

Bongaree Bowls Club Inc

NEWSLETTER No. 43

From the Chairperson, December 2023

This has been a very challenging year for the club and its members.

We have a new landlord in CPS, we now run our own bar and we have consolidated into clubrooms half of our original size.



A big congratulations to the Mens President Rod Curtis, Ladies President Wendy Rollason, and their respective committees, who have managed to organise all our bowls events throughout the year, culminating in a fantastic Presentation/Christmas dinner.

Of course this does not happen without the members themselves who stand up and volunteer their time for the benefit of all. You all define the spirit that makes us "The Friendly Club".

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors and well done to our sponsorship team for their dedication and hard work. Once again I urge all members to support our sponsors, as they support us.

I take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas with a safe and healthy 2024. To all those not enjoying good health I wish you a speedy recovery and a happy return to the greens.

Ian Paterson Board Chairperson

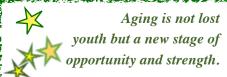
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A Very Happy Birthday to those with a birthday in January, February or March.

For assistance wit	or assistance with club matters		
Membership & address changes	Doreen O'Halloran doreeno@bigpond.com		
Locker allocation	Ian Paterson		
Uniforms	Ellen & Ron Corrick Judi & Jim Irvine		

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	Men	R Curtis, W Baker,	
1		M Hansen, B Vonarx,	
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1		G Croukamp, T Carlton,	
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		E Jensen, D O'Halloran,	
		E Corrick, J Blundell	
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Sponsorship	Joanna Horsley
	Gideon Croukamp

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Men's President's Report

Welfare: Some members still Covid positive, however I believe everyone is just about over it.

Joy Lambie is in Kilcoy Private hospital having had a fall.

Greens Director Report: Bribie Island Bowls Club Greenkeepers will take over responsibility of our Greens from start of March 2024.

Greenkeeper Rhys Thurlow has done a super job of keeping our greens playable, with just a few troublesome spots.

Pumicestone Challenge: This exciting 3 Bribie Island Bowls clubs' competition has moved forward into a 2-tier stage of competition with all Bongaree Bowlers, Men & Ladies are eligible. Requires at least one Man and One Lady in each team. Pumicestone Shield – new and emerging bowlers and Pumicestone Cup for more experienced bowlers. Please consider. Competition commences first Saturday 3rd February 2024. Flyer on the notice board for all to nominate.

The RSA/Bar Roster still ticking over. The Bar has been running on a voluntary basis for 12 months now. Super effort from those members who keep stepping up to assist. Still require more RSA accredited members plus Bar Staff to step up to lighten the load of current RSA/Bar staff.

Wednesday Bowlers numbers continue averaging 85 - 95 on the green. A very popular day. Several new bowlers are putting their names down as spares and getting into teams.

Ernie's Wednesday Raffles and Garry's Money Wheel always happening.

Mick Falvey keeps the Media advised on Winners each fortnight. **Deb Colmer** keeps us informed via her valuable Newsletter.

Joy Lambie's \$2 weekly Wednesday raffle continues when she is in attendance. Joy loves stepping up each Wednesday to assist our club.

Thursday Bowls – Numbers increasing to around 30 players on some days. Good to see new bowlers now jumping in. Well done to our more senior bowlers stepping up playing with newer bowlers and showing them the game. Remember, we were all new bowlers once, so be gentle with our new members. A Jackpot prize event as well as Winners & Runners Up.

Scroungers – Getting approx 35 to 45 bowlers each Saturday morning now. Selector Roger Brooks, with deep regret, is hanging up the Scroungers Bag as of 16th December. Roger has been a breath of fresh air with his Wit & Humour each Saturday morning. He has always made it his aim to support all bowlers especially the new bowlers onto the green. He will still be at Scroungers & Bowls from time to time.

Saturday Social bowls numbers are still down however we are hitting the summer heat now. Plus, a lot of bowlers are already playing a couple of times a week.

Brekky Bowls continues each first Sunday of the month. Big Breakfast at 8am, bowls at 9am. It takes a lot of volunteers to work the kitchen and run the bowls so come along and be part of it, remembering to tick the box if you would like a cooked breakfast. We had a very successful trial of running the cooked breakfast inside the club last Sunday. May be a few tweaks here and there but successful throughout.

Our Sponsorship team of Joanna Horsley & Gideon Croukamp continues and Gideon is now filling into next year's Wednesday Sponsorship. The Snooker Club has given us their last Wednesday Sponsorship as they are leaving the premises early January.

The Garden Surrounds still looking lovely, attended to by garden party members. Great job, even at this time of year. The Herb Garden at the rear of the Bowls Shed is available, anyone wishing to select.

U3A Coaching has now completed for the year. We have 32 new bowlers join the club in 2023. All receiving the benefits of our Club Coaches. Roger and Ann Brooks still involved with networking U3A with our club for new members.

A very successful **Bongaree Bowls Club Only 6 a Side competition** in Oct. Many thanks to all our Major & Minor Sponsors. This event could not happen without our generous sponsors and you, our members participating in this unique Bongaree Bowls Club members only competition.

A very successful event: The In-Visit by QLD Master Builders bowlers' association. 33 bowling visitors against our 45 Bongaree members made a great afternoon of bowls. Unfortunately, 4 Bongaree teams had to play against each other, however, everyone saw the benefit of nominating for the event, support the club, knowing that some would play against each other. QLD Master builders went on to play Bribie Island the following day and then on to Solander on the Sunday. One of our members reported seeing only 5 Solander members playing against the Visitors....... Take a bow Bongaree, well done supporting our own club against visiting Bowlers.

Barefoot bowls: Over the last few weeks we have had approx 78 Barefoot Bowlers on our greens (excluding the QLD Master Builders). Thank you to our Coaches & volunteers in assisting when called upon to chaperone these bowlers. All good green fees revenue to our club. All the visitors have been very complementary of our club including having the friendly service of the Bar facilities.

Winners Presentation & Christmas Dinner night. From all reports so far, a fabulous event. Many volunteers to make it all happen. Well done and super job by our Volunteer Bar staff for the evening. Everyone behaved, though some had wobbly shoes by the end of the night. Thank you, members, even assisting with cleanup at the end. This was an unprecedented evening by our Bowls Club having full use of the premises and seating so many members & guests. Behind the scenes our Bar Manager Peter Thatcher ensured we had the necessary refreshments in the cold room. Overseeing the Money Till at the end of the night, Sheena Bath had to use more than her fingers & toes to get the count right to hand over to Madam Treasurer. You had to be impressed with the Meal & the Cost (subsidised by our club) and the coordination of it all by Madam President Wendy Rollason utilizing Meals on Wheels and the Lions Club.

<u>Men's AGM</u> **11.00am Wednesday 14**th **February 2024** – Information will be forthcoming shortly. Men members, please attend to support your Men's Committee. We do need a quorum to make it successful.

Coaching Coordinator: 3 things to remember: Delivery, Delivery, Delivery. A little mistake at the start becomes a bigger mistake at the other end.

Bowls: There are no losers, just Winners & Runners Up at our friendly club.

Holiday Time, Christmas/New Year

The CLUB is CLOSED Holiday Time: Sat 23 December, Sun 24th December, Mon 25th December, Tue 26th December, also Sat 30th December, Sun 31st December & Monday 1st January 2024. Greens are also Closed - NO Roll Ups. (the Greens also need resting).

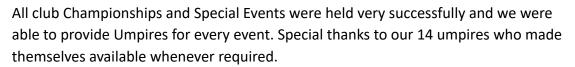
Keep safe everyone, keep bowling,

Cheers,

Rod Curtis Men's President

Umpire's Report

What a year it has been for us all with so much change and upheaval. Yet here we are ready to enjoy Presentation Night and celebrate Christmas.





We are preparing for the re development of our clubhouse which has been downsized to the Bistro area - Thanks to all the volunteers who have undertaken the tedious task of sorting and rehousing over 70years worth of 'important stuff' in the new office and other nooks and crannies.

In the New Year we will resume our monthly Umpire Meetings on the third Thursday of the month – we welcome any member who is interested in learning more about the role of umpires and considering joining our team.

We are looking forward to the challenges ahead and will continue to support all club activities on the

Happy Christmas and a Healthy New year to our wonderful volunteers, members and umpires.

Doreen Pennery for the Umpires Panel















From our Sponsorship Team

Joanna Horsley and Gideon Croukamp

Over 80 Christmas cards (made by Colin Hodges) were delivered by Joanna and Gideon to club sponsors, thanking them for their support over the last 12 months.

We have some new signage done or just on the way: Island Body Works, 25 Queen Street Accommodation, Bribie Medical Hire and Sales and LJ Hooker who are new sponsors of "The Money Wheel".

8 November.: Approximately 40 members and friends attended the Life Talks event organised with Traditional Funerals. It was a very informative morning which was also fully catered for by Traditional Funerals. We last held this event two years ago.

Thank you to the Craft Group! Here's a very small sample of their wonderful & creative work that adds so much to our club.



Ladies' President's Report DECEMBER 2023

The year has gone so quickly, all I can say is that it was a good year. We should all feel very proud of our Bongaree Bowls Club. It is fun and challenging playing bowls but we meet some great people along the way.

With the AGM upon us early in 2024, please think about volunteering on the Committee or as selectors. The present committee are willing to assist new members in any roles they may like to choose. It takes many volunteers to keep things running smoothly. If you have any questions please ask.



The President's at Home was a great day, thanks to all involved who made it a special day. Thank you for the lovely gift that was presented to me. I will wear it at the Christmas dinner for all to see! Visiting Clubs congratulated us on a great day as they had a lot of fun.

We were all looking forward to the Christmas Presentation Dinner, and the club came alive with 175 members and friends attending!!

I was very proud of all the volunteers who made this such a great night. There were so many who helped to bring this event together and I thank them all. The Meals on Wheels who catered this event supplied us with a delicious two course meal and it was served by members of the Lions Club of Sandstone Point, who also washed and cleaned up after the meal.

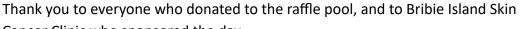
The raffle and lucky numbers were very popular and congratulations to the winners. The winner of the \$500 member's draw was won by Ray Broughton, a great win.

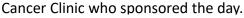
I am sure the Championship winners will enjoy using their prizes.

Wendy Rollason Ladies President



10 Nov: Wendy Rollason's President's At Home had a wonderful response. There were 80 bowlers from Bongaree, MBDLBA, Bribie Island, Solander Lake, Kawana, Woodford, Kilcoy, Woombye, Bramble Bay and Nerangba taking part. Special guests were: representatives from MBDLBA, Patroness - Joy Lambie, Life Members - Doreen Pennery and Honey O'Neill, Board Chairperson - Ian Paterson and Matriarch - Rose Smith.







Tom, Dave and Gary staffed the bar





President Wendy with Patroness Joy Lambie











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LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES RESULTS 2023

Competition: LADIES OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Runner up: Marilyn Weston WINNER: Wendy Rollason

Competition: LADIES PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP:

Runner up: Maureen Ferguson/Margaret McGarry

WINNER: Sandra Scott/Wendy Rollason

Competition: LADIES TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Runner up: Sandra Scott/Jen Hadley/Wendy Rollason

WINNER: Sue Francis/Beryl Moor/Pam Walker

Competition: LADIES FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP:

Runner up: Jaarpung Blundell/Bev Montgomery/Imelda Valentine/Mary Geddes

WINNER: Maureen Ferguson/Doreen O'Halloran/Elna Jensen/Brenda Hutchinson

Competition: LADIES B SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Runner up: Mary Doorley WINNER: Barb Garvey

Competition: LADIES OPEN CONSISTENCY CHAMPIONSHIP:

Runner up: Gaynor Johnson WINNER: Imelda Valentine

Competition: LADIES NOVICE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Runner up: Pat Warwick WINNER: Kym Hagan



LADIES NOVICE
SINGLES CHAMPION
Kym Hagan



Maureen Ferguson, Brenda Hutchinson, Elna Jensen, Doreen O'Halloran

LADIES OPEN
CONSISTENCY CHAMPION
Imelda Valentine



SINGLES
CHAMPION
Wendy
Rollason

LADIES PAIRS CHAMPIONS

Wendy Rollason, Sandra Scott



LADIES TRIPLES CHAMPIONS

Pam Walker, Beryl Moor, Sue Francis



LADIES B SINGLES CHAMPION

Barb Garvey





MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES RESULTS 2023

Competition: MEN'S FOURS

WINNERS: lan Virgen, Pat Pierce, Gordon Pitts, Ray Horne (Jim Irvine sub for Ray Horne)

Runners Up: Ron Wilson, Robert Johnson, Richard Fell, Ron Corrick (Gary Ryan sub for Ron Corrick)

Competition: MEN'S PAIRS

WINNERS: lan Paterson, Graham Symonds Runners Up: Garry McCarthy, Col Valentine

Competition: MEN'S 'A' SINGLES

WINNER: Mick McHenry Runner Up: lan Paterson

Competition: MEN'S NOVICE SINGLES:

WINNER: lan Gillies Runner Up: Ally Spittle

Competition: MEN'S 'B' SINGLES

WINNER: John Morrison Runner Up: Mick Falvey

Competition: MEN'S TRIPLES

WINNERS: Gideon Croukamp, Paul Hill, Ray Huggins

Runners Up: Brien Skerten, Darryl Rowlingson, Gordon Pitt

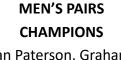
Competition: MIXED PAIRS WINNERS: Nil - Not played Runners Up: Nil - Not played

Competition: BEGINNERS' BASH

WINNER: Ally Spittle Runner Up: John Down



Ray Broughton Winner of \$500 members draw



Ian Paterson, Graham
Symonds (absent)





MEN'S B SINGLES
CHAMPION
John Morrison

MEN'S TRIPLES CHAMPIONS

Ray Huggins, Paul Hill, Gideon Croukamp



MEN'S NOVICE CHAMPION

John Morrison







Bongaree Bowls Veterans December Report 2023



Our annual Xmas Bowls Day was held on Monday December 18. A morning game played under our wonderful shade included some interesting variations to the normal game of bowls – No Short Bowls – Power Plays – Reverse Order and double points for a toucher. This made for some interesting results.

2023 President's Funnies

How Children Perceive their Grandparents

You don't stop having fun when you get old, you get old when you stop having fun!

©. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked, "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
©. I didn't know if my granddaughter had

learned her colors yet, so i decked to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying. "Grandma, I really think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

- ©. A second grader came home from school & said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make bables today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." she said. "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'Y' to "T and add 'es."
- ©. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
- ©. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, & whenever we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
- ©. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him! Your **lucky number** for the Xmas Ham is **8**

We have carried on a tradition started by a Past President, Noel Wormald. Each player gets a page of jokes called the President Funnies which is always well received and is a good start to the frivolity of the day. On each sheet is a lucky number for a large Xmas Ham kindly donated by a couple of our long standing members. Our Lady President, Wendy was the lucky winner this







year.

Committee:

Bongaree Veterans is run by a small committee consisting of

- · Colin Hodges President
- · Sandi Hodges Secretary/Treasurer
- · Bob Vonarx Selector and Raffles plus the ongoing support of members. With special thanks to Sue Francis for looking after the Bar on our playing days.

Stay safe and enjoy your game.

Colin Hodges

President Bongaree rans



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Bongaree Bowls Club Catering Team

A big thank you to Brenda Hutchinson for running the catering for Wendy's President at Home in November. From all reports it was a great success.



Also, a great success was the Presentation and Christmas dinner on Friday the 8th December. The catering team had the night off to enjoy the celebrations. Congratulations to everyone involved and to the 2023 Championship Winners.

We now look forward to catering for the Vet's Xmas Break Up, December 18th. I believe the numbers are up this year so well done to Col and Sandi.

From the Catering Team, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to assisting the club in 2024, stay safe.





Bongaree Bowls Club Craft Group

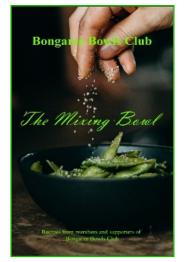
A special thank you to Janice for making all of the table Christmas trees for the Presentation night. As some of the group were away and others tied up with family health matters it was left to Janice to make the table center pieces. I am sure everyone who was present thought she did an amazing job. Best of all they will keep for next year.

Thank you Jaarpung for taking on craft sales at Wendy's PAH. Jaarpung is not a craft group member but was only too happy to help out, she did a great job using her sales skills.

For those new to the club, we still have some Cook Books left for sale @ \$20 each. These make a great gift and are a fund raiser for the club. Please ask the bar staff or ladies committee for your copy.

Don't forget next year we will be focusing more on just decorating the tables for events and not sales as this is a big help to the ladies committee. If you are handy with craft work why not join our little group, we would love to see your there.

As we take a break now and resume in February 2024, we hope you all have a special Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.





4 Nov: Conclusion of the annual Six a Side Challenge

The games are played over three consecutive Saturdays. It's a members only competition and this year there were 78 players in 13 teams.





Overall winners: Team Graham Symonds

Round winners:

Round one winner: Team Greg Hemphill Round two winner: Team Steve Horn Round three winner: Team Jim Warwick





Runners Up: Team David Vaughan



Third overall: Team Colin Hodges





The Men's MBDBA Division 10 **Pennant Champions** David Vaughan, Col Hodges, and Peter Thatcher, received the pennant on behalf of the team.

Ladies B Singles, 17 Oct



Runner-up: Winner: Mary Doorley Barb Garvey



Sheena Bath with Jessica from Bribie Acupuncture, who sponsored the Wednesday 4's, 15 Nov

Barefoot Bowls

Over the last 2 months we have entertained 6 separate groups of Barefoot Bowlers, totaling 75 people who have attended our club for varying Christmas parties. All were assisted by several of our valued volunteers to make it happen.



Matt Carrol Painters at Barefoot Bowls

What a fantastic night at the Bongaree Bowls Club Presentation Night and Xmas Party on Friday 8th December. It was wonderful to see over 160 members of our club all together enjoying themselves. The atmosphere was festive, the company was excellent, the food was delicious and the music was lively and entertaining.

The scrumptious food was provided by Meals on Wheels and served to us by Sandstone Point Lions Club. No-one went home hungry! Thank you Meals on Wheels and SP Lions Club!

None of this would have happened without the work of many, many volunteers - too many to mention by name. There were those who organised the evening, made decorations, decorated the room, supplied the music, donated raffle prizes, sold tickets, manned the bar, cleared up at the end of the night and assisted with the many other jobs which make a successful evening. A huge thank you to everyone!

A big thank you to all our sponsors :-

Bowlers Paradise Le Maree for Hair Bribie Island Hotel
Pina Colada Ali King MP for Pumicestone Blue Pacific Hotel
Mattress Bedding Sandy's Sheet Service K Beauty

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We hope we can have another Christmas celebration like this or maybe even better in 2024!



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Monthly Sponsors Draw

To participate, place your named receipt in the entry box from one of our sponsors below to win a monthly prize. Good luck!

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Martin Jonkers Motors

Morayfield

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All Terrain RVs & Caravan

Repairs

Wilkies Auto Centre

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Services

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Repair Shop

First Avenue Tyre &

Mechanical AMPOL

TJM Mechanical

Island Body Works

ACCOUNTING/

SOLICITORSWallace Davies

Solicitors

Files & Stibbe Lawyers

FOOD/CATERING

Aussie Meats & Seafood

Avondale Meats Banksia

Bongaree Hot Bread

Simply Good

Wrights Fruit Barn

Beefy's Pies

Bribie RSL

La Vera Pizza

Annie Lane

Pigface

Dominos

Sylvan Beach S/food

Savige's Seafood

The Village Deli

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Yes We Can Test & Tag and

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Plumbing Bribie Island

Leading Appliances

JEWELLERY/FASHION

Flair Jewellery

Pina Colada

LIFESTYLE/MEDICAL

Bribie Island Physiotherapy &

Lifestyle Gym

Walk Without Pain

Specsavers Bribie Island

Moreton Eye Group - N/L

Audika

Bribie Island Chiropractic

Bribie I Skin Cancer Clinic

Medical Equipment Sales

POOLS

Poolwerx Bribie Island

PHARMACY

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Priceline Pharmacy

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TRANSPORT

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Flight Centre

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Wildflower Florist

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