



# Club Chermside News

**DEC/JAN  
2023/24**

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**Mighty  
Lions**



**Merry  
Christmas**



**THE CLUB CHERMSIDE BOARD, MANAGEMENT  
AND STAFF WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU,  
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR!**



## Australia Day Scramble

**January 26th  
2024**

### 3 Bowls Pairs

\$40 per team  
(BBQ Lunch Included)  
9.00am start

2 x 12 Ends  
Winners v Winners  
Loser v Losers

**Meat Tray  
Raffles**



Winners (4pts + Margin 2nd Game) - \$200  
Winner Card Draw Game 2 - \$90.00  
Loser Card Draw Game 2 - \$90.00  
Highest Margin 1st Game - \$60.00  
Highest Margin 2nd Game - \$60.00

No dead ends, re-spot on the tee.  
The controlling body reserves the right to alter conditions in  
extenuating circumstances,  
Prize money subject to change depending on nominations received.  
Teams can only win one prize.

**Entry form - Chermside Bowls Club Aussie Day Carnival**  
Registration confirmed on full payment of the nomination fee.

Skip full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please deposit your registration amount to:  
Chermside Bowls Club | BSB: 064105 | ACC: 10034229 | Ref: Skips last name  
Please email payment confirmation and dietary requirements to [bowls.president@chermsidebowls.com.au](mailto:bowls.president@chermsidebowls.com.au)  
Registration closes: 14th January 2024



**Men's Pairs  
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**Ladies 4's  
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**Novice Singles  
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## THE NEW 2023/24 BOARD AT THEIR INAUGURAL MEETING FOR 2023



*L to R: Danai Abbott (Facilities), Alan Duffy (Asst. Greens Director), Robert Barnes (President), Mel Jennings (Events Manager – on a Conference call), Ivan McGown (Treasurer), Lenore Milne (Vice Chairperson), Tony Bolf (Chairman), Janette Kennedy (Secretary), Michael McMahon (Grants)*

## PINK DAY SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

What a fantastic turnout and result for our 2023 charity Pink Day. The sea of pink was a sight to behold and the laughter and cheering could be heard across the greens. Winners for the day were –

- Overall Winner 4+35 - Jason Curry's team
- First Runner up 4+28 - Peter Carey's team
- Second Runner up 4+26 - Frank Pirrottina's team
- Winner Round 1 for lowest winning score - 11 - Sharon Skelton's team
- Winner Round 2 for lowest winning margin - 1 - Susan Jensen's team
- Sportsman Award - Glenn Coward
- Best Dressed Team - Rob Barnes' team
- Best Dressed Individual - Alley Davies

A huge vote of thanks to Marty Baxter who made a personal donation of \$10,000 to our Charities. This pushed our total raised to just under \$15,000 for the day. Absolutely smashing our goal.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the day in any way, organisers, volunteers, our amazing staff, anyone who donated, bought raffle tickets, supported the bar or turned up to watch and enjoy a delicious lunch. You are all extremely appreciated. Hope to see you all again next year! Stay Pink. – See photos next page.

Club Chermside

HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

CLUB CHERMSIDE WILL  
BE CLOSED FROM

MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

UNTIL

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY



# PINK DAY SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023



THE AMAZING SEA OF PINK – WHAT A GREAT DAY!





## 2023 MEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP



*2023 Pairs Champions  
Simon and John*

The Men's 2023 Championship Pairs final was played on 25 November under cloudy skies. In what was a very tight match, Simon deRoode and John Staley narrowly defeated Glenn Coward and Neal Shore 19-18. Congratulations to Simon and John.



*2023 Pairs Runners Up  
Glenn and Neal*

## 2023/24 LADIES 4'S CHAMPIONSHIP



*Winners Marie Owen, Sue O'Toole,  
Leigh Rayward and Michele Dodds*

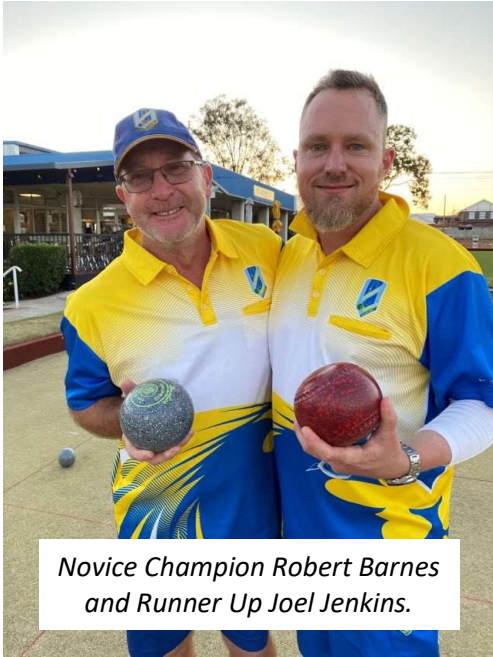


*Runners Up Robyn Pratt, Micky Gill,  
Kathy Churchward and Gloria Davis*

Congratulations to the 2023/24 Ladies 4's Champions, Leigh Rayward, Marie Owen, Michele Dodds and Sue O'Toole. Sue's team took out the title 27-13 over runners-up, Micky Gill, Robyn Pratt, Kathy Churchward and Gloria Davis. Great bowls were played by all players.



# 2023 NOVICE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP



*Novice Champion Robert Barnes and Runner Up Joel Jenkins.*



*Our 15 Club Chermside Novices lining up before the Competition.*

15 Novices took part in this year's Club Novice Singles Championship. Three rounds of sectional play were played in the morning (15 up or 1h 20 mins) followed by finals in the afternoon.

Semi final results were -

Joel Jenkins 15 defeated Lisa Corfield 10

Robert Barnes 15 defeated Rodger Graf 6

**Robert Barnes** defeated **Joel Jenkins** in the final 15 to 9 to take home the Novice Championship for this year. Congratulations Rob. Well played.

Some fantastic bowls were played by this up and coming group of new bowlers. What a bright future lies ahead for them at Club Chermside.

Congratulations to everyone who won through to the finals and thank you to those who helped out on the day and supported the novices by spectating. A big thank you to Michele Dodds who co-ordinated the event as well as umpiring.

# 2023 SEEDED/UNSEEDED CHAMPIONSHIP



*Champions Fran and Glenn*



*Runners Up Matt and Neal*

*After two Saturday afternoon's play, the final of this year's Seeded/Unseeded Championship came down to the final two teams. Matt Jobber (sub) and Neal Shore vs Fran Knott and Glenn Coward. In a tight finish, Fran and Glenn defeated Matt and Neal 11-9. Congratulations to our winners and well played runners-up.*





**2023 B.D.B.A. Ladies Singles Championship  
Runner Up  
Sharon Skelton ( Chermside )**

**2023 BDBA LADIES SINGLES FINAL**

Congratulations to Kelly Gauntlett (Windsor) on winning the BDBA Ladies Singles this year. The Final was very competitive and Sharon Skelton (Chermside) put up a great fight. Thanks to Enoggera Bowls Club for hosting the event & Pauline Okon for umpiring.



Dual member Paula Brun has won bronze in the Bowls Queensland State Mixed Pairs finals with her partner Craig Hall, representing their District of Leichhardt.

Both played exceptional bowls throughout the tournament and deserved their medals. Congratulations Paula and Craig.

**2023 DISTRICT OVER 60's MIXED FOURS**



*Winners Peter Carey, Mick Ryan, Michele Dodds and Marie Owen*



*Runners Up John Brittingham, Pat Hobson, Leigh Rayward and John Rayward*

Congratulations to the two Chermside teams who competed in the final of the District Over 60's Mixed Fours Championship. The eventual winners in a very close match were Marie Owen, Michele Dodds, Mick Ryan and Peter Carey.

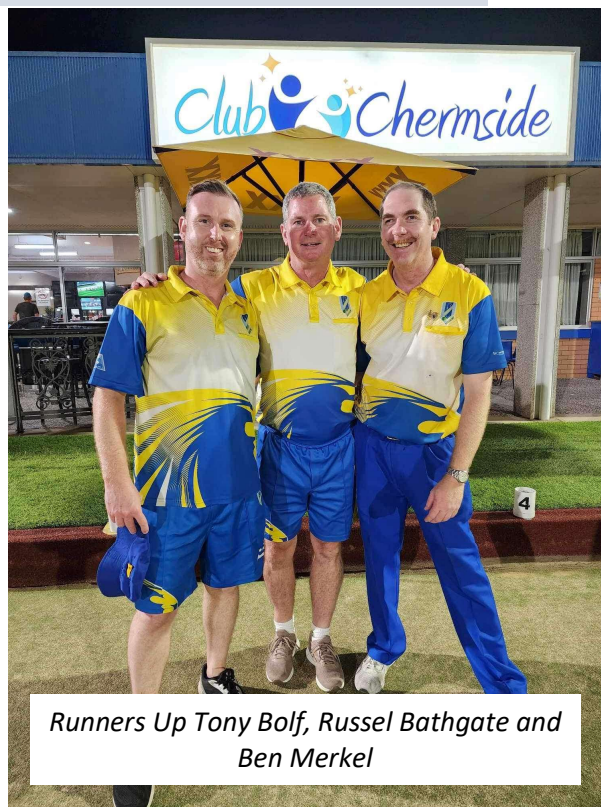
Well played Leigh Rayward, John Rayward, John Brittingham and Pat Hobson. The final score was 19-15.



## 2023 MEN'S TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP



*Winners Lex Wareham, Peter Carey and Jamie Hilton*



*Runners Up Tony Bolf, Russel Bathgate and Ben Merkel*

What a great final to complete the Men's Championship Triples on the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> December. Lex Wareham, Jamie Hilton and Peter Carey took the first set which was 3 all after 4 ends. Tony Bolf, Russell Bathgate and Ben Merkel took the second set 5 -4 which brought a tie break into play. Ben's team were holding game with one bowl to play, when Peter clipped the kitty, moving it to Lex, to take the tie-break. Congratulations to Lex, Jamie and Peter on being the 2023/24 champions. Well played Tony, Russell and Ben.

## 2023 LADIES TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP



*Winners Valerie Fischer, Pat Hobson and Cathy Andersen.*



*Runners Up Leigh Rayward, Kaye Peart and Anne Barnes.*

The final of the 2023 Ladies Championship Triples was played on 21 October under perfect conditions. After starting fast, Cathie, Valerie and Pat shot off to a good lead only to be pegged back through sheer determination by Leigh, Kaye and Anne to 19 all with 2 ends to play. A multiple on the second last end saw Pat's team hold off their opposition to take out the title 23-20. It was an exciting game watched by many spectators.

Congratulations to Cathy Andersen, Valerie Fischer and Pat Hobson. Well played to runners up Leigh Rayward, Kaye Peart and Anne Barnes.

# CHAIRMAN'S CORNER DECEMBER/JANUARY



Dear Chermerside Club Family,

As we stand on the cusp of bidding farewell to another incredible year, my heart overflows with gratitude for the extraordinary journey we've embarked on together. This year has been more than a mere collection of events; it's been a woven tapestry of shared moments, laughter, and growth—a testament to the profound spirit of our cherished community.

In the initial months, we welcomed Mel to the club, who is celebrating her one-year workiversary this month. Mel has brought incredible strength to the operations team, enhancing our ability to deliver exceptional experiences for members and guests. Her generous contributions, from the donation of plants to the introduction of the games table, have added a special touch to our club.

A significant milestone unfolded this year with our 75th Anniversary, a celebration that surpassed mere event status—it was a tribute to the rich history and exceptional individuals who have shaped the legacy of our club. A heartfelt thank you extends to all who played a role in organising this monumental event and to everyone who joined us to make it truly special.

Throughout the year, we meticulously examined various contracts at the club, aiming to reduce expenses and enhance operational efficiency. Despite facing challenges, such as rising insurance premiums, we recognise the importance of ensuring our club is adequately insured to safeguard against potential financial risks. We'll continue to optimise our work practices to ensuring we reduce costs where we can.

Exploring diverse events has been a highlight of the year which have included concerts, comedy and alternative performances. This has provided us with opportunities to welcome new faces to our community. The lessons learned from these events underscore the need for continued exploration and cultivation of a following at our club.

The resounding success of Pink Day stands out as a highlight, a vibrant expression of our unity in supporting a meaningful cause and giving back to the community. We raised and donated \$16,265.20 which was split between the McGrath Foundation and St Vincent's Foundation. Massive thank you to Marty Baxter's very generous contribution. Special thanks to Fran, Sharon, Pat, Deb, Anne, and Rob for their outstanding efforts in organising and facilitating this remarkable event.

Beyond the events, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you who contributes to the heart and soul of Club Chermerside. Your active participation, genuine camaraderie, and unwavering dedication have transformed this year into an unforgettable chapter in our club's history.

Now, let's take a moment to honour the unsung heroes who've made this year truly extraordinary:

- To the organisers of the 75th Celebrations, Easter Carnival, and Pink Day—your tireless efforts breathe life into these events, making them the successes they are.
- A special thanks to our Bowls Division and Board—the pillars of our vibrant community.
- Dad's Army, every Monday—your talent and hard work are the driving force behind our well-maintained facilities. Numerous visitors have commended the club's upkeep throughout the year.
- A big shoutout to Lenore Milne and Michael McMahon for reaching the impressive 10-year mark on the board. Michael, your relentless pursuit of grants has been instrumental in fuelling the development of our club.
- Cheers to the Scroungers team and everyone who contributed week after week to ensuring its success.
- Thank you to all our volunteers who assist with barefoot bowls, a crucial part of introducing people to the game and celebrating their events with us.
- Poker crew, you bring the Friday night heat, and the Darts crew every Wednesday—your energy keeps the spirit alive.



- Hats off to our Snooker Club, celebrating a fantastic 10 years-here's to many more.
- A massive thank you to our volunteers in various areas-Marie, for holding it down behind the bar, and Janette, for keeping us posted on Facebook. Your efforts don't go unnoticed.
- Finally, a huge tip of the hat to Geoff Kirton for dishing out this newsletter bi-monthly. You're the unsung hero behind the scenes, keeping everyone in the loop with what's happening around the club.

To everyone I haven't mentioned, a massive thank you. Your efforts in and around the club are truly noticed and deeply appreciated.

As we bring this chapter to a close and eagerly anticipate 2024, there's even more excitement in store. We are collaborating with Bowls Australia and ClubMap to craft our strategic plan. Our strategic committee is delving into our business plan, outlining our 2, 5, and 10-year visions. We look forward to presenting this to our membership in the first half of 2024 to gather your valuable feedback and insights into our future.

As we conclude this year, I wish each one of you a safe and joyous holiday season. May it be filled with warmth, laughter, and moments of genuine connection. Here's to an epic holiday and an even more fantastic New Year!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Tony Bolf  
Chairman, Club Chermshire Board of Management

Club  Chermshire

## Rapid Fire Triples

Open 2 Bowl "Rapid Fire" Triples over 3 Weeks  
FORMAT: 2 GAMES OF 10 ENDS OR THE BELL



**5th, 12th, & 19th January 2024**

WEEKLY PRIZES, OVERALL WINNERS AFTER FINAL WEEK OF COMPETITION FOR THE TEAM WITH MOST NUMBER OF WINS (ON MARGINS IF TIE).

Each team has **1 POWER PLAY** end per game.

**REGISTRATION : \$15 PER TEAM**

**PRIZE MONEY**

**Overall:**

**\$240** Winning Team  
**\$150** Runner Up  
**\$90** Third Place

**Weekly:**

**\$30** Winning Team (2 Wins & Margin)  
**\$30** Lucky Team

Prize money subject to change depending on nominations

**GREEN FEE :\$30 PER TEAM / WEEK**

Commencing **Friday 5th Jan 2024**  
Finishing **Friday 19th Jan 2024**

**Game 1:** 6pm sharp to 7pm  
**Break:** 30 minutes  
**Game 2:** 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Pre-order your dinner with the kitchen to pick up at 7pm.

Please deposit your registration amount to:  
Chermshire Bowls Club | BSB: 064105 | ACC: 10034229 | Ref: Skips last name  
Please email payment confirmation and dietary requirements to  
bowls.president@chermshirebowls.com.au  
Registration closes: 29th December 2023



 **EVERY FRIDAY - EVERYONE WELCOME, COME TRY LAWN BOWLS**

**6:00PM REG – 6:30PM START**  
**CLUB CHERMSHIRE**  
**\$10.00 (INCLUDES EQUIPMENT)**  
**MEMBERS PRICES ON DRINKS**





## SOCIAL BOWLS AT CLUB CHERMSIDE

### Tuesday Open 3 Bowl 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

*If you are running late on any day please ring the club to advise the game organisers!*

### 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

**PHONE: 07 3359 1097**

## FUN ACTIVITIES AT THE CLUB

### Crazy Whist



**Crazy Whist** is played on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).

Overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

1<sup>st</sup> : \$35 Club vouchers

2<sup>nd</sup>: Bottle of Wine

3<sup>rd</sup> : 6 pack of Gold or Light

### **POKER NIGHT**

Friday Nights

6:30pm start

Late Rego 8.00pm

### **DARTS CLUB**

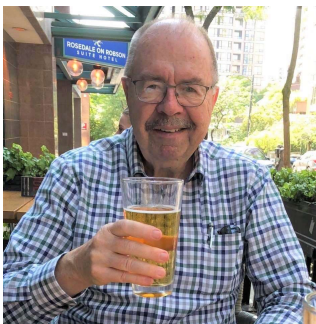
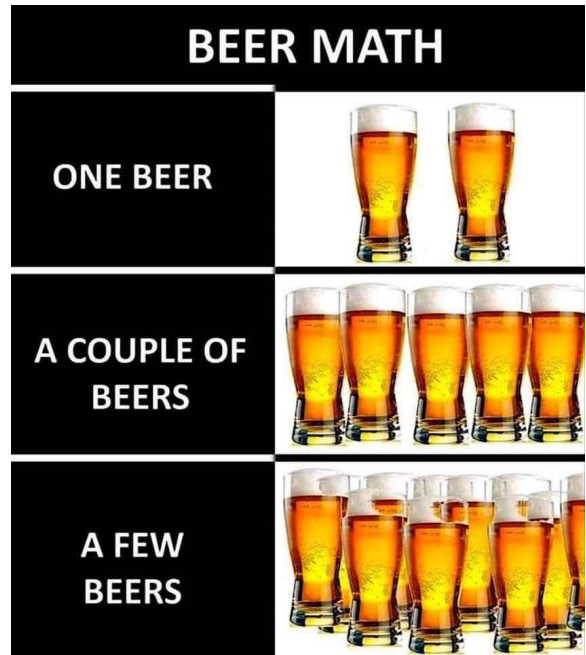
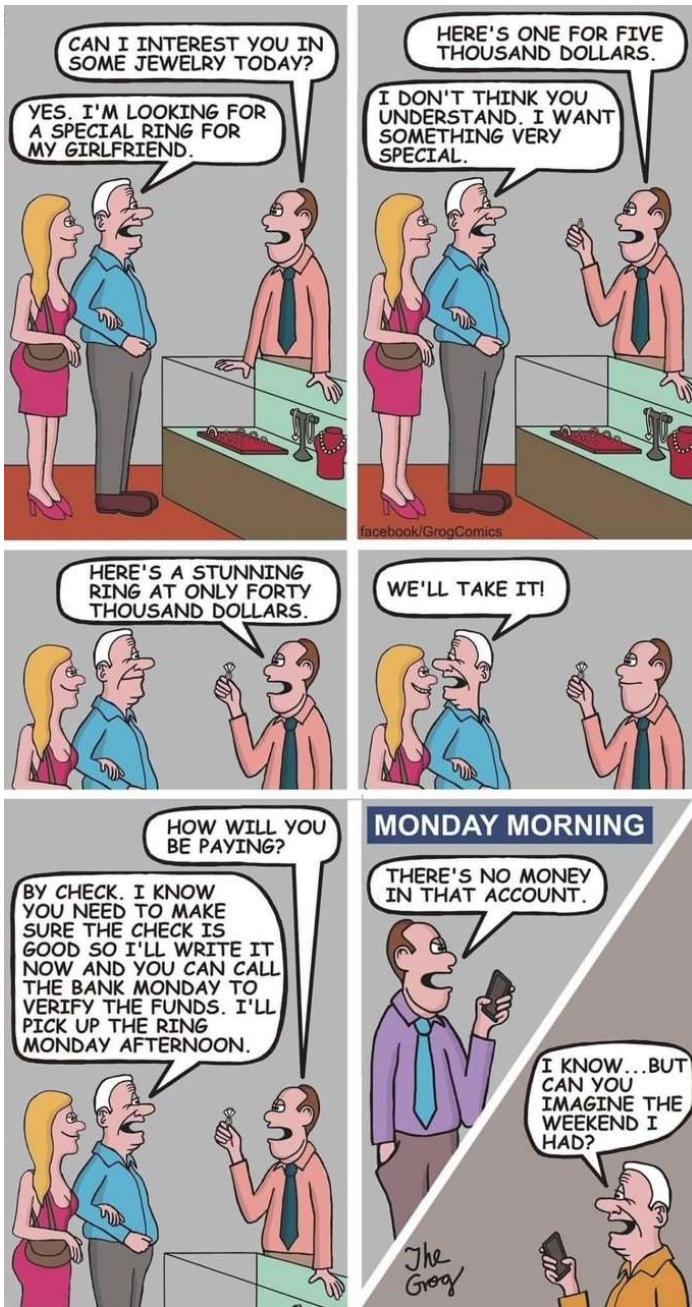
Wednesday Nights

Name in by 6:30 for

7:00pm start



# 😊 DEC/JAN FUNNIES 😊



## 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 Cherside 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 26<sup>th</sup> of each month to:

Email: [geoff-chris@outlook.com](mailto:geoff-chris@outlook.com) or message them to my phone 0408 734 947.

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