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On the Green at Killara

NEW PRESIDENT TAKES THE REINS



The AGM for Killara Bowling Club, October 22nd, elected the Joint Management Committee for 2016-17 to be led by John Rothwell.

John, joined KB in 2012 and is part of the collective known affectionately as the *Darnley Street Mafia*! It is most likely you would notice him in our carpark as the driver of an unfamiliar and odd looking car . . an **Izuzu Bellett** . . last sold in Australia

in 1973! To add to his quirky car choices, John also owns a rare VW 4WD Trakka Camper.

The good news however, is that his eccentricities are compensated by his wife Sally who has given John a son, Nicholas (46), daughter Rachel (44) and indirectly five grandchildren.

Our new President was born and raised on Sydney's North-shore (Lindfield) went to **North Sydney High School** and completed Pharmacy at **Sydney University**. Apart from over five years working at the Christian Medical Centre in **Vellore, South India** he has pursued a successful career in his vocation, predominately in Sydney hospitals in the capacity of Chief Pharmacist. Now retired, the Rothwells' like to travel.

John, we thank you for taking the reins of President and we wish you and your Joint Management Committee every success.

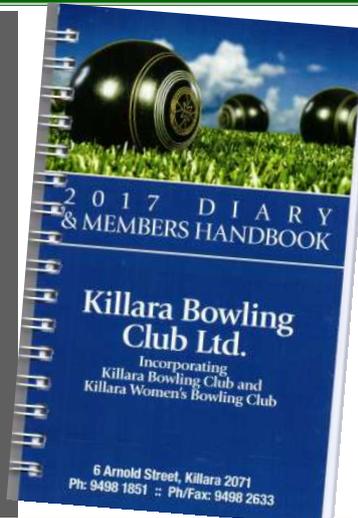
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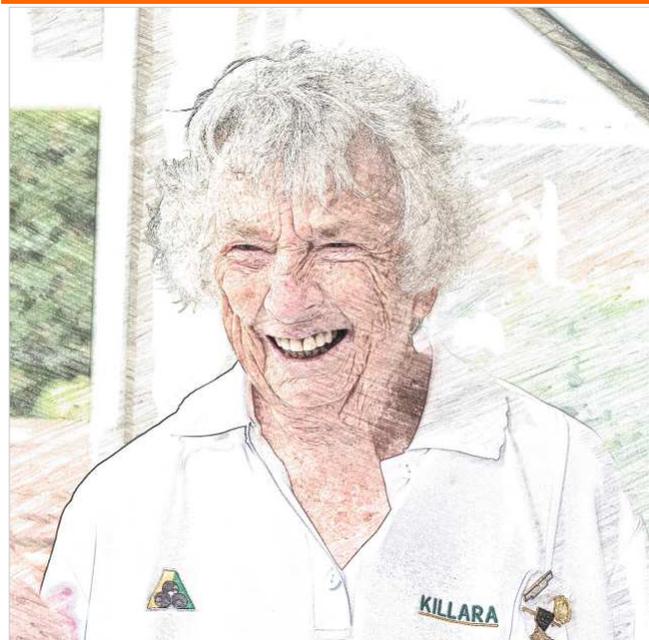
Your 2017 Diary and Handbook is now available at the club.

It provides full details of Office Bearers, Committees and our bowling and social program for 2017.



BARBARA COTTON TURNS 90!

Our Life Member and Past KWBC President will mark her four score and ten on Jan. 15th. **Many Happy Returns Barbara!**





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Dale McBean

Our Centenary year and all the attendant celebrations are over and we now look forward to a "normal" year in front of us. Many thanks to all those members who volunteered during the last year and performed so admirably. Not a single problem arose in any event that could not be solved almost the moment it happened. A marvelous result and a great advertisement for our Club.

The end of year Cocktail Party was attended by 49 members and their partners and was very successful. **Judy McLeod** and her helpers do a marvelous job in preparing for and organizing our social functions, they are always good fun and it would be good to see greater support from and more participation by our members.

Thanks to **Darren Hargreaves** and his staff, our greens and grounds were maintained in excellent condition throughout the year and this has impressed both our members and visitors. The quality and speed of the greens also probably helped the bowlers perform beyond our expectations during the year's external competitions.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the year was the admittance of 27 new full playing members and they are listed below in the order of their enrollment.

NEW MEMBERS 2016

Louise Amos	Ngoc Hau	Ken Hau
Peter Brassil	Sue Zielinski-Boyd	Ros Bilbe
Tina Hunter	Michelle Olsson	Helen Adams
Sally James	Judy Reddy	Sue Devenish-Mearns
Rob Pratten	Maria Devlin	Dr. Colin Field
Susanne Hodgson	Elizabeth Watson	Therese Johansson
Styart Archibald	Ashley Gilfillan	Anne Rands
Glen Kwong	Julie Dunn	Ross Tout
Maurie Battye	Clare Hovey	Scott Laffer

Please make sure you meet and greet our new colleagues and make them welcome.

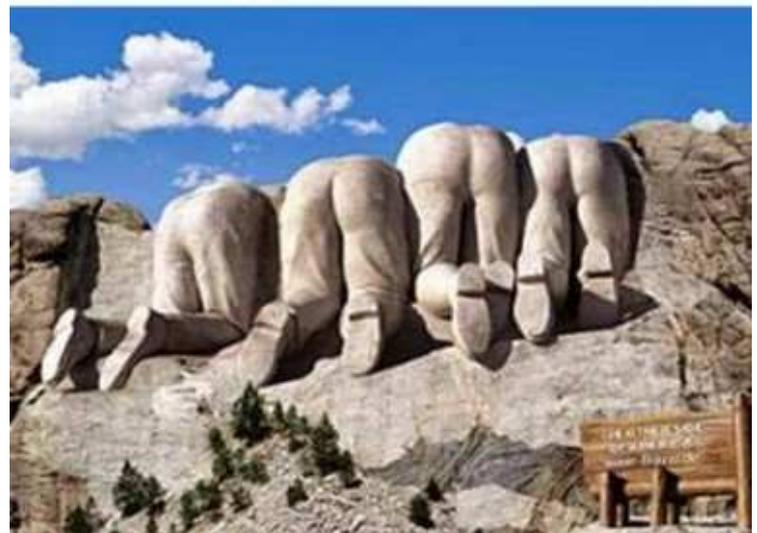
A number of the new players are already showing signs they are going to be an asset to the club by playing very well and are likely to bolster the strength of our Grade 5 (promoted from Grade 6) and Grade 7 pennant teams.

Last year, at the Annual General Meeting on October 15, we fare-welled 5 long serving Directors from the Board, viz. **Rod Henriks, Don Reade, John Brodie, Julie Halliday** and **Don Buddee**, and as a result the Board has lost a large amount of experience. The new Directors welcomed onto the Board at our AGM were **Yvonne Taylor, Brian Perkins** and **Os Watt** who will, I hope, provide some fresh ideas and wise advice for the benefit of all members. For the KWBC (women members) your conduit to the Board is via Yvonne Taylor and you are asked to address all your enquiries to the Board through her as we are anxious to know how we can improve and encourage the playing strength of our "lady" members.

I hope all members had a pleasant festive and holiday season, that they have a happy and successful New Year and enjoy good health and good bowling during 2017.

Dale

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KWBC SPOKESWOMAN ELIZABETH DOKULIL

To all women who bowl at Killara I send a curved bowl of good wishes towards a 'Jack' of a New Year.

Ups and downs have been to order of the day with the Women's Club. I stand alone as we go into 2017, but with the help of a few stalwarts, especially **Barbara Cotton** and **Elizabeth Bold**, the year will pass with ne'er a quibble and a sense of purpose. The Christmas Party was a joyous affair with much food, chatter and companionship. We all left with hope for a good year of bowling. When we return to play on the second Tuesday in January, I intend to join them too. The club must go on even with a few. We few, we happy few, we band of redoubtables.

Elizabeth

IN HAPPIER TIMES



These three members, snapped at a club function, had reason to struggle to smile with afflictions that beset them in 2016. Our major sponsors, **Phil and Noelene Johnson** were both hospitalised with Phil spending sometime in **Lady Davidson** for recuperation. **Joy Moonee**, pictured between our sponsors, was attending the Gordon/Killara Twilight bowls function in November and became unwell. This rapidly deteriorated into a severe case of Shingles and hospitalisation. She is now 'on the long road back' that this viral rash seems to impose.

The Johnsons' are now well, with Noelene back at **LJ Hooker St.Ives** managing the property department. *We hope to see all three at KBC in the near future!*

Construction Disabled Toilet and Refurbishment of the Men's Bathroom

Construction of a unisex toilet for the disabled is expected to commence in early February 2017 and this will be immediately followed by the refurbishment of the Men's Bathroom. These works are expected to be completed by mid-March 2017. The toilet for the disabled will be fully funded by the grants we have received from the State and Federal Governments and the balance of the Centenary Fund will be used for the Men's Bathroom refurbishment.



Both developments will further improve the facilities of our Club and they continue on with the work undertaken over the past two years. The improvements will make our Club premises more attractive to members and guests and

will be a positive in terms of retaining and attracting external users of our Club premises.

There will be some disruption to the normal routine during the period that the works are being undertaken due both to the work itself and as a result of the Occupation Health and Safety Act. The contractor has agreed to do his best to minimize the inconvenience to members and we ask members to be patient during this period. The Board is of the opinion that the short term disruption will be well worth the benefits gained from the finished product.

Dale

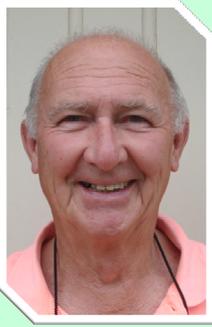


"A valid Working with Children Check is required by anyone in child-related work.

The NSW Commission for Children and Young People introduced a new Working With Children Check (WWCC) on 15 June 2013. The check is a prerequisite for anyone in child-related work. The new process includes a national police check and review of findings of misconduct involving children."

The relevance of this statement relates mainly to our Bare-foot bowling functions. Members who assist the club by coaching or supervision should either have accreditation OR have an accredited person in attendance.

If you have accreditation, would you please advise Mrs. Suzen Cleary



PRESIDENT John Rothwell

It has been a delight to see so many bowlers on the greens again after the exhilaration (and exhaustion?) we all experienced in our Centenary Year. The greens are looking wonderful after their rejuvenation by Greenkeeper **Daren** - it's as if they are putting on their best face to welcome our new

members who have joined the Club since **Rick Edwards'** most rewarding Open Day.

During the last quarter, the 2016 Club Fours and the Club Pairs competitions were decided. **Rob McDermott, Jonno York, Alan Vine** and **David Warren**; and **Os Watt** and **Jozef Zazulak** were the triumphant combinations. We were successful in our match with the Australian Club and the "Others" prevailed on the Bob Sinclair Place of Origin day.

The Club is looking forward to the 2017 Pennants season, particularly because we have been approved to join in the 5's after our triumph last year in winning the Zone 9 grade 6 Pennant. So we are in for both the 5's and the 7's.

The "Cyril South" starts this year's interclub competitions in January while the "Gissing" starts our own competition, followed by painting matches with Warrawee and Lindfield, Club competitions for both Women and Men, the start of the Pennants' season and then the Autumn Carnival rolls along.

It seems we all need to start practicing!!!

Zone 9 ran an Intensive Coaching Program in December which nine or ten of our bowlers attended and came back with enthusiastic reports. We have heard that the program may be repeated in January so keep your ears to the ground.

Defibrillator: You will be pleased to learn that a defibrillator has been jointly purchased with the tennis club to cover the emergency of heart failure (stoppage) of members/visitors. It is stowed in the room beneath the stairs to number 1 green. **Sue Cleary** and six members have received both CPR and defibrillator training. If you are also qualified to use this life-saving equipment, please inform me or Sue.

In taking over, I wish to thank my predecessor **Don Buddee** for his great help in the transition. He has set a very high standard. In his final year the Club won the Grade 6 Pennant, four other competitions, held our usual 2 Carnivals and celebrated our Centenary Year of Bowling. Well done and thank you Don for the hard work you have put in over the 3 years and for the leadership you have given to the Club..



John



BERNIE SHIRVINGTON

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94 YEARS

In the words of his son and our member, **Brian Shirvington**, at the service:-

*" . . This is a happy occasion .
The celebration of a wonderful
life. Completed.*

Such a full life. 94 years of age; 72 years of marriage; 4 boys,4 daughters-in-law, 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and lots of respect. A life lived to the fullest, Dad was ready to go."

This is the eulogy to which we all aspire.

CASUAL DRESS POLICY

When playing in any social game or competition, smart casual attire may be worn.

Playing shirts can be coloured and the style may be Polo or 'button up' and must have an attached collar with either long or short sleeves.

Trousers or shorts are also optional. Bowling shoes must be worn on the greens.

The BA LOGO is not essential on apparel worn for social bowls.

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Association Event Attire

The "Association Event Attire Policy" which governs the dress required for Association Events such as Pennants and Club Championships, Mid Week Triples and Inter Club events is on display on the Notice Board.

In a 'nut shell' full club uniform.



FUNCTIONS ORGANISER
Judy McLeod

MELBOURNE CUP

A lot of our usual 'punters' were away and travelling this year, never-the-less, we managed a modest profit (\$144) for the day and enjoyed a game of bowls before coming in for sweep tickets, a free glass of bubbles, raffle tickets and a chat.

Lindfield Pharmacy as sponsors kindly donated \$150.00 which we were able to use for worthwhile prizes.

My thanks to **John Rothwell** and **Shirvo** who M.C'd in the morning and then after lunch for the fun and games!

Sue provided a buffet lunch which as usual was enjoyed by all, followed by the running of the race. You've all no doubt forgotten the name of the horse already!

CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

The final event for our Centenary Year was well attended with the numbers increasing from 20 names on the list 2 days prior to an acceptable 49 members and guests on the night. Thank you all for coming.

Our social functions seem to follow that pattern and I'm ready to pull the pin every time but they rally and we have an enjoyable function (thanks to Sue who presents such delicious food) and we also make a small profit. This party made \$190.00 on the raffle as it was the first time for some years all the prizes were donated but a couple of members seemed surprised we had a raffle at a Cocktail Party at all.

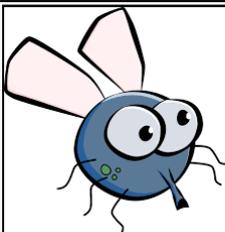
What do you all think?

Over all we had a \$600.00 net profit.

I wonder what the New Year will bring. From my point of view it has to be much much better!

Wishing you all a great New Year.

Judy



WHY SENIORS STILL NEED NEWSPAPERS

I was visiting my daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century" she said. "We don't waste money on

Newspapers. Here... use my iPad."

I can tell you this..... that bloody fly never knew what hit him..



SPANISH INTERNATIONAL AT KILLARA



Regular Thursday visitor, **Phil Slade** of North Sydney BC brought heavy weight re-enforcements for an assault on our **LJ Hooker Jackpot Triples** in November. Pictured above, **Ian Read**, **Tom Rogers** and Phil, all wearing NSBC uniform, are enjoying a perfect Killara day on a free running Hillary Moore Green.

Tom Rogers, skipped both Fours and Pairs for Spain in the World Bowls Championships in Christchurch 2016. And yes! They won their game but did not gain the major prize.

Phil, we hope we see you again soon and we guarantee you and your colleagues challenging games at Killara!



TWO OF OUR NEW MEMBERS IN THE CLUBHOUSE
Ashley Gilfillan and Ross Tout



This letter was sent to the Broken Hill High School Principal's office in Broken Hill, after the school had sponsored a luncheon for seniors.

An elderly lady received a new radio at the lunch as a door raffle prize and was writing to say thank you.

This story is a credit to all humanity. Tell it to anyone you know who might need a lift today...

*Dear Broken Hill High School,
God bless you for the beautiful wireless I won at your recent Senior Citizens luncheon. I am 87 years old and live at the St Anne's Nursing Home for the Aged. All my family has passed away so I'm all alone.*

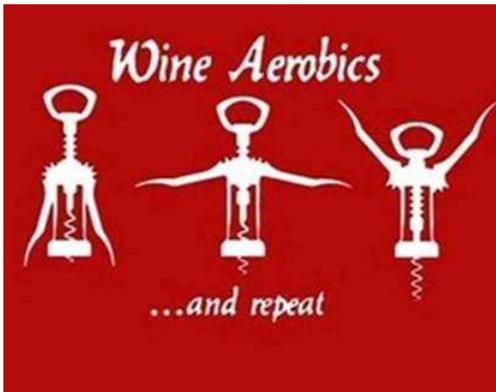
I want to thank you for the kindness you have shown to a forgotten old lady.

My roommate is 95 and has always had her own wireless; but, she would never let me listen to it. She said it belonged to her long dead husband, and understandably, wanted to keep it safe.

The other day her wireless fell off the nightstand and broke into a dozen pieces. It was awful and she was in tears. She asked if she could listen to mine, and I was overjoyed that I could tell her to piss off.

*Thank you for that wonderful opportunity.
God bless you all.*

*Sincerely,
Edna*



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Without doubt, the most popular annual competition on KBC's calendar is "The Gissing". Here is it's story . .



THE GISSING SHIELD

The **Gissing Shield**, an annual handicap singles event, now a Consistency Competition, is about to commence for 2017..The event is named after **George Gissing**, the dominant personality in the Club from early days until his death in 1955 at the age of 93.He was the Honorary Secretary from 1921 to 1923, President for 11 years and Patron for 12. In his later years, he lived next door to the Club in Arnold St and when he was no longer able to play he used to watch the game from his wheel chair. The Club fence on Arnold St has a plaque recording that it was a memorial gift from the Gissing family. During his Presidency in 1939 members presented him

with a wallet of notes on the occasion of his golden wedding anniversary and he promptly donated the contents to the Club with which the Committee acquired a shield for a Singles Handicap competition, named after the donor. Initially it was a normal Singles match with allotted handicaps, so popular, that in 1951 it attracted entries from most of the 200 members. In 1989 this event was replaced by the present Consistency competition, re-named the Gissing Shield.

Consistency Singles at Killara has a long history, being mentioned in the Minutes as early as 1922. – *"an open handicap for the most consistent play (75 up scored as at present) with sealed handicaps."* Entry was one shilling and the prize one guinea. It was discontinued for a period and recommenced in 1981 as the Patron's Consistency Singles.

Hurry up and enter. Entries are closing!



Two blondes are filling up at a petrol station and the first blonde says to the second, "I bet these awful fuel prices are going to go even higher." The second blonde replies, "Won't affect me, I always put in just \$20worth."

Two blondes were walking down the road and the first said, "Look at that dog with one eye!" The other covers one of her eyes and says, Where?"

The executive was interviewing a young lady for a position. He wanted to find out something about her personality so he asked, "If you could have a conversation with any person, living or dead, who would that be?" She thought briefly and responded, "The living one."

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BIG DAY TRIPLES

Thursdays at Killara

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Thank you Mr.Hooker!

EVIDENCE OF BOWLS BEING PLAYED 7,000 YEARS AGO: A Brief History Of The Sport Of Lawn Bowls

Bowls B.C. -- and A.D.

The history of bowls, in some form or other, reaches well back into antiquity in various parts of the world, though its actual origin is still a matter of conjecture. Sir Flinders Petrie, the well-known British Egyptologist, reported that during his excavations he found in the grave of a young Egyptian, various rounded objects which led him to believe that they were used by rolling them along the ground in a game similar to what we now call Bowls -- over seven thousand years ago! Nor is such factual evidence confined to Egypt. Stone Age excavations in other parts of the world have confirmed that some sort of game was played with rounded rocks which were rolled or bowled to a peg or other marker.



Among other places, it was played by ancient Aztecs, North American Indians, in China, and in Polynesia.

From Egypt it spread to Greece and Rome.

The Romans played "Bocci", and that word is still used in Italy today. We can doubtless thank them for introducing the game to England.

Bowls in Polynesia

The ancient Polynesians, particularly in Hawaii, played a game with elliptical bowls, about 10 cm (4 inches) in diameter, fashioned from stone; these were bowled to stone marker discs called Ula, and the game was called Ula Maika. The distance from the bowling area to the discs was about 18 meters (60 feet).

When Captain Cook landed in the Sandwich Islands in 1788, he found that the natives used whetstone for a purpose other than sharpening their tools; they were playing a game with bowls fashioned from the whetstone.

"The bowls were about 3 to 4 inches in diameter and about one inch across at the edges but thicker at the centre and rounded very exactly."

In his book "Games and Pastimes of the Maori", Elsdon Best refers to some ancient stone discs found on the beach at Tauranga many years ago. He writes that he could not establish positively the use to which these had been put, but he did



say that they resembled those found in Hawaii, though they were slightly larger. He assumed that the Maoris had played with them in a game similar to Ula Maika.

At any rate, the shape of these stones is such that when delivered with a normal bowling action, they take bias; that is, they take a curved path, particularly when the initial speed begins to slow down. These Maori bowls are only a little larger than the composition bowls used today, and they are of a size which could well have enabled them to be used for the same general purpose.

Bowls in Great Britain

The two oldest British sports are archery and bowls, and in centuries past there was conflict between the two, mainly during periods of warfare or national strife.

There is a positive recorded history of bowls having been played in England as far back as the 12th century, and it could well have been played much earlier than that.

From the early 15th century bowls were made of wood, usually yew, ash, oak, holly, or boxwood. Lignum vitae was not used in the United Kingdom until the 16th or 17th century; this very hard wood was discovered by Columbus in the West Indies, in 1493. Lignum vitae wood is so heavy that it will sink in water.

A separate article could be written on the evolution of the bowl as we know it today.

The bowls used in the early days were merely rounded, without bias. The bias was not introduced until 1522 due entirely (it is claimed), to the accidental breaking of a bowl by Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk; he rushed indoors and sawed off an ornamental ball from a banister. Accordingly, one part was flat and it took a curving direction at the end of its run, instead of continuing on a straight line.

"Ban the Bowl" Statutes

The increasing popularity of bowls in the 14th century, and the fear by King and Parliament that the practice of archery was being neglected and that the effectiveness of the archers in battle or military operations would therefore be lowered, led to Statutes being passed restricting or forbidding such sports as bowls and tennis: For instance, during the reigns of Edward III in 1361, Richard II in 1388, and Henry IV in 1409.

However, these Statutes did not prevent the game from being played, and many bowling alleys were opened.



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In 1511 during the reign of Henry VIII, a Statute was passed confirming previous Acts of Parliament and in 1541, Henry VIII consolidated all earlier Acts and broadened the scope of the prohibitions. (Strangely enough, this 1541 Act was not repealed until 1845, over three centuries later, in the reign of Queen Victoria!).

By the Act of 1541 artificers, laborers, apprentices, husbandmen, servants or serving-men, and other "low-born" people, were specifically forbidden from taking part in the game of bowls, except at Christmas in their master's grounds and in his presence. Heavy monetary fines were provided as penalties for non-observance of the Law.

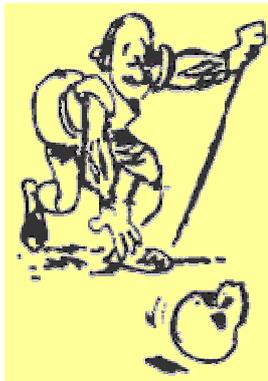
However, licenses or permits were granted to some of the larger and more influential landowners to allow them to play on their own greens.

In 1555, 14 years later, in the reign of Queen Mary, these licenses were withdrawn on the grounds that the game of bowls was being used as an excuse for "unlawful assemblies, conventicles, seditions, and conspiracies".

References in Literature

There is historical evidence to substantiate that Drake played bowls, but whether the story of Drake finishing a game of bowls at Plymouth Hoe in July 1588, while the Armada was sailing up the British Channel is fact or folklore is not known for certain. But, if he was in fact playing bowls, then Drake was breaking the Law of the Land!

There are many references to bowls in Shakespeare: for instance, in Act III of



Richard II -- which incidentally indicates that women also played the game at that time.

In the 19th century the law banning bowls was apparently largely overlooked. It certainly was not rigorously enforced. Many of the inns had bowling greens, presumably as an amenity to attract custom, and these probably helped the game to survive.

Bowls and the Scots

As with golf, the game of Bowls, with more or less the same world-wide Laws, owes its existence to the Scots.

Following on a meeting in Glasgow in 1848, attended by about two hundred players from various clubs all with different Laws for playing the game, W.W. Mitchell of Glasgow, drew up a "uniform code of Laws", and these are the basis of all subsequent Laws.

In 1892, the Scottish Bowling Association was formed and in 1893, it drew up rules or Laws based on Mitchell's Code and also published a Code of Ethics.

In 1903, the English Bowling Association was formed, the first President being Dr. W. G. Grace, who is much more acclaimed and remembered for his fame as a cricketer.

The International Bowling Board was formed in 1905, the foundation members being Scotland, England, Ireland, and Wales. Australia, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and the United States of America were admitted in 1928.

This article was compiled from Internet sources particularly from Bowls Canada.

RHB

There is a lesson here: Always carry a walking stick or cane when in crocodile country. I think it would work equally well in bear country.

This is quite a love story!

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE IN AUSTRALIA . . .

DARWIN POST . . .

Woman saves herself in Crocodile attack using a small Walking Stick.

This is a story of self-control and a keen eye by a brave, cool-headed woman with a walking stick against a fierce predator.

Here is her story in her own words:

"While out walking along the edge of a creek just outside of our house in Darwin, with my soon to be ex-husband discussing our property settlement, kids and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 5 metre crocodile which suddenly emerged from the murky water and began charging at us very fast with its large jaws wide open.

The Croc must have been protecting her young and her home because she was extremely aggressive. If I had not had my little \$5.00 reject shop walking stick with me, I would not be here today!

Just one Hard Whack to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took....The Croc got him easily and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace.

The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible and I got the lot."





A man goes into a doctor's office 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 \$35. Then, with the same card, he gets a line and wins \$320 Then he gets the full house and wins \$5000.

Then the National Game comes up and he wins that too getting \$780,000.

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 bastard on Earth! 'Lucky?' The husband screamed. 'Lucky? I'll have you know I've got Yellow 24'.

'Bugger me,' says the bingo caller. 'You've won the meat raffle as well!

A **paraprosdokian** is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Winston Churchill loved them.
Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
 The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
 If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
 War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
 To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
 In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.
Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
 You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
 To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
 You're never too old to learn something stupid.
I'm supposed to respect my elders, but its getting harder and harder for me to find one now.



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