

## PREMIER SEVENS COMPETITION

### Div 3 to the rescue

Our Division 3 team prevented a Premier Sevens wipeout for Toowong in the first round with a 2-1 home win over South Toowoomba as both Div 1 teams suffered away losses.

Div 1 champions New Farm beat the Terriers 2-1, with Rob Rimes and Doug Pannell pulling off miraculous pairs win, while the Over-60s were thumped 3-0 by Darra Cementco.

Singles ace Peter Longland and our secret pairs weapons, Alicja Malicka and Pam Salway, starred in the Div 3 win and Col Gray's fours outfit, with two late changes, was highly competitive in a 16-20 loss. It was a great result considering the forced move up from Div 5.

Peter was always ahead in his 31-23 singles win but the South Toowoomba opponent continually fought back to within a few shots, with the majority of heads being closely contested. Thanks to Les for doing a great job as marker.

Consistent leading by Alicja and good conversions by Pam featured in a hard-fought 25-21 win pairs win. They led for most of the match with the boys from South Toowoomba playing catch-up. It has quickly been established that opposing men who take our girls lightly do so at their peril.

Good leading by Peter Speare and some Col Gray magic kept the fours a close contest throughout.

At New Farm, a surprise late team reshuffle saw fours skip Gary Andrews move to the singles and John Arrowsmith switch to third in the fours skipped by Piotr Malicki.

A hot Geoff Jensen beat Gary 31-15 and Brett Merkel skipped the New Farm fours team home 25-14.

It was left to Doug and Robbie to provide the excitement. They trailed Neil Peach and Steve Cooper 11-15 with two ends to play before scoring a three and a two, the winning shots resulting from Robbie's last two bowls.

At Darra, the overall result was quickly put to rest as the home side established big singles and pairs leads.

Lloyd Lyndon hung in well against Darra singles champion Ken Howard before succumbing 31-13, while Jim Adams and David Falkenmire were too loose early in falling behind 19-4 against Alan Rigney and Rene De Kleyn. They won the last 10 ends in a 27-13 loss but the horse (Capitalist) had bolted.

The fours was closely contested until Darra's Des Cox took control over the last seven ends, turning

a 16-14 lead into 25-17.

Both Div 1 and Div 1 60s will be at home on Saturday, to Windsor and Salisbury, with Div 3 taking on Ipswich City at Ipswich on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

For noting - Please allow ample time for Premier Sevens practice to be completed at least 5 minutes before match start time to allow umpire inspection of bowls.

The teams will be named later in the week.

### **GRACEVILLE SUPER 8'S COMPETITION**

Toowong went down 3-0 at home against an experienced Goodna team.

David Gilbert, our novice singles champion, and Peter Wilce skipped by Harriet Posner, were down 30-20 on the 24th end but fought back strongly to be pipped 30-27.

John McConnachy and Tim Salway, skipped by Simon Adams, struggled against a very wily skip who managed to spoil their party on numerous ends. Even though they went down 17-33 they scored 3-2-3 on the last three ends.

After a slow start, pairs combo Carole Hurst and Ward Kenny held the lead until the 16th end but unfortunately couldn't maintain their momentum, going down 16-21.  
Toowong has a bye this week.

For noting - Please allow ample time for Graceville 8s trial ends to be completed at least 5 minutes before match start time to allow umpire inspection of bowls.

### **SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS**

Saturday saw two Chamberlain triples teams going head to head. Results :

S Taylor/S Roden/Leigh Chamberlain 21 def M Locos/R Malcolm/Les Chamberlain 10

Good bowling everyone and most importantly, play the game in the right spirit and enjoy the tough competition.

## **WANT TO PLAY BOWLS? – HERE'S HOW!**

### **Social Bowls – Please Note**

This week, Social Saturday bowls will remain at 9 am.

From Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, social bowls will commence at 12.30 pm.

## Bowls Training & Coaching

There will be training and coaching on **THURSDAYS 4.00-6.00 pm** during the Premier 7 season. All bowlers welcome.

Peter & Col

### Toowong Open Singles - Cancelled

We do apologise to those few that entered.  
Any issues please feel free to contact Gary Andrews  
on 0411754 462 OR  
Email: [gary@lawnbowls.com.au](mailto:gary@lawnbowls.com.au)

### But do not despair .....

Come along on Monday nights during January – starting bowls at 6.00 pm – ready to play a casual social game. **All welcome – great practice.** This will run for the month of January until the next Monday comp starts) which is ..... (*drum roll*) .....

### Toowong February Open Pairs

Every Monday commencing 1st February for 5 weeks  
6 pm start

1 game ...16 ends ... each Monday for 5 weeks  
After 4 weeks teams are sorted into 2 Divisions  
From best performed down

8 Teams in Div 1 ..... 6 Teams in Div 2  
**ONLY 14 Teams**

**PRIZE MONEY \$1,000**

(prize money will be adjusted if less than 14 teams participate)

Please place your name on the sheet at Club Toowong  
OR

RSPV to Gary Andrews  
on 0411754 462 OR  
Email: [gary@lawnbowls.com.au](mailto:gary@lawnbowls.com.au)

### COMING UP FOR THE NEXT 2 MONTHS (extracted from the TBC playing calendar)

January		
Club	District	Other
Social Bowls – from 2 January Saturday 9 am start Wednesday 2 pm start Thursday evenings – Training 4-6 pm  Teams in Premier 7's Teams in Graceville Super 8's  Starting 11 <sup>th</sup> January – Social Bowls Monday nights 6.00pm	<u>Mens</u> 17-18 <sup>th</sup> - Metro Challenge	Premier League Sevens commences  Graceville Super Eights comp commences

## February

Club	District	Other
Social Bowls - Saturday 12.30 pm start Wednesday 2 pm start Thursday evenings  Teams in Premier 7's Teams in Graceville Super 8's  27 <sup>th</sup> - <i>Nominations Close</i> - <i>Ladies Pairs</i> - <i>Men's Pairs</i> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb – Start Open Pairs Comp for 5 weeks.  Training – Thursdays 4-6 pm continues	<u>Mens</u> 16 <sup>th</sup> - Mid week O60's event with Downs	Premier League Sevens  Graceville Super Eights  <u>Ladies Financial Days</u> 15 <sup>th</sup> – Gaythorne Presidents Day 29 <sup>th</sup> - Samford Vice Presidents Day

## CLUB NEWS

- ↪ *No 2 green is being refurbished and is well on the way to be of the same standard as our first green.*
- ↪ *As a consequence of the work being done on the greens, a quantity of **mulch is available to anyone who wants it.** It is available from the bottom carpark end of the greens – come with a trailer, boot, or bags – tell your friends, neighbours and one and all. Take what you want but we need it gone.*

“One man practicing sports  
 manship is far better than 50 preaching it.”  
 – Knute Rockne

### GET TO KNOW.....

This week we feature **Peter Jordan**. Here's what he has to say .....

I joined Toowong Bowls Club in April 2002. Because I have always loved playing sport, and was finding I couldn't play 18 holes of golf without severe pain, I went looking for a sport where I would have less pain. Hence lawn bowls became an option.

Being keen to develop good skills, I went searching for information on lawn bowls and found little. I went looking for some professional coaching, but found that did not exist like in golf. There was lots of advice from members, sometimes contradictory, and I remember asking a number of good bowlers how they got consistent weight, to be told well 'it's just a feel'.

So I decided to do the coaching course myself and completed a course in September 2003 and an Umpires' course in December 2004, and I have maintained my qualifications as a coach and an umpire ever since, (with support from Col Gray). What is obvious is that ongoing regular skills practice is paramount if you want to improve or even maintain a reasonable level.

I had been working part-time since 1997, doing family counselling & mediation work, after having spent nearly 17 years as a Counsellor in the Family Court. So I could spend many afternoons

practicing in the very pleasant surrounding at Toowong. As a result of that practice I won the A & B grade singles championships in 2005.

I have been fortunate to play many social pairs games with Ken Gannon at a number of Clubs, and participated in a few Club Championships wins with good friends. It was nice to have won a Club's mixed pairs Championship with my wife, Suzanne.

Apart from playing bowls at Toowong, within 6 months of joining the Club in 2002, I accepted the Secretary's position and occupied that office for a number of years to 2014. At the present time I help out by looking after membership data. It was a honor to be made a life member in 2013.

It is really amazing that the Club still exists. When I became Secretary in September 2002, it was doubtful whether Toowong would survive to it's Centenary, January 2005. A number of management partners were tried, but then a major blow came in 2011, when the Clubhouse and greens was flooded and we set about gutting the Clubhouse and rebuilding.

Thanks to some very dedicated and determined members and a number of very generous grants and donations, the Toowong Bowls Club still is one of the great places to play bowls. May it continue for many years to come.

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The European spring and autumn provide the best climate to discover the real Italy. Meet Carrol Helander and Sue Clarke from Carolinasusi Italia Tours and hear all about their unique 2016 Italian travel experiences.

**WHEN: Thursday 21 January @ 6pm**

**WHERE: Toowong Bowls Club**

This free seminar hosted by [Savenio & The Cruise Centre](#) will be a great opportunity to meet industry professionals.



To RSVP for this event, please phone us 07 3368 2113.



## Etiquette.....



- *If you are the scorer for your game, make sure you put players' names on the card – not just initials / not left 'blank'.*
- *At the end of games, please place the completed scorecards into the box on the wall outside the bowls office.*
- *Another job – please roll up the sun shades after play.*
- *If Greenkeeper Tony has set up a rink for you to play on, then there's a reason – please don't change it.*
- *When playing a game and the 'bowls window' isn't open – please pay your green fees over the bar.*
- *Help with the putting away of equipment each bowls day.*
- *Make sure the absentee book is up to date*
- *Roll-up etiquette – when the club is open, let the bar staff know you're there & ask where is best to roll up.*

Happy Bowling

