



Samford District Bowls Club

'the friendly club'

September/October 2022 Newsletter

Editors: Colin & Shirley Martin

Welcome to the fourth and second last Newsletter for 2022. We have had lots of excellent stories and jokes sent to us for inclusion so we have set some aside for the Final Newsletter of the year. If you have some Christmas stories, jokes or cartoon please sent them in also.

From the Chair

Time flies: the Queen passes and we celebrate her life in our living rooms watching television as only the British can do so well. In contrast Samford Bowls Club celebrates another year of achievements both on the Green and within the clubrooms and surrounds. At the risk of repeating myself we faced despair after the February floodwaters ruined our carpet & parquet floor, reshaped the artificial grass and seating until Members responded by rolling up their sleeves in a combined effort not seen before. My thanks go out to all members you're such a valuable asset to SDBC. Our recent AGM Members unanimously endorsed Life Membership to Chris Campbell – please convey congratulations to Chris when next at the club. There are some new faces accepting committee positions for the next year please support them in their challenging roles where possible as they undertake those additional tasks and responsibilities.

Barry Maher: Chairperson

The positions for the Board of Management and PCC for 2022/23 are as follows:

Board of Management

Chairperson - Barry Maher
Vice Chairperson - to be confirmed
Treasurer - Bruce Atkinson

Secretary - Susan Law

Property and Maintenance officer - Chris Campbell

PCC

Chairperson - Desley Broad

Secretary - Pam Campbell

Men's Players Representative – Rod Palmer

Ladies' Players Representative - Lesley Maher

Men's Games Director - Jeff Himstedt

Ladies' Games Director – Margaret Evans

Veterans Fraternity Day 19 September 2022

Samford hosted 112 bowlers to a perfect Spring day under the shades assisted by QCWA Ladies, who served a delicious ham/chicken salad lunch. Our volunteer ladies Mary, Lesley, Andrea, Bianca, Jo Usher, Allison and Jan Smith attended to M/Tea from 8am then set 120 places once bowlers were on the Green.

Lunchtime visitors were updated on flood damage while checking raffle & lucky numbers- lucky for some Alan Clark!

Once again you couldn't have scripted a closer finish with two teams tied at 4+23.

Henry did a count back on ends won over both games resulting in Kallangur 20 v Toombul 18. 1st rd Hamilton 2+19, 2nd rd Solander Lake 2+ 22. Thanks to Ken Heiniger our scoreboard recorder.

My thanks to the following members called in at short notice, Ken, Alan C, Allan S, Henry, Jeff H, Rob, Tony, Geoff W, Horst, Wayne. Our Patron Mac Patterson enjoyed the company of Ray, Geoff I & Rod with two wins. Thanks to Susan who tallied the office takings making it a very successful day sponsored by Samford Ray White Real Estate.

Barry Maher: Vets Coordinator

LADIES REPORT

On the Sunday 18th September I handed the reigns over to Lesley Maher. I have greatly enjoyed the position of Ladies Players Representative (for the 3rd time) but feel that maybe it is time for a new face with new ideas. Congratulations Lesley.

To take on the position as Ladies Players Representative, Margaret Evans has volunteered to handle the position of Ladies Games Director. Congratulations Margaret.

These positions appear to other club members to be just a name, but behind the scenes, there is a large amount of work done by these club members. Please assist them.

NOTE:

NEW LADIES REPRESENTATIVES:

LESLEY MAHER: LADIES PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE:

MARGARET EVANS: LADIES GAMES DIRECTOR:

As this is my last report in this position, I sincerely thank all the lady members of the club. We have rallied together in Autumn Pennants and run two teams in the Winter Pennants, one during the week and one at the weekend. This basically uses all the lady members in our club. Pam Campbell has also played at Brisbane District level.

We have also represented Samford at many Social events at other clubs, which Rhonda Stewart has organised. Thanks Rhonda.

We have also been called upon to supply meals for functions. Thanks to Mary Cichowski and her teams, this has been high standard and well enjoyed by all who attended. QCWA have also assisted us with meals during this year.

Special thanks to Janice Ridley as she never misses a chance to pick up a new member and offers her services for training.

Jo Ehrlich is the one Lady Umpire and she is always happy to help during competitions in the club and also outside

competitions we might be running. Thanks Jo Ehrlich.

Allison Clarke has been kept very busy running the bar for club functions, fund raises, and hall hire. Thanks Alison Clarke.

The Fund raising committee is headed by Tracey DeKeever. She has done a great job and all she asks in return is for the other members of the club to assist. Thanks for all your great ideas and running around Tracey.

I am a little sad to move from this position, as I have done this job, for a total of 4 years and it is just second nature to me, but I look forward to the challenges of taking over the running of the players committee as Chair, and hope, with help from others, that I can handle the job for our players.

Meet you on the greens,

Desley Broad

Good Aging Quotes

"Old age comes at a bad time." – San Banducci

"Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened." Jennifer Yane

"Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard there is nothing you can do about it." Golda Meir

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened." Mark Twain

"I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do." Phyllis Diller

"Nice to be here? At my age it's nice to be anywhere." – George Burns

"First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down." Leo Rosenberg

Submitted by Desley Broad

NICKNAMES FOR MY COLLEAGUES IN WORK

Wicket keeper: Puts on gloves and stands back

Harvey Norman: 3 years no interest

Sensor light: only works if someone walks past

Noodles: Thinks all jobs take 2 minutes

Blister: Appears when the hard work is done

Lantern: Not very bright and has to be carried

Deck Chair: Always folds under pressure

Perth: 2 hours behind everyone else

Bushranger: Holds everyone up

Wheelbarrow: Only works when he is pushed

Limo: Carries about 8 people

Cordless: Charges all night but only works for 2 hours

Submitted by **Graham Smith**

RUN YOUR GREY CELLS AROUND THIS ONE!

Here's another trick from the Doctor to test your skills...Can you meet this challenge?

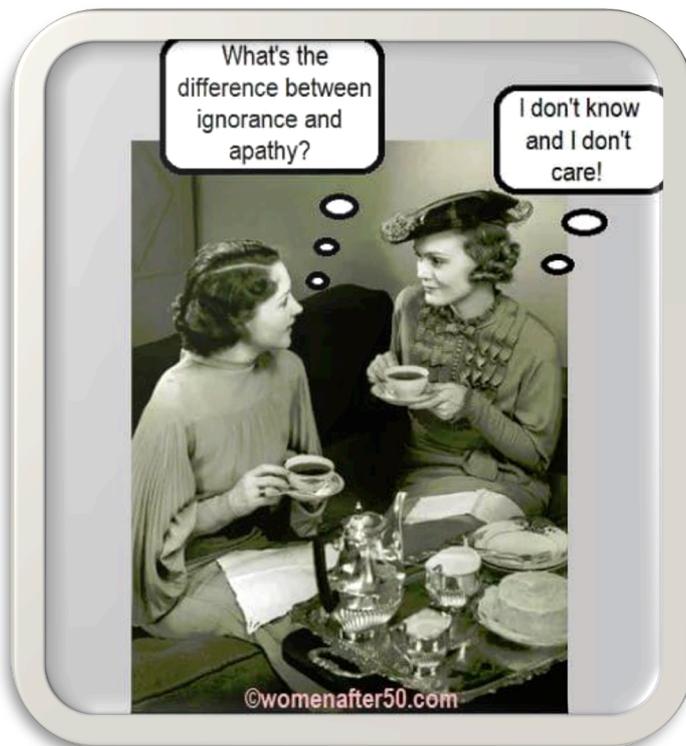
We've seen this with the letters out of order, but this is the first time we've seen it with numbers. Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this OUT LOUD you have a strong mind. And better than that: Alzheimer's is a long, long way down the road before it ever gets anywhere near you!

7H15 M3554G3 53RV35 7O PR0V3
H0W 0UR M1ND5 C4N D0 4M4Z1NG
7H1NG5! 1MPR3551V3 7H1NG5!

1N 7H3 B3G1NN1NG 17 WA5
H4RD BU7 N0W, 0N 7H15
LIN3 Y0UR M1ND 1S R34D1NG 17
4U70M471C4LLY W17H0U7 3V3N
7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17, B3 PROUD!
ONLY C3R741N P30PL3
C4N R3AD 7H15!

If you can read this, you have a strange mind, too. Can you read this? Only 55 people out of 100 can. I don't believe that I could accurately understand what I was reading. The phonemic power of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing huh? Yeah and I always thought spelling was important!

Another from **Frank Van de Woude**



And more words of wisdom from **Frank**

The latest survey shows that
Three out of four people make
Up 75% of the population

PHEW!!!

Our next operation was a quick re-action operation that was launched at 1300 hours, to establish a blocking position and prevent the withdrawal east of an enemy force that had unsuccessfully attempted a major ambush on Route 44, between Dat Do and Phuoc Hai.

The Battalion was inserted in two groups. "C" Company mounted on the Armoured Personnel Carriers was ordered to move direct to the position. The remainder of the Battalion was air-landed by air assault. The rendezvous for both groups being effected in the area of Landing Zone, adjacent to the proposed blocking unit.

There were two major actions. "A" Company's initial contact with a Viet Cong dug-in position of at least Company strength (approx. 100) immediately after it landed whilst it was securing the LZ. This was followed by "B" Company's quick attack on the position that developed into a four-hour battle at close range, with the Company breaking contact just before last light.

My Company, "D" Company, was last to be choppered into the fray. As we were jumping out of the helicopters, wounded soldiers from the other Companies were being back loaded onto the choppers. As I jumped out, I saw a wounded digger from "A" Company being loaded onto the chopper. I looked down and saw a guy I had met in March of 1965 when we were being given our "medical" prior to being enlisted in the first National Service Intake. He looked to be in a bad way but managed to give me "the thumbs up".

WHAT THE HELL HAD WE JUST BEEN THROWN INTO???

As the light slowly faded, we were deployed around the landing zone and as "B" Company had broken contact with the enemy, we were told we would be staying the night in that position. We were paired up for our overnight stay and were told little else of what was to happen that night. I was paired with my good mate Danny, and needless to say we didn't get any sleep that night, firstly because we were

"sh...ing" bricks, but also because for most of the night the enemy position was bombarded with both air and artillery strikes.

Next morning word came down that we were going to do a full-frontal sweep of the area known to be last occupied by the Viet-Cong. We were also advised that during the "sweep" **when** the digger next to you went down wounded, not to worry as the medics would be in close proximity "**HOLY CRAP**", not if, but when!!!

As we slowly approached our targeted area, we were greatly relieved to find that the overnight air and artillery strikes had successfully cleared the area of any Viet-Cong. We could breathe at last. It was apparent that the enemy had been well established at this site, The terrain was close savannah. The enemy pits were sited most skillfully, invariably located under a heavy canopy of low vegetation and well camouflaged. The firing was at a range of 30-60 metres. I would call that close hand fighting. The position appeared to have been an enemy concentration area, used both before and after the ambush, the Viet Cong holding the ground until their command group had been able to withdraw.

To say that the sound of the choppers coming to get us that morning was the most beautiful sound I had heard during the past 24 hours was an understatement, but to get back to lines, have a quick shower, and then "hit the sack" was relieving to say the least.

That night most of us met up at the "canteen" and enjoyed our allocation of 2 cans of beer, no more, no less. Couldn't tell you the brand of beer, but couldn't care less!!

Editors Note: Thank you once again for sharing your experiences of your time in active combat in Vietnam. Oral histories bring historic events to life through the voices and memories of people who lived through them. Hearing the stories of Australian veterans helps us appreciate and understand, a little better, the experience of military service and war.

ROSTER SHEET FOR OFFICE HELPERS

OCTOBER	KEY HOLDER	SUPPORT
Saturday 1st	Bill Evans	Jan Williams
Wednesday 5th	Rhonnda Stewart	Desley Broad
Saturday 8th	Geoff Wallace	Margarite Ungerer
Wednesday 12th	Rhondda Stewart	Desley Broad
Saturday 15th	Geoff Wallace	Margarite Ungerer
Wednesday 19th	Rhondda Stewart	Desley Broad
Saturday 22nd	Jeff Himstedt	Margaret Evans
Wednesday 26th	Rhondda Stewart	Desley Broad
Saturday 29th	Jeff Himstedt	Margaret Evans
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 2nd	Tracey DeKever	Glynnis Brownhill
Saturday 5th	Bill Evans	Jan Williams
Wednesday 9th	Tracey DeKever	Glynnis Brownhill
Saturday 12th	Bill Evans	Jan Williams
Wednesday 16th	Tracey DeKever	Glynnis Brtownhill
Saturday 19th	Geoff Wallace	Margarite Ungerer
Wednesday 23rd	Tracey DeKever	Glynnis Brownhill
Saturday 26th	Geoff Wallace	Margarite Ungerer
Wednesday 30th	Tracey DeKever	Glynnis Brownhill
DECEMBER		
Saturday 3rd	Jeff Himstedt	Margaret Evan

While doing this roster up, I have noted that there will be a lot of changes for health and holidays.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED OFFERING TO HELP IN THESE ROLES????

Due to changes caused by the AGM we will be looking for other helpers. Please see me if you are interested.

Procedures are to include:

1. Arrive by 7.45am on rostered Wednesday morning to take calls by to 8.30am.
Saturday arrive by 11.15am. Calls to 12.30pm.
2. Open office and set up cash tins(check the float)for till and raffle
3. Bowlers to arrive and have fees paid by 8.30am Wednesday and12.30pm Saturday.

Submitted by: Desley Broad

From the Umpires' Desk

The Etiquette of Bowls - Part 2

Etiquette for Leads/Seconds

- Once the head has been declared, the relevant Lead should get the mat ready to be placed while the remaining bowlers move the bowls carefully back from where the mat is placed. This will keep the game moving and avoid wasting time
- It is good etiquette for a Lead to place the opponent's bowl near the mat while they are rolling the jack

Etiquette for Thirds

- If your Skip has first bowl, place their bowl on the mat before proceeding to the head
- Don't speak to your Skip or step into the head after their bowl has come to rest – it's not your mat – unless it is the last bowl
- It is generally conceded that a talking Third is a liability to a team. They should not offer advice as the Skip leaves the head to play their first bowl. However, when the head has changed, the Third may offer advice, but must accept with good grace should the Skip decide not to act on their suggestion
- Thirds should not walk around the head unnecessarily wondering which bowls are lying closest to the jack. If in doubt - MEASURE. If no agreement can be reached on a shot, then call the Umpire immediately
- When calling the Umpire, say "UMPIRE" loudly, especially if the Umpire is also playing on another rink
- It is a nice gesture for the Third to pick up the jack and hand it to the winning Lead

Etiquette for Skips

- Skips should remember that the players on their team are as anxious to win as they are and that it is poor form to show annoyance or disappointment should a teammate play a bad shot. No amount of waving the arms will bring a short bowl closer to the head,

nor stop a heavy bowl from passing the head. Skips should not by word or body language express their feelings when team members are trying their best but end up playing badly

- Don't complain to your opponent about your team
- Encourage your team – never be critical of their efforts
- It is courtesy to consult with the Third on crossing over
- Skips should only talk to their team when in possession of the rink. Remember that this includes the movement of players from end to end before the skip plays. The first skip to bowl should not have to wait before playing their bowl.
- As soon as a bowl is delivered by the Third, their Skip must retire behind the jack. When the bowl comes to rest they should stand aside and give possession of the rink to the other Skip
- Once the bowl has come to rest, no further instructions or remarks should be made. Skips may only talk to their player when their team is in possession of the rink. As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink passes to the opposition team
- At the conclusion of the end, the Skip who has not just bowled should remove the mat and place it on the bank. Place mats squarely and flat on the bank; this will reduce the risk of anybody tripping over the mats or slipping by stepping on overhanging mats
- In a game of bowls it is very thoughtless for the Skip to allow themselves to become engrossed in conversation with their opposite number
- Do not kick shot bowls out of a head as a means of counting shot bowls (See Rule 22 below). A bowls cloth may be placed with the group of shot bowls

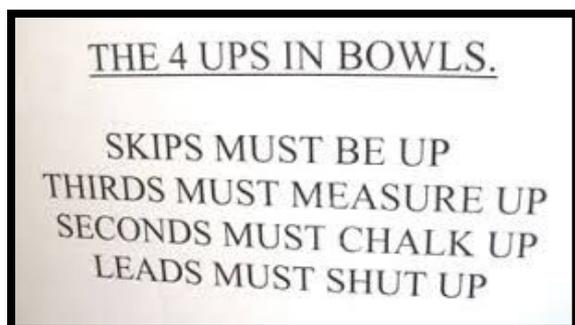
Result of An End
(Section 1.6 Law of the Sport of Bowls
Crystal Mark 3rd Edition Version 3.1
April 2019)

22 The shot

- 22.1 A shot or shots refers to the bowl or bowls (called shot bowls) which is or are nearer to the jack than the nearest bowl played by the opposing team or opponent in Singles.
- 22.2 A bowl must not be moved until the opponents have agreed whether it is a shot or not, except where a bowl has to be moved so that another bowl can be measured.
- 22.3 As the shots are agreed, each shot can be removed from the head.
- 22.4 Shot bowls can be **placed** in a group where they will not interfere with measuring.
- 22.5 If shot bowls have been placed in a group, the number of bowls in the group must be agreed by the opponents.
- 22.6 The skips or the marker where appropriate must be told (or have signalled to them) the number of shots scored in each end.

Additional sources: Sorrento Bowls Club Guide to the Etiquette of Bowls; The Etiquette of Bowls by J.P. Monro; Officiating Manual – Marker, Measurer and National Umpire, Bowls Australia.

Editors Note: Thank you Neil & Jo for this detailed information about the etiquette of bowls: Part 1 in the last newsletter and now Part 2.



Source:
<https://za.pinterest.com/gouwsjoe/lawn-bowls-cartoons/>

For the Book Worms

I Opened a Book

I opened a book and in I strode
Now nobody could find me
I've left my chair, my house, my road
My town and the world behind me

I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion,
I've fought the dragon, dined with a king,
And dived in a bottomless ocean.

I opened a book and made some friends,
I shared their tears and laughter,
And followed their road with it's bumps
and bends
To the happily ever after

I finished my book and out I came,
The cloak can no longer hide me,
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a book inside me

Author Unknown

Aphorisms For The Year

It's not whether you win or lose, but how you place the blame.

We have enough "youth".
How about a fountain of "smart"?

Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.

We are born naked, wet and hungry, then things get worse.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you

Submitted by: Margaret

**Maintenance & Grants Officer Report:
Chris Campbell**

Maintenance:

The photo of the patio cover still in its wrapping says it all, without the six posts to hold it up it won't be erected. The builder arrived to erect it, the question was asked "where are the posts"!!!! oops forgot them, see you in a couple of weeks. Most members know nothing of what goes on within the operation of the club or costs involved to keep things ticking over, for instance both printers needed servicing as they were not reproducing quality prints, the glass washer was not performing as required which required a check by a company which services these machines. The printers needed some work with replacement of black drums in each and the glass washer was found to be operating as required but we just needed to be patient with it. I haven't got the invoices yet but I expect the cost will be approximately \$1200

Grants:

The club now has two applications for funding to replace the artificial grass, Department of Tourism and Sport and Recreation and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. The process is slow but I am

confident we will get a positive response by November 2022.

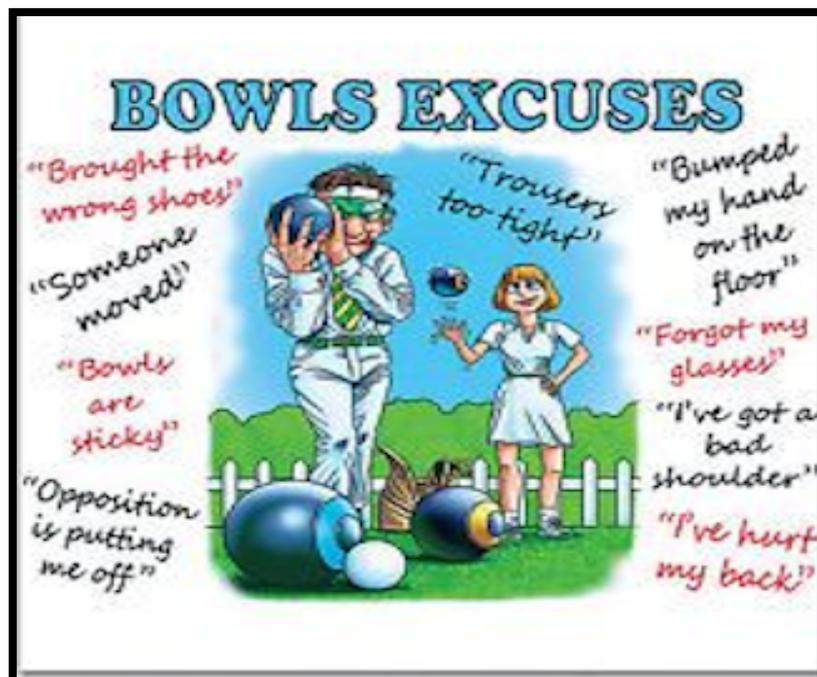
I have applied for a volunteer grant through Peter Dutton's office for two heavy duty bowls trolleys which will greatly boost the manoeuvrability of the trolleys around the greens on barefoot days. Cost for two \$3500



Greens

All is well, the ducks appear to be in recess at present. The line marking will be done when demands in other areas of club life and private life ease up a little.

Source:
<https://za.pinterest.com/gouwsjoe/lawn-bowls-cartoons/>



Kenneth John Miller
27/11/1946 – 20/7/2022



It was our pleasure to have known Ken for such a short time of his life as not only bowling colleague but as a neighbour. Ken and his family migrated to Australia as a “10 pound Pom”. After realizing you don’t mow the lawn in a tie and suit or socks and sandals he settled into life in Australia as a true Aussie. He was however drawn back to his homeland every one to two years to visit his sister then on her passing to visit his nephew. On arriving back home in Australia he immediately went into the travel agent to book his next trip home.

As a bowler he was always quick to say that he was just a “social” bowler but we noted that whenever he got on the mat, he took the game seriously and displayed a good skillset.

Ken was a valuable volunteer at the Club involving himself in grounds work, bar staffer and any other job he was called on to do – an all round great member and most of all a great bloke.

Ken also bequeathed his bowls gear to his mate Geoff Wallace, pictured below enjoying and appreciating the generous gift.

Vale Ken. (Editors)



REMINDER
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS: 2023.

Nomination forms are now on the games ladder notice board.

These games are for full members, both Men and Ladies.

Nominate for all if you wish.
‘A’ Singles, Pairs or Fours. Entries close on Saturday 29th October 2022. So get your bowling mates together and form a team. There is a \$5 entry fee for each player / per game. Envelopes are also on notice board. Just add your names and fees and put into box near office.

Play commences soon after the draws.
Have fun everyone.

Games Directors
Lesley, Margaret and Jeff

A little old lady is walking down the street, dragging two plastic garbage bags behind her, one in each hand. There is a hole in one and every once in a while \$20 note falls out onto the footpath. Noticing this, a policeman stops her.

“Damn” says the little old lady. “I’d better go back and see if I can still find some of them. Thanks for telling me.”

“Well now, not so fast,” says the cop. “how did you get all that money? Did you steal it?”

“Oh no,” says the little old lady. “You see, my back yard backs up to the football stadium, each time there is a game lots of fans com and pee in my bushes, right in my flower beds. So I go and stand behind the bushes with a big hedge clipper in my hand and each time someone sticks his little thingy through the bushes I get \$20 or off it comes.”

“Hey, not a bad idea” Laughs the cops.

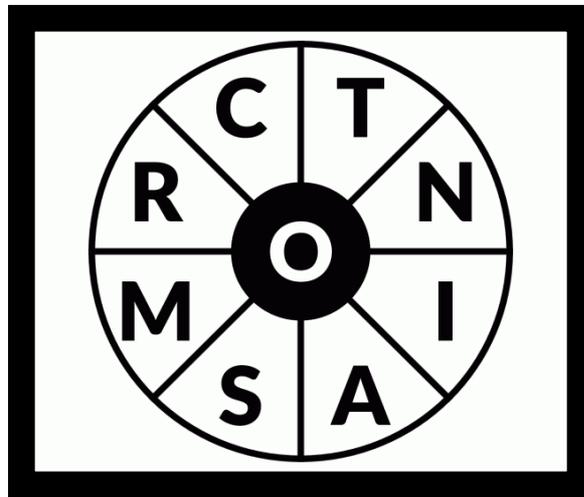
“By the way, what’s in the other bag?”

“Well not everyone pays.”

Submitted by Val Perkins

WORD WHEEL GAME

Find as many words as you can. Each word must contain the central letter and not use any letter twice. There is one word that uses all 9 letters. Check to see if you got more than the editors (their answers are on the last page).



THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF LAWN BOWLS

A SPORT FOR EVERY BODY

Lawn bowls is a low-impact, therapeutic sport that has many health benefits. As well as the physical rewards, it can improve your social life and contribute to all-round happiness and wellbeing. Whether you are eight or eighty, novice or experienced, lawn bowls is a great game for people of all ages. We outline the top health benefits of lawn bowls.

A GENTLE WAY TO TRACK YOUR STEPS

Wear a pedometer and you'll be surprised how much ground you walk in one game of bowls. Some players report walking over five kilometres whilst playing. While you are only doing 30 metre stints at a time, you're doing plenty of them.

MUSCLE STRENGTHENING

Exercise is important to help keep bones strong, reducing the risk of fractures later in life. As you walk with the extra weight of a bowling ball in your hands, you flex and stretch muscles. This helps to improve flexibility, mobility and core strength. During lawn bowls, your arms will get a workout as you perfect your bowling technique and your leg muscles will develop as you lunge into the throw.

ENHANCED MENTAL WELLBEING

Lawn bowls can benefit your mental health as it can reduce stress and improve your mood. Exercise releases endorphins, which trigger a positive feeling in your body, making you feel good about yourself.

LOWERS YOUR RISK OF CONTRACTING DISEASE

Having a sedentary lifestyle is one of the main factors that can lead to a heart problem. Lawn bowls can reduce the risk of contracting a heart attack or stroke as it helps the body utilise oxygen better and contributes to good blood circulation and blood pressure.

COORDINATION AND PRECISION

Playing lawn bowls requires precision as the main objective is to get as many of your bowls as close as possible to the 'jack'. Therefore, the sport involves concentration and enhancement of hand-eye coordination.

SOCIAL INTERACTION

The simplicity of the game and the low-impact exercise it involves makes it a popular sport in many countries. Friends and family can play together as it can be enjoyed by anyone, regardless of age, gender or fitness level.

Source: <https://taylorbowls.com.au/the-health-benefits-of-lawn-bowl>



CONGRATULATIONS

CLUB MEMBERS CELEBRATING RAY DAVIS'S BIRTHDAY AT BIRCHES RESTAURANT MT MEE

Submitted by Mac
Patterson



VALE QUEEN ELIZABETH II



Reunited again
(A cartoon from Cartoonist Mark Knight)

Life Member: Chris Campbell

At the AGM held on 18 September 2022 I nominated Chris for Life Membership in recognition of his contribution to our Club. His loyalty and outstanding service over many years has provided a measurable benefit to the Samford District Bowls Club as well as its members and local community as a whole.

Chris joined the Samford District Bowls Club on 20 March 1996. During that time, he has overseen many portfolios on Committees as well as the Board of Management. It is well known and recognised that his contribution goes well beyond the ordinary and even the excellent.

The following volunteer positions have been held by Chris during this time:

- Office Administration
- Men's Committee
- Barefoot Bowls Coordinator
- Promotions and Publicity Officer
- Greens Director
- Property Maintenance Office and
- Grants Officer.

Currently Chris is the Club's Property Maintenance Officer, a Board position he has now held for over 10 years. Everyone would agree that the clubhouse and surrounds are in very good condition and this is primarily thanks to his tireless energy and selfless contribution.

Additionally, Chris is our current Grants Officer. Again, the time and personal effort afforded has been well in excess of expectations. A very good example of this is the recent restoration of our Club and surrounds following the flooding of our grounds in January of this year. For the Club to bounce back so quickly following the devastation is remarkable and primarily thanks to Chris and his excellent organising skills.

I consider that Chris has earned and deserves this great honour and asked that our Club recognizes and supports this by awarding him with Life Membership of the Samford District Bowls Club.

***Rod Palmer
Chairman of the Players Coordinating
Committee 2022***



Editor's answers to the Word wheel"

Moist, roast, coast, most, cost, roam, coin, Roman, moan, snot, iron, icon, Scot, coma, coat, moat, corm, corn, norm, rota, torn, scorn, ROMANTICS