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Club Helensvale's \$50,000 Henselite National Club 5 A Side Challenge

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The countdown is on to one of the biggest events on the Australian lawn bowls calendar.

Club Helensvale's \$50,000 Henselite National Club 5 A Side Challenge will commence on Monday 5th September with 20 of the best clubs from around the country competing for the chance to take home the \$20,000 winners' cheque.

Each club from seven states and territories across the country has selected five of their best players to compete in singles, pairs, triples, and fours.

With the field including 26 international representatives and over 60 state players, it is sure to be a high quality and hotly contested affair.

Headlining the big names to hit the Gold Coast for the week will be newly crowned Australian Indoor Singles Champion, and 2010 National 5 A Side title holder – Jeremy Henry.

The candid Irishman, now based out of Warilla in NSW, is brimming with confidence after securing the Australian Indoor title earlier this month.

"I'm really looking forward to coming up for the event again, we've had a fantastic time at Helensvale the last two years" Henry said. "It's a really tough event with lots of quality teams, last year when we won we only lost four games all week, it would be great to replicate that performance. You could say we're quietly confident".

Despite losing 4 players from their 2010 victorious side, Henry's confidence will remain high after securing the assistance of current world number one Leif Selby.

The Gold Coast is a familiar and welcoming place for Selby, who joined forces with the strong Helensvale club in 2009 to take out the Queensland Premier League title.

Other potential challengers to this year's title include home town heroes, Helensvale.

The Helensvale Hawks' side includes five Australian internationals – Mark Casey, Brett Wilkie, Nathan Rice, Anthony Kiepe, and newly appointed Australian captain Lynsey Armitage.

After finishing runner-up in last year's event, the star-studded line-up will be determined to go one better in 2011.

Cabramatta will also start as strong contenders with four world champions in their ranks, including one of only four ladies competing at this year's event – Claire Duke.

Cabramatta boasts a side whose experience is second to none; this could prove potent in some of the round matches which are sure to come down to the wire.

Another favourite for the title will be NSW powerhouse club, Taren Point.

Australian Vice-Captain and Commonwealth gold medallist Wayne Turley knows what it takes to win the National 5 A Side after a comprehensive victory in 2009.

This year world number three Aron Sherriff will line up alongside Turley in the Point's bid to secure a second National 5 A Side title.

The National Club 5 A Side Challenge will commence on Monday 5th September at 8.30am with three days of qualifying play.

Four rounds are played each day, with rink win points being vital - the top four ranked clubs after the three days of qualifying will progress through to the semi final and finals on Thursday.

All the action at Club Helensvale will start with a build up match on Sunday 4th September, commencing at 12pm.

The 'Supremacy Cup' will pit the 2011 Premier League Champions (Helensvale) against the 2011 Gold Super Challenge Champions (Mooloolaba) in a quest for ultimate supremacy.

The 'Cup' will then be followed by the National 5 A Side Calcutta night and team draw, starting at 6pm in the sports bar.

Get down to Club Helensvale next week to see the best in the bowls world collide!

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