



2016 - April

# IN TOUCH



The Official Newsletter of the Gaythorne Bowls, Sports and Community Club Inc.

## 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. 3855 2725**

**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. 3855 2725**

## WELCOME, WELCOME AND HAPPY READING

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April (10am – 4.30pm) & Sun 17<sup>th</sup> April (10am – 4pm)**

**11<sup>th</sup> National Shell Show, Gaythorne Bowls Club, 18 Prospect Road, Gaythorne.**

What a superb event to be held at our club and what a privilege for our club to be selected as the Brisbane venue for this event. Tell all your neighbours and friends to come and see this possibly once in a lifetime show to be held in Queensland. I understand that this is the first time that this shell show has been held in Brisbane as in past years it has been held in the southern States and is probably going to be again next year. At the clubhouse you have probably noticed a display case of shells to give you a small sample of the different types and exciting colours and shapes of the shells that will be on display and available for purchase. Until being informed by a shell club member that some of the rarer shells can cost many thousands of dollars, I would not have imagined that being the case. In preparation for the show all of the dining chairs have to be removed and stacked in an adjacent room in order for many additional hire tables to be delivered to the club, possibly on the 13<sup>th</sup> April, to cater for all of the dealer and shell displays – please see Graham, Des or Ken if you are able to give a helping hand on possibly the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> to prepare the club rooms for this show over the coming weekend.

Through March each Wednesday night, Gaythorne Bowls Club continued to offer night bowls to it's members and visitors. This was a continuation of night bowls following on from the success of the club's "Introduction to Bowls" under lights during February, as our contribution to the Brisbane City Council's GOLD Program from January 2016 to June 2016. This program will also run for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2016 and the club will probably find out in May or June if it's nomination to again participate in this GOLD Program in November has been approved. Many members are continuing to express how great it has been to again be able to bowl in the cool of the evenings.

Our clubhouse during March has really been a community venue with the billiards/pool club and the darts club coming in the evenings and Zumba and Line Dancing classes during the days. The Zumba instructor has been holding her classes at several venues around Brisbane's northside, but is now negotiating with the club to have all of her classes at the one location, that being Gaythorne Bowls Club, possibly over 3 or 4 days each week at the club. So, if you have put on some extra calories with Easter eggs, come along to a Zumba class to burn off those unwanted extra kilos – there is sure to now be a day and time that could fit in with your other lifestyle commitments.

How was your Easter? Hope we all remembered the real reason for Easter, as well as giving and sharing some Easter eggs with our family and friends.

The Annual General Meeting of Gaythorne Bowls Club was held on 6<sup>th</sup> March and was well attended by our members. The club's appreciation was expressed to all the out-going 2015 position holders and a welcome to all the new 2016 committee members as follows:

Chairperson	-	Graham Hodges
Secretary	-	Des Gardner
Treasurer	-	John Langworthy
Greens Director		Graham Hodges
Providore	-	Ken Studders
Art Union Director		Vacant – anyone interested in taking on this role?
Building Director		Glen Richie

Games Director	Noel Liddell
Promotions Director	Kev Hass
Ladies Games Director	Vacant – anyone interested in taking on this role?
BDBA Delegate	John Darlington
Auditor -	Cowlshaw & Co.
Hon. Solicitor -	C Bridge
Mens President	Ken Studders
Ladies President	Lee Gordon

It has been a long, hot and dry summer this year all the way through to the end of March – not much of a wet season this year, but the greens are still looking and rolling great. Quite often, compliments are made about the good condition of the greens, but the surrounds being the lawns and the garden beds with their plants also create the pleasant atmosphere that us bowlers love so much when we get onto the greens, whether it be at home or away for our games. At home, Gaythorne is very fortunate to have a small number of volunteers that continuously work on the surrounds by mowing and maintaining the garden beds. Well done. In this regard, there has also emerged a small number of bowlers who “bowl and pluck” during their games on the Gaythorne greens. I have been asked to thank the “bowl and pluckers” for their efforts to date, as this small bending and plucking of weeds from the lawn and garden beds around where they are bowling is proving to be quite beneficial and an easing of work required to maintain these areas. During February and March, a lot of members have come forward to volunteer their time and services to share ongoing tasks, such as cleaning, bar tending, administration and kitchen catering works. Rosters, where required, have been prepared and this system is presently working well – this new operational format had become necessary following the departure of some members at the end of 2015. At that time of requesting volunteers, one area was probably overlooked because the existing volunteers were performing their tasks floorlessly – that being the lawn and garden maintenance group (was that because they had no floors – sorry bad joke). All jokes aside, if any club members are able to come down and do some gardening and/or lawn mowing this would greatly be appreciated as the hot summer heat has really been hard on this small group of club volunteers. If you would like to enquire about how you could help out in this regard, please see Peter Tangey or George Machen at the club.

### 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

### Upcoming Activities

#### April

15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Friday to Sunday – 11<sup>th</sup> National Shell Show  
 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Anzac Day Bowls

#### May

23<sup>rd</sup> Vets Fours at Gaythorne  
 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Murgon / Gaythorne Bowls Challenge Weekend

### It’s Celebration Time

#### Happy Birthday to:

6 April - Jean Evans  
 15 April - Les Penhaligan  
                   - Ray Skilbeck  
 20 April - Brett Scarffe  
 21 April - Des Gardner

### Community Sporting Clubs Also Utilising Clubhouse

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

**New members and first time tryers are always welcome**

### Club Contact Details:

Address: 18 Prospect Road  
 Gaythorne, Brisbane, QLD. 4051  
 Phone No.: **3855 2725** for hall hire and barefoot bowls  
**3855 2725** for members advising to attend social and club bowls games  
 Website: [www.gaythornebowlsclub.com.au](http://www.gaythornebowlsclub.com.au)

A long time sponsor of Gaythorne Bowls Club is Anton Brown Funerals and the help and assistance that they have given to the club and it's members is greatly appreciated and it is hoped that association between Anton Brown Funerals and our bowls club will continue well into the future.

# Anton Brown Funerals

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