



To Visitors and Club Members

Function Hall is available for hire – Consider the Club's facilities for all your special occasions and/or business functions. For further information and booking arrangements **Ph. 3355 2048**

Barefoot Bowls - Play on a lazy Sunday afternoon – take off your shoes and give bowls a go. Have a great afternoon (or evening by special arrangement) for your next birthday or work event. Vacancies are available, but bookings are essential – so call now on **Ph. 3355 2048**

WELCOME, WELCOME AND HAPPY READING

November is here and club bowlers are probably looking for the holiday travel bag instead of their bowls bag. Hall and barefoot bowls functions at our club are increasing with our local community wanting to celebrate with family and friends what a wonderful year it has been.

Helpers Wanted – Graham to rejuvenate Green No. 2

Sunday 3rd December 7am - for light wheelbarrow work to remove grass from green

Friday 8th December 5am – for heavy wheelbarrow and shovel work to lay and spread sand on the green - Breakfast will be provided afterwards

Graham volunteers his time of many, many hours throughout the year to cut and manicure our Gaythorne greens so that they are our pride and joy. Every year this also requires 1 green being extensively refurbished as mentioned above. In previous years whilst our official greenskeeper was on sick leave, Graham was extensively helped by other greenskeepers for other bowls clubs. However, this is no longer the case and Graham now needs our support as he cannot do this on his own. The more people that come and assist, the easier it will be for everyone to undertake the required tasks and then you can sit back and say – I helped in getting that green the way it bowls today. See Graham and tell him you can help him.

Many of us know our young club member, Stuart Gorton. Stuart is fast becoming a good bowls player and enjoys playing every game at our club. A couple of years ago, Stuart attended the Special Olympics Games in America and came home victorious with many medals after competing in Bocce. Gaythorne Bowls Club had much pleasure in supporting Stuart at that time and raised around \$4,000 to help fund his travelling and attendance costs. Now again, Stuart will be competing in 2018 in the Special Olympics Australia, National Games to be held in Adelaide from 16th to 20th April. In Adelaide, Stuart will be representing Queensland in Bocce. If you wish to help Stuart make it to Adelaide, donations may be left in the money box on the bar at our club. All monies received will be given to Stuart. Playing Bocce at either the Australian or International level is the culmination of years of hard work, dedication and training. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, visit nationalgames2018.com.au or call 1300 225 762.

Sausage Sizzle – Thursday 21 December at Bunnings, Stafford. Many club members have already come forward to assist and a timetable has been prepared for their shifts in manning the stall. However, if you could also spare some time on that day to help out, please talk to Les or Des at the club as some additional persons are still required, as possible backups, in case an already listed person is unable to attend on the day for some reason.

Participant numbers were down for the October "Learn To Bowl" sessions every Tuesday evening throughout the month. This was our club's contribution to the Brisbane City Council's GOLD Program for persons aged 50 and over in our local community. This was our 4th time with this event and again, although

there was fewer participants, our club may have 1 or 2 new member applications submitted shortly. Please make our new members feel at home when you see them at the club following their application acceptances.

All bowlers, at some time or other, complain about the heat when bowling during daylight hours. So why is it, when an offer is made to bowlers to come and bowl socially in the cool of the evenings, that no-one comes along. In previous newsletters, club bowlers were invited to come on Tuesday evenings and bowl under our floodlights at Gaythorne, whilst the GOLD Program sessions were being held. Apart from 1 night being washed out by rain, all the other nights were very enjoyable. One comment I often get from the participants is: "do you bowl in the evenings??" My reply is always: "I would love to, but can't get any interest in doing so from other club members." Also, by no club members being there on those nights, the participants don't get to meet, interact or see club members enjoying the game at our club.

However, on a happier tone, I would like to thank Ian, Des, Lee and Stuart for coming and helping out on the Tuesday evenings and in most cases giving the GOLD participants 1 on 1 instruction. Our club's involvement with the GOLD Program, introduces many non-bowlers to this game for the 1st time. Many people say that they have always wanted to have a go but until now have never done so. It is great to see them enjoying playing bowls and even if they don't sign up to become club members at the end of the sessions, they have now been introduced to this game and may consider joining a bowls club at a future time when they are ready to do so.

Your club committee is again working with the Brisbane City Council to update our club's details and documentation required by the council following recent changes to council requirements for organisations to be registered with them as an approved provider for their GOLD Program activities. For the 1st half of 2018, Gaythorne Bowls Club has been given an offer to run our evening "Learn to Bowl" sessions for 8 weeks from mid February to mid April in lieu of just 1 month as per previous times.

Veterans Fours was recently held at Gaythorne Bowls Club. This weekly competition is held on a rotational basis at bowls clubs between all participant bowler clubs. Tom Peake organises a weekly Gaythorne team to attend this event. There are only a few weeks left and Tom has advised that he requires some fill-in players. Please give Tom a call on 3355 0366 if you would like to help him out in either a one off or in an ongoing capacity. These are full day events with morning tea and lunch included in the admission price and at many bowls clubs outside our district which we would not normally go to for a game.

Christmas is coming – do you know someone you dislike?

Do you want to turn them into a friend, then perhaps offer them:-

GIFT VOUCHERS - \$20.00 Purchase Price but provides \$40.00 VALUE for voucher holder

Do you have a family member or friend with a birthday or other special occasion coming up and you are having difficulty thinking of what to give them as a present. Now the answer is easy – give that special person a **Gaythorne Bowls Club \$40.00 GIFT VOUCHER** - valued at \$40.00, but with only a \$20.00 purchase price. The voucher entitles the holder to an afternoon or evening of barefoot bowls for 4 people (\$8.00 per person) and drinks of their choice to the value of \$8.00. The gift voucher/s can be purchased at Gaythorne Bowls Club upon request and will be current for approximately 6 months.

Upcoming Bowls Events

Check the noticeboard for the latest scheduled days and times for the club's competitions

Veterans Fours – play every Monday at different venues Starts at 10am and finishing 3.15pm.

Cost - \$20.00 and includes morning tea and lunch.

Wednesday Morning Social Mixed Bowls – All bowlers are welcome Starts at 9.30am and finishing 12noon

Cost - \$12.00

Friday Afternoon Social Mixed Bowls – All bowlers are welcome Cost - \$12.00 Starts at 1pm

Upcoming Activities

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| 13 th Nov | - Plum Pudding Day at Gaythorne Bowls Club |
| 03 rd Dec | - assist graham to remove grass from Green No. 2 |
| 08 th Dec | - assist graham to spread sand on Green No. 2 |
| 15 th Dec | - Club Break-up and Christmas party |

16th Dec - Last club bowls day at Gaythorne for 2 week break
17th Dec - RSL Bowls break-up

It's Celebration Time

Happy Birthday to:

17 Nov - Jocelyn Mills
19 Nov - Stephen Luke
24 Nov - Brian Murdock
30 Nov - Keith Garrett

Want to keep in shape for bowls – then come along to the following weekly activities at our clubhouse

- **Wednesday 8.30am – 9.15am** Zumba Entry by donation Ph. 0402 135 364
- **Friday 10am – 12.30pm** Line Dancing \$7.00 / person Ph. 3351 5297

Community Sporting Clubs Also Utilising Clubhouse

Darts Wednesday Nights 7pm til 10pm
8 Ball Wednesday Nights 7pm til 10pm, also every 2nd Tuesday night

New members and first time tryers are always welcome

If you are looking for a venue to hold your next club or business activity, either as a one-off or on a more regular basis, please contact the club on:
Ph. No. (07) 3355 2048 or email gbscc@bigpond.com

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