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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS COMING TO AN END

We are now coming to the end of our 50th Anniversary year and, reflecting on the past year, it has been quite a good one for the Club. Our dedicated day in June, celebrating the 50th with a Fun Day was a definite highlight being well supported and everyone joining in and having a good time. The new Territory Wide Shield event commenced this year, with Darwin Bowls Club hosting the opening ceremony and, very importantly, winning the inaugural Shield. Darwin also hosted the Top End Ladies Carnival this year and, even though numbers were low, everyone who participated enjoyed the event. The Darwin Men's Carnival continues to be a popular event for both local and interstate bowlers and we hope to continue this into the future.

We continue to see improvements happening around the Club - the undercover outdoor has recently been re-roofed and the roof over the club house has been repaired. A new kitchen will be installed soon, thanks to the Club being successful in obtaining grant funding – a very big thank you to our Club Secretary Robyn for pursuing these. Some of the lockers in the entrance to the Men's toilets are complete (thanks again to Snags) and members can rent these for a nominal amount. The lockers will finally provide a home for all the bowls bags currently being kept inside the club.

The Board and Committee continue to be committed to the club and put a lot of their spare time into making sure the club runs smoothly. As usual, volunteers are not easily found, so we would welcome any members who would like to help out – just let us know.

We would also like to wish all our members a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to an even bigger year of bowls in 2011.

Darwin Bowls and Social Club Board and Committee

50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The 50th anniversary of the Club will be held Saturday 4 December 2010. The day will involve social bowls in the afternoon, accompanied by the Darwin City Brass Band, followed by a dinner in the evening. The Darwin City Brass Band will continue its involvement with the Club, having performed at the opening ceremony on 3 December 1960, and at the 25th anniversary day in 1975.

The proposed format for the day is:

- 1.30pm – 3.45pm Social bowls accompanied by the Darwin City Brass Band
- 4.30pm – 6.30pm Club and bar closed for 50th dinner set up
- 6.30pm - Pre-dinner drinks and nibbles
- 6.45pm – 7.00pm VIPs arrive
- 7.15pm – 9.15pm 3 course dinner including beer and wine, presentation of Club Championships, speeches and raffle draw. (If you need a vegetarian food option, please advise when purchasing your tickets).
- 9.15pm - after dinner party begins

The dinner will be a ticket only event, and tickets and tables will be available for purchase at \$66 per head (see over the page for details). Members will get a 2 week priority period to purchase tickets before they become available for the general public. Ticket numbers are strictly limited and we expect they will sell out quickly. Non-ticketed members are welcome to join the party after the dinner from 9.15pm onwards.

Volunteers are needed to set up for the dinner. The Club (rather than the caterers) is providing the pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, and tea and coffee afterwards, so we need people to help with those, as well as moving tables and chairs from the covered seating area which will become the pre-dinner drinks area and the dance floor later on.

We also want to set up a static display of old photos relating to the last 50 years at the Club and to life in Darwin generally. If anyone has photos that they can provide we would be grateful. We also need volunteers to help label photos and construct the display for the day.

It should be a great day and evening and we look forward to you support and to seeing you there.





More 50th Anniversary Dinner Information

If your or your business are interested in being a sponsor of the event, including signage and other recognition on the night, see Ian Belsham or Tony Shelley.

Tickets to the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance are available for \$66 per head. The cost covers a 3 course meal and beverages. Ticket numbers are limited so make sure you book early. You can book tickets by phoning 8982 8140 or emailing event@chambernt.com.au by Monday 29 November.

“A Froggy Day in Darwin Town”

A GLASS OR TWO OF RED WINE and "A Froggy Day in Darwin Town" was born - a queen size quilt being raffled for the 50th birthday celebrations of Darwin Bowls Club.

Some ten years ago, Robyn Mitchell started work on a kaleidoscope quilt using that zany frog fabric, only to tuck it away in the cupboard when another project diverted her attention.

The bits and pieces of that quilt passed to Pam Hamill about twelve months ago and Robyn thought no more of it, until Pam mentioned finishing it for the 50th birthday celebrations.

“Yeah - lets go for it” said Robyn (feeling quite euphoric after only a glass or two of that red wine mentioned earlier) and, to her amazement, Pam turned up one night recently, quilt complete - a glorious zany froggy quilt with a little history of its own.

Now we need members to do their part - raffle tickets need to be sold (please don't groan). So please, take a book (20 tickets @ \$2 each), to sell to your colleagues and friends. Books are available from the bar or Robyn Mitchell. Raffle to drawn night of the jubilee dinner (December 4, 2010).



The quilt beautifully crafted by Robyn and Pam



A very froggy square from the quilt

50th Anniversary Trivia

Did you know that the first bowl played on the Darwin Bowling Club green was put down by the Ladies Bowling Club president, Mrs. George Rowe, on Sunday 6th November 1960.

At that time, the “green” was made of rubber shavings which members had prepared and laid during the previous months. Apparently the surface played like turf and was to be painted green before the Club opened officially.

Information taken from the NT News Tuesday, 8 November 1960

A Sad Farewell

As many members are aware, Stuart Bell will be leaving the Club in December, returning to the cooler (and more Collingwood friendly) climate of the South.

Stuart has, for many years, been a valuable and valued volunteer at the Club, managing the bar, managing the bookings and organising of functions, cleaning, helping out new bowlers and single handedly managing the footy tipping.

Stuart heads off after the 50th anniversary dinner to embark on the long drive south to see family and then, like many before him, spend some time as a “Grey Nomad” travelling the highways and byways and visiting bowls clubs far and wide. We hope those travels will bring him back to Darwin for a visit.

The Board and Committee would like to thank Stuart for the time he has given to the Club and the work he has undertaken. His commitment and his, sometimes eccentric, sense of humour will be very much missed. We wish him all the best.





2010 Annual General Meeting

The Darwin Bowls Club 2010 AGM will be held on **Sunday 7th November at 9.30am** sharp. The meeting incorporates the Darwin Bowls Club, Bowls Committee AGM, which immediately precedes the Darwin Bowls & Social Club AGM.

The following positions will be declared vacant and will be elected at the AGM:

Board Positions

- Chairperson (current Tom Palazzi)
- Vice-Chairperson (current Stuart Bell)
- House and Social Director (current Wayne Roberts (Robbo))
- Greens Director (current Tony Shelley)

Bowls Committee

All Bowls Committee positions will be declared vacant.

These positions are:

- Ladies President (current Sandy Brown)
- Men's President (current Ian Belsham)
- Secretary (current Scott Chamberlain)
- Ladies Games Director (current Arlene Foley)
- Men's Games Director (current Mick Holdstock)
- Ladies Representative (current Kaye Tyrrell)
- Men's Representative (current vacant)

Thank you to all current positions holders for your hard work and commitment during the year.

If you would like to nominate someone or yourself to a position on the Board or Committee, please fill out the nomination sheets on the notice Board inside the Club.

The Darwin Bowls Club encourages all members to come along to the AGM



"Who's enjoying the meeting, raise your hands!"

Bowls Jokes / one liners

Lead: "How much am I short?"

Skip: "You ought to know, you're closer to it"

I got a new set of bowls for the wife last week!
Best deal I've made in years.

If you think nobody cares, try missing a bowling match.

Q: how do you spell skip?——A: G.O.D

Q: What do you do with someone who can't draw, can't roll the jack, can't set the mat, can't keep score and won't listen

A: Make them skip

Changes around the Club

A number of changes will be occurring around the Club in the coming months.

New Smoking Laws

Recent amendments to the [Tobacco Control Act](#) mean that smoking is banned in **all outdoor eating and drinking areas from 2 January 2011**. However, the legislation does allow for liquor licensed premises to establish an Outdoor Smoking Area (OSA) provided it meets strict guidelines.

To ensure the Club remains compliant with the legislation, the Board are investigating options for designated "Outdoor Smoking Areas". The changes will mean that smoking will no longer be allowed in the whole undercover outdoor area, but may be allowed in part of that area. The Board will keep members informed and relevant signage will be installed as required.

New Lockers

Snags has been working very hard installing new lockers in the entrance to the Men's toilets, and they are looking great. These are near completion and will shortly be available for members to hire for a nominal fee.

Once the lockers are complete, all members who have been leaving their bowls bags inside the Club will be required to move them to a locker, or to the free storage shelves at the entry to the Ladies toilets. Any bowls bags left inside the club will be removed and placed outside with the general club bowls.

Renovations and Repairs:

The Club has been successful in obtaining grants to upgrade our kitchen facilities and to have the roof replaced and/or repaired. Work on the roof is now completed and the kitchen renovations will commence before Christmas.





Bowls News

Territory Wide Shield

The Territory Wide Shield was held across the June long weekend with games at Darwin, Palmerston and Nightcliff. Separate competitions were held for Ladies and Men and a cumulative total was also maintained.

As the State Championships were held the week following the Shield, competitors from across the Northern Territory participated which resulted in a very high level of competition.

The event was very successful, especially for the Darwin Bowls Club, winning both the Ladies and Men's competitions and the overall Shield. Well done to all our bowlers who participated.

2011 Sides Championships

The 2011 Sides Championships, for both Ladies and Men, will be held at the Nelson Bay Bowls Club in NSW from 2-5 April. Darwin Bowls Club again have a high representation in the ladies side going away, with 5 out of the 12 players from Darwin. Congratulations to Kaye Tyrrell, Robyn Mitchell, Carole Belsham, Therese Smith and Sandy Brown on their selection.

A new competition has been added to the Sides Championship next year with the introduction of a "Super Six" competition which will be held immediately after the Sides. This involves the 6 best players from each state in separate Ladies and Men's competitions (triples, pairs and singles). Congratulations to Kaye, Robyn and Carole for also being selected into the ladies team for this competition.

The final selection of the Men's side will be made on 6 November. We wish our Darwin men the best of luck – we know they deserve to make the side.

More information about the Sides Championships and the Super Six is available on the Bowls Australia Website.

Club Competitions

The Darwin Bowls Club championship competitions commenced with the Fours in April. With the bowls calendar being so busy through June and July with Club Dedicated Days, Territory Wide Shield, State Championships and the Carnivals, club competitions were put on hold and recommenced in August. The Fours and Singles have now been completed and the Pairs are winding up. The Triples will be played over the coming weeks. All results will be published on the website and put up on the notice board.

Carnivals

This year the Darwin Bowls Club hosted the Top End Combined Ladies Carnival between 24th and 30th July, and the Annual Darwin Classic Men's Carnival between 10th and 16th July 2010.

Both Carnivals went well, with the Men's Carnival in particular having a good turn out, however the Committee have identified that there is some room for improvement for the Carnivals in 2011.

From 2011, Darwin Bowls Club will no longer be involved with the Combined Top End Ladies Carnival, the ladies carnival we be a Nightcliff event. Darwin will be hosting a "Carnival Week" which includes a Men's Carnival consisting of games of Fours and Pairs running over 5 days, and a Mixed Fours event on the last two days of the carnival week. Planning is still very much in the preliminary stages, however we will be providing more information and advertising the event in the near future. Keep an eye on the Website for details as they come to hand.

Sunday Morning Jackpot Pairs

A couple of hours spare on a Sunday morning - why not come down and bowl (14 ends), have a feed and, with fingers crossed, the chance of winning some "funky" style chicken or a shot at the jackpot.

Games Mistress "Ally" sets the scene, in her own seductive style, for a morning of fun and laughter. See you there, 9.30 for 10am start.



The glamorous Ally hosting Sunday morning bowls





Over 60's Men's National Championships - Perth 2010

A Report from our Special "on the spot" Correspondent

In early October, six NT bowlers went to Perth as State Representatives to compete in the Over 60's Men's National Championships. This was the first time the NT had competed in these Championships.

The six bowlers were Roger Hamil, Jim Duncan, Tom Hamilton, Ian Belsham and Alan White from the Darwin Club and Emanuele Tausinga from the Gove Club.

Given that a side needs 12 players, BowlsWA kindly arranged for six very capable WA bowlers to play for the NT side. "Go the Crocs" was the call at the morning team meetings and all over the ground during the games.

Victoria deservedly won the Championships (being undefeated - although Tasmania took them to a draw) with the NT coming 6th overall enjoying two side wins along the way; one against Tasmania (56-52) and the other against the ACT (72-46). The latter win saw the NT become the inaugural winners of the 'Senior Territory Shield'. Well done NT.

While the boys got hammered by Queensland in their opening game they quickly came to terms with the very different conditions to what they had been used to and only went down to NSW by 8 shots (the NT won 2 out of 3 rinks), Victoria by 14 and WA by 20. Indeed the BowlsWA State President Mr Patrick Buller was a bit concerned at one stage when the NT jumped to an early lead over WA.

The Tom Hamilton-Jim Duncan combination won 4 out of their 6 games overall with the Ian Belsham-Emanuele Tausinga combination winning three out of their six. It was a great effort by these blokes. The Alan White-Roger Hamil combination managed to win one game after coming close a couple of times. Well done NT.

Tom Hamilton was voted by his NT peers as the NT Player of the Series – well done Tom. Congratulations also go to Ian Belsham and Roger Hamil who were representing the NT for the first time.

The NT side wants to express its gratitude to BowlsNT for its contribution to the accommodation costs and to Roger Hamil and the NT General Store for supplying the walk out shirts and for covering transport costs around Perth (and Fremantle in the fabulous stretch limousine). BowlsWA, the Manning Memorial Bowling Club and Pieter Harris should also get a very special thank you for their superb organisation, for their very friendly and relaxed

management of the event and also for their very lovely umpires in particular. The NT side had never before heard so many calls for umpires to come out and measure this and measure that and anything else that moved.

The Team Manager was overheard to say that this would have to be one of the best NT sides that he has ever been away with. They were a pleasure and an honour to be with. They played hard, they played positive, they played some magnificent bowls, they supported and encouraged each other all the way and they never gave up. They partied hard (after the days games of course!), they all got on extremely well together and they conducted themselves as gentlemen at all times. A few friendly fines were handed out (Roger was pinged a couple of times for forgetting to wear his silver crocodile badge) and everyone looked out for each other, sticking together as a team and as mates the whole time. All in all, the "Crocs" were a happy bunch of blokes.

It was a great week and the NT boys made some great friends along the way, particularly with the enthusiastic and very skilled (honorary NT) WA boys who joined our team to allow the "Crocs" to participate in these championships. Thank you to Colin Fleay, Brian Jeppesen, Rance Dewsen, Glyn Vaughan, Jim McElroy, and Geoff Gunning – it was a pleasure to play with you and we learnt a lot from you and we hope we will all meet up again one day.

Next year the Championships are being held in NSW and apparently there will also be a Ladies competition.

Finally, a special mention must go to the NT's cultural attaché Mr Jim Duncan who at 83 was the oldest State Representative at the event. Well done Dewey – you played some great lead bowls and put the pressure on the opposition right from the start. Without any doubt, you gave your skipper an armchair ride.



See over for more pictures from the Over 60's Championships.





More pics of our over 60's reps.....



Club Rules

In the June Newsletter, a list of Club Rules was published to help make the Club a happy, welcoming and comfortable place to come for all members and their guests. The Board and Committee would ask that, while at the Club, members and their guests are mindful of the rules and act with courtesy and respect for each other, including:

- Not using offensive language
- Not instigating or encouraging altercations
- Not using illicit drugs anywhere in the Club or on premises that form part of the Club
- Not being loud, argumentative or aggressive
- Not acting in a manner that can be considered as bullying or harassment
- Not bringing dogs onto the Club premises, including the undercover outdoor area.

Coaching

Want to improve your game, get that bowl away a bit more smoothly, find out how to refine that line and length? Arlene is continuing here coaching sessions at the club on Tuesday afternoons from 5.00pm and Saturday morning from 10.00am. No need to book in, just turn up and learn how to improve your game.

2011 Memberships

Memberships for 2011 will be due at the end of December but can be paid any time between now and the end of January. If you haven't renewed yet, why not come down to the club, say hello and renew your membership at the same time. Membership fees are \$75 for full membership, \$25 for social membership, \$25 for Junior membership and \$67.50 for Pensioners. You can pay your membership anytime at the club.

