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MICHAEL OSBORNE DEVENISH-MEARES 12.5.30—17.7.14 Member 12 Yrs



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KILLARA MAKES IT 2 IN A ROW!

After winning the **Jack Harkness Trophy Fours Invitational** at Mosman Bowling Club in 2013, the team has backed up in 2014 and successfully defended their title.

16 teams, graded 6's and 7's, were invited by the Mosman Club to compete in this knockout tournament. The Killara team successfully made it through the 4 rounds to win the title again. The rounds were all affected by rain but Killara handled the heavy conditions the best. The final went down to the wire with Killara leading by one shot after the 20th end but ultimately picked up a four on the last end to win the match by 5 shots.

The side comprising of *Ken Howard* (lead), *Don Reade* (second), *Dale McBean* (third) and *Warwick Druce* (skip) was ably supported throughout the tournament by reserves *Gof Bowls* and *Rick Edwards* (1 match each) and *Bruce York* (2 matches).

The Mosman Club were wonderful hosts providing a sausage sizzle before each round followed by scones, jam and cream at afternoon tea. All this adds to a convivial and friendly atmosphere for tournament. Killara are looking forward to competing in 2015.

Ken Howard

Bendigo Bank

Photograph -Names left to right: Dale McBean, Ken Howard, Don Reade, Virginia Howard (Director Bendigo Bank), Warwick Druce (holding trophy), John Nelson (Chairman Bendigo Bank), Harry Evans (President Mosman Bowling Club)



GRANT #3 The Dynamic Duo, Don Reade & Ian Calder, have done it yet again.!



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

attended for being present.

Geoff Leppinus, who had been correctly nominated by Brodie is currently obtaining quotations for its replace-The Board for the following year is:

Chairman J.D. McBean Vice-Chairman Mrs. J. Halliday Vice Chairman D. Buddee D. Reade Treasurer Secretary Mrs. E. Calnan J. Brodie Director Director R. Henriks Director T. Hodason Director G. Leppinus



Mrs. E.H. Calnan

COY. SECRETARY

Judy McLeod has been an extremely valuable member of the

Board for the last 4 years and did not seek re-nomination without whose help we would be lost. Thanks also to for personal reasons. Both her sensible contributions and **Rick Edwards** for arranging and his volunteers for pargenerous smile will be missed from the meetings. How- ticipating in the Open Day, which also was a great sucever, she is our "party girl" and has been responsible with cess. During the day 32 people registered their interest in Warwick Druce and Christine Burke for organising all playing and perhaps joining our Club. The coaches have our social functions with great success. The result being been working hard with a number of the attendees since increased numbers in attendance. Fortunately for the that day and already have achieved significant results. Board and Club, I am pleased to report that Judy will con- I am sad to report that since our last Newsletter we have tinue in this role but not as a Board member.

I would like to mention one area of concern I raised in my They will all be sadly missed. short address.

This year the Club's deficit was \$33,535. This was not ber of new members recently, 7 in the last 2 months, and due in any way to mismanagement but was simply the it is pleasing to see them participating and playing well. I result of increased costs and a fall in income from both am sure you will enjoy their company. investments and playing numbers. The Treasurer has Good bowling and best wishes for the year ahead. also forecast that next year's deficit could be of the same order or greater if our overall income does not substantially improve. Whilst our reserves are substantial they are also limited and could possibly run out some time in the future if the current trend continues. As a result of this position the Board is preparing a Strategic Plan which will include how changes might be made to increase both our membership and income and what we can do to try and make sure that the Club survives. You must all remember that it is illegal for a business to continue to trade if it is insolvent and therefore some hard decisions have to be made in the next 2 or 3 years so that steps can be put in place to stop this from occurring.

When the draft Strategic Plan, (expected before the end

of this year) has been approved by the Board, it will be distributed to all members for their consideration and further input before being finalised.

I am very pleased to advise that *Elizabeth Dokulil* has The Annual General Meeting of the volunteered her services as a replacement for the late KBC Ltd. was held on the 11th of Lloyd Sommerlad and will be our archivist and historian. October and I thank all those who Elizabeth will research and update the previous 90 year History and have it ready for our Centenary in 2016.

Except for one Director, **Judy** There is one important maintenance item that is urgently **McLeod**, the other existing Direc- needed and that is the replacement of the metal sheeted tors stood for re-election and were roof above the old part of the Clubhouse. The present duly elected as they were un-opposed. A new Director, roof leaks guite severely in a number of places and John the due date was also elected un-opposed. At a subse- ment. The new stairs are a great success, wider, safer quent meeting of the Board the Secretary was appointed. and easier to walk up with a bowls bag, and together with the generous donation of a drinking fountain are a great improvement. The next replacement will be the sunshades on the south side of Green No. 1. A second drinking fountain is also to be installed on the pathway outside the roll-up room to serve No's 2 and 3 greens although we may still take water bottles to No. 3 green to assist those who don't want to walk up and down the ramp. These projects are being carried out following the hard work of Don Reade and Ian Calder who have managed to obtain Government grants to defray all or part of their costs.

The Spring Carnival drew a full house of 96 players and was a huge success. Well done and thanks to all the volunteers and especially to **David Martin** and **Bob Hill**

lost 4 more members of our Club, Mick Devenish-For those members who were not able to attend the AGM Meares, Johno Orton, Barry Moore and Peter Kohler.

We have been fortunate to accept and welcome a num-

Dale McBean



When the husband finally died his wife put the usual death notice in the paper, but added that he died of Gonorrhea.

No sooner were the papers delivered when a friend of the family phoned and complained bitterly, 'You know very well that he died of

Diarrhea, not Gonorrhea.'

Replied the widow, 'I nursed him night and day so of course I know he died of diarrhea, but I thought it would be better for posterity to remember him as a great lover rather than the big s-t he always was.'



PRESIDENT Julie Halliday

We are delighted that *Helen Astridge, Val Riley, Jan Stanwell, Chris Stevens* and *Celia Zhu* have joined our Club since our Open Day

and they have already participated in competitions conducted by either KWBC or KBC. Our new player, Celia, had success recently in the final of the Mixed Triples Competition and our congratulations extend to her for her wonderful ability on the day.

We held our 36th Birthday party this month with fortyone KWBC members attending the luncheon. It was a very enjoyable day of bowls and cards with a Bring -a-Plate Luncheon and it was wonderful to see so many members enjoy the occasion. You may be interested to know that in that important year of 1978-79 there were only two internal competitions held for

the KWBC members – namely the Major Singles and the Minor Singles.

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We have had a busy year on the bowling greens at inter-club events and the KWBC internal competitions are drawing to a close for 2014. Very soon we shall be preparing ourselves for selection in next year's Pennant team. Much practice will be necessary in the next few months and **Barbara Cotton**, our committee member, and I shall be organising sessions on Friday mornings. I believe it is mandatory for everyone who wishes to play pennants to participate in the 40-bowl test submitting at least three cards.

A number of women members have assisted **Judy McLeod** in the preparation of her social activities for the Board. We thank them profusely for the time spent at the Club-house both before and during the functions. Congratulations Judy for your continued success with the help of those KWBC women! Enjoy your practice sessions!

Julíe



HOME INSTEAD

have produced another excellent guide to living safe and sound at home. This publication complements their Home Care Solutions Guide. Both of these informa-

tive booklets are available at the club now.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Club Dinner listed for 21st November has been cancelled for logistical reasons. It will be on the agenda for 2015.

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PRESIDENT Don Buddee

ENT Our Open Day was Idee held on Sunday 14th September. The preparations for the

day were made by *Rick Edwards* who spent countless hours updating banners, distributing brochures and organising activities on the day. There were many members supporting Rick in his

endeavours, however, Rick's efforts were outstanding as has been the case in prior years. We recorded 32 starters on the day and a 50% conversion would be a great result.

Our Spring Carnival was held on 22nd September with a "full" house of 16 rinks in play with 96 players. Thanks again to all members who gave their support and special thanks to our Convenor **David Martin** and **Bob Hill**. The day was a great success.

The Langker Painting Trophy was contested by Warrawee on 8th October with Warrawee successful. Our AGM was held on 18th October. It pleases me to

report that all our Committee members renominated for their positions for another year.

The **Bob Sinclair Memorial Place of Origin** was played on 18th October with *Pat Sinclair* in attendance. The day was won by "The Rest".

Our team was successful in retaining the Jack Harkness Trophy for the second year in a row. A great win in this prestigious event.

The Pennant Season Approaches

With our Centenary year approaching this occasion would be considerably enhanced if we could win a Pennant competition.

To do this requires:-

- A pool of competent players. To support two Pennant sides (24 players) we must have a minimum of 30+ players available for Pennant selections. This has proved to be an problem with our members who enjoy travelling or pursuing other interests. It would be desirable if players could organise their travel plans and social arrangements around the Pennant calendar.
- 2. Players chosen to play Pennants will be required to attend training sessions. This would include the submission of "40-bowl test" cards.
- 3. The selection of teams will require that we select the "Best Possible.

Our pleasure in participating in the game is enhanced by visiting and competing against other Clubs.

Our strength and reputation as a Bowling Club will be recognised by having competent and successful Pennant teams.

We must have a stream of bowlers to take the place of our senior players in the future.

Good Bowling, Don



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UMPIRES AND COACHES. This is a way to make a valuable contribution to your club. If you can assist please speak to your club President Don Buddee or Julie Halliday.



Cally, a blonde city girl, marries a Cornish dairy farmer. One morning, on his way out to check on the cows, farmer John says to Cally, 'The insemination man is coming over to impregnate one of

our cows today. I drove a nail into the rail above the cow's stall in the barn. You show him where the cow is when he gets here, OK?'

So then the farmer leaves for the fields. After a while, the insemination man arrives and knocks on the front door.

Cally takes him down to the barn. They walk along the row of cows and when she sees the nail, she tells him, 'This is the one...right here.' Terribly impressed by what he seemed to think just might be another dizzy blonde, the man asks,

'Tell me lady, how did you know this is the cow to be bred?'

'That's simple; by the nail over its stall', Cally explains very confidently.

Then the man asks, 'What's the nail for?' She turns and starts to walk away and with complete confidence, says over her shoulder, 'I assume it's to hang your trousers on.'

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KBC CENTENARY REFURBISHMENT FUND PROGRESS REPORT

Bulletin No.4 October 2014

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NEVER TICK OFF A NURSE

A big shot attorney had to spend time in the hospital. He was a royal pain to the nurses because he bossed them around just like he did his staff. The Matron was the only one who could stand up to him.

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She came into his room and announced, 'I have to take your temperature.' After complaining for

several minutes, he finally settled down, crossed his arms and opened his mouth.

'No, I'm sorry,' Matron stated, 'but for this reading, I can't use an oral thermometer.' This started another round of complaining but eventually he rolled over and bared his behind.

After feeling the nurse insert the thermometer, he heard her announce, 'I have to get something. Now you stay JUST LIKE THAT until I get back!'

She left the door to his room open on her way out. He cursed under his breath as he heard people walking past his door, laughing. After a half hour, the man's doctor came into the room. 'What's going on here?' asked the doctor.

Angrily, the man answered, 'What's the matter, Doc? Haven't you ever seen someone having their temperature taken?' After a pause, the doctor confessed.....

'Not with a carnation.'

Dear Mr. Centre Link,

My name is Mohammed Reza and I live in Auburn and I would like to present before you the following story.



Many years ago, I married a widow out of love who had an 18-year-old daughter. After the wedding, my father, a widower, came to visit a number of times, and he fell in love with my step-daughter. My father eventually married her without my authorization.

As a result, my step-daughter legally became my step-mother and my father my son-in-law.

My father's wife (also my step-daughter) and my step-mother, gave birth to a son who is my grandchild because I am the husband of my step-

daughter's mother. This boy is also my brother, as the son of my father. As you can see, my wife became a grandmother, because she is the mother of my fa-

ther's wife. Therefore, it appears that I am also my wife's grandchild. A short time after these events, my wife gave birth to a son, who became my father's

brother-in-law, the step-son of my father's wife, and my uncle.

My son is also my step-mother's brother, and through my step-mother, my wife has become a grandmother and I have become my own grandfather.

In light of the above mentioned, I would like to know the following:

Does my son, who is also my uncle, my father's son-in-law, and my step-mother's brother fulfil the requirements for receiving childcare benefits from Centre Link? Sincerely yours,

Mohammed.

An Irishman was terribly overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks." The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 5 pounds."

When the Irishman returned, he shocked the doctor by having lost nearly 60 pounds!"Why, that's amazing!" the doctor said. "Did you follow my instructions?"

The Irishman nodded......."I'll tell you though, by jaesuz,

I taut I were going to drop dead dat 3rd day."

"From hunger you mean?"

"No, from de bloody skippin' !!!"



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Shinds 60th Birthday Party

SOON AFTER OUR LAST NEWSLETTER WENT TO PRESS, BRIAN SHIRVINGTON FILLED OUR CLUBHOUSE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A MEMORABLE PARTY.

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der, a grant of \$18,634 was received from the New South Wales government under its Community Building Partnership Program for the replacement of the staircase to our Graham Firth green. This project managed by the Property Committee (*John Brodie* Chairman) has been completed within budget. The result . . .





The approach and landing of the new staircase is significantly wider allowing bowlers to carry bowls bags much more conveniently and safely.

NOTE: On the landing (see inset), is a new water fountain donated to the club by *John and Lorraine Raynor* as their contribution to the KBC Centenary Refurbishment Fund. *Marvellous!*

Furthermore, the stairs were built by John's son, Stephen, of Stream Constructions Pty. Ltd. A great club and family effort.

FUNCTIONS ORGANISER Judy McLeod

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT 23 AUGUST

Thanks to **Don Reade** the Trivia Night finally eventuated and was enjoyed by 86 members, their families and friends.

Warwick and I were very lucky to have *Shirvo* volunteer for our first ever Family Trivia Night because as those of you who were there know, he conducted the night very professionally. We appreciate all the work he did in preparation as well as at the function. Having a cross generational event proved very popular from all points of view; the children enjoyed being out with their parents often knowing more answers! It was a lovely family atmosphere with many have indicating they would come again and with more friends. So It appears we will have to consider holding Trivia Nights more often.

My only suggestion would be we promote light food sales at the bar rather than bringing a picnic. At least 50% had had dinner before they came which had been my intention.

Financially we made a profit of in the vicinity of \$1,300 .00 (Pictures page 13)

FOUNDATION DAY DINNER 19 SEPTEMBER



We had a really happy evening once again enjoying our 98th Foundation Dinner which means there is only one more before the big one in 2016 to celebrate our Centenary! Success is due yet again to *Sue Cleary*, *Dale McBean* and *Christine Burke* for their individual and brilliant contributions. We are all as always, impressed with the meals Sue



produces from her kitchen. I for one don't know how she does it! Many thanks as well to **Elspeth Muirhead**, **Lorraine Rainer** and all the other willing helpers in the kitchen and dining room. I would like to specially mention **Celia**, a new member who also offered her assistance. **Elizabeth Calnan** did a wonderful job extracting money from everyone for the raffle so all that effort was greatly appreciated. Entertainment was provided by **Jeff Rodgers** who strummed and sang numbers from the 1960's so



there was quite a bit of nostalgia and well as a sing along for some of the favourite songs.

Dale as M.C. spoke of the very early beginnings of the K.B.C.in October 1916 which we found was very interesting as the land was apparently too low and sloping for residential buildings but suitable for recreation hence the two clubs which now stand on that land. Lucky us.



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Our next event will be the **Melbourne Cup Bowls** and Lunch on the first Tuesday in November so I look forward to seeing many of you there.







MICHAEL OSBORNE DEVENISH-MEARES 12.5.30—17.7.14 Member 12 Yrs

Mick was born in 1930, the elder son of Stuart Osborne Devenish Meares, a landholder at Hannals Bridge near Coolah. It was in the depths of the depression. With his

younger brothers, Leycester and Dennis (known as Nugget), he went to a 10 to 12 pupil, one teacher school nearby. All the pupils were barefoot. Initially they rode to school bare back but later they went by sulky always driven by Mick, picking up the teacher on the way.

Mick and his brothers were allowed to run free – their mother said that as long as they were having fun nothing else mattered. With boundless exercise and a sound diet of gruel with molasses and milk and with ample protein, mainly rabbit, they had a healthy life and all grew to be energetic vigorous strapping boys. Mick often talked about his early days in the bush.

When Mick was about nine years old his family were forced to leave the property and travel to Sydney with just the clothes they stood up in. They attended Lady Hayes Public School but after the Japanese shelled Sydney they moved to Leura. As they grew up they became hard to handle and the family decided to send the boys as boarders to Shore. Mick loved life at Shore and sometimes preferred to spend weekends at school, playing sports, rather than going home. If anyone was being bullied Mick took care to sort the problem out. He was big and strong and hated to see anyone unfairly treated. After school Mick obtained an apprenticeship with Hughes & Co. Builders, where a fellow apprentice was Snow Richards. They later formed the company of Meares & Richards Constructions which developed to building schools, banks and industrial properties winning a Master Builders Association Award for outstanding work. Mick was very industrious and naturally ingenious, always finding a simple solution to every problem from his work or privately for his many friends whom he generously helped. He remained a keen sportsman all his life, when young he played Squash and Rugby and was a member of Palm Beach Surf Club. Later on he took up bowls with Killara Bowling Club and became a proficient player in the few years before he became ill with dementia.

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Mick and Helen had four children and seven grandchildren who spent their holidays together at their house at Palm Beach.

Valé Mick.

From front page GRANT #3

We are fortunate to have received another grant to help us in improving our facilities - this time from the **New South Wales Office of Sport.**

The grant is for an amount of \$6,560 including GST to go towards the cost of new sunshades to the south of number Graham Firth green (the present shades are hazardous and provide shade for less than 50% of the length of the bank) and new sunshades to the west of number Warwick Druce green (where we are presently improvising with beach umbrellas); as well as two drinking fountains The grant is expected to cover about half the cost of these projects. *Tony Hodgson* as the Chairman of our Greens Committee and *John Brodie* as Chairman of our Property Committee will arrange for the installation of the new items and supervise the work. Great team work here again; a many thanks to *Don* and *Ian*.



CHICKEN SURPRISE

A couple go for a meal at a Chinese restaurant and order the 'Chicken Surprise'. The waiter brings the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot.

Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down. ' Good grief, did you see that?' she asks her husband.

He hadn't, so she asks him to look in the pot.

He reaches for it and again the lid rises, and he sees two little eyes looking around before it slams down.

Rather perturbed, he calls the waiter over, explains what is happening, and demands an explanation.

Please sir,' says the waiter, 'what you order?'

The husband replies, 'Chicken Surprise.'

(You're going to love this......You're going to hate yourself for loving this!.....)

'Ah! So Sorry,' says the waiter, 'I bring you Peeking Duck!'

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JOHNO ORTON 24,6,40—10.7.14 Member 12 Yrs

John was born in Portugal in1940. His English father was born in Spain, and his mother Marie was from the south of Portugal. She never spoke English so John and his siblings were fluent in both

languages. John always spoke about the wonderful freedom of living near the sea in Carcavelos as they grew up.

He went to the English school St. Julian's and was always an exceptional student. He longed to go to an English university but his father was not able to give him this opportunity and rather encouraged him to become a student of the world so, with a couple of hundred pounds in his pocket, he left home at the age of18y to travel to the UK.

John was a keen and competitive sportsman and football and cricket, at a British club, were a lasting legacy from his father. He even considered a professional career as goal keeper for Tottenham in London.

After arriving in London in late 50's John then forged a career in international marketing and logistics. His knowledge of 5 languages, English, Portugese, Spanish, Italian and French were a trump card. This offered him many opportunities in a variety of different firms internationally. He was scarcely off an aeroplane for over 30years and visited every continent and most countries in the world.

He first married in the early 60's and they had two daughters. The union did not survive his extensive travelling.

He met Angela in Singapore airport in 1969 on one of his journeys and married her in London in 1979. They have a son Anthony and daughter Louise. From the day he joined KBC in 2002 he was **Johno!** He was a good bowler and at one time was Bowls Secretary.

The wanderlust which characterised his business career was also evident in his club activities as he, at one time or another, also had memberships at other Northshore clubs.

Johno, the writer and *Jack Williams* were teamed in Thursday games for some years and as I recall, won more than we lost!

As his wife, Angela, commented, "In the 45 years we were together he was never sick a single day, not even a cold or flu. He had never been in hospital. Then in March his irritating cough resulted in a biopsy and to our utter amazement and that of the medical team he had a most unusual melanoma in his oesophagus."

Bon Voyage Johno.

As this publication was going to press we learnt of two other deaths close to our club:-

Barry Moore, member for 39 years , passed at age 82.

Peter Kohler, member for 15 years, died in the USA at age 70. No other information is available at this time.



Barry T Moore

THE WORLD IS MINE - Author Unknown

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman and wished I were as beautiful.When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle.She had one leg and used a crutch. But as she passed, she passed a smile.Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm. I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm. And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind. It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind." Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew. He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do. I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?" He looked ahead without a word. I realised, he couldn't hear. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears; the world is mine.

> With feet to take me where I'd go.. With eyes to see the sunset's glow. With ears to hear what I would know. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.



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