

# Ratbag Pairs at Bongaree Bowls draws strong attendance

**T**HE Easter Ratbag Pairs on Easter Saturday and Monday at Bongaree Bowls Club were sponsored by the Bribie RSL club and were well attended with near-full fields for both days.

Men's and ladies pairs were played on the Saturday and open pairs on the Monday. Winners on Saturday for the men were Max McGarity and Jake McGarry. Second were Don Gibson and Paul Townsend and third David McDowell and Mike Larking.

Winners on Monday were Fran and Paul Townsend with runners-up Kim and Phil Wrice from Solander Bowls Club.

The ladies section held its Patroness's day on Friday, April 20 with long-time Patroness Cynthia Gillieson in attendance with other long-time members Elaine Humphris and Esme Bushnell, who has also retired from playing but still supports the club.

Fifty two players took to the greens and games were completed early to retire for the traditional afternoon tea with yummy cake. Melva Buckle made a beautiful job of the flowers for the occasion with Life Member Honey O'Neill gracing the top table too.

Back on the competitive side, the ladies fours championship is still in progress, being played in round-robin format this year. One more game to go on April 27 to complete the series and determine the winners.

Not competition, but the Ladies Maytime Fours will take place on Friday, May 18 with two games of 18 ends interspersed with lunch. Men may play, limited to playing lead or second. The Ladies B singles is open for nominations and the first round will be played on Friday, May 4.

On the men's playing front, the championship

fours has reached the final stage with Bill Laurie and team facing off against Max McGarity and team in what should be a thrilling final judging by some of the early round games. Results in next month's report.

The next men's championship is the triples, which closes on May 5, with the first round to be played on Saturday, May 12. The district pennants draw has just been received with the first round games to be played on Saturday, July 14 and succeeding rounds on each following Saturday until fixtures are completed in August-September, depending on numbers in each division.

We will be represented in divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5. Men players are encouraged to add their names to the list on the notice board, even if they cannot commit to playing every week. Just specify dates you are not available.

Our next Brekky morning is on Sunday, May 6, when we will be joined by a contingent from Childers, who will also play on the Saturday afternoon. So get your triples teams of men or mixed down as places will be in demand for this popular day.

Saturday morning Scroungers is still going strong under the eye of Priscilla and Bob Lowe. Just register before or on the morning for a good practice session in good company, starting at 9.30am.

The phone number for the Sports Club is 3408 1600, but bowls-related calls should be made to our Selectors Office on 3408 0005 after 10.30am on playing days.



■ Brenda Hutchinson shows her style on the greens.

## WEEKLY PROGRAM

- Tuesdays 1pm, self-selected open pairs (2 games X 11 ends)
- Wednesdays 1pm, self-selected men's and ladies fours
- Thursdays 1pm, men's self-selected jackpot pairs
- Fridays 1pm, club selected mixed triples
- Self-selected open pairs (2-4-2)
- Saturdays 1pm, club selected mixed triples/fours

## MAY EVENTS

- May 4-5, 1pm, Ladies B singles starts
- May 6, Brekky morning with players from Childers (8am Brekky, 9am triples bowls)
- May 12, 1pm, men's triples championship starts
- May 14, 1pm, veterans day (mixed triples)
- May 18, 9am, Ladies Maytime fours (2 games plus lunch)
- May 19-20, Pirates away visit to Oakey

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