



Club Chermside News

**JAN/FEB
2023**

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**Mighty
Lions**



**THE
FRIENDLY CLUB**
CELEBRATING OUR 75th YEAR!



A special Members Day was held on 29th January 2023 to celebrate the Club's 75th Anniversary. The large contingent of bowlers gathered for a photo shoot during the game.



Club Chermside
2 BOWL TRIPLES SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY 2023 BBQ LUNCH
CHERMSIDE BOWLS IS TURNING 75!
MEMBERS DAY
CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY, MEMBERS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.
All started on 29th JANUARY 1948
2 GAMES ROUND ROBIN NO DEAD ENDS RE-SPOT ON 1 AND LUNCH PROVIDED
FIRST GAME 10AM
LUNCH 12PM
SECOND GAME 1PM
THIS IS AN OPEN AND FREE EVENT FOR OUR BOWLING MEMBERS
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2023
CHERMSIDE BOWLS CLUB WILL BE HOSTING A FORMAL DINNER LATER IN THE YEAR TO CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE. DETAILS TO BE RELEASED IN THE NEW YEAR.

Chairman Tony Bolf and President John Brittingham welcomed all participants to celebrate the special Members Day. The first Club meeting was held on 29th January 1948, 75 years ago! See Tony's report on page 7.

66 Bowlers participated in a great day of 2 bowl triples.

75TH ANNIVERSARY

TEAM NO	LEAD	SECOND	SKIP	CAME 1	CAME 2
				RINK	RINK
1	G MCDUGALL	M TANNIS	J STALEY	1	17
2	T BLACDEN	L MILNE	N SHORE	2	18
3	A DUFFY	C WARE	B HIPWOOD	3	19
4	D ROSSNER	D SHORE	M OWEN	4	20
5	J BOLF	T GADDES	J SCHULTZ	5	21
6	D KELLY	L WAREHAM	G WALLS	6	22
7	S DUNBAR	R BATHGATE	D AFFLECK	17	1
8	K PEART	C MUDFORD	J BRITTINGHAM	18	2
9	D ABBOTT	M M'MAHON	J SIMPSON	19	3
10	S PRAGNELL	C BATCHELDER	K CHUGHWARD	20	4
11	F KNOTT	T BOLF	G M'KAY	21	5
12	P PADINSON	C SCHULTZ	R CHORLTON	1	22
13	J DUFFIN	L RAYWARD	T KENNEDY	2	21
14	N COWELL	A COWARD	G GOWARD	3	20
15	MARIO	D LAWSON	J BELL	4	19
16	R LICHT	G MAHONEY	H RANDALL	5	18
17	C HANKINSON	P COUTTS	P HOBSON	6	17
18	M PALMER	B KNIGHT	F PIRONTINA	17	5
19	T LOWE	D ROWE	G KIRTON	18	4
20	C ANDERSEN	P CRABB	J KREBS	19	3
21	L CORFIELD	A MARSHALL	G TANNIS	20	2
22		J RAYWARD	P CAREY	21	1



Ralph the Therapy dog waited patiently for a sausage with Annette



The "Table of Knowledge" seemed to have increased in members during the day.



Peter kept an eye on the approaching storm



What a wonderful start to our club's 75th Anniversary celebrations yesterday. Nearly two full greens of bowlers braved the heat, humidity and a challenging Green 3 for our free for members, 2 bowl triples day. A huge thank you to the committee members and volunteers who organised the day and kept it running smoothly. A job well done! Thanks to Glen from Mouli Catering QLD for slaving over a hot BBQ and keeping the players well fed.

Janette Kennedy



**AND TO THE WINNERS ON THE DAY
\$10 each**



Richard, Debbie and Hugh



Leigh, John and Janette



John, Lisa and Peter



The Sunday Scroungers celebrated Christmas in style – see page 8 for more photos

THE 2022 MEN'S FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP



Winners Kevin Hewitt, John Staley, Mick Ryan and Mark Lee



Runners Up Russell Bathgate, Tony Blagden, Ben Merkel and Tony Bolf

The final of the 2022 Men's Fours was played in December, with a rematch between last year's finalists. The play was worthy of a final, involving killed ends, precision drawing, breathtaking weighted shots and after 21 ends was all tied up at 17 all.

The extra end was killed to the excitement of the many spectators who were cheering from the sideline, but on what was the 24th played end of the match the game was won by Kevin Hewitt and his team of Mick Ryan, John Staley and Mark Lee, 20-17.

Runners Up Russell Bathgate, Tony Bolf, Tony Blagden and Ben Merkel fought all the way and took it to the wire. Congratulations to all players on what was a breathtaking game of bowls.

2023 LADIES PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP



Winners Susan Jensen and Sue O'Toole, and Runners Up Pat Hobson and Kaye Peart

The 2023 Ladies Pairs Championship was played in December with Susan Jensen and Sue O'Toole vs Kaye Peart and Pat Hobson. Susan and Sue ended up winners 20-17 in what was a very close game right up to the last end. Congratulations to the Winners and to the Runners Up for making the final.

CLUB CHERMSIDE 60th & 75th ANNIVERSARY



15 YEARS AGO
THE 60th ANNIVERSARY (2008)

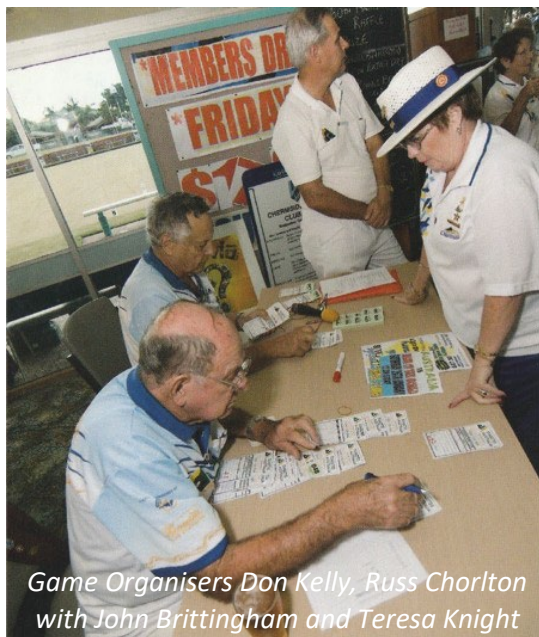
Elaine Randall, Stirling Hinchcliffe, Neal Shore, Diana & Royce Cooper, Fiona Hammond (Councillor for Marchant Ward) and Hugh Randall

This year we celebrate the Club's 75th anniversary! The first Club meeting was held on 29th January 1948, 75 years ago!

Many activities are being planned during 2023 to help celebrate this momentous milestone in the club's history.

15 years ago in 2008, a commemorative photobook was published to celebrate our special 60th anniversary bowls day.

On this page are a few photos extracted from the photobook.



Game Organisers Don Kelly, Russ Chorlton with John Brittingham and Teresa Knight



Everyone enjoyed the seafood lunch (spot the familiar faces)



A large gathering celebrated the special 60th anniversary game with all 3 greens full

2022 LADIES B SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP



Annette and Susan

The Ladies B Singles final was played in December between Annette Coward and Susan Jensen, with Susan taking out the 2022 title 25 – 12. Congratulations Susan and well played Annette.

Club Chermside
Sunday
SCROUNGERS

**EVERY SUNDAY
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

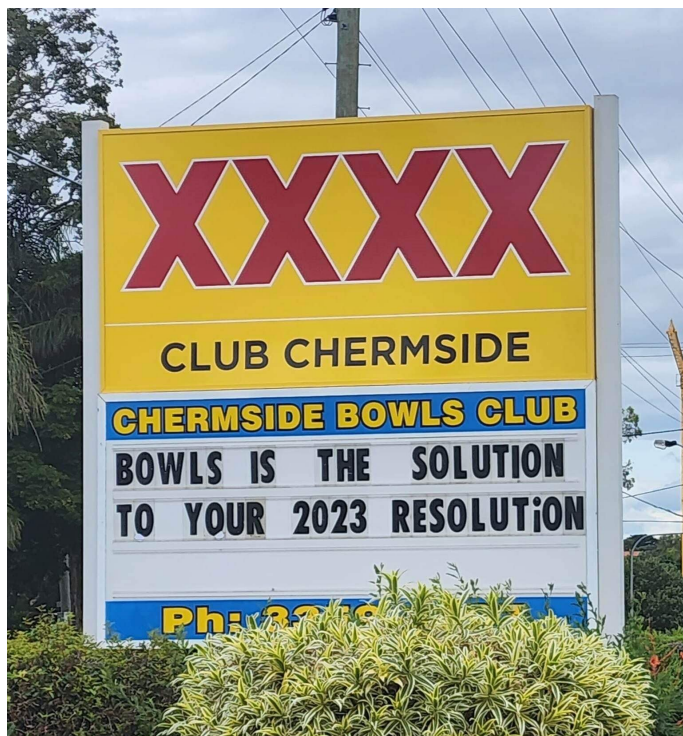
\$10 entry includes:
Corner to corner
Game 14 ends
Tee to tee
Lucky door prizes
Cash prizes for winners
9.30am registration 9.45am start

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER JAN/FEB 2023

Dear Members,

As we begin the new year, I am thrilled to share with you all, that January has been a fantastic start to the year at Chermside Bowls Club. It has been one of the busiest Januarys in some time, and we are delighted to see so many familiar faces, as well as many new ones, taking to the greens to enjoy the beautiful weather and great company.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the sponsors and hosts of our Rapid Fire Event, Merv Barnes, Rob Barnes, and Noel Scriven for their sponsorship and John Staley for hosting. This has been a great success and it is fantastic to see the green full on Friday nights in summer.

As many of you are aware, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Chermside Bowls Club. We have planned a year-long celebration, including a Special Anniversary Weekend in May to celebrate our Past, Present and Future. We hope that you will all join us in celebrating this milestone, and we look forward to sharing more information about these events soon.

This year we are planning to focus on putting on more events, not just on the green but in the club. Last week we saw the first Open Mic Sunday afternoon which was a great success. This is now confirmed and will be a feature on the Open Mic circuit in Brisbane. CBC will host this on the third Sunday of the month moving forward. We look forward to welcoming new faces, supporting local artists and building a community around this event and other events during the year.

Behind the bar; Melanie Jennings joined us just before Christmas and has really hit the ground running bringing a fresh new approach to driving the club. With just a few small changes we are already seeing more and more booking enquiries coming through. Mel is still building her team out so there are more changes to come. Also please make welcome Kirra Lee, Jonah Nelson and Ingrid Vanderkley. Ingrid starts her full time role as Duty Manager as of the 1st Feb. Lastly, thank you Sharron-Maree Keogh (Shaz) who has been with us for a long time now.

We have a lot to look forward to this year at Chermside Bowls Club, and we are excited to see what the rest of the year will bring. We look forward to seeing you all on the greens and at the events throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Tony Bolf
Chairman of the Chermside Bowls Club



A colorful poster for "Open Mic Acoustic Sunday" at Chermside Bowls Club. The poster features a bright orange background with a yellow starburst in the top right corner. The text "Club Chermside" is at the top, followed by "Chermside Bowls & Michali presents". The main title "OPEN MIC ACOUSTIC SUNDAY" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title is a white microphone and a yellow acoustic guitar. A blue banner across the middle says "3rd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH" and "20 MIN SLOTS". Below that, it says "1PM START" and "(Registration by 12.30pm, mics and P.A supplied, BYO guitar, soloists and duos welcome)". At the bottom, it provides contact information: "Chermside Bowls Club - www.chermsidebowls.com.au", "468 Rode Road, Chermside QLD", "Book a table: info@chermsidebowls.com.au", and "Info for artists: mickmelit@gmail.com".

CHRISTMAS AT SCROUNGERS



Glenn Coward
Winner - Handicappers
With Ralph



Jess & Tony Bolf with Ben Merkel & Mel Jennings



Noel Scriven
Winner - Non-Handicappers



Lex Wareham, Peter Carey and Merv Barnes

Sunday 11 December 2022 saw the finals and Christmas breakup for our fantastic Sunday Scroungers group. The morning started with brekkie rolls followed by Corner-to Corner, finals play for both the handicappers and non-handicappers, T-to-T and wrapped up with pizza and presentations.

A big congratulations to Glenn Coward for winning the handicappers section and Noel Scriven for winning the non-handicappers section.

A very big thank you to our wonderful organisers Ben Merkel, Jess and Tony Bolf, Mel Jennings, Merv Barnes and others who turn up week after week. Without the team of helpers, Scroungers couldn't be the great success it is.



Rapid FIRE
FRIDAY NIGHTS

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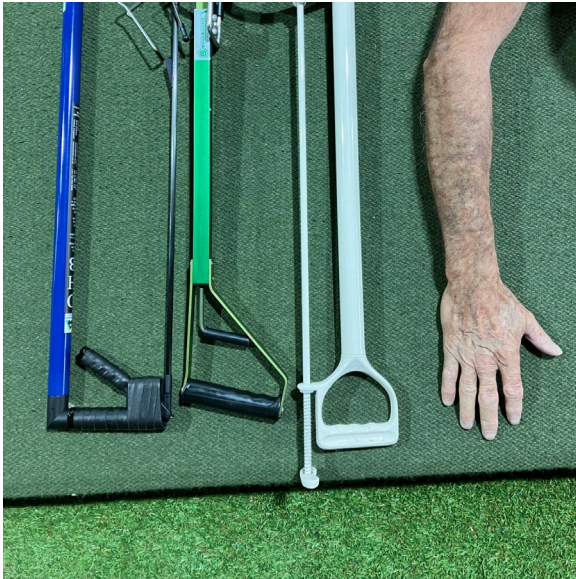



The very popular Rapid Fire Pairs started again in January 2023 played under the new LED lights in the cool of the evening.

The competition runs through Summer.

Come along to watch some very entertaining bowls while enjoying a delicious meal and a cold drink

Bowls Queensland - Suggested Responses to Criticism about the "Cheating Stick"



This picture displays the four "approved" BA "arms" for lawn bowls. They are generally a matter of personal choice, except that many thousands of bowlers across Australia have a chronic physical disability, have suffered an injury which limits their movement or are just too old to manage a three-hour game of lawn bowls.

To those who challenge this personal choice, I would point out the analogy of the bowls we use to enjoy our beloved game. Although all are of similar shape, we can choose our weight (1 – 5) we can choose our manufacturer, we can choose our performance and bias characteristics and our colour schemes.

Yet, after years of "arms or sticks" being approved by BA, we still hear our self-appointed club experts criticising arm bowlers for using the cheating stick and not playing "the game"! The irony of this, as outlined above, is these same critics do not hesitate to choose their own bowls and often give advice to other bowlers on the alleged merits of different makes and types of bowls.

Many clubs in Queensland and Australia would cease to function if members using artificial arms were denied their rights to choose this equipment and allow them to continue playing notwithstanding their "disability"!

Here are some suggested arm bowlers' responses to ill-informed comments:

- Ignore it as you would any comment generated through ignorance.
- Ask them to talk with arm bowlers to understand how their medical conditions would stop them from bowling, if it were not for the arm.
- Challenge them to roll up for at least 30 mins. using the arm. Ideally for longer in a practice game. If they are honest, they will acknowledge that the arm has as many challenges (line, length/weight and control/release point) as the human arm.
- If appropriate, use humour and confirm that to make it an even contest, you have switched off all laser sighting and radio controls in the arm!

Contributed by Ian Rowan



NOTE: YOU ARE NOW ABLE TO RING THE CLUB TO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN FOR A BOWLS GAME OR TO CANCEL

SOCIAL BOWLS AT CLUB CHERMSIDE

Tuesday Open Triples

Write your name/s on relevant sheet or phone the club before 11.30 am on the day to put your name on the sheet or to take it off. Make own teams or put your full name & phone number in the "Spare" column and the organisers will put you in a team.

12:30pm Bowls Start – but arrive by 12:00pm if your name is already on the sheet, pay green fees at the bar and hand your receipt to the organisers.

Dress: Uniform or Mufti.

Thursday Ladies Club Day

(Men welcome to play in Social Games)

Arrive no later than 8.45am on the day.

8:30am Morning Tea

9:30am Bowls Start

Dress: Uniform

Thursday Open Pairs

Write name/s on relevant sheet or phone the club by 12.00pm on the day to put your name on the sheet or take it off. Make own teams or put your full name & phone number in the "Spare" column and the organisers will put you in a team.

1:00pm Bowls Start – but arrive by 12:30pm if your name is already on the sheet, pay green fees at the bar and hand your receipt to the organisers.

Dress: Uniform or Mufti.

Saturday – Men's Club Day (Ladies welcome to play in social games)

Write name/s on relevant sheet or ring the club before 11.45am on the day. The organisers will put you in a team.

12:30pm Bowls Start – but arrive and pay green fees by 12:00pm.

Dress: Uniform or Mufti

Sunday – Scroungers

Everyone welcome (including barefoot bowlers).

Please be at the club NO LATER THAN 9:30am. Play starts at 9:50am with the Corner to Corner then the Scrounge is on from 10:00am. This is an ideal game for beginners and lots of fun.

Dress: Mufti

FUN ACTIVITIES AT THE CLUB

Crazy Whist



Crazy Whist is played on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 9am. It only costs \$5 to play which includes a tea or coffee and some of the participants take turns to bring along morning tea.



500 (hosted by Men's' division) is played on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 9am. Cost is only \$2 per person to cover the tea and coffee & a biscuit pack.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia is on every Thursday night from 7pm till approx. 9pm. It's free to play. It consists of 7 rounds of 10 questions. The winner of each round gets to pick a prize from the prize box (chips, biscuits, lollies, and a Bistro voucher donated by "Mouli Catering").

Overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes include bottles of wine, 6pks and club vouchers. See below for prize details. There's no limit to the number of teams or number of players in a team. The more the merrier. A lot of teams have a meal from the bistro also. Some arrive from 6pm on. They can register to play from about 6.45pm and 1st round starts at 7pm. The night usually finishes about 9pm (as that is what the players want) so it's not too late a night (school/work).

1st : 5 x \$5 Club vouchers (\$25)

2nd: Bottle of Wine

3rd: Bottle of Wine

4th : 6pk Hahn Lite, Gold or Summer

5th : 6pk Hahn Lite, Gold or Summer

POKER NIGHT

Friday Nights

6:30pm start

Late Rego 8.00pm

DARTS CLUB

Wednesday Nights

Name in by 6:30 for

7:00pm start

PHONE: 07 3359 1097

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR (FUTURE) SPONSOR?

Phoenix Mechanical at 536 Rode Rd opposite the entrance to Prince Charles hospital (a short walk from our club), has taken over the workshop that used to be Trevor's Mechanical and would like our bowlers to drop their cars off for service and repairs then collect after bowls.

The owner Ben contacted the club recently, and he advised he is considering sponsoring an event for the club and it would help if people who used to go to Trevor, continue to come to Phoenix and encourage others to possibly consider this company when requiring work on your vehicle and help Chermshire Bowls Club have a sponsor for events.



Our new auto repair and mechanic shop based in Chermshire is run by a team of qualified mechanics with 20 years experience in the automotive industry.

We cater for all your automotive needs.

Being car enthusiasts and busy people, we appreciate the value of your car and time. We aim to provide prompt and reliable service as well as establishing longstanding relationships with our customers.

Ph: 07 3139 0005

Or visit our website at: <https://www.phoenixmechanicalshop.com.au/>

HACKER ALERT

Spot the Difference?

maybank2u.com is not the same as
maybank2u.com

citibank.com is not the same as
citibank.com
(the first one is correct, the second one
is from hackers)

The "a" in the later url is a cyrillic
alphabet.

An average internet user can easily fall
for this. Be careful for every mail
requiring you to click on a link.

Please Stay Alert

Keep this in mind!! Especially those of you who order online.

This is how hackers get your information.

Do you know what is the difference between <http://> and <https://> ?

I don't know how many of you are aware of the difference, but it is worth sending to anyone who does not.

The main difference between <http://> and <https://> is it's all about keeping you secure.

HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transfer Protocol.

The "S" stands for "secure".

If you visit a website or web page and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: <http://>

This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular "unsecured" language.

In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website.

If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site.

This is why you never ever enter your credit card number in an <http://> website!

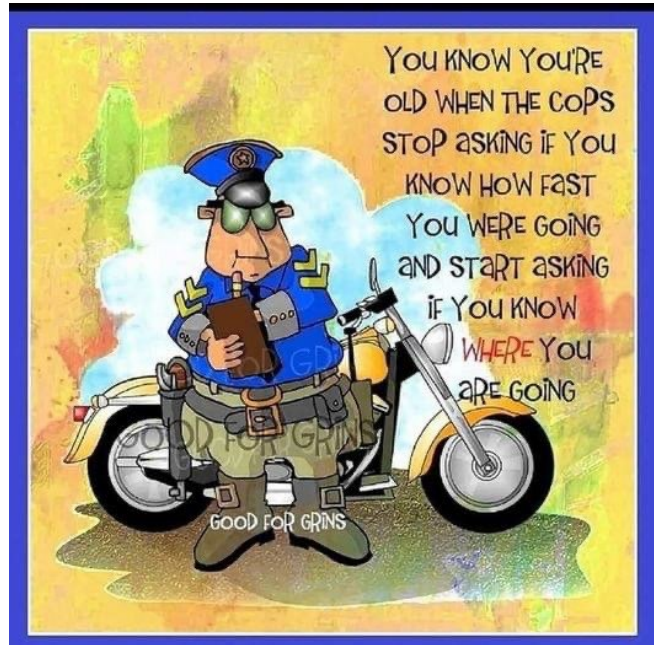
But if the web address begins with <https://> , that basically means your computer is talking to the website in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop.

If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should automatically look to see if the web address begins with <https://> .

If it doesn't, you should NEVER enter sensitive information such as a credit card number, SS #, etc.

☺ FEBRUARY FUNNIES ☺

I woke up this morning,
with a terrible
hangover....to the sound
of my neighbour,
mowing his lawn.
I was going to get up.
Then I thought "Nah,
he can mow
around me !!"



Dear Santa:

When I was a child, my father cheated on my Mom and didn't love my family. Later, my parents divorced.

Soon my mother died in a car accident.

My brother and I could only live in my grandma's old house.

Grandma's sister was an alcoholic.

The whole family lived on my grandma's savings.

Grandma recently died.

My Uncle Andy is barely keeping himself out of jail from day to day

My brother left home and won't talk to us anymore.

Dad, now 73, had to go out to work to support the family and eventually he is going to want me to do the same thing."

Yours Sincerely
Prince William

When I was a child my father grabbed at my nose then pulled away with his thumb between his fingers saying 'I've got you're nose' I thought I had been badly disfigured, the torment I suffered haunts me to this day.



Editor's Note:

Many thanks to those members who have contributed articles and photos to make this newsletter an informative medium to keep everyone up to date.

The Club Chermide News is produced on a monthly basis (except January). I would welcome contributions from all members. Examples would be:

- Bowling stories (funny and otherwise)
- Coaching tips and advice
- Upcoming events, etc.
- Photos and scores of Winners and Runners Up from interclub competition finals.

I would prefer articles sent by email or text message and photos in JPEG or PDF formats. If you aren't computer friendly, I will happily accept a handwritten article.

Please forward all correspondence by the 26th of each month to:

Email: geoff-chris@outlook.com or message them to my phone 0408 734 947.

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