



KILLARA BOWLS NEWS : MARCH 2013

His cup runneth over OUR CLUB CHAMPION GODFREY BOWLES



Gof Bowles was the recipient of the inaugural **Ian Cameron-Smith Trophy** donated by member and former President, **Martin McMurray**, as a memorial to Ian, in the presence of Cameron-Smith Family, at the annual Prize Giving Day, 26th January. Comprising two magnificent silver cups on polished plinths, the smaller is the champion's permanent trophy; the larger an impressive inscribed memorial displayed at the Club.

More on this historic occasion on page 7.

STRENGTHENED SPONSORSHIPS

The Executive is pleased to advise we are entering this calendar year with the strongest sponsor programme for the last decade. We have been successful in renewing our valuable associations with **LJ Hooker St.Ives** and the **Lindfield Community Bank** and forming new partnerships with **Stockland's Lourdes Retirement Village** and **Guardian Funerals**.

Presidents **Elizabeth Dockulil** and **Tony Hodgson** presented the programme at the last Board meeting. Speaking for the Board Chairman **Ian Armstrong** said:-



"These sponsorships will bring in significant revenues and contribute to member's benefits for the coming year and with good stewardship and support from members, in the years ahead."

Member **Phil Johnson** and his St.Ives Real Estate organisation will continue to contribute to our **Thursday Big Day Triples** as well as our Carnivals. These are attracting excellent interest and participation from Northshore bowlers and even as far afield as North Sydney and St.John's Park.

Bendigo Bank support our clothing plan and our Carnivals. They are now the Club's bankers.

While **Lourdes** have been casual supporters in past years now they are part of the **Stockland Group** who have appointed **Mr. Robert McPherson**. We have agreed with Robert to present the outstanding attributes of Lourdes to our membership. As well as Carnivals, Lourdes will help us fund our **Melbourne Cup Day**.

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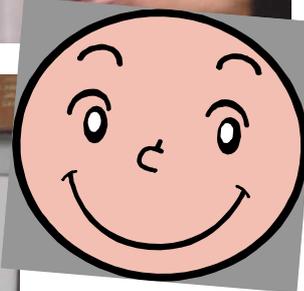


St Ives



BAREFOOT BOWLS

Continuing the growing popularity of bare-foot bowling, particularly in Christmas season, two (2) more functions followed on those reported in our last newsletter. Our official photographer was not on hand for the *Lady Davidson Soiree* but did capture some images from the *Escape Travel* evening. On the right is organiser and Club sponsor *Warwick Ombler*.



Our club is well equipped for functions and presentations and the revenue is important to our financial health.



KWBC President's Platform

Elizabeth Dokulil



This year started with hot weather interspersed by rain. The result has been that the Handicap Pairs have still one more round to go. Hopefully this will be played on Friday 22 February.

The next competition has been the Killara Women's Bowling Club Fours Championship. Unfortunately there were only two rounds played and the winners were **Jean Brierley** as skip, ably assisted by **Alice Burton, Shirley Melzer** and **Val Newlands**. The Runners Up were **Elizabeth Dokulil** with **Barbara Cotton, Livia Geniale** and **Marie Conner**. It's good to see that some different names will go up in gold on the Board.

The Club sent a team to play in the District Senior Fours Championship. The team did their best but came up against a better one. However it's good to compete with other clubs in the district, as too often one feels on top of their game when just playing within one's club, which is actually not the case.

A birthday celebration was given to our Patron **Helen Clarke** on 19 February. She is now a nonagenarian and is still very much part of our club. I recently read about Old Folks Sans Frontiers who have given up trying to understand the world. They do not believe the news and do not accept the definitions by which the world is described. In other words they have climbed the walls and escaped. Basically they don't get it and think all is mad. What do they do? Good question.

A lot of them just shrug, others laugh and roll their eyes, some shake their heads and smile peacefully. Helen does none of the above, she is still very much part of the club and always willing to lend a hand. We salute her.

There has been much discussion about the uniform. Now one can wear all sorts of colours with both shirts and trousers, even to the extent of coloured shoe laces, so long as they have the logo. I feel it's like the day when coloured bowls came into being, it made a difference on the green to have such a myriad of colour. Today only Wimbledon insists on just white and I feel it too will one day change.

Ian Armstrong our President asked me recently to write down my job description.

The list goes something like this.

Answer the phone the night before from members, write up notices to be read out in my diary, check my E-Mails and then arrive early on the day. Enquire re greens with James, unlock doors and the office, check with the selectors for any problems,

head to the toilets, pull up the blinds, check toilet paper and gaze at the quiet of the tennis club next door. Well done Sue you have destroyed the wasps' nests.

Downstairs and into the kitchen, roll up blinds on route, switch on lights and put out the lunch list including a pen that works. Exchange pleasantries with Reuben, it's always good to keep on side with staff, and then collect the mail if **Elizabeth Bold** hasn't got to it first. Get out my bowls and check my locker for messages. Oh dear, Board Meeting this Saturday, that means a report, and Finance Meeting the following week. Chivvy the selectors to be ready to read the cards, sit down, yes sit down and collect my thoughts to greet all as they arrive.

Bang the bell to try and get my flock together, give out the notices and take a deep breath for now comes the hard part, getting all out on the green and playing by 9.30am. I've caused mayhem this year by asking we start at 9am in February, because by the time we get off the green it is really hot and heat plus age to do not make good companions. We have yet to start playing by 9am. Make sure water containers are full and out on the seats with cups. As play continues my mind wanders and I think, did I remind everyone about writing down their lunch orders, what's in the fridge for dinner tonight, when is the next Delegates' Meeting, what was the announcement I forgot, when is the next committee meeting, Bob needs my copy, and, and, and ... the list goes on. Next, the day is over and I can relax until the next phone call.

Well Ian I think for my job description you should put down General Factotum, maid of all works and master of none. I rest my case.

Elizabeth

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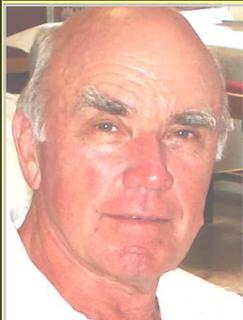
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: IAN ARMSTRONG



Since my last report we have had two successful social functions even though the attendances were not as large as we have seen in passed years. The St. Andrews night attendance was 47 and the Christmas cocktail party was enjoyed by 36. The Christmas function probably suffered as the date was changed at the

last moment to avoid a clash with another function. We thank **Judy McLeod** and **Sue Cleary** for all their work in organising these functions. We will continue to monitor attendance at these events as it is unprofitable to put them on unless there is a reasonable attendance.

Thanks to **Rod Henriks** we are pleased that KuRingGai Council has set aside an area on Arnold Street, adjacent to our gate, as 4 hour restricted parking for a trial period. This is very helpful for our Wednesday and Thursday bowls days and the Bridge and Probus groups that hire our clubhouse.

The Board together with the Finance Committee have been reviewing all our expenditure as part of a necessary process to protect the Club's assets. In the current environment it is vital that we maximise income and minimise our out goings. As stated previously we must all do our part in encouraging new members to join our club and in using our greens and clubhouse facilities as often as we can. With this in mind, **Ian Calder** and **Don Reade** have been seeking grants from various government instrumentalities for small items of capital expenditure, but as yet have not had a result.

On the other hand we have been successful in strengthening our sponsorships with both renewals and new relationships. These will bring in significant revenues and contribute to member's benefits. These deserve 'Front Page' treatment!

Sponsorships are a 'win-win' relationship. We ask you to support them.

Enjoy your bowling.

Ian Armstrong



7 wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics. They tested positive for WD40

2 Indian junkies accidentally snorted curry powder instead of cocaine . Both in hospital...one's in a korma.. The other's got a dodgy tikka!



COACHING CO-ORDINATOR

David Hunt

In December 2012 the coaching panel adopted the 'bowl drawing skill test' introduced by **Michael Beaumont**, Sports Development

Manager of Bowls New South Wales.

All pennants players were asked to undertake the exercise and submit one scorecard by 16 January 2013 and another by 6 February 2013.

Most players have completed the first sheet but we are still awaiting a second sheet from a number of the players.

Subject to results, the coaches will discuss with selectors and offer one-to-one coaching to players if required.

Michael Beaumont has offered to demonstrate how to practice on-shots and drives and will attend the club at **10.30 am on Wednesday 27 March 2013.**

All penance players should be in attendance *including the women's penance players and the Under 5's* and any other men and women club members interested.

David

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KBC President's Platform : Tony Hodgson

New KBC By-Laws



In a new initiative for KBC, all members have been invited to attend a **Special General Meeting at 11am on Saturday 23 March 2013** to consider and adopt new KBC By-Laws to replace the existing Constitution. The new By-Laws are displayed on the main notice-board.

Your Management Committee has met and unanimously agreed that the old Constitution of KBC dated 29 August 1987 requires review to ensure that the new By-Laws meet present requirements.

John Brodie took on the task of drafting the new By-Laws using, in part, a model Men's Bowling Club Constitution provided by the Royal NSWBA. John liaised with **Michael Beaumont** from the Royal. Michael's major suggestion which has been incorporated in the By-Laws is the appointment each year of three selectors by the KBC Management Committee. This is in line with the majority of Zone 9 Clubs. Nominations will be sought at the end of the Pennants Season (as usual) and there will therefore be no need for a Special General Meeting each May. Other members who have assisted John with input into the preparation of the By-Laws are **Dale McBean, Ian Calder, Warwick Druce** and **Elizabeth Calnan**, who provided legal advice. Thank you to all for your invaluable assistance. So please attend on Saturday 23 March. We need a quorum of 20 members who are entitled to vote.

The Annual Prize-giving and Bob Sinclair Place of Origin Match

This function was held on Saturday 26 January in fine weather. **Judith, Pam and Fiona Cameron-Smith** attended the BBQ lunch and the inaugural presentation of the **Ian Cameron-Smith Memorial Trophy** to the winner of the Men's Single Championship, **Gof Bowles**. This trophy was kindly donated by our member, **Martin McMurray**. **Pat Sinclair** also attended the lunch. The bowls were won by Sydney, 108 points to The Rest 87 points. Thank you to **David Warren** for looking after the cooking, ably assisted by **Sue Cleary** and helpers.

Good bowling,
Tony

Get well John Baker!



John, seen here in better times with BBQ Maestro **David Warren**, has hit a rough patch and seems to be heading for surgery on his hip. Indeed, his wife **Margaret** has also had problems but is now recovering after successful dental surgery. Get back John, David needs you to get him another beer!

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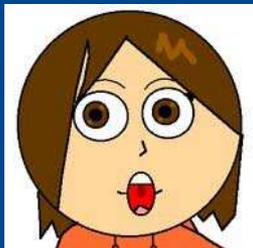
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An old woman was asked, "At your ripe age, what would you prefer to get, Parkinson's or Alzheimer?" The wise lady answered, "Definitely Parkinson's, better to spill half my wine than to forget where I keep the bottle."



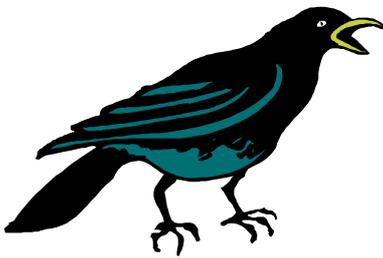
Scottish woman went to the local newspaper office to publish the obituary for her recently deceased husband. The obit editor informed her that there is a charge of 50 cents per word.

She paused, reflected, and then said, "Well then, let it read, "Angus MacPherson died."

Amused at the woman's thrift, the editor told her that there is a seven word minimum for all obituaries.

She thought it over and in a few seconds said, "In that case, let it read....."

"Angus MacPherson died. Golf clubs for sale."



Dead Crows require Government Study

Nearly 200 dead crows were recently found near Northam in West Australia and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu (to everyone's relief). However, he determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, and only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

The Federal Government then hired an bird behaviourist to determine the disproportionate percentages for truck versus car kills. She decided the cause, her report saying: When crows eat road kill, they always set-up a look-out crow in nearby tree to warn of impending danger.

Her conclusion was that the lookout crow could say "Cah" but, could not say "Truck."

I recently visited a new doctor for a thorough check. After two visits and exhaustive lab tests, he said I was doing 'fairly well' for my age. A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, 'Do you think I'll live to be 80?'



He asked, 'Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer, wine or hard liquor?' 'Oh no,' I replied. 'I'm not doing drugs, either!'

Then he asked, 'Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?' I said, 'Not much... My former doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy!'

'Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, boating, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?' 'No, I don't,' I said.

He asked, 'Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have lots of love?' 'No,' I said...

He looked at me and said, 'Then, why do you even give a care?'

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Assistant Bowls Secretary Don Buddee Reports

This year the Prize Giving Day was a very busy affair as it combined the inaugural presentation of the Ian Cameron-Smith Trophy AND a **Bob Sinclair's Place of Origin** match! A good BBQ lunch and good bowls.
 This year's Trophy winner are in the table adjacent. As you can see **Gof Bowles** had a good year with **Warwick Druce** skipping the large team events to victory. Enjoy the picture report.

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Major Singles	G Bowles	T Hodgson
Minor Singles	J Thomas	J Rayner
Gissing	B Shirvington	D Reade
Major Pairs	A Krust G Bowles	K Shelly-Jones D Cozens
Minor Pairs	H Cooper D Reade	J Rayner J Brodie
Club Pairs	A Vine G Bowles	J Armitage R Henriks
Triples Championship	D McBean K Howard WF Druce	B Shirvington J Zazulak J Orton
Fours Championship	B York D McBean K Howard WF Druce	E O'Donnell J Zazulak R Edwards D Warren
Cyril South Trophy	Balgowlah	Turramurra



Donor Martin McMurray holds his Presentation Cup.



From the left, special guests of the Cameron-Smith family, Daughter **Fiona**, Mother **Judith** and Wife **Pam**. Above, **Pat Sinclair**, a member for 25 years, always attends Place of Origin, a competition devised by her Husband and former President, **Bob**.



Minor Pairs winners, Harvey Cooper and Don Reade. Arthur Krust chose a formidable partner this year. More on page 9.



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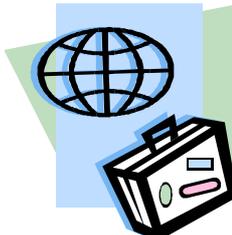
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Good advice from our Friend and Major Sponsor . . .

Colour My Home for 2013

According to Dulux's expert colour forecaster Andrea Lucena-Orr, the top colours for 2013 will feature deep blues, paprika and tonal shades reflecting natural and raw materials with very soft taupes, beiges and neutrals.



Interior designer Dana Tomic Hughes predicts that colour blocking using three or four shades at a time will be a key driver of how colour is used in our homes over the next 12-18 months.

Landscaper Daniel Tyrell believes one of the biggest movements is the use of colour outside the home. The trend in garden walls and fences will be to lighter colours with natural whites and selected greys.

Something to think about...

Residential property was the highest returning asset over the past 24 years, according to new research by the Australian Property Research team at ANZ.

The report, "Asset Returns: Past, Present and Future" shows that even when costs and taxes were factored in, owner occupied housing generated the highest average annual total returns (12.0 per cent), followed by investor housing (9.6 per cent) and equities (8.9 per cent)

What impact does good quality marketing have on selling my home...

Good marketing is essential to selling property especially in the current tight market.

Press and online advertising, good photography, a standout signboard as well as the presentation and price of your property are all part of your marketing strategy- get these right and your property has the best chance of selling and achieving your price expectations and timeframes.

A tip to marketing well is to look at competing properties in your price range and area and determine with your agent your property's point of difference- this can then be highlighted in the marketing material and help guide the marketing mediums your agent uses for your property.

I would venture to say that very few would have more knowledge on what marketing works in this area. We are a good place to start.



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But what do I get out of it?

This article is adapted from the online newsletter written by Michael Beaumont.

I am often asked by bowlers to justify their fees. The statement usually goes something like this, "I've been bowling for 20 years and every year I pay my fees to the Bloody Royal and what do I get out of it? I don't feel like I ever get my moneys worth out of it. Please explain"

As an association, we have an array of compliance costs such as legal, accounting, training, staff etc, (none of which are reducing in spite of the eagle eye of our accountant.)

While very little of the \$44 dollars a year goes toward the costs of assembling, coaching and managing our state team, some of it surely does. In addition, we run programs for disability bowls, for coaching, for officials in addition to school and junior programs. All of which come out of the \$44 a year that you pay. The magazine (10 editions a year) comes out of the fee of course as well as the fee we pay to Bowls Australia and to World Bowls.

When you ring the office and someone answers the phone, that persons wage comes out of the \$44 too. It costs the association money to have a phone, a photocopier, a website, an office. In addition to the above, we also work with the State Govt and other stakeholders (about 50 of them) to try to improve the profile of our sport and to ensure that we are not lagging behind other sports in compliance matters. We sit on advisory panels, on boards, and are members of other organisations like the NSW Sports Federation, which in turn provides inexpensive cross funded training opportunities for all bowlers and particularly administrators. That is a long winded explanation, though it does not come close to covering everything.

In any event, I think you now have a better idea of where the money goes.

Michael Beaumont
RNSWBA Development Manager



Rod Henriks
Hon. Coy. Secretary

SAFETY AROUND THE GREEN

In the first lesson of learning lawn bowls, Coaches instruct new bowlers on the following safety rules of the game:-

Never walk backwards when on the green.

Step onto the green with care to avoid the ditch, plinth, and all markers such as the rink number and boundary pegs.

Move bowls with the underside of the shoe; do not use hands for this purpose.

Always stop the bowl with the underside of the shoe.

Take care of rink pegs when bending to pick up a bowl located in the ditch.

Avoid licking fingers for a better grip as insecticides and herbicides used on the green can be ingested.

Store bowls bags and other items well clear of the path alongside the green.

Seats are for bottoms—not bags!

Always wear a suitable hat and use sunscreen to avoid sunburn.

Keep up the intake of fluid when playing. Water is recommended, avoid alcohol.

CLUB PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Accidents however can happen, and is why Killara Bowling Club holds **Personal Injury Insurance** for all financial bowling members. It forms part of the Club's Member Annual Subscription payment, and cover is whilst playing (or practicing) bowls at Killara (or other clubs Australia wide). Should any member suffer a serious bodily injury resulting from an accident while playing bowls, details of our Member Personal Accident Insurance Plan are available from the Club Secretary.

Additionally, the Club maintains an **Accident Incident Register** – held with **Sue Cleary**. Should any member, whether in the capacity of bowling or as a voluntary worker, suffer a serious bodily injury from an accident, it is important the incident is recorded within the register. At times the individual may not be in a position to inform Sue of the incident, and in these cases it is imperative other members let Sue know of the incident for recording together with providing some detail.

Safe Bowling!
Rod



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All of these major sponsors are good companies, with sound and professional standards. They support our Club with the reasonable expectation that should any of us need the services they provide, they will be front-of-mind.

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LOVE THE IRISH

"Your glass is empty O'Flaherty, will you be having another?" "And why would I be wanting two empty glasses?" replied O'Flaherty.

Murphy arrived home late from the pub, well oiled and ready for trouble. "Is that you Murphy?" called his wife. "Byjasis! It damned well better be!"

Two tough union men were working on a building site when Murphy fell from the second floor scaffolding.

"Are ya dead?" cried Gallagher from above.

"To be sure I am," replied Murphy.

"You are such a liar Murphy that I don't know whether to believe you or not!" called Gallagher.

"That proves I'm dead," said Murphy's voice from the rubble below, "because if I was alive you wouldn't be game to call me a liar!"

Dublin's contestant in an international quiz was waiting for his first question. "First, what's your name and occupation?" The compere asked.

"Pass", came the reply.



A group of 15 year old boys discussed where they should meet for a meal. They chose the hamburger shop next to the Ocean View restaurant because they only had \$6.00 between them and they could ride their bikes there.

Ten years later, the group of 25 year olds discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed the Ocean View Restaurant because the beer was cheap, they had free snacks, the band was good, and there were lots of cute girls.

Ten years later, at 35, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. They chose the Ocean View because



the booze was good, it was right near the gym and if they went late enough, there wouldn't be too many whiny little kids.

Ten years later, the group once again discussed where they

should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View because the martinis were big, and the waitresses were nice and wore tight outfits.

Ten years later, at 55 years of age, the group again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed the Ocean View because the prices were reasonable, the wine list was good and fish is good for your cholesterol.

Ten years later, at 65, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. They agreed the Ocean View because the lighting was good and they have an early bird special.

At 75 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed at the Ocean View because the food was not too spicy, and the restaurant was handicapped accessible.

Ten years later, at 85 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they had never been there before.

Paddy was coming through the customs at the airport carrying a large bottle. "What have you there?" said a suspicious customs officer. "Tis Lourdes holy water. I am bringing it home with me", said Paddy.

The officer took the bottle and tried some. " Why it's Irish whiskey." ! he spluttered. "Lord bless me." said Paddy, "another bloomin` miracle."

On his way home one night, Paddy dropped into the pub. The barman poured him a beer and asked if he wanted to be in a raffle. "What's it for?" asked Paddy. "It's for a poor widow with 13 kids." said the barman. Paddy shook his head, "No good for me. I'd never be able to keep them."

And ... a final insult ...

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.



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