

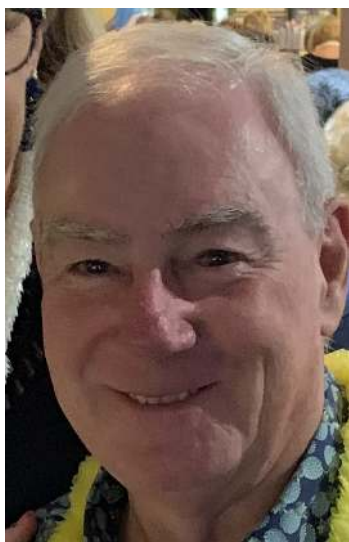
BOWLER NEWS

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The latest news for our valued Bowling Members





Chairman's Report

By Paul Hynes

A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

To members and followers of Burleigh Bowls, I would like to start this report by congratulating Barrie Lester and the Premier League Teams for an outstanding season. A premiership in the top grade and runner up in the reserves. A great result.

As reported in February the first few months of the year realised a downturn in our trading compared to the same period in previous years. Other nearby hospitality venues were likewise affected. The cause likely being Omicron variant spreading combined with the Government vaccination mandate. Rain on 21 days during February did not help attendance at the club. Our club did lead the way in early March with allowing non vaccinated bowlers entry to participate in bowls events with limited entry to the club. Sincere thanks to those members for their adherence to the regulations.

A number of workshops have been held over the last few months involving Board members and a Business Consultant with extensive experience in facilitating Strategic Business Planning sessions. The outcome is an extensive overview of our club including by outside eyes and an action orientated plan to maintain the viability of the club and position it to meet the challenges of a changing but exciting environment. Over the next weeks/months, work by the Board will be occurring to start bringing the long-term plan to fruition including as voted at the last Club AGM the conversion of another grass green to synthetic. As soon as the Board is in a position to release details an information session will be held for members.

Despite the weather with on/off showers Anzac Day proved to be a huge day at the club. 2 up proving immensely popular. Thanks to club manager Justin, staff, 2 up callers Crawford and Pat, bbq chefs Mick and Lyn, and Gary in the bistro for making the day a success.

Infrastructure improvements of late include new fascia signage on the front of the club, enlarging the poker machine area and the purchase of 2 new machines and the upgrade of 3 others with new games. Due to the downturn in trading the planned men's room upgrade has been deferred.

Planning for the club's 85th birthday celebrations is in progress. Keep the weekend of the 17th and 18th September free.

Most members would have received their free club shirt by now and supporter shirts are now available at reception for \$40.

At the time of writing the replacement of the surface for green 3 is planned to commence mid May and is expected to take up to 8 weeks. There will be disruption with noise, dust etc so thank you in advance for your acceptance.

A reminder that the meeting room is also a first aid room with a folding bed if required. The air conditioning in the room cools efficiently if a cool down environment is required.

The club was named as a finalist in the Clubs Queensland award category 'Heart of the Community'. This category recognising clubs for excellence in community engagement. Justin and Barrie attended the award presentations in Brisbane and once again it is nice that our club was recognised.

Good bowling to all and enjoy the cooler weather.

Paul Hynes
Chairman 2022



Men's President Report

By Crawford Linton

Hello fellow bowlers,

So much has happened in the last three months on the bowls front. March saw the culmination of the Premier League and Max Morris. The Premier League boys won their last five games to finish second on the ladder and give themselves two bites of the cherry in the playoffs at Helensvale. When it came down to the grand final the Burleigh Dragons found themselves up against the undefeated Broadbeach team but to their credit held their nerve to win 2 1/2 ranks to half. Special mention to Barrie Lester's team of Dean Smith, Scotty DeJongh and Gary Pearson who went through the playoffs undefeated.

The reserves finished the regular season in first place and expectations were very high going into the grand final also against Broadbeach. Despite leading virtually, the entire game Broadbeach scored two shots on the last end to beat us by one shot. Congratulations must go to Shaun wheeler's team of Tommy Fitzpatrick, Cameron Hilton and Ian mantis Mitchell Who were the best performed rink in the competition. So, all in all it was a brilliant performance by the Burleigh Dragons to win the big one and go oh so close in the reserves, A performance that augurs well for the upcoming Pennant season.

In the Max Morris competition our three teams comprising of Division 2 Division 3 and over 60s who did themselves and the club proud by all making the semi-finals where the Division 3 and over 60s went down in the early stages but the Division 2 team won through to the final where they went down to Benowa in a reversal of last year's final. A hearty congratulations to all players involved.

Burleigh also fielded a team in the Q7's that was mostly made up of rookies whom I'm sure will be much better for the experience and will strengthen their resolve for future interclub competition.

On the club championship front saw the completion of the club 4s With Scott Franklin's team of John Balzarolo, Crawford Linton and Scott DeJongh won a very close final against the Chris monk team of Mick Oakes, Bob Hynes and Ian mantis Mitchell. In the semi-finals Chris monk defeated Ian Laws team And Scotty Franklin defeated Gary Pearson's team. The club pairs were also recently completed which saw a win to Scott Franklin and Crawford Linton over Barrie Lester and Scotty DeJongh. In a see sawing game Scotty Franklin went out to an 18 - 6 lead but then had to withstand a withering comeback by Barrie Lester which featured an incredible display by Scotty DeJongh. The final score finished up 21 - 20 to Franklin and Linton after going into the last end 3 shots in front but were just able to hang on after being at one stage 4 down on the head. Again, congrats to all players involved who were given a round of applause by the large contingent of spectators who were watching. The semi-finals saw Franklin and Linton Defeat Ian Mitchell & Ron Kelsey while Lester and DeJongh came from behind to beat the McWhinney team of Dale and Dean by 1 shot.

At the time of going to print the club is organising Hawaiian mixed pairs on a Thursday evening and a Scrounges singles on a Tuesday evening. These events will go ahead for at least another month, if you care to get involved you will find entry forms outside the game's office. There is a bit of prize money involved as a further inducement.

A reminder that nominations for the club singles closes on may the 1st so look out for the draw and organise your game early if possible. Rounds one and two are to be played on or before 28th of May. Just recently at Broadbeach bowls club where the Australian champ of champs are being conducted our own very Lester was a member of the victorious triples team along with Nick Cahill and Aron Sheriff. Congrats to all concerned and best wishes to Barry who flies out later in the week for trials with the Australian squad for places in the Australian team for the next Commonwealth Games to be held at Birmingham England.

Until the next issue of the bowler news I would like to wish you all good bowling and good health. See you around the club sometime.
Yours in bowls

Crawford Linton
Mens President 2022



Barrie's Bowls Bulletin

By Barrie Lester

THE BURLEIGH WATER DRAGONS ARE QUEENSLAND PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!!!

Can you believe it??? What a spirited performance to have both our premier league teams make both PLQ Grand Finals. Our premier league team defeated Broadbeach Bulls in the Final to come home with the victory.

The premier reserve team had an amazing year finishing minor premiers and can hold their head high. Only going down by one shot in the final against Broadbeach. The team played well all year and was so close to getting the ultimate prize. As the premier league coach and coordinator I am so proud of the way the players represented the club and wore their hearts on their sleeve every time they played for the club.

Well done to Shaun Wheeler and his rink of Cam Hilton, Tom Fitzpatrick and Ian Mitchell who were awarded top rink in the reserve grade for the season 2022.

Thank you to the board of management for their support of our players and this program.

The weekly bowls program is in full flight with bowls being played 6 days a week. We have club championships, Hawaiian night, and regular tournaments and soon we will host the Australian Open in June. Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to help with our week to week events.

Our Easter Saturday Open Triples was a great day on the greens, with 28 teams filling both greens the team of Ian Mitchell, Helen Richmond and Mick Oakes walked away with the "Chocolates".

Planning is well underway for our 85th anniversary which will be September this year. It will be a great few days of fun and celebration, stay tuned for further details.

Design for our range of club clothing is in progress, the focus is to have a large range of vests, jackets and shorts for our members to look smart and feel comfortable in.

Works on the new synthetic aim to commence May 16. Please be aware that there maybe some noise in the early stages of installation.

I would like to officially acknowledge some of our sponsors who have contributed to supporting our club ongoing. Please support our sponsors as much as possible.

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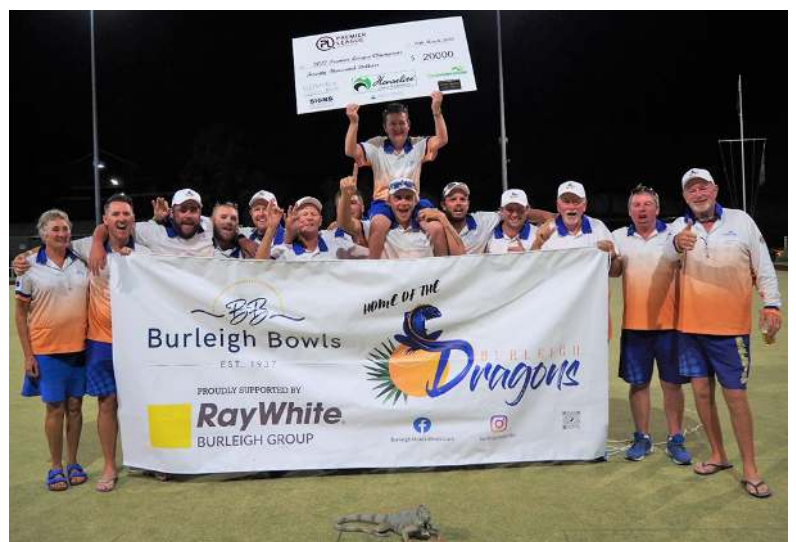
I am absolutely thrilled to have won GOLD at the Australian Championships alongside Nick Cahill and Aron Sherriff.



I will be leaving Australia April 30th flying to the UK where I will compete for Australia and return May 15th. This is also a Commonwealth Games Trial. Thank you to all the members and staff for their support and well wishes. I hope to make my club and country proud.



Barrie Lester
Bowls Co-ordinator 2022



ANZAC DAY







Green's Supervisor Report

By Ossie Moore

The big wet continues with 500 mm of rain in a month. Both greens have been treated for fungus and algae after this rain event. Green #1 has been playing well in the central section but the "T" areas of both North/South and East/West have struggled. These areas have been aerated, fertilised and are being rested in a rotation pattern.

Green #2 was slow on its return, but has regained a decent pace in a short timeframe. The feeding of this green seems to be keeping the 'ground pearl' issue in remission.

Green #3 is on the verge of carpet extinction! May 16th is the date proposed for the new KCL synthetic surface, along with the bedding panels, to begin construction. Weather permitting the project should be completed by July. (6-8 weeks). The tifdwarf nursery at the back of green #1 is looking heathy, if needed during early spring. Thank you to Michael and his staff for the enthusiastic approach to preparing Burleigh Bowls greens and surrounds.

Ossie Moore

Green's Supervisor 2022





Ladies President Report

By Sue Fenton

As we are all aware Covid still has a presence in our community and the weather isn't always our friend...but in spite of this our bowls calendar is progressing well this year. There are great bowls being played at Social and Championship levels. It is really encouraging to see our newer members gaining competency, well done.

On behalf of our ladies I am an advocate of mixed bowls. To date we have been playing mixed on Saturdays with other special days, very well received. Our next sponsored day is on Labour Day, bring it on!

We eagerly await the installation of our new synthetic green, from all reports it should be a really good surface on which to play.

Wishing you all good health and happy times bowling with your friends.

Sue Fenton

Ladies President 2022





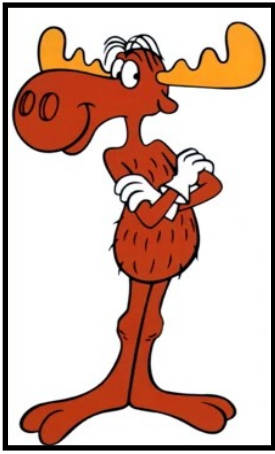
Ladies Games Director Report

By Carolyn Fisher

The competitions are all going well. The fours championship is completed winners being Norma Herbertson, Sharon Bottrell Gail McGaviston and Alice Makepeace runner's up Di Pickett Jenny Moore, Jen burns and Donna Jenkins. Pairs are up to semi-finals and singles close and drawn 3rd may first round to play by 14th may. Consistency will be out next. A great day 14th April sponsored by the craft and charity table followed by a light lunch.

Carolyn Fisher
Games Director 2022





Camels Corner 2022

By Bruce Stotesbury

March was a sad month for the Camels with the passing of Tasman (Taz) Kelly. Taz was a longtime member of Burleigh Bowls and a dedicated Camel for many years. Taz was an active Camel until his health deteriorated resulting in his untimely passing. Taz will be missed for his commitment to the club, the Richmond Tigers and his dry sense of humor and presence. The celebration of his life was an amazing event at the club with a full house resulting in running out of some beer selections at the bar. Taz would be proud.

The Camels wish a warm welcome to new members Zane (Inzane) Bisby and Brett (Bretto) Bisby, a wonderful father son addition, but sad that Inzane has managed to thrash Bretto every week so far.

Welcome back Steve Rickard!! Steve had been ill and is now on the road to recovery and will be back on the greens soon.

Has anyone seen, or been in possession of the Camels of Burleigh flag? It has been AWOL for a couple of weeks and is dearly missed and needs to come home.

Upcoming away games for the Camels:

May, 22 Normanby

May 29, Robina Gala

June 4/5, Pottsville

Bruce Stotesbury (Bullwinkle)





~BB~
Burleigh Bowls

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