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GAMES REVIEW

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As we move into the new year and come to the last half of the pennant each of our teams will take stock of their position and future prospects.

Assuming that the greens will run faster, practice and adaption to the conditions becomes paramount.

Overall we the club has done well so far with five of our nine teams in the four. Div 1, 2 & 3R on Saturdays have a lot of work to do to move up the ladder.

Division 1 is in 6th position and must do well in the last 7 games to pull itself into the four. Only 3 of those games are at home, so Lamsie will be *geeing* up the boys to also do well in the away games.

Div 2 are down with the cellar dwellers and need to push up the ladder. They are not that bad really, so let's see your potential.

Div 3R do not reflect their ability on the ladder, but never-the-less are in real danger of being relegated. They are 14 points behind 9th position and can progress with a bit more luck and determination.

Mixed Open are bouncing along nicely in 1st position. Team spirit is good and the lure of a possible premiership is a sure carrot.

Midweek 2 is sitting comfortably in 2nd position and also has in it's sights a go at a premiership.

Midweek 4- Composite- should remain in 2nd position and they have every change of a good finals run.

Our ladies sides are performing well and only have to negotiate the faster greens to continue their run.

Div 1 can still make to final four, which would be a great achievement.

Div 3 are still on top and should be the favourites for the finals.

Div 5 have played well and they also should be prominent in the finals.

Good luck to all our players for the rest of the season

Have information? Advise Editor Mike. All information will be kept highly confidential. Just send by email or jot it on a slip of paper. (Verbal advises may be interpreted incorrectly)

Editorial by Mike

Get Down & Get With It!



Practice Makes Perfect!
If you don't practice, I shall have you on a 20 k Route march!

President's Message

As Vince Lombardi once said:
"Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is."

And from Anonymous :
"If Columbus had turned back, no one would have blamed him. Of course, no one would have remembered him either."



GAME ON

Wednesday Jan 12th (Midweek)
Div 2 v B at Home
Div 4 Composite have a BYE!

Thurs 13/1 (Woman's Pennant)
Div 1 v G at Home
Div 3 v K at Home
Div 5 v B Away

Sat Jan 15th:
Div 1 v SB Away
Div 2 v RP at Home
Div 3 R v Kingborough Away
Mixed Open v NN at Home



Spare a Thought for Queensland Bowls Clubs hit by the recent floods.



(above) Creswick Bowls Club

GAME WASHED OUT!



(above) Road closed as floodwaters from Ithaca Creek gush across Bowman Parade in front of Bardon Bowls Club in Brisbane.



(above) Parking outside a Queensland Bowls Club.

Can we Help?

Some clubs in the flood area reckon it may take years to repair the damage caused in recent weeks. Governments have promised assistance, but what happens in the meantime? Where will affected players bowl? There may be areas of help clubs in Tasmania can offer. We await any advise from the Bowls administration.



**BOWLS TASMANIA INC. ART UNION
2010-2011 RAFFLE**

Very soon all members of Claremont will be asked to sell a book (5 per book) of tickets in above. Please try and return tickets & Funds ASAP. 1st Prize is a Mitsubishi Lancer Sedan SX. Plus two other good prizes. Please return your tickets ASAP.

Rule Changes as at 1/1/2011

1. Minimum end will now be 21 metres
2. On winning an end the mat cannot be handed to the opposition &
3. The Skips will keep the score cards & cannot delegate.

Don't Monkey Around



Over the Christmas break Mary Christmas has kept an eye on the activities of all members. She reports that most behaved themselves, which is disappointing, and for that reason we do not have any adverse reports at this time.

However, we make it quite clear that all members are to lift their game otherwise this column will be discontinued.

More than Floods Closing Bowls Clubs in Queensland!

State body blamed for bowls club closures.

STATE Member for Clayfield Tim Nicholls said the Government was not responsible for the decline in the popularity of bowls clubs. "Most bowls clubs are on council-owned land, they pay a small amount of rent, if any, and they get concessions on their rates and charges," he said. "I think they get fairly reasonable considerations for their operations." Mr Nicholls said the drop in bowls club memberships and other community organisations such as scouts, was more to do with a shift in society.



(above) Pointing the finger: Tony Silvester from the Hendra Nundah Bowls Club.

Keep your bowls club viable by participation and regular support of all activities

"People have less time and they're less inclined to volunteer or become members at community clubs," he said. "People have more choices for spending their leisure time.



Another Bowlers' Prayer from Pastor Eric.

Heavenly Father, May we always be strong in our purpose of living by the rules of the game. May we accept the Laws of your commandments, Handed down to the World Bowls Council, not only as a challenge, but as an opportunity to distinguish ourselves in your service. May we choose for ourselves a rink through life, which is level and true. May our grip on our bowls be a firm one. May we tow the line of all our obligations. May our approach to life be smooth and steady, with a good follow through. May there be no angst between you and me. O' Lord, whether you drive or draw me, give me the strength, like your servant Job, to praise your Holy name and when you come O' Lord, to check the final score sheet, may it find a winner in this tournament of life, whose praise is as rich so that all of us may share it. Amen

More stories of elderly bowlers going to their doctor.

A lady bowler went to her GP complaining after playing on Thursday that she had pains all over her body.

The doctor replied: "What do you mean? Be a little more specific." The lady touched her right knee with her index finger and yelled, "Ow that hurts." Then she touched her right cheek, her nose, her back and even the top of her head. "Ouch, it hurts in all those places." The doctor gave her an initial examination and said: "No wonder, you've broken your index finger."

A Skipper: "Doctor, doctor, I think I am a Henselite Bowl."

Doctor: "Sorry, I only treat Taylors and Redlines."



**Barefoot Bowls
Wednesdays 5.30 for 6.00 PM**



Now, that's what I'm Talkin' about!



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS.

If you make tea in the club house, Please empty the tea pot, and then stand upside down on the draining board!

Composite Side to play 2 Games at Claremont:

It has been confirmed that the Berriedale/Claremont Midweek div 4 team will play its home games at Claremont on 2nd and 23rd February 2011. Eleanor Burge & Yvonne Kean have, kindly agreed to organise the afternoon tea & Bar Manager Kerry will try to open the bar. If anyone can assist please see Kerry. So far the Composite team is going OK.

The Ladder

Division	As at 31/12/2010	
Div 1	6th	
Div 2	9th	
Div 3R	10th	
Mixed-Open	1st	
Ladies 1	6th	
Ladies 3	1st	
Ladies 5	3rd	
Midweek 2	2nd	
Midweek Composite 4	2nd	