



KILLARA BOWLS NEWS : February 2012

KILLARA'S PRIZE BONANZA

25 WINNER SHARE \$11,000 IN PRIZES



Photos John Brodie

Regular and enthusiastic Thursday bowler, *Daphna Orback* takes prizes to the value of \$340 in the Killara Prize Bonanza Thursday, January 12th. President *Tony Hodgson* drew the 25 winning numbers in KBC ground-breaking incentive campaign. As Tony commented :-

“In the last quarter this club has paid out \$2,500 in cash and now we are about to award prizes with a value of some \$ 11,000, A total value of \$13,500!”

More pictures and the full listing of sponsors and winners is on page 13.

VALE

The way we will always remember former President and Club Champion, Ian Cameron-Smith, who succumbed to an aggressive brain tumour. Eulogy Page 2.



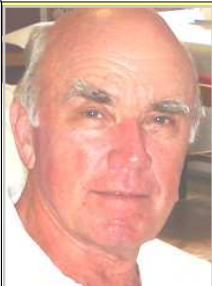
A BIG DAY APPROACHES



On march 1st, after this newsletter goes to press, members and family will gather to celebrate the centenary of 28 year member, *Otto Herbst*. Our salute to *Otto* and his wife *Margaret*, is on page 8.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: IAN ARMSTRONG



All members were shocked to learn of the death of **Ian Cameron-Smith**. His Eulogy, adjacent, encapsulates our admiration and sadness. We extend our most sincere sympathy to his wife Pam and their family.

The **Killara Prize Bonanza** Program trial has now ended with some \$11,000 in prizes being distributed recently. Although the outcome of this trial has yet to be assessed, I believe it has attracted more bowlers to our greens on Wednesdays and Thursdays over the period. We must thank **Bob Bessemer** and **Brian Shirvington** for all their efforts in this initiative.

The roof of the Club House was repainted towards the end of last year and the stone walls on No.3 green have been repaired as has the north-east surrounds of No. 1 green. In the next few months we will be repainting the eaves and gutters of both the main and women's club houses. We have spent a considerable amount of money on these projects which has greatly improved the appearance of our property.

The St. Andrew's dinner and the Christmas party were well attended and very much enjoyed by the members and their partners. We thank **Judy Mcleod**, **Sue Cleary** and their helpers for the success of these events.

Finally we welcome **Phil Johnson** and his LJ Hooker office at St. Ives as our new major sponsor. I encourage you to contact them with any property matters that you may have.

Ian

GOODBYE OLD FRIEND



MALCOLM M RAMSAY

A good bloke and bowler.

A 20 year member, Malcolm died November last year aged 89. An affable man, colleagues noticed him almost fade away following the passing of his wife, Pamela, in January 2008.

He has rejoined her now.

Eulogy

IAN CAMERON-SMITH

Abraham Lincoln is reputed to have stated:

"It's not the years in your life that count, but the life in your years".

I think this best and most aptly sums up Ian Cameron-Smith's life. Ian passed away on 3 January 2012 after a relatively short but painful illness.

Each of us would have differing definitions as to what a great and inspirational man would exhibit. However, a consensus of opinion of Ian was that he was a loyal and caring friend, he spoke no malice and bore no malice, he inspired others to greater heights, he had a welcoming, witty and cheery disposition, he was respectful and he had time and counsel for those who chose to listen.

Some of the most pleasurable and enduring moments with Ian were simple things like coffee on his veranda or at Xenos Cafe, having perhaps a few pre-lunch gin and tonics at the Australian Club, and always of course, enjoying a delicious red at any opportunity.

Ian attended Shore School and University of Sydney initially studying law. However, his chosen profession was accounting and he joined Cooper Bros and thence Price Waterhouse as a Chartered Accountant for a number of years. This career path did not enamour Ian and he sought greener pastures. He cleverly laid out a new career path utilising his research and analytical skills resulting in joining Hambros and began a stellar career there for many years and subsequently at Societe Generale.

Outside of his family amongst one of his other passions was wine and food. He was a Member of the Wine & Food Society of NSW, the Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin (a French Burgundian group) and The Vintage Club of which he was a founding Member. Fly fishing provided another important avenue of relaxation and skill, and surely, patience.

Add to this his enviable track record in lawn bowls and golf. He was a Member of The Royal Sydney Golf Club, Killara Bowling Club and participated in the Bowling Group of the Australian Club. Not only a superb sportsman but a valuable administrator. At Killara Bowling Club there would hardly be an Honour Board that did not bear his name, a great legacy for anyone to leave. Presumably such information will be recorded elsewhere in this Newsletter. Interestingly Ian's maternal grandfather, Cecil Moxham, was once a Member of KBC. At Royal Sydney Golf Club Ian was a member of the Triples Championship team in 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Likewise in the Pairs Championship in 2009 and the Singles Championship in 2009 and in October 2011 – a remarkable achievement considering his failing health.

Our Killara Bowling Club Members can be most proud of knowing Ian and I am sure they send their heartfelt condolences to his wife Pam, his daughters Fiona and Celia, and his mother, Judith.

May we celebrate his life, may he rest in peace and be in our hearts forever.

Martin McMurray

**KWBC President's Platform***Elizabeth Dokulil*

After a vey relaxing holiday, I returned to the 'Lucky Country' to come down with a thump on finding so much Bowling stuff to be dealt with. A phone call on the day after I had touched down made me think of John Donne's famous lines -

'No man is an island, entire of itself'

Without the help and knowledge of **Barbara Cotton**, I would have felt completely alone and at sea with the myriad number of things I was faced with. However, with help, the Women's Club is very much back on track.

The club was represented in the Ku-ring-gai Shield and played in extreme heat. Eighteen women entered into the Round Robin Triples and again the heat proved a problem. **Barbara Cotton, Barbara Langley** and **Mau-reen Morris** won it.

On October 11 we celebrated our Birthday with bowls and a 'Bring a Plate' luncheon. Old and new members celebrated the day and in order to mix people up, guests and bowlers changed seats halfway through the lunch. This was to get non playing members a chance to chat and get to know the current women players. Like John Donne, many people belong, but are more inclined to mix with only those who played in their era.

The committee decided to buy a new photo album and **Rhian Reade** has bought one and is placing in all current photos. It's open for viewing up in the women's locker room. Other albums are also there and make interesting viewing, not just for noting past members, but also the varied fashions.

Our Christmas Lunch was held on 6th December and once again the weather was not kind to us. A traditional Christmas dinner was served by the fantastic **Sue** and was very much enjoyed as the day was cool and a hot dinner just filled the bill. After the main course a few words about the Christian Christmas, Jewish Hanukkah, Hindi Diwali and the Thai Songkran were felt to be appropriate to the occasion. Included were two Christmas carols with **Joan Young** accompanying us on the piano. The presentation of prizes followed with all the runners up receiving a wine glass from Peters of Kensington.

The day would not have proceeded so smoothly without the help of all my committee. Thank you girls.

The next year has started and the 2012 program is well in hand. The Handicap Pairs are being played at present and when they finish we face up to the club Fours and Pennants. Pennant Teams have been picked. We field a team in the Threes and one in the Under Fives.

Bob Hawtree will come and coach all pennant players for an hour and a half over three Saturday mornings. This will surely raise our game. Many thanks to **David Hunt** for suggesting we take advantage of Bob and the

KBC paying for his expertise.

Our next function will be Friends' Pink Ribbon Day on 28 February.

This will not be just a function for raising money for Breast Cancer, but also a day where there will be fun and frolics on the green. What? Well wait and see.

John Donne continues with the words - *'every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main'*

And that are my sentiments also. We are all part of the Killara Bowling Club, we are not just 'the women', 'the men' or that august body 'the committee. Together we go forward to bigger and better things in 2012.

Elizabeth

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ARE THEY AFRAID SOMEONE WILL CLEAN THEM?



KBC President's Platform : *Tony Hodgson*



A happy and healthy New Year to everyone and let's hope we get some fine weather soon.

We have at last received our KBC team shirts from the Sports Factory, in time for the 2012 Pennant season. The **Bendigo Lindfield Community Bank** has sponsored the Club to the extent of \$800 towards the cost of the shirts. Special thanks to **John Brodie**

for his assistance in this matter which began in January 2011.

The draw for our **Killara Prize Bonanza**, held over the last three months of 2011, took place in the clubhouse on Thursday 12 January in front of approximately 50 members and visitors. In all, there were 25 prizes awarded with a total value of \$11,000. Special mention to **Brian Shirvington** and **Bob Bessemer** for the excellent job they did in initiating and organizing this premier event. Despite losing five bowls' days to rain during these three months, we increased Thursday afternoon attendances by 25%!!!

The **Annual Prize Giving**, BBQ lunch and **Bob Sinclair Place of Origin** was held on Saturday 28 January. For the former, a listing of prize winners is adjacent.

In the latter, Sydney won on four rinks but still went down to 'the Rest' who won two rinks. The Rest now have an aggregate lead of 20 which must be overcome by Sydney when the last match in the Tri-Annual series is played in August. Pat Sinclair attended the luncheon and prizegiving. Thanks go to **David Warren**, our lunchtime chef, supporting **Sue Cleary**.

2012 Pennant Competition

The following trial matches have been arranged before final selections are made to represent KBC in the 2012 Pennants in Grades 6 and 7.

Saturday 4 February v Warrawee

Saturday 11 February v Intra Club

Saturday 18 February v Turramurra

Saturday 25 February v St Ives

Saturday 3 March – Round 1 Pennants

Friendly Matches

The following Friendly Matches will be played:

Wednesday 15 February Killara v Lindfield at Killara
(Fred Salisbury painting trophy)

Wednesday 22 February Killara v Warrawee at Warrawee
(Lanker painting trophy)

On page 8 is our invitation to Otto's 100th birthday. I hope to see you there.

My personal condolences to the family of **Ian Cameron-Smith**.

Good bowling,

Tony Hodgson

SALUTE OUR 2011 CHAMPIONS

Men

Champion **R D Henriks**

Major Pairs **J Zazulak, I Cameron-Smith**

Minor Pairs **D Warren, D Buddee**

Triples **B Lau, G Bowles, W.F. Druce**

Fours **D Hunt, P Baume, J D McBean, E L Sommerlad**

Minor Singles **J. G. Brodie**

Club Pairs **J D McBean, I.A. Armstrong**

Women

Champion **J Brierley**

Pairs **M Hearder, E Dokulil**

Triples **B Cotton, M Morris, J McInerney**

Fours **R Hey, J Brierley, M Nowland, L Geniale**

Minor Singles **C Burke**

Mixed Pairs **M Hearder, W F Druce**

Mixed Triples **J Hodgson, M Hearder, C Mackellar**





Functions Report *Judy McLeod*

First, I would not have been able to attempt this position without **Barbara Cotton's** gracious and generous assistance so thank you very much

Barbara.

How the time has flown since our last two K.B.C. social functions last year. Some of us have been abroad, interstate, over the road or just stayed home but I wish you all a happy New Year and lots of good bowling in the current year.

The annual **St Andrew's Day** bowls and dinner was held on 25th November but unfortunately, for the keen bowlers, torrential rain prevented play so that was cancelled and the 54 members and guests were able to enjoy the traditional dinner.

Sue prepared a wonderful meal starting with the *Athol Brose* and followed by the *Haggis*, ham, lamb and delicious accompanying vegetables so everyone was very, very happy with that.

A last minute offer from **Richard Burns (of Burns and Burns)**, to provide the piper was very much appreciated.

Several Scottish songs were enjoyed before the night concluded and umbrellas were collected and everyone went out into the rain, happily fed and watered! Two weeks later we had our Christmas Cocktail Party. It was fun to organize with Sue and 40 members and guests enjoyed a pleasant evening nibbling on finger food and having a drink around the small tables set up at random in the room.

Many thanks to those who helped on both occasions – I needed you and will do again.

The very generous raffle last year was donated by **Pat Sinclair** and **Helen Clark** and the sale of tickets resulted in a record of \$670.00 being made for the club. The raffle comprised three individual prizes, one being a Christmas cake, another a Christmas pudding and bottle of wine and thirdly a Christmas hamper.

The very lucky prize winners were **Peter Baume, Alison Calder** and **Jill & Rod Hendricks**. Thank you again Helen and Pat - it was much appreciated. **Judy**

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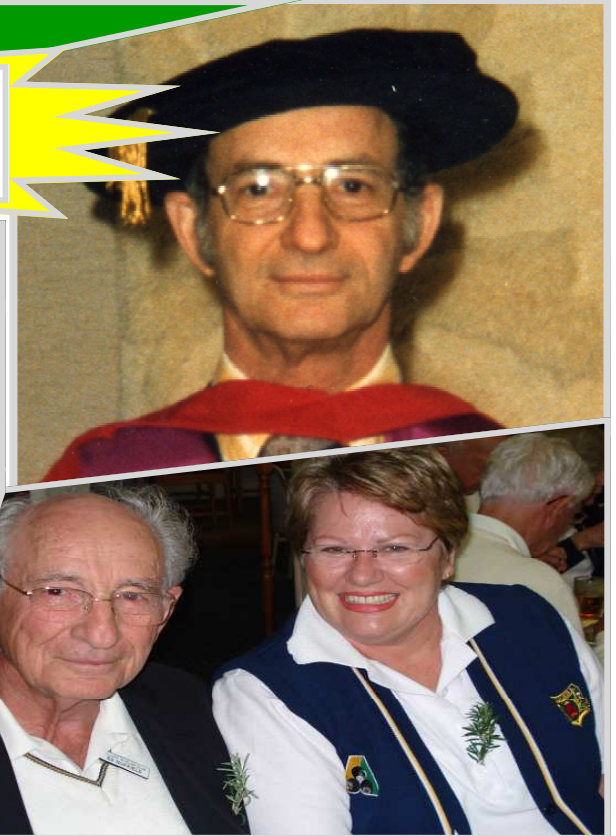
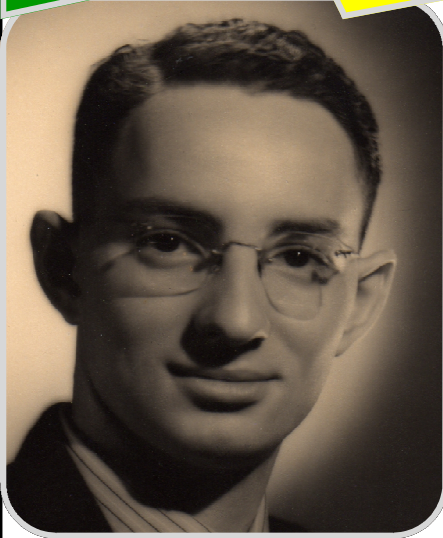
*We love a
good smile.*

**Michael Burns
Dental Prosthetist**



PROFILE

Ed Nuffield



Ed Nuffield saw his first light of day in Vienna in 1925. When Hitler marched into Austria in March 1938, Ed and his parents marched out – first into Italy, then Switzerland, then France, from whence they travelled to Sydney. As a result Ed's secondary education was bisected – between the German/Austrian and British/Australian systems.

The Christian Brothers at Rose Bay gave him a sound education and by the time Ed entered Medical School he could be considered a true Aussie. After graduating he worked at St. George District Hospital in the outpatient clinic where he observed that the majority of patients had "nothing organically wrong with them," and were regarded some colleagues as PSYCHOS or worse still, as Bludgers. So thinking "what's really wrong with them" Ed decided to be a psychiatrist.

After a brief spell at Orange he completed his psychiatric training at Concord where he learned a good deal about ex prisoners of war, alcoholism, heroic treatments of schizophrenia, and how to drink tea with milk but no sugar. In the meantime, Ed had become enamoured of a young lady called Marjorie, and they married in June 1953.

The next year the couple travelled to England where they lived in London for some two years. The English experience opened up desire to sub specialize in Child Psychiatry, a goal which could not be fulfilled in Sydney and which eventually led to Pittsburgh, USA in 1970,

Pittsburgh turned out to be the almost ideal place except for the weather (Brrr!). Ed and Marjorie were both well received and made some life long friends. But circumstances forced a return to Sydney in 1987.

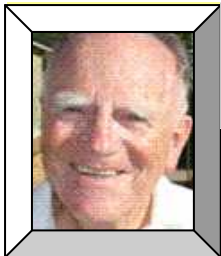
However re-entry into Sydney was not easy, especially for Marjorie, but was helped by Yoga for her and bowling for Ed.

Marjorie passed away in 2007 after a 54 year old partnership unfortunately without children.

Ed has bowled both sides of the world. He first started at Lane Cove then Pittsburgh and finally to KBC in 1994 where he has been a benefactor as well as a competitive and competent player.

In June 2008, Ed showed remarkable good judgement when he married a vivacious KWBC member known as Christine (Pip) Burke. Now they share bowling together as well as a love for travel, Wagner and *Der Ring des Nibelungen* in particular.





SELECTOR'S REPORT
Michael Tsolakis

As Chairman of the Selectors Committee I wish to dedicate this report to our late esteemed committee member, Ian Cameron-Smith. Ian's skills and knowledge of the game are clearly illustrated on the Killara Bowling

Club Champion Honour Boards where his many successes, including singles champion, are inscribed. Ian's input into all areas of the selection process, his contribution to the club on so many levels and his friendship over many years, will be sorely missed by all.

2012 Pennants:

Twenty nine (29) members nominated to play in the 2012 Pennant Competition with a further four (4) indicating a commitment to "reserve only" status.

Trial matches have been arranged against the following neighbouring clubs; Warrawee on Saturday 4th February, Turramurra on Saturday 18th February and St. Ives on Saturday 25th February. These trials will inform the selectors' decision when finalising teams to represent KBC in the 2012 Pennant Competition which commences on Saturday 3rd March.

The following provides an overview of the draw:-

Killara Grade 6 are drawn to play ten (10) rounds on a home and away draw against Belrose (2), Forestville, Willoughby Park, Seaforth and Mosman.

Killara Grade 7 are drawn to play ten (10) rounds (including two (2) byes), on a home and away draw against Newport, St. Ives,

Dee Why RSL (2) and Seaforth.

42nd Annual Cyril South Competition:

The fundamental aim in this competition, of three rinks triples, is to provide an opportunity for as many KBC members to play against the ten (10) invited clubs: Asquith, Balgowlah, Belrose, Gordon, Lindfield, Pittwater, St. Ives, Turramurra, Warrawee and West Pymble.

Twenty Five (25) members have nominated for this event with a further three (3) indicating Reserve Only status.

The same process for the selection of teams to represent KBC in the past four years was used once again to select teams for the 2012 series. The decision by the committee to continue with this system is based on the premise that it provides all members with the opportunity to play in at least three (3) matches and gain experience at this level (3-7 Grade) of competition.

74th Annual -Gissing Consistency Competition:

Thirty Nine (39) members have nominated for the 2012 event. We look forward to another year of high level competition that this event brings.

Friendly Matches:

The friendly match series is well attended as it provides KBC members with an opportunity to develop match experience in a relaxed and friendly environment. The matches this year will be held on:

(1) Wednesday 15th February Killara v Lindfield @ Killara (Fred Salisbury Painting Trophy)

(2) Wednesday 22nd February Killara v Warrawee @ Warrawee (Langker Painting Trophy)

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Saluting our Centenarian



Otto Herbst was born in the German port city of Hamburg on March 1 1912. His father ran a Forwarding & Commission Agency for ship's cargo and served in the Home Guard after the First World War. The family suffered hardship, existing on short rations and a starvation diet. Otto had two brothers and at play he spoke the Low German dialect.

He attended a government school, paying fees, and his first job in 1927 was with a local shipping agency. He was a member of a Youth Group and in 1934 Hitler ordered that it merge with the Brown Shirts but Otto declined to participate. He received no military training. His elder & younger brothers were both called up for military service, and fought in the Second World War.

In 1938 he joined the Head Office of the Hamburg America Line and he improved his oral English at the English Club. Soon after his boss told him he was to be sent to the firm's office in Batavia for further experience, but plans changed and he was posted instead to Australia. A forty two day voyage brought him to Port Pirie and he finally reached Melbourne in 1939 to work at the Agents of Hamburg America Line.

After only two weeks war broke out and, as a so called "enemy alien", Otto was interned and spent the war years in a Camp at Tatura in Victoria. He chose to undertake voluntary labour and worked cutting wood and as a mess steward, and in a quarry where he advanced to the position of Powder Monkey. He was paid on shilling a day for each job. A fellow internee grew strawberries and got into trouble when he was caught with sly grog he had made from strawberry juice. During his internment Otto was fortunate to have opportunity to study English with an outstanding teacher.

He was not released until 1947 when he was repatriated to Germany. He returned to his former employer in Hamburg and ran a ferry service to the North Friesian Islands. The Company had lost all its ships during the war. When he decided to return to Australia in 1951, he paid for his own passage and worked for a relative in a Heavy Engineering business for two years. He married Margaret Alfred whom he had met in Melbourne before his internment. He became a naturalized Australian on 5th August, 1958. They had a daughter, **Tracy**, but unfortunately he lost his wife after a serious illness in 1967, when Tracy was 7 years old.

When the Hamburg shipping company resumed its Australian trade, Otto was asked to rejoin them and he was appointed to a senior position in the offices of their Sydney Agents, Gilchrist, Watts and Sanderson, then the third oldest company in Australia. He was invited to the board in October 1968. This appointment was short lived with the introduction of container ships. Continental and British lines formed a joint service and Otto was appointed their Australian co-ordinator. He retired in October 1978.

In March 1969, Otto married **Margaret Olding**. They lived in the home they bought in Pymble and in 1984 decided to take up bowls and joined Killara Bowling Club. They moved to Lourdes in January 2000. They have been active members and players. **Otto is a familiar figure sitting in the Club House collecting payment from Members attending lunches and other events.** On the cusp of 100 years of age, he still plays an occasional short game on Sunday afternoons.

Lloyd Sommerlad

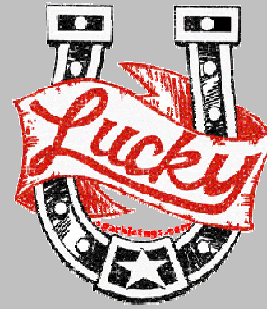


The Pay Master



INVITATION

The Executive invites members and friends to "cut the cake" and share refreshments with Otto and Margaret, at the clubhouse, between 4.30 and 5.30pm Wednesday, 29th February.



A man goes into the doctors feeling a little ill. The doctor checks him over and says, 'Sorry, I have some bad news, you have Yellow 24, a really nasty virus. It's called

Yellow 24 because it turns your blood yellow and you usually only have 24 hours to live. There's no known cure so just go home and enjoy your final precious moments on earth..'

So he trudges home to his wife and breaks the news. Distraught, she asks him to go to the bingo with her that evening as he's never been there with her before.

They arrive at the bingo and with his first card he gets four corners and wins \$100. Then, with the same card, he gets a line and wins \$500. Then he gets the full house and wins \$2000! Then the National Game comes up and he wins that too getting \$500,000!!

The bingo caller gets him up on stage and says, 'Son, I've been here 20 years and I've never seen anyone win four corners, a line, the full-house and the national game on the same card. You must be the luckiest man on Earth!'

'Lucky?' he screamed. 'Lucky? I'll have you know I've got Yellow 24 .' 'Blow me,' says the bingo caller. 'You've won the raffle as well !! *Ken Howard*



MELBOURNE CUP DAY



A tourist in Vienna is going through a graveyard and all of a sudden he hears music. No one is around, so he starts searching for the source. He finally locates the origin and finds it is coming from a grave with a headstone that reads "Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827". Then he realizes that the music is the Ninth Symphony and it is being played backward!

Puzzled, he leaves the graveyard and persuades a friend to return with him. By the time they arrive back at the grave, the music has changed. This time it is the Seventh Symphony, but like the previous piece, it is being played backward.

Curious, the men agree to consult a music scholar. When they return with the expert, the Fifth Symphony is playing, again backward. The expert notices that the symphonies are being played in the reverse order in which they were composed, the 9th, then the 7th, then the 5th.

By the next day the word has spread and a crowd has gathered around the grave. They are all listening to the Second Symphony being played backward. Just then the graveyard's caretaker ambles up to the group.

Someone in the group asks him if he has an explanation for the music. "I would have thought it was obvious" the caretaker says. "He's decomposing."



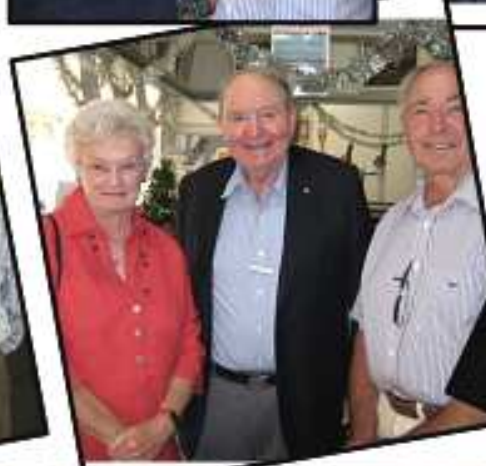
THE AGE OF INNOCENCE

I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds to an aged care centre. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mum, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

Jingling Bells at Christmas



LJ Hooker St Ives

BIG DAY TRIPLES

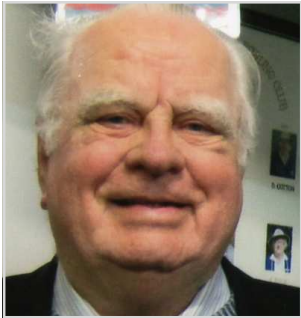
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Railroad tracks.

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4ft8.1/2 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates designed US railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used. Why did they use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they had used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts. So who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe, including England, for their legions. Those roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. Therefore the United States standard railroad gauge is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial



Roman war chariot.

Bureaucracies live forever...

So the next time you are handed a specification/procedure/process and wonder 'What horse's ass came up with this?' you may be exactly right. Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses. (Two horses' asses.)

Now, the twist to the story:

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but they had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site.

The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains, and the SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds. So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of two horses' asses. And you thought being a horse's ass wasn't important? Ancient horses' asses control almost everything.. and current Horses' Asses in government are controlling everything else !



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Here are some handy hints on how to make your home more attractive to potential buyers. Together with national exposure on our website, you are well on the way to a quick and satisfactory sale.

- Spring Clean** – Tidy up. Hold a garage sale. Get rid of anything you do not need.
- Light** – Light houses sell well. Open curtains, turn on lights before inspections.
- Fix Obvious faults**– Faults encourage buyers to look for more.
- Pets** – You love them... but maybe buyers will not. Keep them outside during inspections.
- Smells** – Cooking, pets, dampness and smoking can all give your house a nasty smell. Have carpets and curtains cleaned and open windows before inspections. Fresh air smells best.
- Kitchens and bathrooms**– are the most important rooms in the house. Squeaky clean they can help make a sale.
- First Impressions** – Check that your home looks attractive from the street or your agent may find it difficult to get buyers in the front door.
- Gardens** – Overgrown gardens give the impression of being too difficult to look after
- Outside** – Spruce up the exterior by washing down or repainting. Clean guttering, brush away leaves and cobwebs.
- Views**- Prune trees and shrubs if they are blocking your best views. Clean windows and screens add to the view.
- Homely touches** – Give buyers good feelings – fresh flowers on the table, jars of cookies in the kitchen. Buying is an emotional decision.
- Little things** – Fix all those “little things” – the loose door knob or the screen that will not close or that leaky tap.
- Cupboards** – Clean out cupboards. The less they have in them, the bigger they look – storage space is a definite selling feature.
- Temperature**– Welcome buyers with a warm home in winter and cool home in summer.



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