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Welcome to Rockhampton Bowls Club. Come and enjoy a friendly game of bowls in our undercover facility. We play day or night, rain, hail or shine.

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CLUB PLAYING DAYS AND TIMES

Monday Roll up after 9am

Tuesday Mixed triples starting 1pm

Wednesday Ladies starting 12.00am

Thursday Men's starting 1pm

Sunday Social starting 1pm

Club/District Events

25th April Diggers Triples

3rd – 6th May District Sides Sunshine Coast

15th May Emu Park Birthday Fours

17th May Wowan Friendship Day

19th May RBC Lady Presidents Day

20th May CQ C/C Pairs Emu Park

21st May CQ C/C Pairs Emu Park

21st – 24th May CQLBA District Pairs

29th May Yeppoon Cap Coast Triples

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is there for your safety.

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All members please read the Fire Evacuation Plan located at all exits.



News from the Chair



Hi All and fellow bowlers

Hooray, we finally have had our phone line replaced and now have the phone and internet back online at the club. Bev Johnston has now been relieved of taking all the clubs calls for the last 11 weeks, many thanks Bev for your dedication and support during this period. So, all calls will now go direct to the club, if the club is unmanned, please leave a message and if required someone will return your call.

Jeff Slater has also been involved in maintaining our limited Wi-Fi connection to enable our Efpos capability, and is now in the process of re-establishing our security cameras, so remember Big Brother will again be on watch, thanks Jeff.

Telstra has offered an acceptable amount of compensation for our phone line outage.

Bruce Ballentine and myself have had a productive meeting with CEO Craig Osbourne and Jasmine Rolls, Communications Coordinator, from Access Recreation regarding sponsorship and signage at the club. We are looking forward to having a successful relationship and mutual support for both parties going forward.

Jasmine is the rose between the two thorns.

Although we have had a couple of late cancellations for functions, we still have a busy month ahead, with four functions still planned for April. At this stage we do not have any functions planned for May.

We have paid Trueline the first instalment to replace the awning between the main building and the green, they have remeasured and will give us a start date when the materials have arrived.

The Builders have finished repairing our Emergency Exit on the Mecure side of the building.

We have enquired about our current grant application to bitumen the car park and have been advised that we will know the outcome at the end of May or mid-June.

Mark, the builder is also going to provide a quote to establish a Disabled Toilet upstairs and will also provide a plan to do the same for downstairs. Once we obtain this information, we will determine how to fund this project/s, including seeking a grant.

I will be overseas from 10th April to 27th April and will not be able to be contacted. Bev Johnston will act as Chairperson during this period and will assist as Functions Coordinator.

Our April monthly meeting has been moved to Wednesday 10th May commencing at 09:00. The committee has had to juggle the meeting date to suit as several of our committee members are away at State events.

Syd O'Sing Chairman



Men's Desk

We received a letter from CQMBA regarding a change to constitution for the number of members to constitution a quorum at the monthly meetings. This was discussed and we have requested a copy of the current construction to clarity the wording in the proposal.

The Management Committee will not hold a management meeting in April due to members being away. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th May.

The new Crystal Mark 4 Law of the Sport was introduced as of the 1st April, new books are being ordered. You can read the new rules via the Bowls Qld web site. The most talked about ruling change is stopping a bowl after play. Please read the article on this ruling in this newsletter it explains in full the ruling.

It was resolved that as per the BA rules, the red and yellow markers used to indicate the position of the kitty and touchers in the ditch will be replaced by a single white marker to indicate the kitty's position.

The table numbers have been reintroduced for bowls playing days. Our Catering lady Debbie is no longer doing the bowls afternoon tea days, so please if you have a spare minute check if urns are full and turned on, and the afternoon tea items are out for players, remove all rubbish and clean the area after use, many hands make light work.

Bill Richardson

Ladies Desk

The Ladies Wednesday Afternoon bowls will know commence at 12.00pm until further notice.

My President's Day is on 19th April, is well in hand, all invitations have been sent, our club ladies if you wish to play on the day, and for catering numbers please place your name on the appropriate lists. These lists can be found on the Ladies board at the door entrance from the green. The club will be holding a Multi Draw raffle, if possible, can you please provide a prize for this raffle.

Rosie Rumpf



Thommo's Betta home living. Phone 0749263199 - Shop 7, 415 Yaamba Road, Park Avenue, Qld 4701





Our club would like to extend a big thankyou to Access Recreation for coming onboard as a Major Sponsor for 2023. Access Recreation has over 30 years of knowledge and experience providing support for people with a disability within Rockhampton and the surrounding areas. Access Recreation is a not-for-profit organisation, offering support to any person with a disability aged from 7-65 years. We are always striving to improve the quality of life of the people we support and foster their independence.

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Bowls Rule of the Month

Law 37.1 Deliberate Bowl Displacements (World Bowls) Introduced from 1st April 2023

September 2022 - Law 37.1 Deliberate Bowl Displacement

In response to questions being asked about the introduction of two new laws relating to the deliberate displacement by a player of their own bowl in its original course or bowl at rest, the Laws Committee would like to clarify the intent of these laws.

Laws Committee Clarification

In the Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark Third Edition, the penalty for displacing a bowl on its original course was for the opposing skip to declare the bowl dead, Law 37.1.1.1. Similarly, the action of lifting a bowl at rest to allow their own bowl to pass or prevent it from being disturbed was also dealt with by the opponent by simply replacing the bowl to its former position, Law 37.1.5.1. These counteractions were arguably what the offending player was trying to achieve and were not considered to be a suitable penalty. There was no other law to cover these scenarios other than using Law 36 Deliberate non-sporting action, by the time this is applied it is too late.

In the Crystal Mark Fourth Edition, two new laws were approved and included within Law 37.1 Bowl Displacement by another player, to alleviate the situation of a player stopping one of their own team's bowls from disturbing the head and gaining an advantage either by lifting a bowl at rest or stopping their bowl in its original course. These are:

Law 37.1.3 If a player deliberately stops or displaces one of their own team's bowls in its original course; or

Law 37.1.5.3 if a player deliberately lifted a bowl at rest to allow their own bowl to continue on its original course.

The Laws Committee felt that the clear deliberate intent by a player to interfere with their own bowls in this way should warrant a more severe penalty which would be the forfeiture of the game. Both laws state that the "defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponent". Where that team is part of a Side game, only that team will forfeit the game, not the entire side. We recommend that Controlling Bodies include details of how the scoring should be adjusted in their competition Conditions of Play.

The new laws were not introduced to 'punish' players that stop a bowl from entering the ditch that hasn't disturbed the head. The Laws Committee understands this occurs on a regular basis, but it is a timely reminder and a key message from the Laws Committee that no bowl belonging to the players on the rink of play should be lifted, stopped, or displaced. Other laws are available to deal with situations where bowls displace other bowls and the jack, and these should still be applied accordingly.



Battle of the Sexes

Earlier this month our Club held the Battle of the Sexes. This is an annual event where the Ladies take on the Guy's in a battle of the bowls. This year unfortunately the Ladies (Renegades)were defeated by the Men (Buccaneers) and President Rosie Rumpf presented Bill Richardson with the symbolic Rolling Pin trophy. We had some colourful characters on the green helping to make this a fun event.











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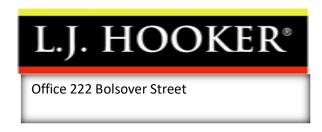


Covid has raised its head again, keep safe by social distancing, washing hands.













PERFORMING IN THE RAIN

It may be a simple and common sense thought to be properly prepared when heading down to the greens for a game of bowls, but we have all been part of a team or squad when one player has managed to forget shoes, playing shirt and yes.... Bowls. Checking your bowls bag that you have everything you might need is a necessity to properly prepare for a game. A quick check of the weather prior to leaving can give you that piece of mind that you are properly prepared, and you can then begin to focus on your pre-game routine. If in doubt about wet weather clothing – pack it and don't be thinking 'I wish I should have put that extra dry cloth into my bowls bag' later in the day. On an overcast day make sure to pack plenty of dry cloths, wet weather clothing and possibly a change of clothing so you are not playing in wet clothing the rest of the day.

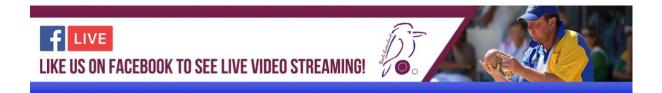
When it comes to performing on damp or wet greens it tends to be more rewarding to be a more aggressive player, playing the "up shot" or "on shot" can produce more favourable results. With slower greens, brings more narrow lines and attempting to play more "touch" bowls can really backfire due to bowls hitting damp/wet patches and pulling up short more quickly than normal.

Short bowls are always a killer, but even more so in wet conditions. **Playing** through the head is generally the better game plan so making sure bowls are past the head can play a vital role as the end develops, whilst also providing options for "up shots" and also provide defensive cover if holding shots.

PLAYING ON WET / DAMP GREENS

When bowling greens become wet or have early morning due, they tend to be slower than normal. **This reduction in green speed will tend to favour bowlers who are playing with wider arc bowls**. This is inclined to be the case due to slower greens having narrower draw lines to the jack. Therefore, players with wider arc bowls will have a slight advantage allowing them to perform a greater array of shots and potentially having a greater ability to navigate around short bowls with a bowl that has a wider arc.

Regardless of the type of bowl you are playing with, one of the key factors to focus on while playing in wet conditions is weight control. Generally speaking, slower greens are more forgiving when trying to achieve the perfect line, whereas achieving the correct weight can be more of a challenge.



MERCURE HOTEL

The Mercure Hotel has been a long supporter of the Rockhampton Bowls Club and we thank them for their generosity in sponsorship. The afternoon of bowls was a great success as always with the green full of happy smiling faces. Throughout the afternoon cash prizes were awarded to players who scored a "Toucher" starting with Skip, Second and lastly Leads. The overall winning team for the afternoon was E Arnold, N Grewe and C Jackson



followed closely by runners up H Johnson, C Haack and R Black. Once again, our thanks go to the Mercure and we look forward to their continued support into the future. If you are visiting Rockhampton and wishing to stay a night or two check out the Mercure as they are right next to the Club, you can find them on the Website https://all.accor.com

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The Champion of champion Men's Fours District playoff is being played at Yeppoon club on the 29^{th of} April. R.B.C. team is Rod Black, Peter Pidcock, Bill Richardson, and Jeff Slater. All the best in bowling guys, and anyone if you are free go along and support our team, they would great appreciate some cheers from the side.



State District 8"

The state mixed 8s was played in early April at R.B.C. The R.B.C team was women pairs Jean Graff & Mirriam Black. The men's pairs Phil Robinson & Tony Zonca. The mixed fours Mike Browning, Bev Johnston, Marion Dobbs & Jeff Slater. Yeppoon defeated Emu Park 59-51 on Saturday morning. Rockhampton defeated Emu Park 83-37 on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning Rockhampton played Yeppoon in the final decider, coming down to the last game the Men's Pairs. Our guys played exceptionally well to defeat the Yeppoon lads and putting RBC on the top of the ladder. The final result was Yeppoon 68 Rockhampton 73. The Rockhampton team will play Port Curtis in the next round on 28th May. We wish our team all the best for the next round.



Our congratulations go out to Mirriam Black and Jean Graff who were successful in being chosen to represent our District Central Queensland in the State District Sides Competition to be played at the Sunshine Coast from the 3rd May to the 6th May. You can keep up to date on their progress by visiting the Bowls Qld web site or following their Facebook page. This competition is no walk in the park as they will be playing 3 games of 21 ends each day, on the Friday they will find out where they sit on the ladder (Section from 1 to 5). This determines where they will be playing their final, and depending on the number wins for the day if they are the Section Winners





Michelle LANDRY

Federal Member for Capricornia

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