



# Samford District Bowls Club 'the friendly club'

## ON THE JACK

### January/February 2023 Newsletter

#### Editor

Issue 1 of 2023 for your enjoyment!!

#### *Board of Management*

Here we are almost February 2023 and your club is well and truly open for business. Functions, competition, social events followed by coaching / umpire sessions open to all has kept our volunteer members busy during the holiday break. Choosing which attire to wear on mufti days had us all guessing - hang on is it uniform today am I down for comp!

Committees have been busy planning this year's Calendar of events and important financial decisions decided by your Management team - (Insurance \$12350). Thanks to Susan for Membership Cards. Jan continued to accept bookings over the festive season supported by Tracey, Wayne and Glynnis with Janice rolling the Jack Attack for all ages while refreshments at the Bar kept Alison, David and Jo hoping enough stock was on hand.

Alan Clark is demonstrating a passion to attract members to his coaching sessions on Friday afternoons while Janice holds sessions Tuesday and Friday mornings- please support this free activity you will be surprised how quickly your game improves. Mr Fixit Bob McKinven has been busy redirecting rain water from the new Patio one of many jobs Bob undertakes including firing up the BBQ - thanks Bob.

Graham Clark's U3A numbers attracted by the shade covers and Alison's morning tea continues to thrive This important network of social bowlers enables new members to try before you buy- thank you all.

#### **Vets Fraternity 2023**

Before Ken Heiniger jetted off to Tassie's fog bound Mt Wellington he prepared all the game cards wrote up the scoreboard in readiness for Samford to host the first game of 2023. You have to see it to believe it when Veterans aged from 70,80 & 90+ arrive from 8 AM having come from Solander, Caboolture, Bramble Bay and many clubs north of the Brisbane eager to share a yarn over a cuppa with an eye on the board to see who their opposition is. Samford Ladies Desley, Mary, Lesley, Jo and Alison prepared the M/Tea, set the tables for lunch then cleaned all tables, crockery, cutlery & kitchen – a very big thank you to everyone. Lunch was prepared by QCWA ladies Lilah, Carole, Judy, Robyn, Marguerite, Joyce and Megan. A fantastic effort by all.

Samford had two teams plus spares Tony Thomas and Gary Richards who shared the spoils playing with Windsor ( O/W) and Chermside (Rd1 ). Final results collated by Henry ensured all bases were covered before bowlers departed. Congratulations everyone.

Barry Maher, Chairperson

## *Item by Chris Campbell*

### **Greens:**

Both greens are in good condition although # 2 green has a bump in it on rink 12 running toward the road, will fix this. The metal carpet grippers on this green had pulled up above the surface of the green, this has been fixed.

### **Maintenance;**

I mention again the efforts of a small number of volunteers whose efforts generally go unseen in helping me keep up the maintenance in and around the club.

David Rose is forever out there mowing in league with Ray Davis, in summer time they no sooner finish and it needs to be done again. David and myself often do small maintenance jobs around the greens, particularly #2 green which has divots that need to be fixed from time to time as well as the carpet gripper separating from the plinth in numerous places.

Another constant in the volunteer stakes is Colin Martin who assists David with servicing the greens and shade covers every month. Peter Reilly and Graham Smith also help out on the monthly maintenance duties, Keven Spilsbury, David Taylor Ken Heiniger, Geoff Wallace and Jeff Himstedt also readily put their hand up when asked. The danger with mentioning people is I may forget someone, please forgive as I am old you know. If asked to help out in the future please put your hand up, the working bees are not all day like they were after the flood but two to three hours maximum and nothing strenuous.

The new Patio cover downpipe will be installed by Bob Mckinven and Alan Clark, this is badly needed as the rainwater ponds around the garbage bins and the bowling shed. Bob has been active around the club for a very long time and now has Alan Clark to assist.

Two new spotlights have been installed on the fascia above the disabled parking bay to

illuminate the dark place from the side walkway to the carpark, the carpark floodlight and the two spotlights come on at the same time when you push the light switch “on” located on the wall beside the glass doors at the right of the portico exit.

Just below this switch is a button, when pushed the same lights come on and remain on long enough for the last person leaving the club of an evening to secure the kitchen door and activate the alarm and move to their cars.

There is also a light switch on the patio post just outside the kitchen door which turns on the patio lights.

The garbage bins and smoking area will be moved from the rear of the patio area, it will be located at the rear of the bowling shed, the area at the rear of the new patio maybe concreted soon.

The building is now possum proofed we hope.

### **Umpires' Quiz**

Here's some interesting questions to test your knowledge. One of the questions came from the Coaching Session held at the club Sunday 22 January.

**Answers will be on the last page of this newsletter.**

1. What happens if it is not possible to find any difference between the distance of two or more bowls from the jack at the end of an end?
2. What happens if the jack is displaced during measuring?
3. Where does the marker stand during a game of singles?
4. What happens if a player's bowl, on its original course, goes into the ditch and touches alive jack in the ditch?

## **PLAYERS COMMITTEE**

2023 HAS COMMENCED. Tyrepower, Everton Park, Cup started on Saturday 28th January, and the Alex Gow Competition commences on Saturday 4th February. Good bowling to all who are participating. These competitions will take up Saturdays until Easter.

Saturday, 21st January we had our Welcome Back Day. 41 attended.

While we were enjoying our Sausage Sizzle (thanks Bob McKinven for doing the BBQ) Rod Palmer and myself asked members for any ideas for this year's games formats for Tuesday PM, Wednesday AM and Saturday PM.

The feedback suggested that mixing the games might be a good idea, so we will work out a plan for playing triples (2 and 3 Bowls) and fours.

Also, before the 21st January, some of the bowlers asked if we could have a sausage sizzle before the games on Saturdays. We are going to incorporate this with the Rapid-Fire Pairs days.

Nominations are now open for BDBA Competitions:

1. Ladies 2 Bowl Triples closing 3rd February
2. Men's Senior Pairs closing 21st February
3. Men's 2 bowl Triples closing 8th March

All the above games will be played at night. A copy of the nomination form is on the board at the club, or contact any Players Committee member to enter.

Happy Bowling, Desley Broad

## **SOME CLUBS HAVE BEEN DOING IT A BIT ROUGH LATELY.**

### **COOLGARDIE BOWLS CLUB**

**(HOW LUCKY ARE WE!!!!)**



### **Real men play golf**

THE MAN said to the dentist, "Doc, I'm in one heck of a hurry. I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf, so forget about the anesthetic, I don't have time for the gums to get numb. I just want you to pull the tooth and be done with it! We have a 10:00 am tee time at the best golf course in town and it's 9:30 already . . . I don't have time to wait for the anesthetic to work!"

The dentist thought to himself, 'Well, well, how about that, at last a golfer with real courage!!'

"So the dentist asked him, "Which tooth is it, sir?"

The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth, honey, and show the dentist."

## POSITIONS VACANT

Positions **still** exist for people who have a highly motivated need to help the Samford Bowls Club by partaking of an enjoyable pastime by playing bowls, assisting in the kitchen and other assorted fun times. I need a few people to be on standby to help fill in for teams who may be in need of a player during the current season of Village Bowls. I also require the assistance of at least 2 kitchen handy people to do the highly technical job of working in the kitchen making salads and making and serving food for the hungry hordes who will be attending the games. A hamburger and a drink will be your reward.

Volunteers for kitchen duty would need to start around 4.45pm and fill in team players need to be available at the club by 6.15pm. Not all volunteers are required every night but I do need to have you there so that I am aware of your presence. Season starts on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and finishes on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The bowls games start around 6.30 and the night ends around 9.30pm. This is a very good money spinner for the club so I would urge those that can help to please contact me. I will contact all the previous volunteers to see if they can be on board again.

My contact details are 3289 6864, 0429 919 486 or vickiandallan7@bigpond.com.



## **THOSE TRIVIA BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN!**

**OUR CLUB WILL BE  
HOLDING OUR BI-ANNUAL  
TRIVIA NIGHT ON  
FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

So why not grab some family members and/or friends to form a team. **(max. 6 players per team)**

Interested, then let Dave Taylor know and he will reserve a table for you. Limited numbers. available, so get in early!!.

Interested, but don't have a team? Again, let Dave know and he will slot you into a team, no problems.

**Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock?**

**Well, time will tell**



## YOUR WEBSITE

### DID YOU KNOW??

You can access the Samford Bowls Club website from your mobile, tablet or computer.

It's simple to use so let's jump in for a quick tour.

### HOMEPAGE

<b>OVERVIEW</b>	Brief overview of our club including opening hours and email address for guest checking out our page.
<b>CLUB CALENDAR</b>	Simply click on the <b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b> to bring up the calendar.
<b>TEAMUP</b>	It's the same as the app you may have on your phone. Click on the TEAMUP button, then proceed as normal. Pick the day and click on <a href="#">Sign up</a> (just above the names already signed up)  <i>Remember if you're in the TEAMUP APP you can click on the hyperlink and it will take you to the club competition results on the website.</i>

**BOWLS:** There is a few tabs here so be sure to check them out, they include our club activities and membership form. Let's have a look at:

<b>CLUB COMPETITIONS</b>	CoC draws and results Club Competition draws and results
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	<i>Updated regularly so you can rely on the results!</i>
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Other tabs include:

<b>MAHJONG</b> – times and days played	<b>VENUE HIRE</b> - details including contact details
<b>NEWSLETTERS</b> – previous editions	<b>ABOUT US</b> - Including our Board of Management, PCC and Club volunteers and our honour boards.
<b>SPONSORS</b>	<b>TEAMUP AND CALENDAR</b> – you can go directly to the tab or access from homepage.
<b>CONTACT DETAILS</b>	<b>FACEBOOK LINK</b> – you don't need to be on facebook to visit our page when using the website link.  <i>Enjoy all the fun articles and pictures posted there.</i>

Our motto is *keep it simple*. Please enjoy your website and if you have any suggestions or feedback we would love to hear them.



<https://samfordbowls.com.au>

*Article submitted by Denise Stevenson, your Club Website Co-ordinator.*

## 2023 Coaching Session #1

On the morning of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January a few members gathered at the club for a coaching session that was to be held for any member who wished to participate. There was a certain amount of apprehension by the members who were conducting the session as it was, I think, a first for everybody involved.

The session was broken up into 3 thirty minute units with each addressing a different skill, facet or knowledge of the game and these were conducted by some of the club's coaches and umpires. Janice Ridley directed operations and was assisted by Alan Clark, Jeff Himstedt, Jo Ehrlich, Neil Mason and Barry Maher. There were 17 keen players attending, each looking to, hopefully, glean a little something to improve their game and/or learn a bit more about the game itself.

The first unit, conducted by Alan, focused firstly on running through bowling technique and then had the players try their hand at "weighted shots" or drives. In the bowling technique section, Alan explained what is known as the constants in the technique. These normally stay the same and include the grip, stance, position of feet on the mat, the delivery and the follow through. This was followed by a drill aimed at developing this area. The players were then given the task of testing their accuracy with drives.

The second unit, conducted by Jeff, was about giving the players an insight in the meaning of the term "playing to the head" and the "setting the head" and how the lead and second primarily (in fours) can play an important role in this area. There was also discussion on the "responsibilities" of these 2 players and how their deliveries can lay a foundation that gives their third and skip a good shot at winning the end. This was followed by a drill to draw their shots into a specified area around the jack and then on to bowling against an opponent whose

bowls are preset to represent a "possible perfect head setting".

Thanks to Barry who provided assistance to both of these units giving tips and assisting players as they ran through the drills.

The third unit was run by umpires Jo and Neil and covered the subject of measuring and deciding the number of shots, and also when to call an umpire to resolve a problem. They also spoke on players being aware of, and understanding the conditions of play. Jo and Neil found that each group had different thoughts relating to umpiring situations and thereby presented different challenges. The subjects they covered can be encountered in all social games although umpires are more likely to be used in competition games.

The general consensus was that the session was a success and, as this was a "first time" event, also gave the instructors some feedback that could make for a better presentation at future sessions.

Thank you to all the participants for their support from "The Coaching Committee".



## “ON THE JACK”-

### Name change Suggestion

Recently I was approached by a fellow member who thought that, given we have a new editor for 2023, it might be timely to give some thought to a name change for “On the Jack”.

As I hadn’t even considered a name change for our local newsletter, I would be interested in your thoughts. I have thrown a few potential names around below, but do we really need to change the name??

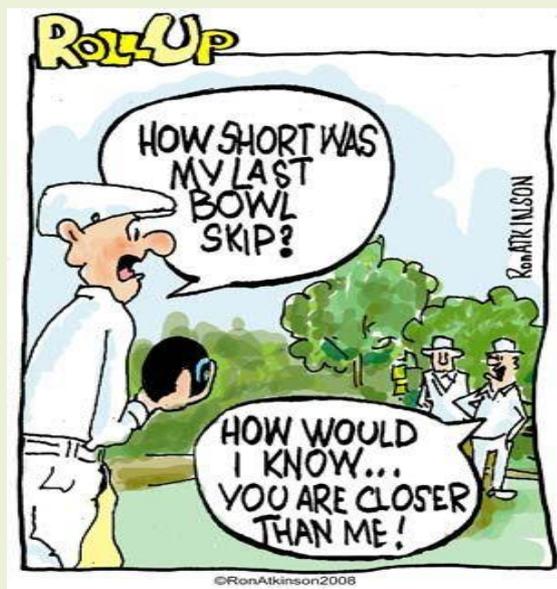
Samford Touches

Snippets from the Greens

The Pulse (my favourite)

The Buzz

If there is sufficient positive feedback for a name change, then consideration could be given to running an “in house” competition, with the final decision resting with the Board!!!



### THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

The club's top bowler, a guy who had won every club championship numerous times, was known for carrying a little black book which he regularly consulted during games.

, Whenever he stood on the mat, with a particularly difficult situation, he would take out this little book and then make a brilliant shot.

Eventually he died and there was great interest in this book. Many of the club's members approached the man's widow asking what she was planning to do with this legendary book. As a shrewd woman who was also in need of funds, she decided to auction the book off to the highest bidder.

The auction was held at the club and after some very spirited bidding a member, who had often finished second to the now deceased champion, took possession of the much sought after and now quite expensive book.

He could scarcely wait to take the book home and peruse its pages at leisure. He sat himself down in his study and began to leaf through the pages - and he found that the pages were blank! He finally came to a single page that had one sentence on it. It said;

**"Small circle on the inside."**

**U3A Pine Rivers Inc. University of the Third Age**

**Open Day May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Samford Bowls Club 9am till 12noon.**

***Learning for leisure and pleasure.***

If you have ever wondered what goes on at U3A then you will be able to find out when they hold an open day at our club

The Samford Bowls Club and U3A connection goes back to 2010 when member and Club Coach Don Crawford who was a U3A member decided to start a U3A bowls class.

Don was tutoring other U3A classes and these were a ready source of “bowlers”. I was in one of those classes and I remember Don saying to me, “you’re an outdoor type! How about coming along to my bowls class”. Little did we know that he had a secret way to keep us coming back? Don’s wife, Terri was a terrific cook and the legendary U3A morning teas were born. Many U3A players have stayed on and became active club members. Our Club has benefitted from our association with U3A.

U3A is run by its members for its members. U3A aims to provide programs of learning and information which offer stimulation and development to enable those in their third age to live a healthier life, mentally, socially and physically. Classes and activities include but not limited to. Arts and Craft, Cards and Games, Exercise and Wellbeing, History, General Interest, Language, Literature, Music, Photography.

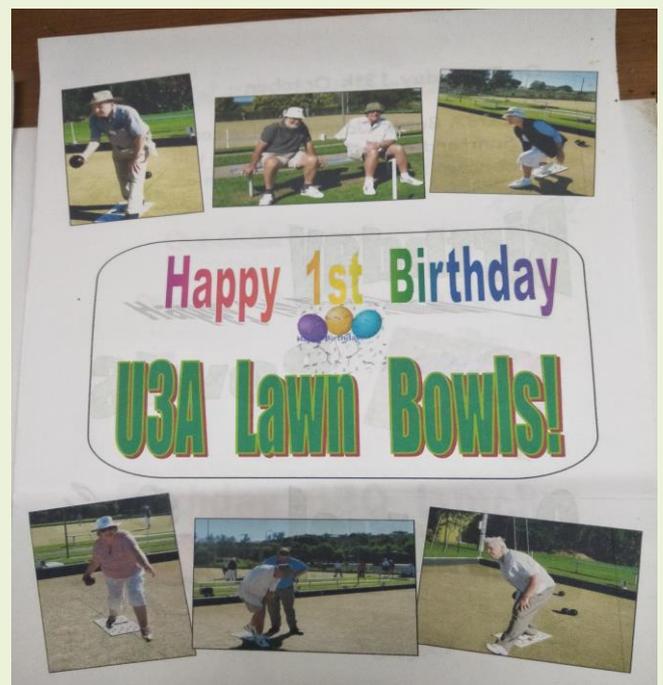
There are coach trips, theatre outings, and even a caravan and camping group. Something for everyone.

If you have family members, friends, neighbours that would be interested, invite them to visit our club to meet tutors and group facilitators to talk about classes and activities available. (Including lawn bowls)

Although run on a different format from when first commenced in 2010 our lawn bowls class is still loyal to the U3A idea of learning by doing with members teaching members.

Tuesday morning bowls will be played as normal on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Janice Ridley.



**GUESS WHO, (Answer on last page)**

There is a great bowler called Ken,  
Who gets touchers again and again,  
And even at ninety or so  
He's pleased to give it a go.  
He is one of the nicest of men!

Anon

## **Here are the answers to our Umpires Quiz.**

All answers are taken from the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Version 3.1 April 2019.

### **1. Law 24          No shot scored – tied end**

24.1    There will be no shot scored by either team if it is agreed that:

24.1.1 the nearest bowl of each team is touching the jack;

24.1.2 the nearest bowl of each team is the same distance from the jack; or

24.1.3 no live bowls are left within the boundaries of the rink of play

24.2    The end must be declared tied and recorded on the score card as a completed end.

24.3    Following a tied end, law 5.4 will apply. (In all ends after the first but apart from an extra end, the winner of the previous scoring end must place the mat and then deliver the jack and the first bowl.

### **2. Law 38.4          Jack displaced during measuring:**

38.4.1 If the jack is displaced by the equipment being used by a player during measuring, an opponent must put it back in its former position.

38.4.2 If the jack is displaced by the equipment being used by the marker during measuring, the marker must put the jack back in the position agreed by the

opponents. If the opponents cannot agree, the marker must put the jack back to its former position.

38.4.3 If the jack is displaced by the equipment being used by the umpire during measuring, the umpire must put it back in its former position.

***NOTE:** If one play or team causes a displacement of the jack or a bowl/s in the head, or plays out of turn, the remedy is always in the hand of the opposition player or team.*

### **3. Law 42          The marker's duties**

42.2.4 stand to one side of the rink, behind the jack and away from the head;

### **4. Law 14          Touchers**

14.3    No bowl will become a toucher if it plays onto, or comes into contact with, the jack when the jack is in the ditch

## **Answer to Guess Who**

**Who else but Ken Gibson, that's who!!**

## **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

As this is my first time in the role of "On the Jack" editor, I would welcome feedback on my initial attempt, both positive and negative. eg. what would you like to see more of and less of.

I believe this newsletter to be an essential vehicle for keeping our members informed and involved in Club and members activities.

And finally, a huge special thanks to all those members who contributed articles for this edition – **keep up the support.**

