

# DISTRICT NEWS

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## BOWLSINK ON TRIAL

The BDBA Management Committee have decided to have a free trial of Bowlslink, a Bowls Australia system that is now used by most states for the management of Bowls competitions and membership databases.

For BDBA the aim of the trial is to use Bowlslink, in parallel with current systems, for the remainder of 2022 covering the following.

- Men's and Ladies pennant draws, and recording results and ladder for each week
- For Men's and Ladies Division 1, every player would be manually recorded against the club team they played for. Only their NAME will be entered. No personal details will be required.
- A District Knockout Event – to be decided
- Live score reporting for 1 or 2 important matches – yet to be decided.

All the results for the above would be available for all members of clubs to see through the Bowlslink Results Portal. The BDBA website has links to this site and advice on how to access data. There is no username or password needed. Open the Brisbane District web page ([brisdista.org.au](http://brisdista.org.au)). Across the top are headings such as "Home", "Club", "Bowlslink" etc. Click on Bowlslink then in the drop box, click on Brisbane District Portal. This will bring the two pennant competitions on screen - Mens and Ladies. Choose which one and then select which division.

All the draw information for Ladies and Men's Pennants is now available on Bowlslink.

The trial will help BDBA to make decisions on longer term use of Bowlslink and will be guided by an implementation team comprising Keith Brown, Jim Walker, Brian Cosford and Pat Hobson (Ladies).

Their responsibilities will include;

- Obtaining weekly teams from Div 1 Clubs and inputting this into Bowlslink on Fridays before games
- Recording weekly results on Bowlslink Collection and input of Division 1 team players will be undertaken by the implementation team as follows
  - Keith – Ferny Grove, Geebung, Chermside
  - Brian – Enoggera, Hamilton, New Farm
  - Jim – Red Hill, Windsor + help Pat Hobson
  - Pat Hobson – Hamilton, Windsor, Chermside, Everton Park/Geebung.

Recording of results and team changes on Bowlslink will be done from the normal weekly results forms posted on the BDBA results gmail. Feedback so far has been very positive. Information can be easily found, especially results for all divisions and team selections in Division 1. It is hoped that listing team names will be available in the future for all divisions.

### Something new? A BDBA Newsletter!

Facebook is a recognised avenue to keep members informed of an organisation's activities. The BDBA Facebook is very popular and is kept up-to-date.

Sometimes, an extra explanation is needed when new initiatives come along. This newsletter has commenced with the expectation that it might reach members within our District who do not frequent Facebook but will read their emails.

A Monthly production, "District News" will be forwarded to District Club Managers for dispersal to all club members. Your comments are welcome. Email your thoughts to [info@brisdista.org.au](mailto:info@brisdista.org.au)

# New District Banner



When you next see this banner, you will know that an important District-sponsored event is taking place.

BDBA stages various bowls events for individuals and teams, together with active support for special club events.

When the BDBA banner is on display, the District is working to advance bowls within our community.

Visit our website at [www.brisdistba.org.au](http://www.brisdistba.org.au)

## Hamilton Pair Win Close Final



L-R Wendy Wilson, Melissa Caletti, Olivia Rothwell and Chris Baxter

Melissa Caletti and Wendy Wilson representing Hamilton, are the 2022 BDBA Ladies Champion of Champions Pairs winners. In a very closely contested final against Enoggera players Olivia Rothwell and Chris Baxter, Hamilton emerged victorious 20-18. Congratulations to all players for a high standard finals series..

## Live Streaming?

Brisbane District are exploring the possibility of live streaming some of the District Championships and representative bowls games. BDBA wish to expand their bowls coverage and provide access to important District games to a wider audience of bowlers and friends.

Many retired bowlers retain an affectionate interest in bowls, yet might not have the mobility to attend important matches. Club bowlers wishing to support their members, might be unable to physically attend finals to cheer them on.

By Live Streaming important bowls matches, BDBA hopes to retain the interest of all bowlers, their families and friends.

BDBA are seeking the help of an operator for the live streaming. They would need some computer experience and mobility as they would be asked to set up at each venue, live stream the event and dismantle ready to go home. A bowler would be ideal as they already know the game but a friend or acquaintance would also be able to complete this task. Obviously, knowledge of live streaming would be a wonderful advantage! But it is not imperative. At this stage we are not expecting to include live commentary..... down the track maybe, but not at the very start.

If you are interested in helping your District or know someone who might be approachable please contact Lyn Fryer on email [lynfryer20@gmail.com](mailto:lynfryer20@gmail.com) or by phone 0423 374 929.

## Chermside to the Fore!



Chermside defeated Hamilton in the final by the closest of margins 21-20 in the 2022 BDBA Men's Champion of Club Champions Fours.



# BDBA Seniors Teams at Senior Quad Series



*B.D.B.A.  
Men's Senior  
Quad Team*

**Broadbeach produced a spectacular day of sunshine for the recent Quad Series played between Brisbane, Gold Coast-Tweed, Cunningham and Gateway Districts.**

Unfortunately results were not quite as spectacular!

The Ladies joined this event for the first time and the greens reflected a wealth of colour. Gateway were unable to field a ladies team and Gold Coast - Tweed filled the void with an extra team.

After a full day's play, the Ladies finished with a win and two losses. Although very tight in their encounters, the men were unable to bring home a win.

Necessitating an early start and a long day, the Senior Quad Series was pronounced successful and very enjoyable.

Geoff Manser started the day as a spectator but not for long. A late withdrawal saw Geoff elevated to the team and he played the whole day. Great team support Geoff !

## Men's Senior Pennants Reviewed

**The 2022 Men's Senior Pennant competition has been completed and planning for 2023 has already started.**

Some interesting information from the 2022 competition. The competition was in its 8th year, 227 senior (over-60) players participated, 10 of the 11 competing clubs played on finals day with 6 different clubs winning the 3 pennants and 3 plates.

The change to the finals format with semi-finals one Friday and finals on the next Friday was endorsed by all clubs. They also endorsed the change to practice before the match and the elimination of trial ends.

The Power Play will be removed. There were mixed views about its continuation. A vote was taken with 6 clubs voting against its continuation and 3 in favour of retaining it.

The ability to change player order after each set was introduced in 2022. Most clubs were happy to retain this in spite of it not being used widely.

Other format changes are under consideration.

## Men Set to Trial

**The Men's over/60's Inter District Challenge is to be held at Pine Rivers Bowls Club on Wednesday 5th October.**

Prior to that event the BDBA Mens' Selectors would like to give all players, who are eligible for selection, the opportunity to express their interest in representing Brisbane District and providing the selection panel details of their playing history.

There will be a trial day held at Ferny Grove Bowls Club, Tramway Street, Ferny Grove on Sunday 28th August 2022 for all players.

If you wish to trial and be considered for selection in the District team to play at Pine Rivers please email Jim Wise [wisjm3@hotmail.com](mailto:wisjm3@hotmail.com) or phone Roger Fryer 0417 197 726.

## From Red to Black

The Brisbane District Management have decided to change the District team uniform. Red pants and out! Black pants are in!

As from 1st January 2023 all Brisbane District teams, both men and ladies, will wear black skorts, skirts, shorts or long pants - whatever their choice. The shirts remain unchanged.