

DISTRICT NEWS

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WELCOME ABOARD!

Brisbane District Bowls Association proudly announce new business partnerships with two leading Brisbane companies. This is a very exciting chapter in our District progress as we seek to advance our sport with valued partnerships that will assist both the development of bowls and provide benefits to our members.

The Beaulife Group

A family company, the Beaulife Group is a financial planning firm specialising in risk insurance. Paul Beauchamp heads this firm and he has years of experience in the finance sector. Together with his 17 staff and partners, Paul is committed to helping clients to find their path through the maze of financial options, seeking the soundest and safest solutions.

“It is our mission to help clients create a safety net in preparation for the unknown,” Paul explains. “We want to uncomplicate what can be a complex task, by providing peace of mind when you need it most.”

The Beaulife Group offer all Brisbane District bowlers special attention with an initial free consultation. The Beaulife representative will assess each person’s requirements and map out a path forward. Should the enquirer progress and then become a client of the Beaulife Group, a success fee will be paid by Beaulife to both the new client’s club and to BDBA.

This opportunity is available to all Brisbane District bowlers plus their families and friends. All that is required is that the person contacting the Beaulife Group identifies as a Brisbane District bowler or supporter. Paul promises that District bowlers will find interaction with Beaulife representatives both relaxing and rewarding.

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LJ Hooker Aspley/Chermside

Another family company, Bryan Waters is Director while his daughter Amanda Waters and son Daniel Waters are co-Principals of LJ Hooker Aspley/Chermside.

There is a special affinity between this company and lawn bowls through their Sales Consultant Devon Slater. Devon has been a past bowls champion within our district and now that he is back in town, he is re-engaging with the sport he loves. A past District Champion, Devon is currently playing winter pennants representing his old club Enoggera.

Devon welcomes the opportunity to be of service to you, be it for Buying, Selling or Property Management and assures you of the best efforts of the entire team at LJ Hooker Aspley/Chermside to achieve the perfect outcome for your next Real Estate transaction.

LJ Hooker Aspley/Chermside offers preferential commission rates for all Brisbane District bowls members. For each sale that is generated from a club referral, a financial incentive will be paid to both the club and BDBA by LJ Hooker Aspley/Chermside.


This offer is open to all District club bowlers, their families and friends. Simply make known that you are a supporter of BDBA when speaking to Devon.

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B.D.B.A. Champions of Club Champions



2022 CofCC Mens Pairs

This final was played at Enoggera on Sunday 17 July 2022. Cherside (Jason Curry and Kevin Hewitt) defeated Windsor (Trevor O'Neil and Wayne Dean) 25-7. In the previous semi-finals, Windsor 21 defeated Red Hill 20 and Cherside 22 defeated St Lucia 11.



CCC Mens Singles Final

Representing Enoggera, Jimmy Anderson (right) defeated Steven Haydon from Red Hill in the final of the CCC Mens' Singles held recently at Ferny Grove. The final score of 25-24 was a true indication of a very closely contested and high quality final.



Hamilton Champions L-R Lauren Carpenter, Jacinta Weir, Wendy Wilson and Pam Rowe



Cherside Runners-Up: L-R Gayle Mudford, Deb Affleck, Sue O'Toole (BDBA), Lauren Schultz & Lenore Milne.

2022 CofCC Ladies Fours

Congratulations to the Hamilton Team of Lauren Carpenter, Pam Rowe, Jacinta Weir & Wendy Wilson on winning the 2022 BDBA Ladies Champion of Club Champions Fours Final.

Runners-Up in the event were the Cherside Team of Lauren Schultz, Lenore Milne, Gayle Mudford & Deb Affleck. Some great bowls were played by all Players today, well done to everyone concerned & thanks to Northern Suburbs Bowls Club for hosting the event.

Live scoring on one Semi & the Final was done as a Trial via the BDBA BowlsLink Results Portal.

A New Fee Structure for District Championships

The introduction of night-time District competitions has identified an issue with the Fees charged to compete each night as players progress through the competition. Also to be considered are the expectations of Clubs to host night events which may incur additional expenses such as staff wages and electricity charges for the lights.

A BDBA Joint Sub-Committee has been formed to discuss these matters including a new Fee structure for all District Championships (including Night Games). This of course will be an Item on the Agenda for our upcoming Special General Meeting in September but below is an outline of what the proposed changes are –

The Nomination Fee & Green Fees for the whole competition will be included in the Entry Fee of \$30 per Player. The distribution of the Fee to be:-

- \$6 per Player to the BDBA for Administration & Prize Money
- \$24 per Player to the host club for Green Fees

All disciplines shall commence as Sectional Play to obtain Section Winners and then continue as Knockout until a winner is obtained.

All Players will be guaranteed at least 2 games with the proposed move to Sectional Play. If there are 4 teams in a Section, then these Players are guaranteed 3 Games (this would depend on number of teams entered).

Under this new structure all formats are feasible – all Games during the day, or all Games played at night, or a combination of Sectional Games on weekends & then knockout Games at night.

The new Entry Fee will take effect in 2023.

Calling All Clubs!

The next General Meeting of Brisbane District Bowls Association will be held on Friday 16th September, 9.30am, at Gaythorne Bowls Club, cnr Prospect Rd and Samford Rd, Gaythorne.

Can't Keep Us Down

Brisbane has experienced its fair share of floods in recent memory. Earlier this year on Sunday 27th February two of our District Clubs, Windsor and Samford, were inundated by flood waters which badly damaged their greens, club houses and surrounds. Through the loyalty and extensive hands-on work of their members, they have emerged from the heart-ache and despair. Smiles intact! These are their stories.

Samford Goes Under

The entire Samford clubhouse and both greens were inundated by flood waters on that Sunday afternoon. Damage was assessed at approximately \$100,000 but was not covered by their insurance as the site sits on the bank of the South Pine River.

All clubhouse floor coverings were destroyed and fungi grew rapidly in the soggy carpet.

Both greens were water logged and covered in mud. One rink was completely unplayable. Seats surrounding the greens were torn from the ground by the force of the surging water. All artificial grass surrounding the greens was torn and dislodged.

The Septic System was damaged and the protective brick wall demolished.



Monday 7am on 28th February was dubbed Resurrection Day.

Approximately 25 members commenced work and continued for the next three days, to clean up and get the club back on its feet. Many club members helping remove floor coverings. Twenty members worked in 5 teams to reinstate the artificial surrounds. The seating was reinstated, septic system repaired and brick wall rebuilt.

Twelve firemen from Samford and Closeburn with pumps and hoses washed both greens clean. Both greens were then steam cleaned and sprayed to kill fungi.

All workers/members were aged between 70 to 80 years of age.

Six days after the flood, Samford were back! Bowling on both greens on Saturday 2nd March.

How to pay for damages

All Grant applications have been successful through State and Federal Governments, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Commonwealth Bank, RACQ, Bowls Australia, Bowls Qld and Bendigo Bank.

Club members strongly supported the club with working bees but also by continuing to bowl and pay green fees which is the life blood of Samford Club.

One last application has just been submitted and is waiting for approval for replacement of all artificial grass around both greens, this won't be known till November 2022. Cost is \$48,000.

Editor: Many thanks to Chris Campbell (Samford) who provided both text and photos.



Windsor Bowls Club Bounces Back

by Mal Greig

When Brisbane suffered at the hands of mother-nature with a major flooding event on 27-28 February, Windsor Bowls Club was in the midst of the devastation.

The flood levels at Windsor were a good 1.2 metres above the 2011 flood; catching the Club unprepared. On the Sunday morning with water just coming into the Clubhouse we managed to move a lot of equipment and stock above 2011 levels – this was not good enough and the rest is history.

Nearly everything on the ground floor level was damaged beyond repair. It is estimated that the final damage bill will be about \$200,000. In the Windsor area we are unable to get flood insurance. With the magnificent amount of in-kind or volunteer assistance we have received we expect the final bill to be reduced to about \$150,000.

In true Windsor style our recovery efforts went into full swing as soon as the waters receded with the greens being a major priority. Within days we had the greens cleaned up and anyone who has played at the Club recently can testify to how well they are now running, given that only 5 months ago they were 2 metres under water. We weren't able to play on the greens for quite a while so we owe many thanks to Red Hill for letting us use their greens for our competition bowls (Gr8s) for the first few weeks of our recovery. Great District support.

The Clubhouse clean-up was a bigger challenge. Much help from our own bowlers, community members and members from other Bowls Clubs ensured that within a few days the ground floor had been gutted, hosed out and ready for a good drying out. A lot of hard work has been put in with the fruits of the labour enabling the Club to be up and running and doing well within 5 months. We still have a long way to go but hopefully by the end of the year we will have everything completed, with the new flooring and furniture being our last task.



Inside the clubhouse before the water rose another 5 feet



The rain was relentless



Flooded greens

We would not be where we are without a lot of help. The financial assistance from the many levels of government and personal donations has been essential to recovery having received \$80,000 already and expecting to reach around \$100,000. The Club was in a strong financial position prior to the flood so this assistance will go a long way to ensuring that the Club prospers into the future.

Special mention is deserved to assistance provided by BA with \$5,000, BQ with \$2,500 and BDBA waiving our affiliation fees. There were also many offers of assistance from bowls and other sporting Clubs with a particular thanks to Capalaba Sporting and Bowls Club for the monster raffle to raise funds for us and Jindalee Bowls Club. Richlands Soccer Club and Southern Cross Community Club have been very supportive in helping us resurrect our Gaming area.

Our greens are running well. We are back competing at the social and competition level. Our functions and barefoot bowls activities are recovering and our Clubhouse is getting back to normal. We now look to the future. We have survived financially. We have already had a flood resilience assessment completed on what can possibly be done to reduce future damage (and costs) and this will form a basis for future work at the Club. We are also developing a Flood Management Plan so that we can deal more effectively with any future flooding events.

We are now 101 years old and look forward to marching onwards to the next Centenary.