

HAWK TALK

BOWLS NEWS



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ClubHelensvale

PREMIER LEAGUE FINALS
COMING TO THE HAWKS NEST

News from AROUND THE GREENS

As Summer draws to a close, so too do our Summer Leagues. March will see the culmination of three months of arduous matches in Premier League, Sevens, and Summer Nines with the finals of all three events to be played out over several weekends. The first kicking off right here at Club Helensvale with the Premier League Grand Final Weekend.

The prestigious PLQ Grand Final weekend will kick off here on our home turf on Saturday 17th March at 12pm. With both our Premier Top side and Premier A Grade team guaranteed a finals berth, it would be great to see as many of our club members out in support as possible. Some of the best players in the world will be showcased on our greens with some epic games sure to take place. The schedule of the weekend feast of bowls will be as follows:

Saturday 17th March

12pm - Elimination/Qualifying Final
5pm - Major/Minor Semi Final

Sunday 18th March

9am - Preliminary Final
1pm - GRAND FINAL

Our Premier Sevens teams are all doing splendidly as well. Five of our six teams are sitting in the top two places on their ladders, while in the Summer Nines competition our purple team are sitting second while the blue team enjoyed their first win of the season last weekend.

The Premier Sevens finals will be spread across three consecutive weekends starting on the 10th and 11th March, the matches scheduled at four different Brisbane clubs. Keep your eyes peeled for venues and which teams we have qualified. The following two weekends will be based at Mermaid Beach Bowls Club, very handy for our club members to get over and support our teams.

The Summer Nines finals will be held on the weekend of the 24th and 25th March at McKenzie Park Bowls Club. Again, another great local venue to attend if either/both of our teams make the finals in this event.

Best of luck for the last rounds of your competitions Hawks, let's finish strong and bring home some titles!

Eleven of our Hawks competed in the annual QLD v NSW test match held on the 12th and 13th February at Raymond Terrace Bowls Club in Newcastle. Unfortunately for Queensland the Blues were too strong on this occasion

winning both test matches. Our Hawks players performed exceptionally well though with Brett Wilkie named player of the series for the men and April Wilson named player of the series for the Under 25 girls.

Our Wednesday night Jack Attack competition was thoroughly enjoyed last year, so due to popular demand we have commenced a second season which is now three weeks in. With fourteen teams (of bowlers and beginners) this evening competition is proving a big hit and I'm sure we'll get some budding bowlers out of the group yet. The last round of the competition will be on Wednesday 14th March after which we'll break over the winter period.

Aron Sherriff has started up some individual advanced coaching sessions for our club members on Wednesday and Thursdays. Sessions are by appointment (nomination sheet in notice room) and already many of our members have taken up a spot and are enthused with the results. Aron will continue with these sessions until the 22nd March, after which he'll be away for competing with the Commonwealth Games, BPL, Australian Sides, and State Championships.

In Club Championship news our ladies fours were crowned with Natasha Jones team of Jo Stockdale, Brenda Balchin, and April Wilson winning the final against Chris Leeden,

Fran Ryan, Bev Perkins and Doreen Thomas 30 - 8. Well done to all finalists and best of luck to our winners for the next stage of the Champion of Champions.

Our Men's club championship pairs is down to the final stage with Brett Wilkie and Aron Sherriff to take on Nathan Rice and Andrew Howie. Their original final date was washed out, keep your eyes on the board for an updated date and time of this epic clash.

The Men's club fours semi final between Brett Wilkie's team and Rohan Wilson's team will be played at 5.30pm on Friday 2nd March with the winner to play Aron Sherriff's team at a date and time to be advised.



PLAYER PROFILE

April Wilson
JUNIOR HAWK SOARS



NICKNAME: Ape
FAMILY: Partner Brandon and daughter Kameron
HOW LONG HAVE YOU PLAYED BOWLS: 9 years
MOST MEMORABLE BOWLS MOMENT: Winning bronze in the pairs at junior Nationals with Taleah Putney
WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM JOB: Makeup artist
SPORTING HERO: Lynsey Clarke
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken nuggets
FAVOURITE RESTAURANT: Tella bar

DREAM HOLIDAY DESTINATION: California
IF YOU WERE STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND, WHAT 3 THINGS WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE WITH YOU?: Kammy, music, chicken nuggets
WHO WOULD BE YOUR DREAM DATE: The Rock
PERSON YOU'D LEAST LIKE TO SIT NEXT TO ON A LONG FLIGHT: Definitely Rohan Wilson
FASCINATING FACT: I won my first ever state title when I was 12. I wasn't even meant to be playing but Elizabeth McKillops partner didn't show up so I played and we won



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Here we are at the official start of Autumn, the weeks seem to be just flying by. Though I'm sure we will continue to get beautiful summery weather for quite a while yet.

I'm looking forward to seeing the Premier League Queensland Grand Final weekend here at our club on the 17th-18th of March. Both our Premier Top side and our Premier A Grade team will be in the finals and I wish all the finalists the best of luck.

Our wonderful blu bistro here at the club has recently been awarded a coveted 5 star Eat Safe rating by the Council of

the City of Gold Coast. Our wonderful Food & Beverage team deserve this great acknowledgment of their hard work.

There are some great new dining specials during the week for you to enjoy at blu bistro. The popular T-Bone Tuesday special is back, and kids eat free on Monday nights, perfect if you're wanting to take the family out for dinner soon.

Due to essential kitchen maintenance blu bistro will be closed from 2.00pm Sunday 4th March and is expected to reopen by Friday 9th March. The rest of the club, including

Cafe 22 will be open as normal.

Find out if you have the luck of the Irish this month in the Gaming Room with the \$15,000 Pot of Gold promotion happening every Sunday afternoon. Ask one of our friendly staff for more details next time you're in.

Make sure you grab a copy of our latest edition of the Clubvibe that is out this month to catch up with what is happening around the club over Autumn!

I hope to see you around the club this month!

PHOTO GALLERY



(left to right from top to bottom)
Queensland Players of the Series April
Wilson and Brett Wilkie; Wednesday Jack
Attack 2017 Champions Rohan Wilson's
'The Roofers'; Some of the fellow Jack

Attack teams for 2018 - Shane Pearson's
'Superstart'; Mitch Goode's 'Mitch
Goode'; Bob Edwards 'Topsy Tilers'; and
Shane Kerr's 'Legless'.

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ADVANCED COACHING WITH ARON SHERRIFF



Improve technique
One on one/couple coaching sessions
Work on your weaknesses | Mental approaches
Tactical play | Strategies for competitive edge
Personalise the session to your individual needs



Bob Hill

COACH'S CORNER

Playing Third

There is a lot more to playing third than a lot of people realise. It goes without saying that you need to be an all round player but your major contribution is one of support for the skip.

Playing third to a stranger, as you might be asked to do in a club selected event or a trial, is a hit and miss affair. Preferably you should know the skip well off the green as well as on it, so that you can build on your personal relationship.

You have to sense when to draw your skips attention to something and when to remain silent. You have to sense when your skip is in need of some words of encouragement, and when he/she is best left to themselves.

A third, although he/she is often expected to play a 'skips shot', will play it in a different frame of mind. Whereas a skip may play a shot with abandon, 'death or glory' style, because he knows there are no bowls to follow, a number three may play with less weight, for example, so that his/her bowl, if it misses, will finish in a useful place and give the skip something to play for. A good third should think unselfishly.

COACHING

Thursday mornings from 9am or by appointment

- Bob Hill 5573 2776
- Ron Wallace 5556 0046
- Jim Merrick 0429371695
- Colleen Dillon 0414343383
- Nathan Rice 0415750512
- Lynsey Clarke 0401643958
- Anthony Kiepe 0411272123

Countdown to COMM GAMES

This month in our Commonwealth Games focus column we're talking all things Queen's Baton Relay.

The Queen's Baton Relay is a Games tradition that celebrates the Commonwealth's diversity, inspires community pride and excites people about the world-class festival of sports and culture to come.

The Queen's Baton carries a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II that calls the Commonwealth's athletes to come together in peaceful and friendly competition.

The GC2018 Relay will be the longest and the most accessible ever, not just passing through, but spending quality time in each community it visits.

Starting on 13 March 2017 at Buckingham Palace, the Baton will travel on an epic 388-day journey through all nations and territories of the Commonwealth.

The Queen's Baton will arrive on the Gold Coast for the XXI Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018, where Her Majesty, or a representative, will remove the message from the Baton and read it aloud to officially open the Games.

Here at Club Helensvale we are lucky enough to boast three members that will have the honour of carrying the Baton through the latter stages of it's journey to the opening ceremony - Brett Wilkie, Anthony Fantini and Mark Casey.

The starting locations, date and times of our members

legs are as follows -

BRETT WILKIE: Sunday 1st April 5.13pm at 75 Discovery Drive Helensvale. Baton Bearer #75.

MARK CASEY: Monday 2nd April 11.55am at the End of Loders Creek Bridge Marine Parade Southport. Baton Bearer #74.

ANTHONY FANTINI: Wednesday 4th April 10.20am at Malibu Apartments Breaker Street Main Beach. Baton Bearer #16.

It would be great to see as many of our members as possible at these legs, cheering on our Hawks stars as they take part in this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Good luck boys and carry the baton with pride.



MARCH BOWLS CALENDAR

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1 Ladies Club Singles Championship 9am	2 Men's Pairs 9am Open Mufti Jackpot Pairs 1:30pm	3 Junior Bowls 9:30am Men's Social 1pm Premier League & Premier 7's	4 Barefoot Bowls 2pm Mens Club Singles Championship
5	6 Ladies Social 9am Open Mufti Mixed Pairs 1:30pm	7 Mixed Triples 1pm Hawks Junior Academy 4pm	8 Ladies Club Singles Championship 9am	9 Men's Pairs 9am Open Mufti Jackpot Pairs 1:30pm	10 Junior Bowls 9:30am Men's Social 1pm	11 Barefoot Bowls 2pm Mens Club Singles Championship
12	13 Ladies Social 9am Open Mufti Mixed Pairs 1:30pm	14 Mixed Triples 1pm Hawks Junior Academy 4pm	15 Ladies B Grade Triples Champs 9am	16 Men's Pairs 9am Open Mufti Jackpot Pairs 1:30pm	17 PREMIER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL WEEKEND	18 PREMIER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL WEEKEND
19	20 Ladies Social 9am Open Mufti Mixed Pairs 1:30pm	21 Mixed Triples 1pm Hawks Junior Academy 4pm	22 Ladies B Grade Triples Champs 9am	23 Men's Pairs 9am Open Mufti Jackpot Pairs 1:30pm	24 Junior Bowls 9:30am Men's Social 1pm	25 Barefoot Bowls 2pm Mens Club Singles Championship
26	27 Ladies Social 9am Open Mufti Mixed Pairs 1:30pm	28 Jack Attack Mixed Triples 1pm Hawks Junior Academy 4pm	29 Men's Senior Pairs Championships 1pm	30 GOOD FRIDAY	31 EASTER SATURDAY	

APRIL BOWLS CALENDAR

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
30						1 EASTER SUNDAY
2 EASTER MONDAY	3 Ladies Social 9am Open Mufti Mixed Pairs 1:30pm	4 Mixed Triples 1pm Hawks Junior Academy 4pm	5 Mens Senior Pairs Champs 1pm	6 Men's Pairs 9am Open Mufti Jackpot Pairs 1:30pm	7 Mens B Singles Championship 9am Men's Social 1pm	8 Men's B Singles Championship 9am Barefoot Bowls 2pm
9	10 Ladies Social 9am Open Mufti Mixed Pairs 1:30pm	11 Mixed Triples 1pm Hawks Junior Academy 4pm	12 Ladies Open Triples Champs 9am Mens Senior Pairs Champs 1pm	13 Men's Pairs 9am Open Mufti Jackpot Pairs 1:30pm	14 Men's Social 1pm	15 Men's B Singles Championship 9am Barefoot Bowls 2pm
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY LAWN BOWLS?

Lawn Bowls is a game the whole family can play. It is a great way to socialise and meet new friends while also enjoying a competitive game.

Coaching is provided free by one of our friendly coaches who are keen to help get you started. Bowls equipment can be provided free to use until you decide to buy a set of your own. Coaching is provided every Thursday morning at 9am or by appointment.

Barefoot Bowls sessions are held every Sunday from 2pm - 4pm (except when major bowls tournaments are scheduled). Equipment is provided. Corporate groups and barefoot bowls parties can be catered for on request by contacting our Bowls Coordinator.

Men's Bowls: Men play social bowls every Friday and Saturday. This includes self selected pairs on Friday morning starting at 9am. Championship games are usually held on weekends at different times throughout the year.

Saturday afternoon Open pairs commence at 1pm.

Ladies Bowls: Ladies play every Tuesday morning starting at 9am. Each Tuesday morning ranges from social bowls to special events and sponsored days on occasion. Championship games are usually held on Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 9am throughout the year.

Mixed Bowls: Mixed triples are held every Wednesday afternoon starting at 1pm. These days vary from club selected days, self selected days and sponsored days. Open men's, ladies or mixed pairs are held every Tuesday and Friday starting at 1.30pm. These are great events for beginners (Mufti).

Junior Bowls: Junior bowls sessions are held every Saturday morning at 9:30am or by appointment. For more information contact our Bowls Coordinators.

For enquiries regarding lawn bowls, coaching, events, sponsorship and bowls promotions, please contact our Bowls Coordinators: Lynsey Clarke 0401 643 958 or Anthony Kiepe 0411 321 605
Email: bowlscordinator@clubhelensvale.com.au

Membership Fees:

Full Membership - \$120.00

Admin Fee - \$15.00

Junior Membership - \$25.00

Social Membership - \$5.00

(Admin Fee: New bowlers or bowls members that are transferring from another club outside QLD)