



2016 — February

# 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

Your newsletter editor, Kev Hass, is still getting over his great driving holiday with his 2 sons down to the Victorian Alps for a bit of mountain track 4WD driving. Apologies, but here we go with another great year of lawn bowls.

The club is underway with its bowls competitions and social bowls on Wednesday mornings, Friday afternoons and Saturday afternoon mixed bowls. Our club membership as of December is 58 men, 10 ladies, 9 honorary ladies and 4 honorary men. Although at the end of 2015, our club numbers went down slightly, we have obtained some new members from Newmarket Bowls Club and also new lady bowlers who have brought new blood and enthusiasm onto our greens – welcome to all.

The big event for February at Gaythorne is the commencement of **Bowls by Floodlight** each Wednesday night ie. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Two nights have already been played with members of the public coming along to participate in our **FREE** evening introduction to bowls sessions. Bowls by Floodlight is one of the activities included in the Brisbane City Council's GOLD Program specifically aimed at persons aged 50 and over. Our sessions and a list of all of the other activities on offer in the GOLD Program are included in the Brisbane City Council's GOLD Program booklet – copies are available at the clubhouse or any Brisbane City Council library. Just about all of the activities are free or just to cover the cost of materials eg. for art or bicycle hire, etc.

It has been great to again see the greens covered in floodlight and being covered with bowlers in their whites enjoying their bowls in the cool of the evenings. The barefoot and GOLD bowlers are also experiencing a new side to playing bowls without the hot sun beating down on them and in some cases, enjoying a new activity after a busy working day. The darts and billiards clubs have also this month recommenced their sports utilising the interior of our clubhouse and many comments have already been received from some bowls members how great it is that the greens and function areas are being fully occupied like it was in past times. Everyone has been mixing in very happily and with the bowlers finishing around 8pm, it is really quite pleasant sitting around afterwards with a cold drink, having a chat with your friends and new bowls partners and just soaking up the very social environment. Wouldn't it be great to see the night bowls continue past February – what are your thoughts and come along if you have not yet done so, even if it's just to sit on the side and cheer on the bowlers.

Jason is also introducing a new version of bowls, called SETS, to our club members on Wednesday nights. Thank you very much Jason, for taking this on and it is understood that this version of bowls provides a shortened game time, and just like the 20/20 format in cricket, gives bowlers an alternative way to play bowls. This SETS version is already being played at other clubs and perhaps if there is enough interest with our members in playing this, perhaps it could be continued past February, possibly in the evenings, after the finish of the evening GOLD Program activities. Perhaps evening inter-club meets at home and away could be arranged – what are your thoughts, would you be interested in participating – let Jason know.

I think I mentioned above that **barefoot bowlers** are also welcome to come along on Wednesday nights, but I should also mention that these are also **FREE during February**. What a great promotion – spread the word, still the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to come.

The sausage sizzle held at Bunnings, Stafford on Sunday 7 February was a great success. The takings for the day came to approx. \$2,700.00 and this was from the crew cooking up 925 sausages and serving them with bread and onions from 9am til 2.30pm. A great effort to Les and George and the many other tireless helpers who came along on the day. It's activities like this and involvement by our club members that promotes the name of Gaythorne Bowls Club in the community, the game of bowls itself and lastly, assists

in providing additional funds to assist in the running of the club's facilities. I think it may be awhile before the club workers want to see or eat another sausage.

In April, Gaythorne Bowls Club will be the venue for the 11<sup>th</sup> National Shell Show where both private and commercial shell collectors will meet to display and sell shells collected from all around the world.

Gaythorne Bowls Club is very proud and excited about being accepted by the shell show organisers to provide the facilities for this major event in the shell collector's calendar. Club members and their friends are invited to come along and see this wonderful display, and who knows, you may even take home a shell or two to start your own shell collection. Our club has also been asked to cater for this event over the weekend. Probably during March, club members may be asked if they will be able to help out in some way at the club over this weekend, possibly with various aspects of the catering (eg. food preparation/ dish washing), cleaning, helping out with table set up/take down, grounds tidy up, etc. So please book this weekend into your calendar to come and check out the shell show and to also be a helper for some time over that weekend to ensure the show is a great success.

### 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

Wednesday Evening Bowls (February Only) – GOLD Program – **FREE** Introduction to Bowls by Floodlight, for people aged 50 and over

Wednesday Evening Bowls (February Only) – Barefoot Bowls – **FREE** to come and play with a group of your friends and/or workmates after a hard day's work. (Other times, usually \$8.00 per person)

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

### Upcoming Activities

#### February

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>

Start of Club A and B Singles, and Pairs competitions – check noticeboard

15<sup>th</sup>

Saturday & Sunday – Gaythorne Bowlers go to Murgon Bowls Club

Monday – Ladies President's Day

#### March

6<sup>th</sup>

Start of Club Fours competitions

Sunday – Annual General Meetin

#### 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

### Past Activities

#### December

Everyone has celebrated Christmas and New Year in their own way with family and friends.

Many club members have been asked to provide some details of how they spent this time, but in the absence of any response, readers will have to be happy with a photo or two from my trip to the Victorian Alps.



The Hass 5 Star Camping Accommodation



Kevin and his 2 sons, Stephen and David



Start of Billy Goat Bluff Track to top of range



Clouds rolling in and over Victorian Alps

### It's Celebration Time

#### Happy Birthday to:

- 13 Feb - Nick Emery
- 17 Feb - Keith Moore
- 18 Feb - Warren Adam
- David Gray
- Jason Luke
- 22 Feb - John Dial
- Denis Donnelly
- 23 Feb - Kev Hass
- Jason Rynkiel
- 24 Feb - John Brown
- 27 Feb - Arthur Christopher
- 30 Nov - Keith Garrett

#### Laugh A Minute

- ++ I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds – people get out of the way much faster now +++
- ++ I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim – I feel so much better now saying I went to the Jim in the morning +++
- ++ When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment – Now as a grown-up, it feels like a small vacation +++
- ++ Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway +++

During February, invite your friends, workmates and neighbours to

## **FREE** Wednesday Nights Bowls:

- 1) Introduction to Bowls by Floodlight (GOLD Program) – for 50 & above ages
- 2) BAREFOOT Bowls – for any age group

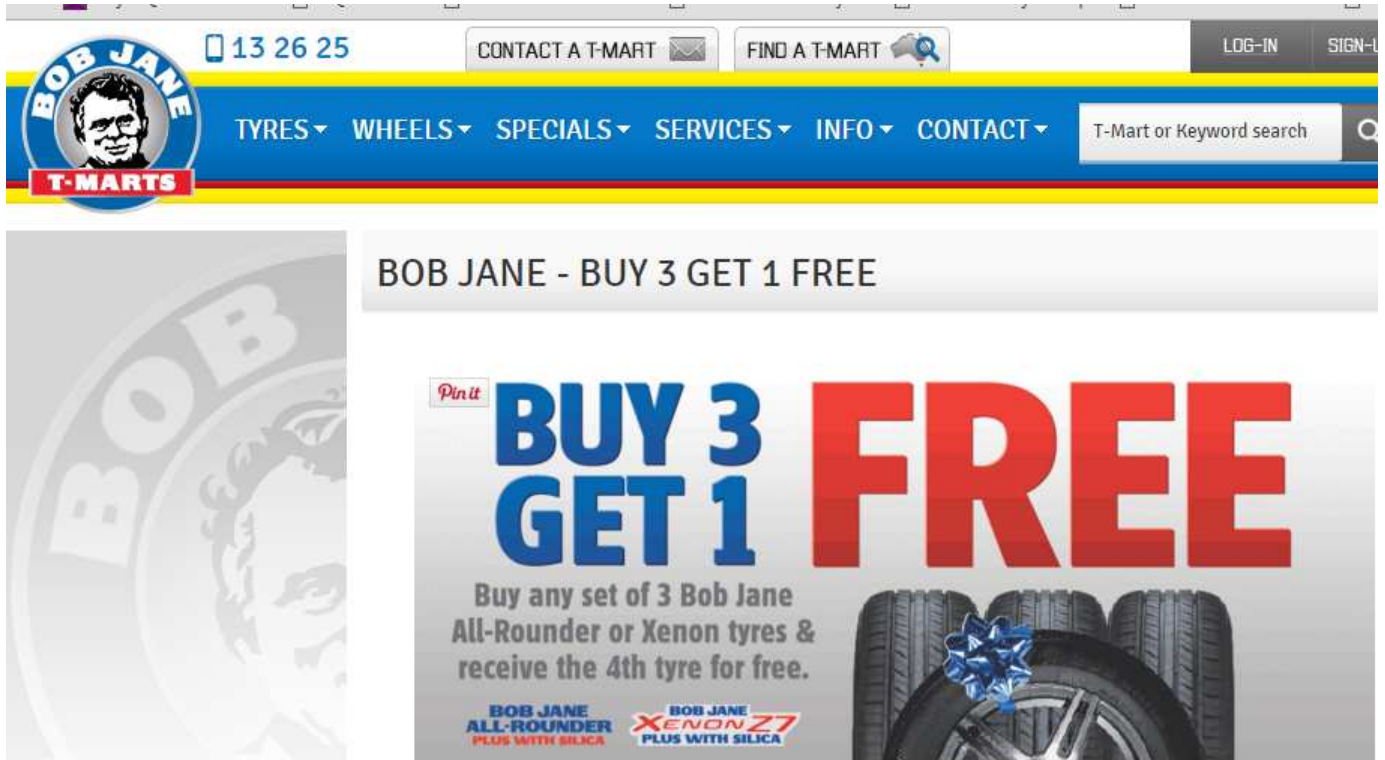


## Sponsor Of The Month – Bob Jane T-Mart

Sponsorship of our club and it's activities is very important to Gaythorne Bowls Club, and as such, the contributions made by Bob Jane T-Mart are very much appreciated.

Bob Jane T-Mart has been in the Mitchelton / Gaythorne District for many, many years and they have provided tyres and tyre fitting services to many club members and locals to a very high standard every time.

When next considering replacement of your car's tyres or to get a wheel alignment so your tyres will last longer, go and see Bob Jane T-Mart on the corner of Samford Road and Dawson Parade Keperra.



The image shows a screenshot of the Bob Jane T-Mart website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the phone number 13 26 25, a 'CONTACT A T-MART' button, a 'FIND A T-MART' button, and 'LOG-IN' and 'SIGN-UP' links. Below this is a blue navigation menu with links for 'TYRES', 'WHEELS', 'SPECIALS', 'SERVICES', 'INFO', and 'CONTACT'. A search bar is also present. The main content area features a large promotional banner for 'BUY 3 GET 1 FREE'. The banner includes the text 'Buy any set of 3 Bob Jane All-Rounder or Xenon tyres & receive the 4th tyre for free.' and images of several tyres. The Bob Jane T-Mart logo is visible in the top left corner of the website screenshot.

### 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)