



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

Sunday 21st August – Members *Bring-a-Friend* Day – What a great day this was. I lost count (after 100) of the number of people overflowing on the greens and in the clubhouse. Congratulations to Glen Ritchie and his wife and all the other helpers on the day. The sausage sizzle was enjoyed by all with many going back for seconds. Glen also donated and arranged for many donations used as prizes (approx. 30 in total) for the club raffle. However this was not enough for Glen, he obtained sponsors for the day with the major sponsor being Matilda Petrol Station at Everton Park – so the next time you are in there filling your tank, say thanks to them for sponsoring our club event. Also many thanks to the Zumba exercisers and their guests that came along and had a great time – I think they also did quite well collecting a few raffle prizes. The *Making Greeting Cards* class held at our clubhouse on the 18th August by Rhonda Dixon as part of Seniors Week was enjoyed by only 3 participants who all went away with 3 completed cards and materials to complete a further 2 cards back home. It had been hoped that these card making classes could continue on a weekly basis at our club, but although Rhonda undertook extensive advertising around the Gaythorne, Mitchelton and Keperra areas, there has not been enough expressions of interest in this activity for it to continue at our club. However, Rhonda has been and will continue to hold her card making classes at her home in Nundah – so if interested, please contact Rhonda on Ph. 0488 458 313 for further details.

Our bowls club has great facilities but like everything else requires a regular income to keep the bills paid and activities such as the above class and the other exercise classes at our club assist our club greatly in this regard. So a challenge to club members is:- when travelling in your circles of life (outside bowls) and you come across an activity that you think could be done at our club, consider approaching the organiser of that activity and mention our club facilities as another possible venue for that activity should that organiser consider expanding their activity into another area at a later time.

Just a reminder that *Bowls Under Lights* will again be on each Wednesday night in November this year as part of the Brisbane City Council's GOLD Program. These nights were previously held in February this year and were a great success being well attended by participants who were introduced to bowls and to our club. We were also fortunate in obtaining new club members from this activity. Club members also supported these nights by coming along and enjoying a bowls game in the cool of the evenings. Club members playing on the nights enhanced the new participants enjoyment of the nights by socialising together afterwards, but also mainly by seeing other people (ie. club members) coming out in the evenings and enjoying the fellowship of the game. Applications for the next round of the GOLD Program (ie. 1st half of 2017) closed in early August and our club has again nominated for evening bowls in March 2017. We will have to wait until the end of the year to find out if our club has been accepted for this activity as part of their program. For a number of years the only other bowls club offering bowls as an activity as part of this program has been the Grange Bowls Club, but during daylight hours. Gaythorne Bowls Club offers evening bowls as an alternative and hopefully compliments the Grange club's offering at a different time. It is felt to be important for our club to continue with our evening bowls in this GOLD program, as the club obtains 6 months free advertising, receives a small contribution from the BCC for holding this activity and has the proven potential to bring in new members to our club.

The North-West News recently had an article on the planned redevelopment of the Everton Park Bowls Club into a new retirement housing precinct. This will involve the complete demolition and removal of the whole bowls club greens and clubhouse, etc. and the construction of up to 40 or 50 retirement units with a bowls facility incorporated into the overall new facility on the site. About a week ago, a news item on the TV

also showed an interview with Graham Quirk advising the BCC's support for developers to submit applications for redeveloping existing sporting club facilities into retirement living centres. He also advised that to encourage developers in this regard, a 33% reduction in BCC's development costs may be offered to developers if their applications are submitted over the next few months to a date in 2017 (which unfortunately, I can't recall at this time).

GIFT VOUCHERS

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 GIFT VOUCHER** valued at \$40.00. 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

September

11th Sunday – Brisbane Transport Bowls

17th & 18th Sat & Sun – Over 60's Pairs Competition

October

3rd Monday - Queen's Birthday Holiday Bowls

14th Friday – Octoberfest party night **(CORRECTION – Previously listed as 7th)**

17th Monday – Vet's Fours at Gaythorne

December

16th Friday - Club Xmas breakup party

It's Celebration Time

Happy Birthday to:

1 Sept - Ed Stevens
10 Sept - Edna Machen
14 Sept - Les Manthey
20 Sept - Des West
21 Sept - Ray Pike

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

- **Sunday 2pm – 4.30pm** Barefoot Bowls \$9.00 / person Ph. 3355 2048
- **Tuesday 9.30am – 10.15am** Zumba exercise class \$15.00 / person Ph. 0488 008 555
- **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

Gaythorne Bowls, Sports and Community Club is very keen to support people within the local and surrounding communities by providing outdoor bowls facilities and a place for other clubs and organisations to meet and hold their own activities

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

Club Contact Details:

Address: 18 Prospect Road

Gaythorne, Brisbane, QLD. 4051

Phone No.: **3355 2048** for hall hire and barefoot bowls

3855 2725 for members advising to attend social and club bowls games

Website: www.gaythornebowlsclub.com.au