

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE GREENS

January was a busy month with our club rep games kicking off. Premier League and Premier 7's are now in full swing with all our sides going very well over the first few rounds.

Our Premier League side is currently sitting in fifth spot on the ladder, our Premier A Grade is in third spot, while our five premier 7's teams are sitting as follows - Div 1: 4th, Div 3: 1st, Div 4: 2nd, Div 5: 4th, and Div 6: 2nd. Keep up the great work Hawkies, still a lot of games left to go, pedal to the metal!

Our ladies super challenge silver and bronze teams will commence in February and we look super strong in both divisions. Hopefully this will be our year of success, we wish you all the very best ladies.

## UPCOMING REP MATCHES HAPPENING ON OUR HOME TURF

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- Saturday 4th Feb** - Premier 7 Div 6 1pm
- Saturday 11th Feb** - Premier 7 Div 1, 3, 4 & 5 1pm;  
Premier League 2pm
- Sunday 12th Feb** - Ladies bronze super challenge 10am
- Saturday 18th Feb** - Premier 7 Div 4 & 6 1pm
- Sunday 19th Feb** - Ladies silver super challenge 10am
- Saturday 25th Feb** - Premier 7 Div 1, 3 & 5 1pm
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Come along and support our fantastic Hawks sides, they'll be some crackerjack matches on display!

The 2017 Australian Jackaroos squad was announced on the 30th January with a reduced number of just 8 men and 8 women selected in this elite group. Two of our members in Brett Wilkie and Lynsey Clarke were chosen in this squad which will be used to select teams for the international clashes on the 2017 calendar, including the team selection for the 2018 Commonwealth Games (to be announced in November).

Seven of our club members were in action last month with the Queensland State team as they travelled to Club Kawana on the 16th and 17th January to take on the NSW blues. The men did extremely well winning their series 2 - 1; while the ladies were gallant in defeat against the powerhouse NSW side going down 2 - 1. Well done to our mighty maroons, especially our two debutants in Jayden Christie and Georgia White.

Jayden Christie has been in fine form this past month, teaming up with Broadbeach's Sean Ingham to take out the prestigious Ballina \$25,000 Summerland series pairs event. Well done Jayden.

Another of our members, Des Cann, competed in the prestigious PBA World Bowls Tour Indoor Pairs event which was held in England during January. Des and his partner David Holt (NSW) had to play four qualifying matches over two days against USA, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and Ireland. They successfully won through the qualifying rounds where they met the strong pairing of Merv King and David Gourlay in the first round of the main event. Unfortunately they lost this match in straight sets 9-6 12-3.

In club news, our mens & ladies fours championships are down to the pointy end. For the ladies Marg Pickering's team will play Lynsey Clarke's team in their grand final on Thursday 2nd February at 9am. And in the men, Brett Wilkie's side will face the winner of Larry Pointon & Matt Bell's match on a date TBA. Keep you eyes peeled on the notice board for scheduled date of these quality events.

Last month we inducted our 5<sup>th</sup> cadet in to the Hawks Junior Academy. 11 year old Tiani Leggott was introduced to bowls at one of our open days last year and has been receiving coaching from Barry Holmes on a Saturday morning on a regular basis. Our academy training on a Wednesday afternoon is going really well and gives our juniors a great opportunity to train and play together while receiving some high level coaching and games tips from both Lynsey and Anthony. Congratulations Tiani, you have a very bright future ahead in our great sport.

On the 25th February our star studded Gold Coast Hawks BPL side of Mark Casey, Brett Wilkie, Lynsey Clarke and Nathan Rice (coach) will head across the ditch to Auckland to compete in BPL05 - the first time this event will be held at an overseas location, day matches being played on the outdoor greens at Sunnybrae Bowls Club.

It's sure to be another exciting and colourful affair, this time with the televised games being played on a portable indoor rink and broadcast from Aucklands North Shore Events Centre! It should prove to be a very interesting watch and we look forward to supporting our side in this event from near and far.

Evening matches will be televised on Fox Sports from the 27th February - 2nd March and starting around 3pm Queensland time (check your local guides for exact channels and time details as the event draws closer). Good luck Hawkies.



**Lynsey Clarke**  
BOWLS COORDINATOR



# CLUB HELENSVALE PHOTO GALLERY



(clockwise from top left) Jayden Christie teams up with Sean Ingham to take out the prestigious Ballina Summerland Pairs; Selfie fun at Hawks Junior Academy training; Des Cann competing in the World Indoor Pairs Championship; our newest Hawks Junior Academy cadet Tiani Leggott.

**NAME THIS BOWLER...**  
Below is a picture of one of our lovely members taken back in the 70's. Who is he?!? Find out in our March newsletter...



## 60 SECONDS WITH..... TAHLIA CAMILLERI

*Our player probe is back! With some new recruits to our Hawks nest over the past 12 months it's about time we got to know them a bit better and discover some interesting facts you just may not have known about them!*

**NICKNAME:** Tahls

**FAMILY:** Mum Liz and her partner Mat, Dad Phillip, and sister Samara

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU PLAYED BOWLS:** I have been playing in the Hawks academy for a year and 9 months, however I started playing bowls in high school in 2014, so around 2 years

**MOST MEMORABLE BOWLS MOMENT:** I have two that I can't decide between - winning the 2015 Queensland All Schools Cup with Shane; and winning my very first singles game at the Junior State in 2016

**WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM JOB:** I'm still searching

**SPORTING HERO:** Lynsey Clarke

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Chocolate and Burgers

**FAVOURITE RESTAURANT:** House of brews

**DREAM HOLIDAY DESTINATION:** A tour through the Greek Islands, Malta, England, and Paris

**IF YOU WERE STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND, WHAT 3 THINGS WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE WITH YOU?:** Food, a self contained pop up tent, and a friend

**WHO WOULD BE YOUR DREAM DATE:** Channing Tatum

**PERSON YOU'D LEAST LIKE TO SIT NEXT TO ON A LONG FLIGHT:** A crying baby...it's horrible haha

**FASCINATING FACTS:** I am the 10th best hammer thrower in Australia and I am a crazy person that loves adventure :-)





## NORTH GOLD COAST RSL SUB-BRANCH

(Now meeting at Club Helensvale)  
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Sub Branch activities: Please note your diaries with the following details:

### Upcoming events:

#### Notice of Meetings

#### 2017 Committee Meeting Dates (0930)

18 February (1015 - 1215)  
1 July (because of State Congress 23-25 June)  
2 September (because of 26 August GC Show weekend)  
28 October

#### 2017 General Meeting Dates (0930)

25 March  
27 May (AGM then GM)  
29 July  
7 October (because 30 September is QBD LWE)  
25 November

#### Other dates

#### Committee nominations open/close

Open - 25 March  
Close - 11 May

#### ANZAC Day Badge Sales

20 - 24 April  
Volunteers needed please speak to:  
Noel Martin  
Richard Alderton  
Colin Krohn  
Colin Spies  
Melanie Annand  
Ray Wilson

#### ANZAC Day School Talks

24 April - 8 speakers required

#### 2017 Annual Luncheon

27 May—details TBC

#### Remembrance Day Poppy Sales

4 - 10 Nov (TBC)

#### 2017 Annual Dinner

18 November - Club Helensvale (details TBC)

#### Upper Coomera Centre Exercise Physiology

Introducing a new veterans' hydrotherapy and exercise rehabilitation at the brand new Upper Coomera Community Centre. Eligible Veterans may be entitled to full services for no charge. We offer exercise rehabilitation for injury, pain or illness. We provide fitness, balance and flexibility programs that can be completed both on site and in the privacy of your own home. We offer hydrotherapy programs in the heated pool on site, perfect for back pain, severe injury or to exercise in a pain free environment. We are located at the Corner of Reserve Road and Abrahams Road, Upper Coomera.

To discuss your eligibility for free services or to have a chat and find out more, please call Harmonee Dove (Accredited Exercise Physiologist and Exercise Scientist) on 0434 284 287.

#### Veteran Health Assistance

Ms Donna Howard Exercise and Neuro Physiologist from Allied Health Performance Medical is available to assist the veterans and in support of DVA programs. To have a chat and find out more, please call Donna (Accredited Exercise and Neuro Physiologist) on 0410196907 or at her business Shop 3/320 Olsen Ave Parkwood 07 55631689.

#### Active Body Conditioning - Exercise Physiologists

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Active Body Conditioning values the importance of self-management, personalised care and excellent service. ABC believes exercise is the cornerstone of care and we are constantly familiarising ourselves with the most up to date approach to exercise management and testing.

#### Recognition

The Sub Branch would like to recognise the generous and on-going support for its fundraising activities by Club Helensvale members.

## COACHES CORNER

### The Positional Draw Shot

This term refers to any draw shot that is not directed at the jack - that is, a draw to a particular position on the green. Invariably for tactical considerations.

There are any number of reasons for playing a positional shot. You may be holding shot and want to cover an opponents bowl in case the jack is displaced in that direction. You may want to protect your own shot bowl by blocking the path to it. Or you may simply want the security of a back bowl in case the jack is driven through the head.

Whatever the reason - and scarcely an end goes by without the need for a positional shot - to achieve such a tactical bowl you are again reliant on your drawing ability. From the technical standpoint it is exactly the same as drawing to the jack, with the desired position being substituted for the jack and line and length adjusted accordingly.

### Recurring Positions

Two positional draws are so common a feature of the game that they merit a name: The Rest Shot and The Blocker.

The Rest Shot is a delicate variation of the draw employed when the jack is less accessible than the opponents shot bowl. The shot bowl becomes the substitute jack. The aim being to come right up and 'rest' against it on the inside (nearer the jack). A noteworthy attraction of the rest shot is that a bowl presents a far larger target for the draw than a jack does.

The blocker can be an invaluable weapon, and will often transform an end. It is a short bowl intended to impede the opponent's approach into the head, and is commonly used when the head is in your favour but is vulnerable to counter-attack. The blocker can be positioned just short of the head, where it is most effective against the draw shot, or well short of the head, to counter the threat of a drive. Wherever it is played, accurate line is essential; a poorly-executed blocker is a wasted bowl.



Bob Hill  
Coach



## BOWLS COACHING

Thursday mornings from 9.00am or by appointment

Bob Hill 5573 2776 Anthony Kiepe 0411272123  
Ron Wallace 5556 0046 Cameron Wilson 0452421961  
Brett Wilkie 0427965169 Jim Merrick 0429371695  
Nathan Rice 0415750512 Lynsey Clarke 0401643958

THE PLACE TO BE

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SATURDAY  
25TH  
FEBRUARY

Get filthy rich this February

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



Graham Brittain

Well, here we are in February again! How did that happen? January was an eventful month on the bowls side with the Premier League and Premier 7's starting on the 7th January.

We're doing well across all divisions in Premier 7's and in the Premier League we are currently in the fifth Position on the leader board. It will be exciting to see how our Hawks progress from here.

Congratulations to our Helensvale Hawks Lynsey Clarke and Brett Wilkie selected for the 2017 Australian Jackaroos again this year. We look forward to seeing you in the green and gold in upcoming international events this year.

The international leg of BPL05 will be held in Auckland on the 25th February. Our GC Hawks are excited and looking forward to competing. The evening matches will be aired on Fox Sports so we will all be able to cheer them on from here at

home. Good luck Hawks!

Everyone's favourite member's promotion is back! It's going to feel like it is raining cash Saturday 25th February, because we're giving away \$10k to our members in just three hours! Entering couldn't be easier as every \$20 spent anywhere in the Club during February earns an entry. Ask one of our friendly staff for more details today.

Love is in the air this Valentine's Day at blu bistro. We have a great range of Italian specials available for your Valentine's dinner with a loved one. A sweet bonus for lovebirds who spend \$30 or more in one transaction, you will have a chance to win a romantic gondola dinner cruise for two on the beautiful Broadwater.

Have you popped into the Sports Bar on a Saturday lately? It's a punter's paradise with all the race information available for free: giddy up, betbusters and flexicast. There are losing ticket draws throughout the day and complimentary finger food in the afternoon. It's worth checking out.

I hope to see you around the club this month!