

# SOUNDS OF THE WAVES

**OCTOBER 2021**

*Welcome to October news. This edition marks 12 months since my first newsletter. I trust everyone is enjoying the gossip!!! Another Month of events with new champions and social enjoyment. Our AGM is coming up and we have the opportunity to vote for the people we think will do the best for our bowlers with their experience and expertise. Resumes are available to be perusal before the meeting.*

## **PENNANT SEASON**

With the Pennant season ending this year we are so proud to congratulate our Men's Club in producing 3 Division finalists. Division 5 were gallant in defeat. Unfortunately Division 2 had some top players unavailable and sadly lost by only 3 shots. **BUT!!!! Division 3 boys DID IT!!!!**

**Great work Waves Caloundra.**



Men's Pennant Finals 2021 Division 2



The Waves Club Caloundra V Club Kawana  
Won by Club Kawana 52-49  
Congratulations to The Waves so close

Men's Pennant 2021 Preliminary Final Division 5



The Waves Club Caloundra V Club Maroochy  
Club Maroochy won 71-47  
Congratulations to The Waves on a great Pennant Season Well Played

## **SCROUNGERS**

Unfortunately I didn't receive this report for the last edition so therefor it's taking priority on the front page this issue.

*For you Silky.*

Pennant sraon is over! Come and have some fun, have a few laughs in good company, make some new friends, win some dollars.... Come and Support Your Club!

Scroungers has moved to Sunday afternoons - a good chance for those who work in the week as well as retired folk

to improve your game in a relaxed social atmosphere.

Handicap system means ANYONE can win! Great way to improve your draw game, but still allows for that knockout shot - but beware of the penalties! Just turn up by 2 pm every Sunday - sometimes we all need a bit of a laugh with our bowling - it's good for the soul, like chicken soup!

Please support this event as Silky puts in a lot of time and effort for our Club to run the Scroungers. Thank you so much Silky.

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## WHITE ROSE MINOR PAIRS

Another successful competition was held by the Ladies Club, the White Rose Minor Pairs. This used to be a District event, then, when the District no longer ran the event it the Waves Caloundra Bowls Club took over to keep the competition going. A couple of allowances were made to eligibility this year to gain more entries. Neeta Chant as usual had her phone to her ear getting teams to enter. Good onya Neeta. It's always good to see our greens filled with so many players. Fierce competition and fun combined to make it a great 2 days of Bowls. Congratulations to Winners **Liz Slepikowski and Lorelle Chrisholm** in a very hard fought final over Robyn Lewty and Mary Needham. Well done Ladies. Congratulations to all players for making the event so successful.



*Our Lovely Umpire Pam Gunn*



**Ned Fewkes and Dawn Young.**

**Just a note to say don't ask Ned to give you a lift home as Jan Davidson did. Jan's still waiting!!**



## FRIENDSHIP DAY

Well done to all Ladies responsible for making this a memorable day for Members and Visitors. It's always a pleasure to talk to the past players. They still know to have a great time. Wonderful stories and memories were shared.





Mary Kelly and her gang presenting the fashions and protocols over the years. Of course it was Mary Needham in trouble AGAIN!!!!

Great entertainment Mary.

### **MENS TRIPLES FINAL**

In a fitting final, the teams finished up as below. Great to see the Spectators from the Ladies Club supporting the teams as well. Also lovely to see Brian Swan's Mum (90 years of age) and his sister watching his team



win.

Winners Lead Brian Swan, Second Lou Fitzgerald and Skip Peter Johnson



Runners Up, Lead Stuart Blogg, Second John Leonard and Skip Terry Waters  
Congratulations to all competitors.

This is how relaxed you are when your husband is playing the final.



### **LADIES CONSISTENCY FINAL**



A fitting final was played by Carol Burrows and Kay Keir in very windy conditions. Carol jumped out to a big lead and Kay lost 2 5s by moving the jack. However the experience showed as Kay put

together some big scores to take the lead and retain the title. Carol was competitive to the last bowl and is certainly going to be a force to be reckoned with in future competitions. It's looking great for our Club's future.

**Congratulations!**

### **MEN'S CLUB CONVEYNOR**

Allan Ebert, Steve Cumming and Clint Turner have recently passed their umpires reaccreditation tests. Alan Johnson has passed the measures exam.

Men's Club Championship Triples Result 2021 Hi Bowlers what a great game of bowls once again today with the Men's Triples Final. Score was 23-20 to Peter's team and they had shot on what we thought was the last end, but that wasn't how Terry's team wanted it to finish so he kills the end. So they had to play another end and Terry's team had 3 shots and what happens, Peter puts a bowl right in the middle of them to win 24-20. Congratulations Guys on a good Sunday afternoon entertainment!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **Night Pennant Cancellation**

Hi Bowlers We have just received notification from The District that the Night Pennant comp has been cancelled due to the 2 wash outs. There is a possibility that The District will run an event early in the new year

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

#### **John Leonard**

The AGM is approaching quickly so it's opportune time to remind you all of the importance of your attendance so that we can achieve a true representation of members views and voting preferences. So please make an effort to come along and have a say in the

management of your bowls club. I've noticed that a number of our members have or are in the process of transitioning to bowls arms.

Recognising that you can significantly extend your bowls life with an arm is one thing, but actually making the move sooner rather than later must be applauded. So, if you're in a position where your delivery is gradually worsening due to health reasons don't wait for what will be inevitable- transition to an arm now.

The works in our new car park are well underway and is the first stage in the redevelopment of our club. In all there will be an addition of 45 sheltered car parks which should be completed in 10 weeks from the day they commenced the work.

Finally, from the feedback I've received the seafood day was a great success and gives us confidence to replicate such events regularly so watch this space. I've investigated the problems related to the results fiasco and have issued an apology for the confusion. This along with the results have been emailed and posted on the notice board. Be assured that this will not occur again.

### SEAFOOD DAY



Seafood Day was held last Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October with the greens filled with mostly Waves Caloundra

players. This was a mixed Fours event. A seafood lunch of Flathead tails and King Prawns was served.

### Seafood Day Apology and Results

Message from the President  
I'm sure that those of you who attended the Seafood Day last Saturday would all agree that it was a great event and something that we should continue to include more regularly in our bowls calendar. Unfortunately however, the day was marred when the results were announced leaving members confused and for some, understandably disappointed. My apologies to all members and especially to those who were directly impacted by this mishap. I don't intend to go into the detail of why this happened but needless to say there are some lessons learnt as a result of this unfortunate situation. You have my assurance that any future event will have in place, an up to date scoreboard so that all players of the day can view their current position after each game.

Below are the final scores for your information.

**Winners: Score 3 wins margin 23 ends 26**

**John Leonard, Ian Walsh, Judy Holmes & Di Leonard**



Runner up: Score 3 wins margin 18 ends 26  
Ed Boxall Rod Dickinson  
Robyn Lewty & Lorna Plunkett  
Third Place: Score 3 wins margin 18 ends 24  
Tony Marinucci, Clive Bell, Estelle Welsh & Andrina Naish  
Fourth Place Score 3 wind margin 13 ends 23  
Helen Doherty, Bob Rowley, Liz Slepikowski & Stu Blogg  
Thank you all so much for your support.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

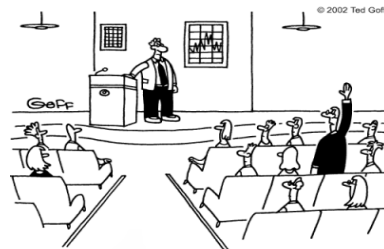
- SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> CLUB PRESENTATION AND



- SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - 1PM IN VISIT FROM FIRE BRIGADE BOWLS CLUB MIXED EVENT.



- SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> CLUB AGM. MEMBERS MUST BE SIGNED IN PRIOR TO 8.15AM



"Could we extend the annual meeting? I still have a lot of complaining to do!"

- SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER HAM DAY  
MIXED TRIPLES



- MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup>  
NOVEMBER LADIES  
CHRISTMAS FOURS



### SUNDAY ROLLERS

The Rollers Silver circle members are off to Bundaberg on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November. A good turnout of 32 members. On the 28<sup>th</sup> November, the boys are off to Red Hill. This is an annual event open to all players. See Laurie Curley if you would like to go.



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### CALOUNDRA STARS

The girls are at it again with the weekly lunches being well supported.

The talk around the table is everything from fashion to food. One of the favourite places is Mooloolaba Surf Club. Elaine Knights judges each place by the size of the Oysters. This is her usual entree.



*KAY'S DESSERT*



Contact Carole or Eleanor for information on venues.

### PROFILE OF THE MONTH



Behind the outgoing exterior of this lady lies many hidden talents.

**Chris Mellon** is full of surprises.

Her energy is endless with her commitment to family, her Author husband Gus and our Bowls Club. Chris along with Neeta goes around our local precinct getting amazing donations for our raffle prizes. From back 'o Bourke to the city dweller, she has lived in so many places both in Australia and overseas (Gus being an ex Navy man). Here is Chris's story.

Born in Bourke NSW and went to school there but spent all holidays at our family property in Thargomindah.

Started a hairdressing course in year 9 and did 2 1/2 years when the hairdresser left Bourke in the middle of the night owing money everywhere. So didn't finish my course as my parents wouldn't let me go to Dubbo which was 350 miles away and I was only 16. Started work in the Bank of New South Wales and hated it so left and move to Sydney when I was

17 ½. Stayed with family friends and couldn't believe all the opportunities city people had as I had only been there a couple of times before, although my dad's family lived in Sydney, we didn't have a lot to do with them. I started playing squash at Merrylands and met up with 3 other women players and we went onto win the pairs for the next 5 seasons becoming this first female players to ever win so many in a row. Also took up car racing in a JB Clubman racing at Amaroo and Orion Park and doing hill starts in Kings Park in Newcastle.

Did lots of different jobs, one was telephonists with the Commonwealth Bank in the city and also did night work at the Bankstown Theatre Restaurant which I really enjoyed. Still didn't know what I wanted to do with my life except enjoy it. I bought my first house in Auburn western suburb.

Meet Gus, he was a Submarine in the Navy and was stationed in Sydney. We married in Mosman Park and had our reception at the submarine base in Neutral Bay. It was the best party but got a little out of hand when guest started looking for the key to the submarine to take it for a spin.



We lived in Sydney for 2 years and then Gus was transferred to Hasting in Victoria where he went to University for 3 years. He changed rank from enlisted to an Officer. I joined the Navy wives associate and coached the 7 years old netball. Still playing

night squash and traveling all around Victoria. Our club took out the winners in the Victorian A grade. I loved Squash and netball. After Gus finished University we were transferred to Canberra for 5 years. By now I'd stopped playing squash but continued playing netball, coaching and umpiring for Maddies.

By now we had 4 children and I was working for Pitney Bowes doing 20 hours a week and enjoyed the challenge of being a sales rep.

Ros Kelly Minister of Sport asked our club Maddies to take a team to Alice Springs for the Masters and bring it back to Canberra in 4 years' time. We sold meat trays, and anything we could, had stalls etc. to raise as much money as we could as Ros Kelly was going to match it. This fundraising was for 15 ladies. After all our hard work getting the games to Canberra in 4 years' time and enjoying our masters experience, we continued traveling around NT. for 2 more weeks. What a blast. Gus was resigning from the Navy after 24 years, so we left Canberra and came to Queensland. I was lucky enough to get transferred with my job to Brisbane where I worked for the next 3 years.

We built a 6-bedroom home in Murrumba downs and by now Gus was traveling all over the world with Moduspec, an offshore Oil company. The girls and I were still playing netball and the boys into soccer. It was hard working and doing all the netball runs plus the soccer and school, so I gave up work.

I started teachers training at the same school as the kids and enjoyed this for 12 months when Gus came home and said we were transferred to Perth. Rented our home out and off to Perth we go only this time with 2 kids as Warwick was in the navy and Emma was at University in Brisbane. We bought an apartment in Brisbane for Emma and for us when we came home. In Perth Steven and Breanna couldn't settle and neither could I as Gus was again off traveling the world and never saw much of him. I Bought another home in Perth to give me something interesting to do as working wasn't an option as the kids were too unsettled. The day we settled on the house Gus came home and said we had been transferred to Singapore. We only spent 10 months in Perth.

2 months later we were in Singapore, the kids and I loved it. What an adventure we were having. They settled into school, and I started back doing Teachers Aid training with the AIS and coaching the school netball team. Also joined the ANZA (which was Australia and New Zealand association) where I learnt how to play Mahjong. I was tutoring a young lad how to speak English with Beyond ( a volunteer group ) and thought this is what I want to do.

We were only in Singapore 18 months and the company Gus was working for went broke so home we came, back to Brisbane and back into our house in Murrumba Downs. By now I had finished my trainers aid training and was looking to do something else.

I started my diploma in Teaching English with the Australian language school and was enjoying this. I was back coaching netball again and we decide to sell our Murrumba Downs house and build at Little Mountain in Caloundra. Warwick and Steven were in the navy and Breanna was at University. Emma had finished her training to be a journalist and was working in Brisbane so we were alone.

Building the house at Little Mountain was a massive task as the land had a slope and Gus was back working overseas and I was doing all the work. This house was big, 5 levels with a granny flat underneath. Finished the house in 2004 and got my diploma in teaching and in 2005 I got a job with Cambridge Language College in Singapore and Gus also got transferred back to Singapore with another company. I taught there for the next 3 years than I score a fantastic opportunity University tutoring an Italian Millionaire in English. Oh how the other half live. They had a Lear-jet



which I flew with them to Perth for the weekend where I was able to catch up with Steven who was stationed in Perth with the Navy.

We did a lot of traveling overseas in these years visited every country in Asia most of Western Europe, went on the Trans Mongolia train from Beijing to St Petersburg in Russia. Travelled to all the Scandinavian countries, went on a cruise to Alaska and took a train across Canada. Fly in a helicopter to the Grand Canyon

and toured the States. Flew to Rio De Janeiro, then went to the Amazon basin to Manaus where we swam with the pink dolphin in the Rio Negro. Onto Argentina toured around Cape Horn in a cruise ship and got off in Chile where we went to Macchu Picchu, Bogota and the Galapagos islands. We then onto Panama and Cuba.

Our youngest son got married in St Lucia the Caribbean Islands, spent 10 days here then we toured the Bahamas and across to Mexico City and Acapulco where we saw the rock divers.

After 8 years we were on the move again to Shanghai where I was a lady of leisure and enjoyed all the sight-seeing.

1 year in Shanghai saw us move to Ulsan in South Korea where we spent the next 3 years. What an experience that was. We moved in January, and it was so bloody cold I thought I would die. No one spoke English and I didn't know anyone.

We lived in a big apartment block in the main street of Ulsan, so I had to do something.

I decided to teach Mahjong so sent notices to all the people in our apartment block and there were a lot of English, American and some Aussie, Russian and Tunisians ladies. I taught 20 ladies Mahjong and what a blast we all had, lunches, shopping tours, life was good. I still needed something else to do so got a group of Aussie ladies together and had a Melbourne Cup in Korea. First event we had 200 guests and raised so much money we donated it to a centre for rescued sex slaves' girls. The

Next 3 years all the money we raised from our Melbourne Cup days was given to different charities.

By now the market had fallen out of oil and Gus was tired and wanted to come home.

We had already sold our house in Little Mountain and bought an Apartment in Caloundra, I was dreading coming back as wasn't sure what I would do.

Gus was going to write a book about submarines, so he was okay. I decided to play bowls with the Caloundra bowls club. As it happened, I had to get my sewing machine serviced and took it to the little sewing place in Caloundra and they had a class there making quilts and I joined them.

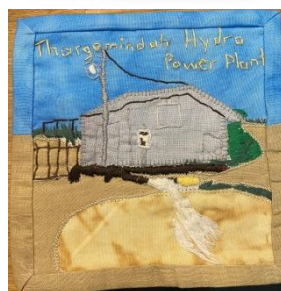
We did a lot of travelling around Australia for 4 months at a time and loved seeing our country. Unfortunately COVID 19 put a stop to that for a while but we're now looking to do some more travelling in Australia.

Without the quilt making I don't think I would have survived my first year back in Australia as life was so much quieter. I have made quilts for all our children, their husbands and our 8 grandchildren, Xmas tablecloths, Xmas tree shirt, advent Calendars, library bags. *I also made bags for Rose's women shelter, gifts and raffle prizes. Between playing bowls, sewing and walking as well as luncheons with the ladies, I am kept busy. Gus is onto his second book. So retirement is suiting both of us.*

*Below are some of the Quilts and cushion covers Chris has sewn. .*

I hope you enjoy the news and please let me know if there're any stories you would like included in the next issue.

We're open to "dob in a mate" stories as well. We will print any story if it's in the best interest of our Club.



This patch was featured on (ABC)Landline a couple of weeks ago as part of a larger quilt put together by many quilters.

GOSSIPS are worse than thieves because they steal another person's dignity, honest reputation and credibility... which are challenging to restore.

REMEMBER: When your feet slip, you can always recover your balance.

But when your tongue slips, you cannot recover your words.