



2014 — December

# IN TOUCH



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

## WELCOME WELCOME AND HAPPY READING

Thanks to everyone who expressed their appreciation for the restarting of our **IN TOUCH** newsletter. Thanks should also go to John Langworthy for his efforts in preparing the previous editions of this newsletter. Looking forward, it would be great to provide some photos of past bowls competitions and social events in future editions next year. So, if you are going to an upcoming bowls event take your camera along to get a happy snap for the newsletter. Similarly, some longer term members may have some old photos of themselves/the clubhouse in earlier times in bowls battles. These could also be included and be of interest to newer members and for older members to reflect on past times. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all bowlers and their families and look forward to seeing you next year with an even stronger bowls forehand and plenty of touchers. The next newsletter will be in February 2015.

Visitors/public (non-members) are always welcome to come and share our club's facilities, particularly the functions area including a raised stage and full catering kitchen — come and check us out, you will be pleasantly surprised.

### To Visitors and Club Members:

The Club's **Function Hall is available for hire** for all your special occasions and/or business functions. For further information and booking arrangements Ph. **0402 107 697**

**Barefoot Bowls**—take off your shoes and give bowls a go, have a great afternoon or evening for your next birthday or work function (perhaps your Christmas break-up). Vacancies still available, but bookings are essential, so call now on **0402 107 697**

### Club Board Chairman's Notes (George Zahra)

Many thanks to Kev for the excellent job on the newsletter. Congratulations to our 3rd Division (plus a few 6th Division) bowlers on their performance in representing the Brisbane District in the District Finals at Coolum Bowls Club. We finished 3rd, missing by 1 point for a 2nd place. Thanks to Col Morris on his selections, all the players tried their best. Between now and December the club is booked out with functions and barefoot bowls. Thanks to Bob, Ken and Denise for their hard work.

### Club Men's President Notes (Ken Studders)

We are well and truly into the crazy season, so much so I am thinking of changing my house number to the club. Over the last weekend in November, we had 3 functions in 2 days, so please excuse me if I am not so sociable. Don't forget the 19th December, our Christmas break-up and presentation night. This is a ticket only function with tickets costing \$20.00 each and available at the bar from Friday 28 November. I would also like to thank everyone for their social and team support throughout 2014 and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New year.

### Club Ladies' President Notes (Margaret Hankin)

The Gaythorne Bowls Club was buzzing on Melbourne Cup Day with over ninety people attending. There were

plenty of prizes in the Cent Auction which kept us busy for four hours. Sandwiches and cakes were prepared by the ladies and everyone enjoyed the day. The lady bowlers will join the men bowlers next year making a mixed social day on Wednesdays. I am sure we will have fun. Next year will be a little different but we must move with the times and keep this club united in the quest to stay alive and well. I thank everyone for the love and support throughout my year as Lady President. The ladies have worked tirelessly throughout the year, they have rallied to the task and got the job done on every occasion, well done ladies **WHAT A TEAM!** I hope everyone has an enjoyable break over Christmas.

### Upcoming Bowls Events

- December 2014

No planned formal games during the Christmas break  
Veterans Fours - play every Monday at different venues starting at 10am and finishing 3.15pm. Cost \$20.00 and includes morning tea and lunch. A well earned Christmas break to all players with the games to re-commence in January - actual date yet to be advised.

Wednesday Morning Social Bowls All bowlers welcome cost \$12.00 To note, the starting time will be 9am NOT 9.30am during the warmer months only. Enjoy the Christmas break, games to re-commence in January 2015

Friday Afternoon Social Mixed Bowls - All bowlers welcome. Start 1pm cost \$12.00. Again, bowlers enjoy the Christmas break, games to re-commence in January 2015

- December 2014

Weekly social club games til 24 December

**24th** Closing Date for Club Competition nominations

**24th** Due Date for renewal of Club Membership fees

Club will be **closed from Wednesday 24 December 2014** (Correction—this was previously listed in November edition as 20 December 2014)

- January 2015

**3rd** Club will reopen

**17th** 1st game of Pairs Club Competition

**18th** 1st game of A Grade Singles Club Competition

- February 2015

Gaythorne bowlers weekend competition at Murgon Bowls Club—dates to be confirmed

### Upcoming Social Activities

- December 2014

**19th** Christmas Break-up and Trophies Night

**19th** Last Meals Night until 6th February 2015

**24th** Last social bowls game at Gaythorne Bowls Club for 2014

### Past Bowls Events

- November 2014

**7th** Men's 3rd Division Bowlers Competition at Coolum  
A great effort by the Gaythorne bowlers for coming 3rd in the competition and unfortunately just missing out on equal 2nd position by 1 shot on the last end. Results were: 1st Div. Caloundra; 2nd Div. Musgrave Hill; 3rd Div. Gaythorne; 4th Div. Sth Acacia; 5th Div. Dec. Bay; 6th Div. Bribie Is.

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Division 3 Team Members at Coolum

**15th** Past Presidents Day playing Mixed Fours

An exciting and wonderful day was had by all. Best team on the day was skipped by George Machen and following close behind was the team skipped by Graham Hodges.

**16th** Waterloo Social Club (based at Bramble Bay Bowls Club) played at Gaythorne Bowls Club. What a brave bunch of bowlers they are—don't cancel we will come and come they did and play they did in the 39 degree temperature through the day. Bowlers numbers were down from each club but the intermixing of all players was a great idea. The early finish was also appreciated by all—particularly the barman.

**17th** Plum Pudding Day — Ladies Division, Mixed Fours  
The heat wave was starting to ease and this enabled the 50 odd bowlers to have a more enjoyable morning on the greens. Morning tea and lunch were also provided as well as tons of raffle prizes, with the best raffle prizes being the plum puddings.



Bowlers hanging out for the Plum Pudding draws

## Past Social Activities

• November 2014

**4th** Melbourne Cup Party held in the function area of the clubhouse was enjoyed by all who attended. The building was filled with both cheers of excitement and sighs of disbelief as the selected sweeps horses either won, came 2nd or 3rd or are still looking for the finish post. A total of \$2,000 was raised on the day and well done to the men who helped the always willing ladies on the day.



The welcoming party to Melbourne Cup Function



The packed function area for the Cup Party/Cent Auction

• Friday Night Meals

Terrific food continues to be prepared by the *Gaythorne Kitchen Masters*—Kenny and Denise—thanks for the great meals and expanding waistlines, but nothing a good game of bowls can't handle.

## *Bowls Tips by Gentleman George*

In a sport demanding so much concentration and application, it is curious that one of the most obvious fundamentals of bowls is often overlooked and given so little attention. The simple act of rolling the jack, to start a match, or an end, controls much of the game. Yet, the majority of bowlers merely step on the mat, without thought sometimes even with haste, and roll the jack resulting in no control of length or direction. Choosing your own length is the foundation of building a favorable head and there is hardly anything in the game as frustrating as the careless rolling of the jack, resulting in it going out of bounds, into the ditch or to your opponent's favorite length. The bowler who errs in this respect has handed the control of the length to his opponent and thrown away any advantage. The importance of rolling the jack straight and to a required length cannot be over emphasized. Basic principles regarding stance, grip and placement of the jack have also been provided by George, but due to space limitations could not be included, but are available upon request to either George or Kev.

## *Bowlers Bark*

The Danger Bowl -

Our skipper stood upon the mat

The last end—the final bowl and just by one we led

Precariously we held the shot  
About jack high it lay  
If it was moved an inch or two  
Indeed we'd lose the day  
Which is the danger bowl  
Our skipper cried - in manner grand  
Our third replied - it's by your side  
It's in your bloody hand  
(Extract from "Bowls is a funny game")



### *It's Celebration Time*

#### Happy Birthday to:

- 7 December - Noel Liddell and Nev Sander
- 9 December - Merle Cox
- 12 December - Ray Summors
- 17 December - Adrian Webb
- 5 January - George Machen
- 6 January - John Mumbray
- 10 January - Ray Peake
- 11 January - Ron Brooker, John Darlington and Glenn Ritchie
- 19 January - Bernice Stewart

#### Wedding Anniversaries for:

- 13 December - Kev and Sylvia Hass
- (If you want your special day in future newsletters please provide details mid-month prior to month required in the newsletter.)

#### Reminder:

1. Helpers will be required for some upcoming hall functions, please see Ken or Bob if you may be able to lend a hand
2. **2015 Club Competition Nominations** to be submitted by 24 December 2014
3. **2015 Club Membership fees** to be paid by 24 December 2014

#### 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

#### Club Contact Details

Address: 18 Prospect Road  
Gaythorne, Brisbane, Qld 4051  
Phone No. **0402 107 697** (24/7) for hall hire & barefoot bowls  
**3855 2725** for member's notice to attend social and club bowls games  
Website: **www.gaythornebowlsclub.com.au**



Frank and Ron at Murgon Bowls Club February 2014



Gaythorne Bowlers—Woody (left) & Tom (right) Murgon

### *Extra Items of Interest - Readers Feedback Wanted*

Depending on available space each month in this newsletter, would club members like to see, and more importantly, use the below if they were included in the newsletter. The inclusion of these extra items may require the Board's approval. To see if there is any member interest / support and, if necessary, to help the Board make it's determination, your feedback is requested by simply circling the like / dislike below and then leaving the page at the club's reception counter. If there is only a small number of replies left at the counter, prior to 24th December, then it will be considered that there is no member interest and this will not be further pursued.

- ***For Sale or Giveaway (Like / Dislike)***  
Pending readers feedback and subsequent club approval, this could be max. 2 items per club member for 2 monthly editions at \$2.00 per item per month (ie. each item—\$4.00 for inclusion in 2 newsletters)
- ***Wanted to Buy (Like / Dislike)***  
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