MEN'S BOWLS REPORT

Membership has remained strong for the 2008-2009 year with 92 financial members. However, I would like to see more participation in the sport of bowls and encourage any club member to give the game a try.

The 2009 bowls championships are nearing completion. The Tony Carsburg Men's Fours competition was won by J T Gray, Rowan Norris, Jim Hay and Ray Tonkin. The singles Championship has for the first time gone to Paul Earl. The Pairs is in the finals stage and the Triples just commencing. We continue to have strong entries in championships.

The Pennant season ended with our three teams experiencing mixed results. The Division 1 side had the most success being runner-up. A special thanks to the side managers: Bruce Elliott, Jack McGowran and Margaret Enright for their time and effort in completing this valuable task and to the barbeque team each afternoon of pennants. We have had a side in the District Round Robin Triples Competition where six bowlers represent the club each Thursday over 10 weeks. This competition drew 2 full greens at our club in July.

The combined Men & Women's Club put on a great effort on ANZAC weekend to support the Ocean Shores Junior Soccer Association. The 30 bowlers on the day raised $200 towards the sporting development of our local kids. Special thanks to our major sponsor Will Sorrell from Elders Real Estate.

Twilight bowls has an exceptionally strong following. Special thanks go to Mick Haines for barbecuing and to Dave Whitney in conducting the night's bowls. Club coach, Ray Tonkin, has been active in helping with the new bowlers.

Crest Tours from the Gold Coast continues to bring Japanese tourists to the club each and every day. It is great to see people on the greens and hopefully an improvement in the bowls balance sheet.

Paul Earl has both greens back after renovation and they are running exceptionally well considering the amount of rain we have had. Well done to Paul for his efforts and dedication. Special thanks to the bowlers who take part in working bees and all those other behind the scene people who help to make this club the great one it is. Thank you to the small but dedicated committee for their continued support and to our sponsors who help us promote the game.

Bob James
President