



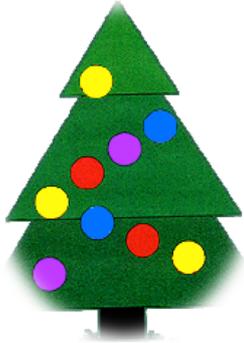
Samford District Bowls Club

'the friendly club'

November/December 2022 Newsletter

Editors: Colin & Shirley Martin

This is the final Newsletter for the 2022. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter throughout 2022. The contributions have been varied ranging from jokes, personal stories, factual information and photographs, hopefully melding into an interesting read.



Have a happy and hearty festive season!

From the Chair

Samford hosted another perfect day under the shades on Monday 14 November for the Vets. David Rose arrived early to set the greens up with mats, Jacks, & flags flying while Mary, Lesley, Andrea & Jo had the billy on the boil ready for the Vets Morning Tea. Ken Heiniger already had rinks and cards recorded while Jeff Himstedt accepted green fees and Allan, Henry, Ian and Gary issued raffle tickets and filled the brand new 100 lucky numbers board, which lucky for some, David Taylor took first prize.

Once again Fiona, Carole, Judy, Robyn, Marguerite & Ann from QCWA excelled in the kitchen preparing a beautiful choice of ham or chicken salad voted the best with cheer and acclamation.

On the green some close games kept scorers Ken & Henry busy resulting in Col Orr's Toombul team overall winner 4+35,

R/U Bernie Carroll Hamilton 4+32, Round1- 2+21 to Kallangur with Samford's No.1 team of Ray Davis, Geoff Inder, Mac Patterson & David Rose second round winners 2+20. A big thank you Ian Goode, Tony Thomas, Gary Richards & Graham Smith playing with visiting teams to give us 28 in total.

Thank you to all club members for your support throughout the year. The Board wishes you all a Merry Christmas and looks forward to your continued support in 2023.

Barry Maher

SPEED LIMIT IN THE CLUBGROUNDS / DRIVEWAY 15 KM / HR

Drivers please slow down on the driveway, a few come in at an excessive speed 30 to 40 km/hr. The speed limit is 15 km/hr for a very good reason as the vast majority of us are very much senior citizens and do not move as fast as we used to. It is not a joke, funny or something to laugh about, it is deadly serious.

A further reason to limit your speed is the faster vehicles travel on the bitumen it deteriorates much quicker. This was stated by a previous member (Ross Shardlow) who donated his services and funds to install the driveway some time ago.

Thank you for your cooperation. Chris Campbell





The 3 stages of man

1. He believes in Santa Claus
2. He doesn't believe in Santa Claus

3. He is Santa Claus

Christmas Humour



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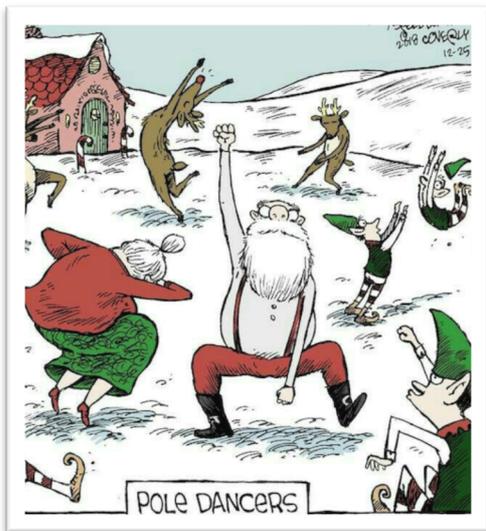
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"Apparently there's no good or bad children anymore...only misunderstood!"

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Christmas (at least when Covid restrictions permit) is one of the jolliest times of the year – so there's no better time to roll out some amusing gags?

How did Mary and Joseph know Jesus' weight when he was born? They had a weigh in a manger...

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?
A Holly Davidson!

Why was the turkey in the pop group?
Because he was the only one with drumsticks!

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? A Christmas Quacker!

What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"? Santa walking backwards!

Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can 'ho ho ho'!

What is the best Christmas present in the world? A broken drum, you just can't beat it!

Source: <https://inews.co.uk/light-relief/jokes/christmas-jokes-funny-best-one-liners-list-21975>

Barefoot Bowls – Spring Season 2022

With the season coming to an end I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this season a bog success. Bob McKinven for doing the BBQ, Rita and Wayne Stockwell in the office, Helen and Paul McHugh in the kitchen, Henry and Mary Cichowski selling raffle tickets and buying for the kitchen, Alison Clarke, Dave Taylor and Peter Wilson behind the bar, and Geoff Wallace to fill in and play when needed. Without these people I could not do the job.

These nights bring so much money into the club and at times I need more people to help. We had 18 teams on the green and all have said how much they enjoy the nights. Competition is low key, but it is a competition so there is usually a small bit of rivalry between some of the teams. We finished on a high note with the Bushrangers coming out on top, with Bias-a-Bear runners up and Samford Fun, last season's winners coming third. The team who won the Encouragement Award was the March Team who only started playing this season. A very creditable achievement!

All told this night saw a turnover of around \$2000, so well worth the effort put into it. Next season starts 2nd Februray so if you feel like helping out please let me know. Mostly I need people who like a free game of bowls to fill in as a temporary team member. You will have a great time and help the club at the same time.

Allan Svensen (Co-ordinator)



Source:

https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/ATpqZXxPjrNj5NTzq_RtZUCjaRISs40x3SRjPftfwwhhBtmmZG6Wb3w/

BADGES

Is there anyone interested in collecting bowls badges? I have numerous items, some passed on from former bowlers. Please contact me if you are interested in doing something with them. The collection includes a Matriarch Badge for the next time a (female) member turns 90 years young.

Jo Ehrlich



Do you know the difference between Lawn Bowls and Crown Green Bowls?

The Key Differences

- Lawn bowls is played up and down on flat "rinks".
- Crown green bowls is played on a green with a mound in it - or crown, which affects how the bowls roll.
- Crown bowls are anything from 2lb 4oz to 3lb in weight; the lighter and smaller bowls are mainly used by ladies or juniors. Bowls are of wood or composition material and are made slightly off-centre or eccentric as this keeps a heavier weight mass on one side and this is known as bias. The most popular weights are 2lb 8oz – 2lb 12oz.
- Flat green bowls are much larger, starting at around 3lb and moving up to 4lb. Also the bias is much more pronounced and they are stronger than crown green woods.
- Crown green players use just two woods whereas the flat players use four.
- The strategic placing of bowls round the end or head is much more pronounced in flat green because they have more chances of altering or retrieving a situation.
- There is a wide difference in the use of the jack. Flat green players use a composition ball similar to a cue ball in snooker. A mark is set by merely rolling it down the rink.

- The jack in crown green bowling is a smaller replica of the bowls, about 32oz in weight, and is, like the bowls, eccentric in shape, and biased. It is used to determine the length (which could be anything from 19 yards to 75 yards in any direction), the speed of the green, the bias or peg and the weight or pace.
- Once it has been led out it must not be disturbed at all unless it is interfering with another end.
- A unique feature of the grown green bowling bowlers may deliver the jack anywhere on the green.

Source: www.bowls.co.uk/crown-green/crown-green-vs-flat-green



Crown Green Bowls



From the Umpires

For something different this Newsletter we decided to test your knowledge of Bowls Rules. See how you fare on the 5 questions below that relate to common misapprehensions the answers are on the last page.

Quiz questions

1. What should happen if a player plays out of turn?
2. What do you do if the jack is delivered improperly by both the lead and then the opposition lead?
3. How far behind the player on the mat should the opposition player be standing?
4. Who should mark a toucher and what happens if it is not marked prior to the next delivered bowl coming to rest?
5. Who should chock a leaning bowl when the umpire is called?

Jo, Neil & Colin

Have you seen this situation when the Umpire is measuring? What should the players do?



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

PLAYERS COMMITTEE REPORT

We have two big competitions coming up early in the New Year. Both these events are mixed teams.

The Alex Gow competition is run by Brisbane District Bowls Association and is played on Saturday mornings running through February and March.

The Tyrepower competition is a private competition run by Chermshire Bowls Club and is played on Saturday afternoons. Running through February and March.

If you wish to be considered for either of these games, you must enter your name on the lists that are up on the board at the club. Our playing fees come back to our club.

We have one more social visit this year. The Teachers Social Bowls Club will be coming on Sunday 4th December. The theme is Christmas – so mufti is encouraged on that day. Please come down for bowls and lunch. We have a great time on these social visits.

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Tuesday mornings
Tuesday afternoon
Wednesday mornings and
Saturday afternoons
Play will be at the usual times. So don't sit at home, saying "nothing to do", sign up on team up and come down and play.

After Saturday December 3rd until Saturday January 28th the dress code is mufti.

On the January 28th we will be holding a sausage sizzle lunch and a welcome back party. This day will be our first day back in uniform.



**EVERYONE FROM THE
PLAYERS COMMITTEE
WISH YOU A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS – HAPPY MUSINGS

- (1) Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of the prayer, all the people gathered but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That is faith**
- (2) When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That is trust**
- (3) Every night we go to be without any assurances of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarm to wake up. **That is hope**
- (4) We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That is confidence**
- (5) We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. **That is love**
- (6) On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old, I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience". **That is attitude**

Have a happy Day, live your life like these 6 stories. Remember – Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

A Couple of quick one-liners

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes – **It's about raisin awareness**

What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted in closing up his own incision - **Suture yourself**

I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows and nuts. **I won't lie. it was a rocky road.**

Waiting at the Door

I was just a pup when we first met
I loved you from the start
You picked me up and took me home
And placed me in your heart

Good times we had together
We shared all life could throw
But years passed all too quickly
My time has come to go.

I know how much you miss me
I know your heart is sore
I see the tears that fall when
I'm not waiting at the door.

You always did your best for me
Your love was plain to see
For even though it broke your heart
You set my spirit free.

So please be brave without me
One day we'll meet once more
For when you're called to heaven
I'll be waiting at the door.

Author Unknown



Does this fellow need a bigger backyard to mow or what?

Operation Duck

Operation Duck was conducted in two phases, the first being from the 14th to 23rd of December 1966 (the one I was involved in). The second phase started on the 27th December and finished on the 5th January 1967.

The Battalion had the task of securing the National Highway Route 15 from the town of Baria to the village of Phu My, within the Phuoc Tuy Province.

The safeguarding of the highway was to permit convoys of United States reinforcements and supplies to proceed from Vung Tau, where they were disembarked to move via Route 15 to their newly established base at Bear Cat, north of Phu My (Only the Americans could name a base Bear Cat!!)

Route 15 is elevated from the surrounding country, which is mangrove swamps to the south and west and low scrub to the north and east melting into thick forest at the lower slopes of the hill masses of the Nui Din and Nui Thi Vai mountains. Each company was given an area to patrol in depth during the day to prevent the Viet Cong from sniping, mining and booby trapping the road and destroying or mining the bridges and culverts along the route. There were in fact no incidents initiated by the Viet Cong during both periods.

Situated along the highway were South Vietnamese Regional Forces and Popular Force Posts, more often than not close to villages. The troops from these posts had in the past booby trapped the culverts with grenades, and it was from such a booby trap that "A" Company sustained 5 wounded. The only contact with the VC was on 18th December.

The direct support of the helicopters and the Personnel Carriers (APCs) was, as always, invaluable in the conduct of these operations. **So, where is the Xmas theme to this story you may well ask?**

Remember, our part of the operation ceased on 23rd December, and as we wearily trod our way back to our lines, we had to pass through Battalion

Headquarters, and "bugger me," what did we see??. The tents of these "desk wallers" were all decorated in Christmas stuff, they even had a Christmas tree, bloody hell.

One of my fellow diggers, feeling a bit worse for wear after our stint in the bush, and on seeing all of the xmas decorations, couldn't help himself "Get off your fat arses and go "outside the wire" and see what the real war is about, you lazy b---ds." he yelled, and the chorus of cheers from the rest of us could be heard all around the camp.

Luckily no-one got into trouble for our little outburst. So, Christmas Eve for us was a rest day, got showered, (bush showers) cleaned all our gear (your rifle is your best friend in this environment) then gradually made our way up to the "boozer" to get our ration of 2 cans of beer. We were all feeling pretty knackered after our little sojourn in the donga so it was early to bed (the fart sack as it is affectionately known).

To our surprise, early next morning, Xmas Day, there were noises coming from outside of our tents and as we raised our weary heads, we were surprised to see our Company Officers, Santa hats on head, dispensing a toddy of rum to all the NCO's and diggers alike.

What a lovely surprise, and unbeknown to me and all the other National Servicemen, this is apparently a tradition within the armed services. The only day you can expect to be waited on by an Officer.

Can't say it was the best Christmas I have ever had, but the actions of our Officers were greatly appreciated. It actually put a smile on most of our miserable faces. Later, any cheeky comments to our Officers along the lines "make mine a double" fell on deaf ears, and we were swiftly reminded that the Army "chain of command", and army discipline, were quickly back in play.

Editors: This factual recount of Christmas in a war zone is a solemn reminder of the hardships endured by our service men and women. Thank you to all our club members who served in a war zone and we especially thank the Club Member who shared his own personal story on serving in Vietnam.

The origin of some of the food traditionally eaten at Christmas

Christmas dinner traditions around the world often look a little different, in accordance with a wide variety of cultures.

In Italy, seven fishes often grace the table and Puerto Rican and Filipino nochebuena celebrations often gather around a roast suckling pig called lechon.

Swedish revelers may enjoy a spread called the julbord that includes pickled herring, cured salmon, meatballs, paté and other tasty dishes. And in Japan, the colonel comes to dinner with KFC fried chicken as a traditional merry meal.

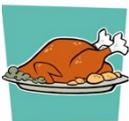
Venezuelans often wrap up hallecas, a cousin to the tamale nestled in banana leaves, which doubles as a fun bonding activity. And because Christmas arrives during the summer in Australia, people often throw some shrimp or other seafood on the barbie.

Source:

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/christmasideas/g29321023/traditional-christmas-food-list/>

How did turkey become a Christmas tradition?

The Christmas turkey tradition can be traced back to Henry VIII, who decided to make the bird a staple for the festive day. After the British Empire discovered the New World (that's the Americas) an influx of gobble-gobbles hit Britain.



Source: <https://www.huonaqua.com.au/huon-hub/eat-turkey-christmas/>

Why Glazed Ham?

A boar's head was the edible centerpiece on the wealthiest holiday tables in Tudor England, a holdover from the pagan tradition to honour Freyr, a Norse god of the harvest and fertility who was associated with boars. For those of lesser means, a Yule ham took the place of the showier boar's head, as it was more

affordable and equally delicious.

Today, Christmas ham remains one of the cornerstones of holiday menus in many parts of the world; most people choose to eat a ham during end-of-the-year celebrations.



Plum Pudding Tradition

The tradition of eating plum pudding on Christmas might have originated with a Roman Catholic Church decree to make a 13-ingredient pudding to represent Christ and the apostles. On the informally named "Stir It Up Sunday," or the Sunday before the beginning of the Advent season, families made this pudding by taking turns



stirring the batter from east to west to commemorate the Magi's journey. Plum stood in for any dried fruit, as reflected by Victorian pudding recipes

that included raisins, currants, beef suet, citrus zest, almonds, and spices — but not plums or even prunes. Traditional Plum pudding takes lots of time.

Christmas Fruit Cake Tradition

The recipes for the heavily fruit-laden, sometimes boozy fruitcakes we associate with Christmas today have their roots in the Middle Ages.

Dried fruits and sugar were expensive imports, so using them in large quantities was strictly a special-occasion endeavor; that's why fruitcake was also a traditional wedding cake option. Plus, in the days of hard-to-regulate wood-burning ovens, successful cake baking was a tricky effort, and taking the risk of burning such precious ingredients was only reserved for the very knowledgeable and only during special occasions.



Although there are as many fruitcake recipes as there are cooks, they all agree on the use of spices, a combination of dried or candied fruit, and some liquor or wine.

Source:

<https://www.thespruceeats.com/traditional-christmas-specialty-foods-1665645>

**Kerstkrans Recipe - A sweet pastry in the shape of a Christmas wreath
(From The Netherlands)**

(KERST = Christmas KRANS = Wreath)

A delicious Christmassy recipe - the very Dutch krestkrans, filled with with almond paste and enveloped in puff pastry, the recipe provided by Ada and Frank. This can be fashioned into a wreath, or simply into straight lines.



Ingredients:

For the almond filling:

The earlier you can prepare the almond filling, the better. Make it a month before and store it in the fridge.

350g of peeled and blanched almonds.
150g castor sugar
The rind of 1 lemon
1 egg

Grind the almonds in a food processor and combine with the egg and lemon rind.

Store this in a jar in the fridge and resist temptation to sample before Christmas.

For the pastry:

You can use shop bought puff pastry, but you can always make this yourself should you feel so inclined.

Decorations:

Apricot jam
Glacé cherries

Then:

On kestkrans day, take your almond paste from the fridge and taste a little to help inspire you, then remove the rest from the jar and kneed it a little. You can always add a little water if it is a bit dry.

Preheat the oven to 220 degrees Celsius. After brushing the pan with some melted butter, cut the puff pastry and line the pan with it, adding a filling of almond paste, and then covering with the remaining puff pastry.

Then it is time to glaze the wreath with a combination of apricot jam heated over the stove for a few minutes with a little water:



And then add the cherries:



Bake in the oven for 20 to 25 minutes, until nicely puffed and a beautiful golden colour.

Let cool a little and then cut into little pieces and enjoy! It is a perfect start to Christmas.

Editors: Thank you Ada and Frank for sharing a traditional Christmas recipe from your country of origin. We hope some club members will give it a go this Christmas.

Maintenance Report from Chris Campbell

Greens:

Thanks to Dave Taylor and Ken Heinger the lines on both greens have been remarked. Dave considered his use of the line marking pens was somewhat superior to Kens, an issue I did not want to be a part of.



Maintenance:

A working bee was held non Thursday 10th November which was supported by 12 members, Jeff Hemstedt, Alan Clark, Graham Clark, Graham Smith, David Rose, Colin Martin, Geoff Wallace, Alan Svensen, Peter Reilly, Ray Davis and Rob Stevensen.

Many thanks to them all for cleaning up the grounds, greens and gardens in preparation for visiting teams to compete in the BDBA Senior fours.



The concrete slab is to be laid under the new patio cover on Monday 21st November weather permitting, lighting and power has already been installed.

Grants:

The club is still awaiting outcomes of two grants, one for two bowls trolleys and a second for replacement of artificial grass surrounds, even though we have already won \$48000 through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund I have been assured there may be more to come from Qld Department of Tourism Sport and Recreation which will enable us to perhaps accept the highest quote for the artificial grass which will provide a better quality grass. The result of this application will be known by the end of November.

An application for a grant has been forwarded to Qld Dept of Enviroment and Science for \$43000 to retrofit the lighting atop the six towers around the greens with LED lighting. I struggled with completing this application, it was very complex with my simple mind however Shirley Martin came to the rescue and answered some curly questions they were asking of us as well she polished up a number of my answers to some more curly questions.

Commbank has included our club in their Community Donation Program, the branch at Arana Hills has nominated our club and one other [unknown] to be in the running for a donation of \$500 with th result known by 31st March 2023, customers vote for either club and the one that attracts most votes get \$500, the other club [loser] goes into a second draw later in the year and the loser club will be garaunteed to receive at at least \$250 then. A very small money amounts considering the wealth of the Commonwealth Bank.

Editors' Note: Thank you Chris for organizing such a productive working bee at The Club. We heard many bowlers comment on how well presented the grounds were after it.

Volunteer Guide at Roma Street Parklands



Graham White, One of our U3A/social morning bowlers at Samford, also volunteers his services as a guide at the Roma Street Parklands.

Graham offered to do a guided tour around the Spectacle Garden in Colin Campbell Place, to a group of our bowlers.

We not only learned about plants, trees, foliage and water storage for irrigation but also a history of the area... Great that people had the foresight to bring an area of Industry to the beautiful gardens it is today and free to the general public. Many Volunteers help to maintain the gardens and keep the public informed.

Guided tour took one hour and was very informative.

Thank you Graham White.

Written by Rita Stockwell and submitted by Janice Ridley

First Aid and CPR Request

Some of the members who previously had their names down to perform these important jobs are no longer available. If you have had training in the above, either through your work or in your own time, can you let the club know if you would be prepared to put your name on the list to assist if needed.

Thanks

Di Smith

Coaching Clinic 22nd January 2023. 8.30am for 9am start. Finish 11am



Come along and enjoy a morning with your fellow bowlers in preparation for the start of the New Year's bowling season.

The session will cover:

*Basic Technique, Drills to test your skills and maybe learn some new ones!

*Strategy on playing the game and building the head.

*The role of the umpire with Jo Ehrlich.

*Meet Jeff and Alan in their new roles as coaches.

Please register on Teamup or contact Janice on 0407 8755 96

Let's all have great bowling in 2023!!!

Janice Ridley - Club Coach

Umpires' Quiz Answers

All answers are taken from the "Law of the Sport of Bowls" Crystal Mark 3rd Edition
Version 3.1 April 2019

1. 29.1 Playing out of turn:

29.1.1 If a player plays out of turn, the opposing skip can stop the bowl and return it to the player to play it in the proper order.

29.1.2 If the bowl has come to rest and has not disturbed the head, the opposing skip must choose whether to:

29.1.2.1 leave the head as it is and have their team play two bowls one after the other to get back to the proper order of play; or

29.1.2.2 return the bowl and get back to the proper order of play.

29.1.3 If the bowl has disturbed the head, the opposing skip must choose whether to:

29.1.3.1 leave the disturbed head as it is and have one of their team play two bowls one after the other to get back to the proper order of play;

29.1.3.2 replace the head to its former position, return the bowl and go back to the proper order of play; or

29.1.3.3 declare the end dead.

2. 10.3 If the jack is improperly delivered once by each player in any end, it must not be delivered again in that end. Instead, it must be centred with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line being 2 metres from the front ditch, and the mat must be placed as described in law 6.1.1 by the first player to play.

6.1.1 Before the start of play in each end, the player to play first must place the centre line of the mat lengthwise along the centre line of the rink, with the mat line at least 2 metres from the rear ditch and at least 25 metres (23 metres in Domestic play) from the front ditch.

3. How far behind the player on the mat should the opposition player be standing?

12.1.1 Players at the mat-end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl must stand at least 1 metre behind the mat.

4. 15 Marking a Toucher

15.1 A toucher must be marked with chalk by a member of the team that delivered the bowl or the marker as soon as it comes to rest.

15.2 If, in the opinion of either skip or opponent or the marker, a toucher comes to rest in a position in which marking it would be likely to move the bowl or alter the head, the bowl must not be marked but nominated as a toucher instead.

15.3 If, before the next delivered bowl comes to rest or, in the case of the last bowl of an end, before a period of 30 seconds that applies under law 23.1, a bowl is neither marked nor nominated, it is no longer a toucher.

5. Who should chock a leaning bowl when the umpire is called?

23.6.1 If a bowl is likely to fall, either opponent can use the best available means to secure it in its position.

Answer to Cartoon – stay clear of the Umpire when measuring. However if the Umpire is also a playing member on the day, Umpires often invite the opposing team to stand closer to bear witness to the marking thereby giving them confidence in the integrity of the marking.

***We hope you have enjoyed this quiz –
Regards Umpires Jo, Neil & Col***

