



### 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

We must all be working hard, whether it’s at work or busy with various pursuits outside of work, because Christmas is now a memory and Easter is just around the corner. The club bowls competitions are well underway and many a story of bowlers highs and woes are being told in the clubhouse.

Barefoot bowlers are back on the greens and providing a much needed funding source for our club.

The club’s participation in the Brisbane City Council’s GOLD Program is to be rewarded with funds of \$640.00 for running this event. The council is already planning their program of events for the GOLD Program for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this year and our club was asked if we would like to again participate in the program. Accordingly, our club has submitted a nomination to again hold evening bowls classes each Wednesday evening in November – so now we just have to wait and see if our nomination will be accepted later in the year.

The club bowlers and the GOLD bowlers all enjoyed their Wednesday evening bowls, so much so, that the evening bowls for club bowlers will continue throughout March with consideration to further continuing in april to given at the end of this month. Some of the GOLD bowlers in their last night’s class indicated that they may continue coming whilst evening times are available. For these bowlers and any barefoot bowlers wanting to play Wednesday evenings, the club has decided to charge them admission of \$5.00 per person. This is a great way to continue to publicise our club within our community.



Ken considering his next bowl at Murgon



Jason waiting for bowls to be winners



Ladies President's Day – Spider Hunting

Last minute practice and tips by Brian and Graham

### 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

#### March

	Start of Club Fours competitions
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday – Annual General Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter

#### 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

#### February

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> A group of good looking bowlers again travelled to Murgon for the inter-club competition on the Saturday afternoon. They may have been good looking but the bowls was not good enough to bring home the Murgon/Gaythorne Bowls Shield. Most say the game is played in good spirit and it probably is, but there is a genuine desire within each team to claim the shield for the following 6 months. Sunday morning is a non-competition bowls match, but it is still competitive and all bowlers pay the penalty when a wrong bias is bowled.

15<sup>th</sup> The Ladies President's Day held at Gaythorne and was well attended by a large number of clubs from around the district. It is always incredible how this event always seems to have a extremely hot day with the call being made by most teams to finish early around 11.30am in lieu of 12 noon. Although the Ladies President, Margaret Hankin, was unable to attend, she was there in spirit and her best wishes for the day were forwarded in a letter that Edna Machen read out to all present. Ken and his helpers provided a wonderful lunch that was very much appreciated by all of the bowlers.

3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> These were all the Wednesday evenings when our club held "Learn to Bowl Under Lights" which was our contribution to the Brisbane City Council's (BCC) GOLD Program for people aged 50 and over. In addition to the BCC publishing the activities in their own booklet available at council libraries, our club was able to secure a notice and an article in 2 consecutive editions of the North West News.

Thanks to the new bowler who generously gave of his time to participate in the photo shoot for the newspaper article. Attendance on the nights were good with some returning the following Wednesday to continue their introduction to bowls with some even joining the club bowlers for their evening bowls games. There is no doubt that being part of an actual game provided the new GOLD bowlers with some great experience and helpful tips from the club bowlers. One lady Thea has already joined the club with possibly another 4 expressing a desire to also join, but will have to wait and see.

## It's Celebration Time

### Happy Birthday to:

2 Mar	- Gary Edward
4 Mar	- Graham Hodges
5 Mar	- Ian Olsson
7 Mar	- Tracy Edmonds
9 Mar	- George Zahra
27 Mar	- Geraldine Morris

## Check Out And Shell Out - *11<sup>th</sup> National Shell Show organised by The Brisbane Shell Club*

That's right – from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Gaythorne Bowls Club will be the venue for the *11<sup>th</sup> National Shell Show.* The show is being organised by the Brisbane Shell Club and our Gaythorne Bowls Club facilities and grounds will be covered in jaw-dropping shell displays, collections and shells for purchase. All club members are invited to come along and see sea shells from all around the world. Can you imagine what shape and colour of the shells will take your fancy.

Perhaps you will even buy one or two to start your own collection. Will you see a shell that you had once picked up and passed by not realising how a shell collector would have wanted to add that shell to their collection. This is a great event not to be missed – so spread the word in your circle of family and friends so that they can enjoy this show as well.

Keep an eye on the noticeboard in case any club members may be required to assist the show organisers in any way that will ensure your little bit of extra help will make this show a success. For further information regarding the show or the shell club, visit: [www.facebook.com/groups/1434389403526873/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1434389403526873/)

During March, invite your friends,  
workmates and neighbours to

## ***WEDNESDAY's DISCOUNT Night Bowls***

1) BAREFOOT Bowls – for any age  
group ***\$5.00 PER PERSON***

## 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)



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7.30 - 11.30am  
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## **Office Hours**

**Monday to Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm**

**Saturday 7:30am - 11:30am**

