brighter year with many games at home and away to look forward to.



Christmas group photo on the green



Post Christmas lunch celebrations

#### **More Camels Photos**

#### Spaco serving up a sausage sizzle to Col



Doog tasting gold, his award for most Camels games attended



Jemo and Big John in Evans Head

Christmas day prawns at BHBC

#### **Mens Report**

We had another successful New Year Pairs event. With green No. 2 unavailable we had a reduced field. Our winners this year were Brett Reynolds and Dennis Hurst.

The representative season has commenced with the club entering 4 teams in the Premier Sevens, 2 in Div 1, 1 in Over 60's, and 1 in Div 4 and we have 2 teams in the Summer Nines. At this stage all teams are performing satisfactorily.

Australia Day was a successful day for members and visitors with plenty of entertainment provided by Sec. Man. Justin.

The greens are starting to look good, as usual we require a bit more rain. Number 1 green is the best it has looked for years and number 2 still has a few patches but they are gradually covering over. The transformation is a credit to Trevor and Vince. And a special mention to all those who volunteer to assist when asked.

We recently commenced Thursday night mixed and open 3 bowl pairs. Brian Bottrell and Mick Myers are the coordinators and from all accounts it has become popular with our members. The theme for the evening is Hawaiian resulting with the greens looking very colourful. Entry fee is \$12 each with \$10 returned to the players as prize money. All players receive a bistro voucher allowing them to buy a meal for \$10.

I would like to remind bowlers of the requirement to notify the games office as early as possible when they are unable to play after placing their name on the event sheet. The role of those who volunteer to work in the games office is hard enough on a good day without having to deal with no shows. Failing to turn up disrupts every player on that rink.

Peter Hamilton

President

#### **Coaching Notes by Ron**

Another year, another beginning, and whether you are a beginner or a long term bowler it's time to remember the basics of your delivery. Step onto the mat with your hips and shoulders square to the intended line of your delivery, (unless you have a shoulder problem which prevents you swinging your arm straight back and forward, in which case you step on to mat in a position which allows your arm to swing along the intended line) step straight along this line with a normal walking step length. If you overstep you cannot get your back knee down, keep your head up looking along your line and get your weight fully forward. Lock your wrist and elbow as you begin your backswing and keep locked throughout the delivery and follow through. In either case of delivery make sure you place your feet in exactly the same position for your next bowl to travel along this same line. Make sure you follow through with your delivery swing, it doesn't feel that important, but you will find you deliver much more consistently if you keep your pendulum swing going until your hand is roughly at the level of your front knee before you stand, always stepping forward. It is also very important that you grip the bowl correctly to ensure it travels along your intended line. The rings on the bowl must be vertical and pointing along your intended line to prevent wobble and kicking off line at release. Remember there is really no right or wrong way to deliver a bowl, you need only watch some of the world's best to realise that, so don't criticise people who have a different looking delivery, it's possibly what their body will allow.

While at the beginning a reminder of the etiquette required on the green to ensure we all have a pleasant game. Leads should remember to pick up the mat as the end is declared, drop the mat in the position from which they, or their skip, wish to deliver the jack, so the other players know how far to kick bowls back.

Know your opponents bowl and hand it to him/her to bowl, most likely you will be told not to but give it a try anyway. Leads should also remember to either, return mats and jacks to mat box, or to starting area for following match, whichever applies. Don't crowd players on the mat and don't distract them by talking loudly behind them. Nobody likes their concentration broken. When standing waiting to bowl, make sure your shadow isn't on their aiming line. When you are walking to the other end, walk up the centre of the rink to avoid walking in the line of players on adjoining rinks. The end change is not to be used as a stroll in the park, but rather a walk at a reasonable pace. Don't waste time by leaving the rink just as it is your turn to bowl, save it till later. Don't move around behind the head when someone is on the mat, it is very off putting and is the lowest form of gamesmanship. Skips are not exempt from these requirements, don't wave your arms around to your team when your opposing team has the mat, stand still and away from the area behind the jack. The head is yours to control from when your opponents bowl stops until your bowl is delivered and stops. You have no right to be in the head at other times. Remember it is also a requirement for the player who delivers the second last bowl of an end to pick up the mat after the opposition skip has delivered. If we all follow these guide lines we will have a pleasant game of bowls.

Good bowling and enjoy. Ron



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FEBRUARY Bowling Calendar					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedr		
<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>		
Camels Home Alone	NO PLAY	Ladies/Mixed Pairs AM	Men's Trip		
Barefoot Bowls 12—5pm	Roll ups on Green no. 3 only	AW	A Men's Fou		
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<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>	<u>13th</u>	<u>14th</u>		
Camels Home		Ladies/Mixed Pairs AM	Men's Trip		
Vs Normanby Barefoot Bowls 12—5pm	Roll ups on Green no. 3 only		Men's Fou		
<u>18th</u>	<u>19th</u>	<u>20th</u>	<u>21st</u>		
Camels Home Alone		Ladies/Mixed Pairs	Men's Trip		
Barefoot Bowls 12—5pm	Roll ups on Green no. 3 only	AM	A Men's Fou		
<u>25th</u>	<u>26th</u>	<u>27th</u>	<u>28th</u>		
Camels Away		Ladies/Mixed Pairs	Men's Trip		
Vs Tugun	Roll ups on Green no. 3 only	AM	A Men's Fou		
Barefoot Bowls 12—5pm					
12—5pm					

esday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<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
les or Pairs M r/Pairs 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
les or Pairs M r/Pairs 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
les or Pairs M r/Pairs 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
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