



Samford District Bowls Club

'the friendly club'

ON THE JACK

MAY/JUNE 2023 Newsletter

Editor

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN – BARRY MAHER

Dear Members,

While the Financial Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023 are yet to be finalised and audited, we can give you a close estimate as how the Club finished the year financially.

Net profit for the year is \$175,000. This result is after a depreciation charge of \$54,200. Operating Cash Flow is \$229,000 and Free Cash Flow after capital expenditure is \$165,700. This will reduce to \$83,900 after paying for painting the clubhouse, which commenced in late June, and replacing the artificial grass around the greens, which is scheduled to start in July.

During the year we received grants of \$134,571 that resulted in these very favourable results. We have funds available of \$385,000 of which \$280,000 is invested in Term Deposits with Bendigo Bank and ASCF earning interest.

While the Club is in a reasonably sound financial position at year end. we continue to add to our cash reserves to meet future large capital expenditure items such as installing LED lighting, replacing our shades and eventually replacing our carpets.

VALE RON NEEDHAM

It is my sad duty to inform you club stalwart and past Life Member Ron Needham passed away yesterday afternoon 3 July 2023, aged 88.

Our sincere condolences to Pat Needham and Family.

Mass of Thanksgiving will be conducted at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Samford at 11am on Thursday 13 July 2023 followed by a Graveside service at Samford Cemetery at 12.30 pm.

Members are advised that Ron's Wake shall be held at the Samford District Bowls Club from 1pm.

Barry Maher

REPORT FROM OUR GREENS DIRECTOR CHRIS CAMPBELL

Greens:

No major problems with either green.

Maintenance:

I am still waiting on the plumber to source the part for the water boiler in the kitchen, it has been about 3 months now, he is continually checking with the supplier but to no avail as yet. New guttering has been erected on the bowls and machinery shed as well as above the loading dock, pressure has been increased on the water bubbler.

Painting is ongoing, they should be finished in about 2 to 3 weeks, the front fence will be painted, it must be 30 years or more since this has been done. The 14 boxes that cover the shade cover motors will also be done as well as the 14 smaller overhead boxes between the greens that house the slave pulleys. They will be painted in the same green as the guttering etc.

The artificial turf will be laid sometime around the 17th July, the pathway down beside the kitchen will be extended to take over the catering officers parking spot, as well there will be a concrete slab extending out to near the bitumen driveway. The catering officer will be moved to the grass area on the other side of the portico.

A new concrete slab will be added behind the new patio area and the shed, garbage bins will be moved to the back of the shed as will the smoker's area, apologies to smokers in our club.

Two new bowls Trolleys have been purchased to carry the boxes of bowls in the bowls shed, these will be much easier to move around on barefoot bowls occasions than the ones we have. I expect we will take delivery within the next week,

A new trolley has been purchased and delivered to replace the old laundry trolley we used to carry the mats and the jacks.



(If anyone would like the old trolley it is at the entry to the club from the carpark.)

New bar tables and stools have arrived, several of them will be fixed permanently on the new patio area and the stools brought out as required.



Patio area furnished for a function on Thursday 29th June.

There will be new lighting put up between the greens and along the front of the club. They won't be installed till September.

Some of the clubs' funds has been contributed as well as some very generous grant funding for the items mentioned above.

Grants:

Applications for grants to upgrade the tower lights [Two applications have been made] and to replace the shade covers failed, there is a chance of a second attempt for the shade covers in 2024 to apply again.

The club will be applying through the Moreton Bay Regional Council for a grant from the Community Facility grant to upgrade the tower lights to LED's, the cost is approximately \$45,000. If successful we may receive \$15,000 grant, our contribution will be \$5000.

At the same time the club will apply for an interest free loan from the council for the remaining \$25,000 repaid over several years.

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Just to give you an idea of possible outlays over the next 5 to 6 years. These are just the BIG-TICKET items.

- (1) Replace shade covers x 2 including cables, pulleys etc.

Approximately \$120,000

- (2) No. 1 green will need carpet lifted and a re-screed

Approximately \$55,000

(3) No.2 green, the carpet will need replacing, damage from the floods in 2022 have accelerated the need for this, the surface looks okay however there is extensive rotting in the ditches.

Approximately \$220,000, this is only for one green!!!!!!

UMPIRES' CORNER JUNE 2023

Some of you may already be aware that the new Law that prescribed a forfeit if a team stopped its own bowl in course before it reached the ditch has been rescinded. However, it is still a good idea only to stop such a bowl with good reason.

Now to this month's questions:

1. If a bowl in its original course goes into the ditch and lands on top of the jack that is already in the ditch, what needs to happen?
2. Where should the bowlers stand when the umpire is called to undertake a measure at their head?
3. The lead of Team A delivers the jack, which goes into the ditch. The jack is then delivered by the lead of Team B, but the two skips agree it has not reached the minimum length. What should happen now? (This question arose during the recent Golden Valley Mixed Medley Day).
4. At Samford Bowls Club there are several players who use 'aids' such as lifters, artificial arms and support stocks

The following scenario is a reminder that players should leave nothing on the green especially objects such as the bowling aids.

A player from Team A, was in the habit of leaving the Bowling Arm standing up in the ditch. In the process of a drive, a player from Team B hits the jack which rebounds off the artificial device and goes out of bounds. The umpire is called to sort out the issue.

Answers:

1. Law 14.3 states that no bowl becomes the toucher if it comes into contact with a jack in the ditch. Therefore, the bowl in course was a non-toucher. The jack should be placed back to its former position by an opponent or the marker (Law 38.5.3)

2. Umpires should be able to fulfil their duties without undue interference or pressure. If an umpire feels that any player is "cramping their style" in any way or placing them under undue pressure, the umpire has the right to ask that player to step away from the situation. If the umpire is a player in a team game in which they are umpiring (e.g. Pennants), it is good practice to allow a player from the other team to observe, to satisfy that team that the umpire is being neutral.

3. The Jack should be placed "on the T" and the mat placed by the lead of Team A (within legal limits, of course!)

4. Under Law 38.2, the particular player's equipment is treated as if it was the player of the purposes of Law 38.1: Jack displacement by another player. Displacement of the Jack in motion is covered by subsection 38.1.2, and, as usual in the type of situation, the offending team (Team A) get no say in what happens next, and the skip of Team B has a choice. In the particular situation the skip of Team B can choose whether to place the Jack where they believe it would have come to rest, or to declare the end dead. Cont.

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As usual, if anyone has any questions on the Laws that they would like clarified, please come and chat with us and we will attempt to clarify.

Neil, Jo, Col and Andrea.

VOICE FROM THE VETS.

Last Monday Samford team of Ray Davis, Geoff Inder, Bill Evans & Barry won 1st round v Kallangur 2 at Kallangur with a dream 2+25 margin (score 26-1). They scored 1 on last end!

Caboolture Lakes prevented us winning overall with a close loss of 4 shots.

Bring your \$25 + for a good day.

Out team of Allan Swenson, Horst Meyer, Ken Heiniger and David Taylor played at Hamilton yesterday. In game 1, we were down 6-16 to a Kallangur team but ended up winning 19-16. Second game we played against Gaythorne. We won 26-8, and thought we were in with a chance for biggest margin, but Col Orr had +21 to knock us off, so we came home empty handed, as usual.

Etiquette Matters.

Some wise words were given to me when I commenced bowling by our then Coach, Don Crawford.

Lawn bowls has a long history around which a code of behavior has developed. Generally, the etiquette of bowls is a matter of thoughtful, well-mannered conduct.

‘Care for others’ is at the heart of bowls etiquette. It also helps the game to flow smoothly by easing tension and avoiding misunderstanding. Etiquette is about appropriate behavior. Appropriate behavior may differ from place to place and generation to generation, but one thing does not change: respect for the other person.

Sometimes etiquette may be thought of as not ‘macho’, or perhaps even optional; but backbone is given to appropriate behavior by the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls*. There are rules about some inappropriate behavior and “the player, team or side that does not meet the requirements of a law or laws “is in ‘default’ and may be penalized.

There are some laws and etiquette that may be overlooked when playing social bowls but when playing competitions and pennants where you are representing our Club, please remember to show good sportsmanship by doing the right thing.

Remember to communicate with your skip. (Look at the skip when you step on the mat and watch for feedback after your bowl has come to rest.)

A bowl must not be delivered until the previous bowl has come to rest.

Do not start walking up the rink until the player who has possession of the mat and has just bowled starts to walk. (They may wish to watch their bowl until it comes to rest)

Refrain from chatting loudly. Watch the game so you know where your team’s bowls are placed.

When changing ends make eye contact with the skip. (They may wish to praise your good bowling.)

Walk with purpose. Do not let your opponent’s think they are going to win. How you act will affect your team.

Do not move bowls from the head prior to the result being agreed.

Only players in charge of the head should be involved in deciding the shots. **If you are not sure, measure.** Cont.

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The second last bowler should pick up the mat after the last bowl of the end has come to rest. (Tell your opponent you will do this.)

Acknowledge exceptional skill.

The coaching team. Janice, Alan, Jeff, Barry and Rod.

WHATS HAPPENING AT YOUR CLUB??

The Social Committee is in full planning mode for two upcoming events

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS Murder Mystery Play - Sunday 23rd July 2023

Several club members are in full rehearsal mode working hard honing their acting skills to create an afternoon of 'Who Done It' fun for us all to enjoy.

Gather those crime show loving, Santa hat wearing friends for a nice lunch, a few giggles and some Sunday sleuthing.

The tickets for the murder mystery are selling fast. If you require tickets, we are selling them at the club on bowls days, or you can pay your money directly into the bank account. Any inquiries phone (0475420900) or email me Desley Broad (rdbroad@bigpond.com.)

FASHION PARADE - Monday 21st August 2023

This is always an amazing ladies' morning filled with fashion, great food and lots of fun.

This year's fashions will be presented by U&I Designs check them out at www.uandidesigns.com.au

Save the date, get your gal pals together and watch this space - flyers will be on our Facebook Page and around the club in the coming weeks

Tickets \$20 per person and will go on sale Tuesday 25th July (straight after the Murder Mystery event)

Generously Sponsored by Ray White Samford
Samford Bowls Club Presents
T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
MURDER MYSTERY PLAY
\$20 pp | Seating 8 per table
Bookings Essential | Tickets Limited
Contact Desley 0475 420 900 to book

An afternoon of fun, laughter, singing and dancing

PARTY A LITTLE, BEFORE LUNCHING ON BEEF LASAGNE, SALAD AND A SURPRISE DESSERT THEN.....LET THE SLEUTHING BEGIN!

There will be a 'bloody' big raffle drawn on the day

Sunday 23rd July 2023
Seated by 11:15am | Play starts 11:30am sharp | Finish 4:00pm
Licensed Bar Open

Dress code: Christmas (of course)

Feel good
Fashion Parade
Monday 21st August 2023

Doors Open 9:am
Finish 12 noon
Light refreshments will be served

TICKETS - info@samfordbowls.com.au
or
Info Text Msg - Tracey 0416 216 667

Please bring CASH for the raffle

TICKETS \$20PP

BOOKINGS & PRE-PAYMENT ESSENTIAL

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SAMFORD BOWLS CLUB

Can you help? You will notice we are gathering teapots, milk jugs and sugar bowls. If you have any that you are happy to lend us, please let us know as our individual tables this year will be themed by teapots.



The Social Committee is an open forum you can come along to one meeting for an event that you have a keen interest in or come to them all. We talk and plan food, decorations etc. We are always looking for interesting social ways to bring people into the club and fun(d) raise. Never in the history of the Social Committee have we turned away a volunteer.

Thank you for supporting your club's social events - SBC Social Committee



Those Trivia Boys were back in town on Friday 10th March, again asking head-scratching questions of the over 100 people in attendance.

Over-all, the night was a great success (again!!), both socially and financially. By popular demand the Boys will be "back in town" on Friday 13th October.

Did they say FRIDAY 13th October (Do do do) eerie!! (Think of all the fancy dress options this date conjures up, Black Friday, Halloween etc Only restricted by your own imagination , the mind boggles!!)

More on this event in later editions.

CLUB JACKETS

Anyone who has ordered a jacket, could you please let me know the size required.

Anyone who wants to know more or order a jacket, please contact me. Desley Broad 0475420900 or rdbroad@bigpond.com.

There is a sample jacket in the office which has the sizings on it. Thank you, Desley Broad



LIMERICK CORNER

There once was a chap called Chris
Who wrote submissions as if it were bliss
He was so successful
And the club so grateful
As he saved us from the great abyss

An elegant bowler called Lesley
Went about her tasks expressly
She organized dinners
And hosted some winners
This remarkable lady called Lesley

(Thanks to Jo for these little gems)

BET YOU DIDN'Y KNOW THIS Lexophilia

Lexophilia - Although not in the dictionary, it is reported that "Lexophile" describes a person who loves sentences such as, "You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish," and, "To write with a broken pencil is pointless."

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An annual competition is held by the 'New York Times' to see who can create the best original lexophile.

This year's submissions:

- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.
- I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time

AAH!! – A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Do you remember hearing these as a child? Did you say them to your children when they were young

- My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE, “If you’re going to kill each other, do it outside. I’ve just finished cleaning.
- My mother taught me RELIGION, “You better pray that will come out of the carpet.
- My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. If you don’t straighten up, I’m going to knock you into the middle of next week.
- My mother taught me LOGIC.: Because I said “so, that’s why”

- My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. “If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you’re not going to the store with me.

**Sounds familiar hey?? -
For more, watch this space!!**

JUST FOR A LAUGH

Paddy goes on a First Aid course, the instructor asks, “what would you do if your child swallowed the front door key?” Paddy said “Climb through the window.”

Paddy buys a Automatic BMW X5 sport. He drives the car perfectly well during the day, but at night it just won’t go. He tries driving the car at night for a week but with no joy. Really angry he calls the BMW dealers and they send out a technician to him. He asks “Paddy, are you sure you are using the right gears.” Angry Paddy replies, “Of course, I’m not that feckin stupid, I use D for the Day and N for the Night.”

Farmer: Did you see that pig and the horse dating?
Farmer’s wife: Really? Should we do something?
Farmer: I don’t think so. It seems like a stable relationship.

To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it

. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.

Again, a big thanks to those who have contributed articles for this issue. Currently I have a surplus of stories and yarns but you can guarantee they will be aired in later editions. However, I will always be looking for more stories of interest so don’t stop now, keep them coming!!! Ken (the Editor)