

# BOWLER NEWS

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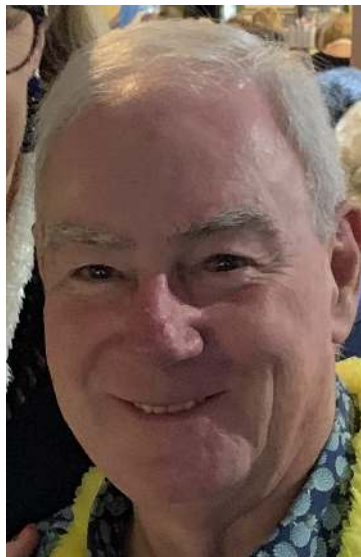


## BEST BOWLS CLUB

*Runner  
Up*

Burleigh  
Bowls Club





# Chairman's Report

By Paul Hynes

## A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### **Burleigh Heads Bowls Club – Runner Up - Best Bowls Club, Clubs Qld Excellence Awards 2021.**

A great result for our club which was amongst 12 Queensland Bowls Clubs nominated for this award at the gala presentation night held at the convention centre in Brisbane. Some 800 club directors, staff and sponsors from all over Queensland were in attendance and it was a great thrill for the club to be recognised. Our club's submission included a site inspection by judges. Our written submission included, facilities provided, business plans and goals, staff training, response to covid, grounds development, junior development and community participation. The Waves Club Caloundra took out top position. Thanks to Justin and Barrie and board members for their inputs to the submission. Our club was also in the running for the Best Club of the Year (Boutique category) won by the Charleville RSL Memorial Club.

There has been a change to Board personnel. Simon Fowler has stood down from the Board explaining that his heavy workload commitment with his successful Tugun business in addition to family commitments prevents him from applying the necessary time to the Board position. I would like to thank Simon for his involvement and positive ideas presented during his short stint. Hopefully, in the future Simon's skills can be again utilised. Di Pickett has stepped down as Ladies Section Vice President and will fill the

vacant position created by Simon until the next election. Lyn Myers will join the board as the Second Ladies Section Representative.

A special thank you to members and visitors for compliance with the wearing of a mask whilst inside our venue for a period during April and a shout out to our staff who had to comply for the duration of their shifts.

A social media policy for users of our Facebook and other media sites was developed during March covering:

Inappropriate comments include, but are not limited to, threatening comments, harassing, bullying, defamatory, discriminatory or offensive comments regarding members or others including suppliers and contractors. Further inappropriate behaviour includes:

- The posting of photographs of members acting inappropriately or posting comments or photos of members without their express permission.
- Disclosure of confidential information relating to the club or individuals.
- Postings which may violate privacy rights of individuals.
- Posting of false or defamatory information.

The aim is to protect all members from potential breaches of our Constitution Code of Conduct or even civil prosecution.

The club has commenced work with a local marketing company to develop a business plan encompassing our image, brand name, logo and our marketing strategy. The plan is necessary for our club to continue to go forward in a fast changing world for the game of bowls and the demographic of the local Burleigh community. Workshops will be held with Board and staff members with the interviewing of club members and visitors to be included.

Infrastructure changes introduced over the last 2 months include a new hot water heater (replacing a 22 year old unit which ceased to function), replacement dishwasher (old unit also ceased to function) and wok

burner for the kitchen, green carpet outside to replace the ageing blue carpet. Work planned is roof restoration and the necessary replacement of the shade poles between greens 2 and 3. The poles are severely corroded. It is intended at the replacement time to move the shade mechanism closer to green 2 to free up space on the synthetic green side to accommodate some tables for both barefoot bowler use and for use during our own matches.

I would like to thank all staff who were on duty Anzac Day. From hosting the RSL gunfire breakfast right through until last drinks were called the club was filled to capacity. Two Up on the synthetic green attracted a huge crowd of punters and well done to our “ringie” Barrie Lester for conducting the event so well.

Live entertainment on Saturday night’s has re-commenced and is proving very popular. Pick up a copy of the “Whats On” magazine at reception for a listing of entertainers to appear.

Many members are availing themselves with the incentive of placing money on their members card for purchases in the club. A minimum of \$200 will earn an additional 10%, that is an additional \$20 will be placed on the card. The maximum amount allowed to be placed is \$500.

Congratulations to our Premier League Teams for doing so well with both teams making the preliminary final. Circumstances with the weather arose necessitating both matches to be transferred to an indoor green at Paradise Point. Unfortunately both teams we were playing against have indoor greens therefore a much larger adjustment had to be made on our part. Well done and bring on next year. I am told mad Monday celebrations continued for some time.

**Paul Hynes**  
**Chairman 2021**



# Treasurers Report

By Phil Westlake

The end of March marked the finish of the first six months of the Club's current financial year. It was at this time in 2020 that the Covid 19 forced our closure for three months.

I am pleased to report that in the last six months the Club has had a successful trading period. As a comparison to the same period last financial year, our Gross Profit was up 34% and our Net Income which is gross profit less expenses was up 739%. The significant increase in net income has been achieved with only a 9% increase in expenditure. So, at this time our net income has surpassed last years end of year total.

Once again all our profit centres of Bar, Gaming and Barefoot bowls have underpinned the results.

Our Club refurbishment plan is progressing with the recent removal of the exterior blue carpet and replacement with green synthetic turf carpet. Even with the capital expenditure that has occurred to date from the refurbishment program and numerous plant replacement due to age of the plant, the Club's cash reserves have steadily increased.

I believe the Club's presentation has significantly contributed to our increased patronage. The recent Anzac day celebration was a good example with a crowd inside and out that produced a 68% increase in trading compared to the last Anzac day in 2019.

The remainder of our financial year cannot be assumed to be the same, as there is still the Covid 19 spectre looming and will the winter visitors that we have had in the past still arrive. The winter trading has always been a marked contribution to our bottom line.

**Phil Westlake**  
**Treasurer 2021**



# Men's President Report

By Brian Bottrell

Hello Bowlers,

Since the last Bowler News Queensland Premier League has concluded. Both of our Premier League sides made it to the Finals. They performed well but unfortunately the 2<sup>nd</sup> day was rain affected causing the games to be moved from Helensvale to Paradise Point. The delay between cessation at Helensvale and the continuation at Paradise Point was several hours. This combined with the fact that both opposition sides had carpet greens at their own Clubs could be considered contributing factors in both our teams losing those games. Still we did end up 3<sup>rd</sup> in Premier and Reserve grades. A great effort from our players in only our 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the competition. Onward and upward next year.

Long time member Geoff Crittenden turned 95 on the 29<sup>th</sup> April with a small celebration at the Club after bowls on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Congratulations Geoff.



It was my absolute pleasure to represent the Club alongside Ladies President Sue Fenton to lay wreaths on Anzac Day. The last time I had been involved in an Anzac Ceremony was when I was in Army Cadets in High School. I found the whole experience very moving.

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April the Men's Club ran a One Day Singles competition with some fierce competition witnessed on the greens. We had 36 starters who played in sections of 3. Each player played against the other 2 in their section and marked a game. They were short games of 6 ends. At the end of the first round, players were placed into Division A and B depending on their placing. The second round continued in the same format as the first and at the end the top 8 from each Division went through to the Quarter Finals. The Finals were played between Richard Jeffery and Crawford Linton in Division A and Tas Kelly and Grant Fehlberg in Division B. Winners were Crawford Linton and Grant Fehlberg. A special mention of Richard Jeffery who was the only player to win all his games to get into the Final. A great effort and the spectators crowned him "King Richard" during his stellar performance in the Final. We would like to run this event a couple of times a year.



Richard Jeffery v Crawford Linton



Tas Kelly v Grant Fehlberg

The Men's Championships are progressing well under our new format. The Open Singles is into Round 3 this weekend and the Open Pairs Round 1 is scheduled for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May (evening).

At the April Board Meeting it was passed unanimously that the winner of the Men's Singles Championship would receive a sponsored entry into the Broadbeach Blue Opal Singles to be held later in the year. Thanks to John Fowler for his letter suggesting this initiative.

**Brian Bottrell - Mens President 2021**



# Barrie's Bowls Bulletin

By Barrie Lester

March was a very busy month with the highlight being that the Burleigh hammerheads both premier a and reserves made the Premier League finals for the first time.

Both divisions ended up as equal third in the competition which is a huge achievement with it only being our second year in the competition. With the support of our board and club members and hard work by our players we put up a great fight right through to the end and are very proud of our commitment and accomplishment.

Throughout the season we were very fortunate enough to have both Garry Kelly and Corey Wedlock join us for the season and they were great to have not only perform their skills on the green but mingle with our members and be great club members. Our crowds at home were absolutely huge we cannot thank the members and supporters enough for coming along to each game and cheering out "Go Hammers"

Plenty of club championship games have been played in the last couple of months with many more to be played in the near future. Our calendar of events is jam packed for the next few months especially with the state championships coming up in a couple of weeks and Burleigh Heads Bowls club being a host club for the Australian Open June 12-25.

The club is looking fantastic with the new artificial surrounds setting off our new facade and Burleigh Bowls backlit sign. There has been a couple of small but important purchases made recently with a extra mobile speaker unit which can be used for outdoor entertainment or functions also a club camera with high resolution for club use during the week and on weekends.



Thank you to all the volunteers who continuously work around the club especially our umpires and Markers who make themselves available for tournaments and club championships.

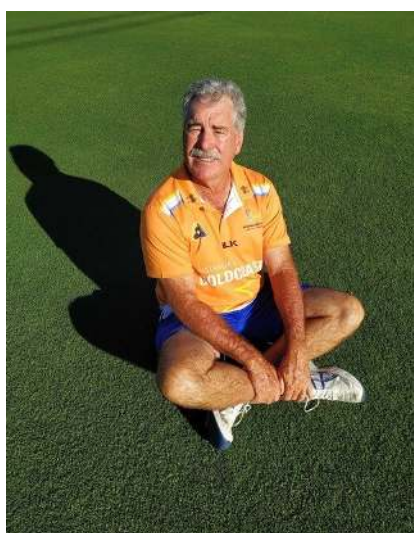
If you are wishing to play pennants this winter there is a list up in the club we are hoping to fill many divisions and have a exciting and successful season starting in July.

A major project that is now underway is working on our marketing and brand strategy for the club which will reflect with our club logo and style guide that will have a fresh and modern representation of our club.

Good bowling and Go Burleigh!!

**Barrie Lester**

**Bowls Co-ordinator 2021**



# **Green's Supervisor Report**

**By Ossie Moore**

The months of March and April have thrown large amounts of wet weather at the bowling greens of Burleigh. In fact, the Gold Coast is 300 mls above the average for this time of the year. One element that comes with this enormous deluge of rain, is fungal growth in with the grass. Consequently, there has been spraying for this and later for moss and algae.

Green #2 was a little late returning to play. The use of foliar fertiliser will continue to promote growth prior to winter. Once the soil temperature drops to around 14 degrees, the tiffdwarf grass becomes almost dormant. Although the plants surrounds are looking good moving into the new

season, the biggest change is the new carpet and the impact boards framing the rinks.

Michael has aerated green #1 using the air2g2 to push air through the sub base. Now, as the greens dry out, the pace will increase to make for true and faster playing surfaces during winter. Thank you, Michael and staff, please enjoy the winter conditions.

**Ossie Moore**  
**Green's Supervisor 2021**

## **Work in Progress**





*Division 1 winners: Club Musgrave*

## MAX MORRIS MEMORIAL SEVENS

By Robbie Allan

Bowls Gold Coast Tweed District hosted the finals weekend of the inaugural Max Morris Memorial Sevens competition on February, 20-21. This finals weekend was the culmination after seven weekend rounds of sectional play, covering four separate divisions of bowlers with 48 teams entered. There were 336 bowlers on the greens every Saturday morning.

Overall, the district distributed \$19,200 in prize money to 12 different clubs. Max Morris was a member of the District Match Committee for six years (1994–1999), and served three of those years as Chairman of the Committee. He was a director for four years after that, then became District Secretary in 2005. He served as District Secretary until 2012, when he became a director again and was also the Winter Carnival Committee Chairman. Following that, he was the District Patron for four years before standing down from district duties in 2019. Max was also a life member of the District.

Family members of the late Max Morris were present to hand out medallions to the winners in each division.



*Division 2 winners: Burleigh Heads*



*Division 3 winners: Club Musgrave*



*Division 4 winners: Club Helensvale*



# Ladies President Report

By Sue Fenton

Well, after a slow start with lots of rain and some Covid restrictions we now have our Championships well underway. Social bowls are going strong, we anticipate a Southern influx soon, always good fun. Details have now come from the District for our upcoming pennant season. This is scheduled for 10 weeks from 26th June as far as we know.

On 1st March may I say our oldest member Daphne Mitchell turned 100 years old, what a wonderful achievement! Daphne joined Burleigh Ladies Bowls Club in March 1975. Daphne has been a Coach, Umpire, Board Member, President of the Ladies Section 1988-89, Life Member, as well as helping run Bingo for many years. In 2009 Daphne graciously accepted the position of Patron to the Ladies Club.

Daphne graced us with her presence at our Christmas party last year. Daphne celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and friends, including our Craft and Charity ladies. From the Club we organised flowers and a group photo taken on the green named for Daphne. We hear that she enjoyed them immensely.

Barrie's coaching sessions are well patronized with great feedback, another scheduled for next Tuesday 1 to 2pm.

For those ladies who have been holding back from bowling due to the heat, come out and play! Conditions are ideal now, immaculate greens, Seadog coffee if you wish, gentle breezes, great company.

Happy Bowling everyone.

**Sue Fenton**  
**Ladies President 2021**





# Ladies Games Director Report

By Karen Harding

Hello again everyone and what a busy few Months we have had in the Ladies Club. We are a little behind in our Championships due to wet weather but will play the Final Of The Fours Thursday 29th and will also begin the Open Singles Championships the following week.

Tuesday Mixed Pairs are enjoyed by all who participate, as the atmosphere is a little more relaxed and noisy!!! (from a "Special Few") and laughter is definitely on the Menu.

We all play to win though and numbers have been steady. We are looking forward to seeing all our Visitors return this year.

Our Conditions of play has been finalised for 2021 and a copy is in The Ladies Locker Room. The Committee has also decided to have playing Umpires when having Championships as we are always relying on only a few and it's unfair that they miss out on playing, so this will start next week.

On Thursday 15th April we had Helen Harris's Memorial Day. We had Social Bowls followed by luncheon and a drink.. generously paid for by Helens Family. Mandy and Tina, Helen's daughters also sponsored the day and handed out the prizes. It was a fantastic Day for all who participated and also enjoyed by a few Special invited Guests who knew Helen well. Mandy and Tina came around to each table and spoke with the Ladies. It was very thoughtful of them and greatly appreciated.

Love and laughter to you all

**Karen Harding**  
**Games Director 2021**



## BLANCHE WALL 90 Years Young!

On 18th March Blanche received her Super Veterans badge from our President Sue Fenton. Blanche has been a member of Burleigh Bowls club for 37 years.

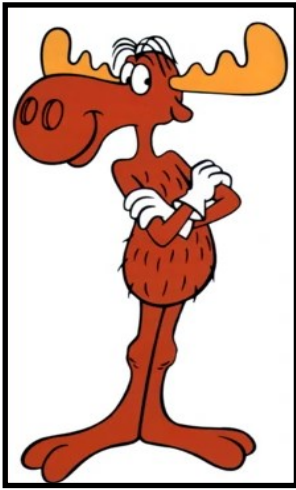
Originally from South Australia she began her career in Sports at the young age of 14 and became an avid Tennis Player. She has competed all over Australia and joined The Gold Coast Veterans Club in 1981 and has her name on the Honour board over 16 times.

She participated in the World Championships in Tennis in 1994 winning a silver medal and also in many International Events in Palm Springs USA, Austria, Turkey and Croatia winning an amazing amount of Trophies and Medals.

In her spare time she does Charity Work and has become an integral part of Saturday Morning Ladies Bowls. Blanche, what an exciting, varied and wonderful Career you have had and are still having...and thank you for sharing it with us.

Congratulations from all of us at Burleigh Bowls.





# Camels Corner August 2020

By Bruce Stotesbury

The Camels have lost another long time member Brian Archer. Brian has been an active member for many years. Brian's quiet demeanour was also matched by his quick wit. Brian will be missed, as he was a regular fixture for home games for the past few of years.

On another sad note is the imminent departure of the majority of the Fehlberg's. Team leader Grant (Grumpy) is retiring early and moving the clan, including Jake (Magoo) and Cody (Cody) and the other real team leader Sheryl to parts unknown near Bunderberg. The sounds of the thundering drives and remaining fall out from Cody will still be echoing from up north at the new home of bowls for the crew. Steve (Toff) will be on his own as the last remaining member of the Fehlberg dynasty, although his acronymic name will require a change to The Only Friendly Fehlberg.

It has been a quiet past couple of months for the Camels with a couple of visiting teams arriving on the beaches of Burleigh Heads, and limited out of town trips for the Camels. A warm welcome to Luke one of the newest Camels, a familiar face now appearing on the greens.

A new exciting Wheel of Fortune has been brought into the Camels home games giving us another chance of winning before the Camels even step onto the greens. Thanks to Graeme (Coconut) Rollo for his handy work in creating the wheel and giving us more excitement as the Wheel spins. The Wheel was kindly painted by Merrill Holmes.

Autumn vibes are here, and the weather is perfect for Sunday bowls... Lets get out there and have some fun.

**Bruce Stotesbury (Bullwinkle)**





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STAFF AT BURLEIGH  
BOWLS CLUB



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the place of all  
others, but whose  
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can take.

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something you wear when  
your mother gets cold.

Mum: The amazing ability to hear  
a sneeze through 3 closed doors  
in the middle of the night, three  
bedrooms away... while Daddy  
snores next to you.

What three words solves  
Dad's every problem?  
Ask your mother.



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