



MAROON ARM BOWLERS ASSOC

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NEWSLETTER # 4

100 MEMBERS!

Just 6 months after the birth of the Maroon Arm Bowlers, over 100 Queensland Arm Bowlers have registered with the Association.

The popularity of the Maroon Arm Bowlers continues to spread with the formation of sub-branches on the Sunshine Coast and in Hervey Bay. There is no joining or ongoing fee associated with membership.

We aim to schedule arm bowlers tournaments on a monthly basis but this is in the hands of the host Club. 40 to 60 members have attended tournaments on the Gold Coast, in Brisbane and on the Sunshine Coast. Coaching days are also proving popular with new and experienced arm bowlers in attendance.

Like all sports, we strive to compete at the highest level possible and for Arm Bowlers, this is the Australian Arm Bowlers National Competition – see below for more information.



Anne Standaloft – Member 100

LOGO SPONSORSHIP

The Maroon Arm Bowlers have created a logo of a kookaburra sitting on a bowling arm. Manufacturers of Bowling Arms were approached for sponsorship and we are pleased to announce Bees Knees Bowls Accessories, manufacturers of the Bionic Bowling Arm, have entered into a 2 year sponsorship with an option of a 2 year extension. The agreement includes the provision of 2 free Bionic Arms each year

NEW UNIFORM

The Maroon Arm Bowlers are in the final stages of designing a National Uniform and are reviewing tenders from various manufacturers. It is proposed that a shirt, similar to the Maroon Arm Bowlers National Shirt, will be available for purchase by members and supporters.

Anyone interested in purchasing an Arm Bowlers shirt are invited to send an email expressing their interest to David Johnson at david@davlie.com.au

NATIONALS SQUAD TRIALS AND TRAINING

34 Arm Bowlers formerly expressed interest in being a part of the first Maroon Arm Bowlers National Team. Selection trials will be held at Broadbeach Bowls Club on the 1st Friday of each month, commencing on the 4th of March 2016 at 10am. The arm bowlers involved have received separate notification of the trials so if you haven't received notification and wants to be involved, send an urgent email to David Johnson today.

The objective is to name a final squad of 20 by May or early June to allow sufficient time for uniform fittings and some serious practice.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pine Rivers

18 teams competed for over \$500 prize money at the Pine Rivers Bowls Club on Monday the 30th of November. Arm Bowlers travelled from the Gold Coast, Ipswich, Dalby, Hervey Bay and the Sunshine Coast to compete against the best Brisbane has to offer. After two competitive games of pairs Carol Azzopardi and Richard Knopke from Mooloolaba emerged as the overall winners by just 2 shots from Cheryl Hutchinson and Jim Merrick from Helensvale. The best first game at Pine Rivers was taken out by Leigh Hewish and Col Kingham from Urangan in Hervey Bay. The best second game was taken out by Ralph Hunt and Roger Goodridge from the Paradise Point Bowls Club.

Helensvale

The Maroon Arm Bowlers competed in a three game, pairs medley at Helensvale Bowls Club on the Gold Coast on the 17th of December 2015. Despite concerns that being close to Christmas would be detrimental to participation, 22 teams were ready to go at the 9am bell. Teams travelled from Hervey Bay, The Sunshine Coast, Dalby, Ipswich and Brisbane to join in the action and push for selection in the National Squad. The overall winners with 3 games and 19 ends won was Arthur Collins and Brian Newcombe. There was a count back for second with 3 teams tied on 3 games and 15 ends won.

After checking shots up, Denis Bowers and Mick Thorne were declared the runners-up.

The best performed pair in the first game of cross over pairs was Ralph Hunt (L) and Roger Goodridge (S). The second game of 2x4x2 was taken out by Graeme French (L) and Roy Glover (S) and the final game of 3 bowl pairs was won by Cheryl Hutchinson and Jim Merrick.



Winners of the Pine Rivers Arm Bowlers Tournament
Carol Azzopardi and Richard Knopke

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 Urangan Monday 15th February 2016

We still need a couple more teams to fill this pairs event. For details call Leigh Hewish on 0421 693 075 or email to leighah47@gmail.com

3 Ipswich Sunday 10th April 2016

Teams of 3 with 1 non arm bowler allowed. 10:30 start – should be on your way home by 3. Email your entry to david@davlie.com.au

5 Laidley Sat 14th & Sun 15th May 2016

Expecting to play triples over two days. Team or single entries welcome. Enquiries to Tony Watson on mobile 0403 262 325.

7 Broadbeach Wednesday 6th July 2016

Back to where it all started – keep the day free

2 Tweed Heads Monday 29th February 2016

Starts at 10am Qld time so no excuses about travel time. Email mensclub@thbc.com.au or call Arthur Collins on 0419 707 644

4 Paradise Point Friday 29th April 2016

Organised by GCTDBA, teams of 5, to be played using the Nationals Format. Enter as a full or part team by email to david@davlie.com.au

6 Kawana – A Sunday in June

Make a weekend of it and play in the social pairs on the Saturday. Still in the planning stages. Early enquires to Geoff Cooper on 0417 754 910.

8 Nationals at Broadbeach 5th to 7th Sept 2016

See page 1 for squad details