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KBC TAKES TOP HONOURS IN NEW 'The Landings' TOURNAMENT.

Report from KBN's New Roving Reporter Warwick Druce



Mick Beesley, Terry McCabe and Super Bowl Organiser Barry Hamer at The Landings Photo Courtesy Tim Pascoe/ Northshore Times

Super Bowl Rules and Bonus points (Summary Version)

Toucher bonus points

One bonus point is scored when a delivery touches the jack and comes to rest within 60cm of the jack and remains within the boundaries of the rink. The scorecard includes a narrow coloured left hand column to enter the bonus points. Toucher/Bonus points are added as each end is scored. *Touchers are not chalked and have no special status*.

Kill bonus point

A kill bonus point can only be scored by either of the opponents killing the end with their last bowl of that end. The player intending to kill the end must <u>call aloud</u> "kill!" and that call must be acknowledged prior to the kill shot being played. It is scored as for touchers. A killed end is not replayed.

An innovative competition was launched by 'The Landings' in May which promises to expand and continue with considerable interest from North Shore Clubs.

With eight N.S Clubs competing, Killara took first and second place.

Based on a 'Super Bowl' format (see box) developed by local bowling identity, Barry Hamer, Clubs entered three teams of Senior Mixed Fours – two women and two men; over age 55years – graded according to Pennant strength and drawn to two rounds over two months. Our teams were most successful providing the following results:-

Killara A	Killara B	Killara C	
R Talbot	I Cameron-Smith	N Falconer	
W Druce	A Burton	M.Falconer	
M Hearder	J Brierley	L.McNeall	
R Hey	R Edwards/ E O'Donnell	C. McElhone	
v Gordon 26/21	v St. Ives 15/22	v Lindfield 19/11	
v Pymble 29/9	v E. Roseville 30/11	v Lindfield 12/33	

Landings Greens proved challenging. The Landings have two outdoor rinks constructed of an "indoor style" Greenguage carpet. The green is several metres shorter than regulation and was running at 18 seconds plus and 'very wide'. The contrast with normal NS bowling surfaces provided a test of players to adapt to very challenging conditions.

Scoring. Based on total win points, the two teams with the highest scores played off for a prize purse \$500. In an amazing finish, the two teams to face off in the final were Killara A and Killara B with the decision going to Bob Talbot's A team 22/13. Killara also took the Club prize pool (a further \$500) which will be presented at our Foundation Dinner September 30th.

A Top Class Presentation. The Landings did themselves proud in the presentation and conduct of the tournament. The prize money was attractive and the hospitality 'first class'. The residents also gave players a warm welcome and a favourable view of life in the village.

A promise for 2006.

We understand the tournament will be held again next year but in a modified format to include residents of The Landings. Based on the standards set this year, it will be very worthwhile.

From the chair . . .

We have had an easy run in some areas in the last few weeks since the last newsletter appeared. Our activities have not been controversial and our progress has been steady and satisfactory. We



Chairman: Peter Baume

have been using our carpark effectively. One neighbour has complained if cars have gone into eastern spaces rear first, but these are generally visitors and members of the Club have adhered to the rules well. Other neighbours have remarked to me that the car park is more attractive and is better

run than they had expected. Specifically, property values in the area have not dropped because we have undertaken this activity and we, in the Club, have an attractive and practical facility.

We have concerned ourselves with the eastern end of Number Three Green. At present it has no shade, so that it is not liked, particularly in summer. The western end is less trouble because it gets shade summer and winter. We are trying to get shades erected at the eastern end and are well advanced on our investigations of the matter. If we succeed, then we will be able to use that Green more often and the green keepers will have an easier time as they rotate playing surfaces. So keep an eye on what is done eventually – it will add to the enjoyment and comfort of our interest in bowling.

Women bowlers have been concerned that our shades are too high for many of them. The height is actually determined by occupational health and safety considerations and there is little we can do to make them lower. We are now investigating other ways to make it easier for shorter people (including males) to roll out and put away the shades – we will do what we can.

We had an incident in early August where naughty young boys from next door threw water bombs at us and fired pellets from a toy gun at us during a game. A member was actually hit in the back by a balloon filled with water. At the end of game we complained to the parents who undertook immediate punishment of the young men involved and offered a complete and unreserved apology for the mis-behaviour – although the guilty ten year old (or so) boys giggled when confronted. Members should be aware that such an event happened in case there is any recurrence in the future. I tried an initiative to try to establish a school bowling competition by writing to all schools in the Northern region + all Associated Schools + all GPS schools. It would be nice to promote young bowlers – better balance, better judgement of distance, better control. The

matter was considered by the Board and I was given permission to go ahead. All returns are not yet in, but the response so far is underwhelming and we might not proceed.

Our membership continues to concern us. We have had a heavy attrition of late. We are sorry to lose the friendship and participation of those people, but we are sorry too to see our membership decline. *John Muirhead* has some suggestions for increasing our numbers again and it is hoped that all members will help him to get our membership up to a viable level. You know, if each of us could find just one extra member, then our numbers would double. I implore you to make this you goal!

Bob McComas, our Honorary Treasurer has died.
Miles Hedge has taken over and deserves our thanks for taking on an essential and important task at the very awkward time of financial year transition.
Earlier this year I arrived at the time honoured "three score and ten". This is an appropriate time to begin adjusting both my public and private duties.
October will see the election of a new Board. After three years I will retire as your Chairman but I will

I call on you all to contribute to this endeavour. We need everyone to play a part. *Peter Baume*

sential task of sustaining this great Club.

continue to support the Board and Members in the es-

STATS 2005 V 2004	FULL	ASSOCIA- TES	SOCIAL Includes Rotary
КВС	92 (108)	9 (9)	53 (49)
KWBC	76 (94)	8 (11)	25 (22)
TOTAL	168 (202)	17 (20)	78 (71)

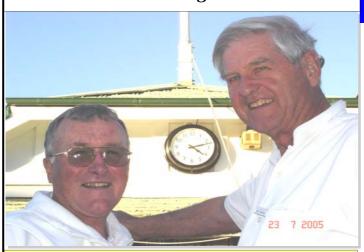


W.R.(BOB) MCCOMAS

Bob joined KBC in 2002 and immediately became active on the green and in Club affairs. He was Hon. Treasurer at the time of his death, in July at age 80, from Lung Cancer. A distinguished lawyer he was Chairman of the Trade Practices Commission from 1985 to 1988; and on the Boards of a

number of large Companies. He was awarded an **AM** in this years Australia Day Honours. *RHB*

New Competition . . . Which is the ugliest dial?



During the last few months our play clock has been quite erratic choosing to stop; run backwards; lose time; gain time and then finally stop again. After many journeys to the roof and the home workshop the miscreant time-piece was finally conveyed to a specialist in Woodford for the installation of a new movement.

This expensive and time consuming activity was donated by John Orton and Mick Meares.

Mick was heard to repeat his now immortal comment following his supervision of the roof refurbishment .."It'll see me out!"

Thanks Fellas, very much appreciated by all.

NED KELLY'S REOUEST

A quasi-historical variation (it really should read crazyhistorical) of the traditional advice to every third in a fours team — "Be up and shut up!" — was heard at a representative fixture.



As they would be playing together for the first time the third, one reputed to be fairly free with advice, asked his captain-to-be what he would expect from him as his director.

The skipper gave him a searching look, and then said unblinkingly, "Just remember Ned Kelly's final request to his hangman".

The third wrinkled his brow in thought. Finally, still puzzled, he queried, "What was that?".

"Keep your trap shut."

From The Haggerty Way

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Without comment . .

LAMB-SALENGER TROPHY "THE OLD RAZORBACK ROAD"

By Sir Eric Langker

New members might not know the story of one of NSW's longest running and most famous competitions. In 1973, Warrawee's Stewart Lamb and Arthur Salenger issued a challenge to Killara to a 12 rink, biannual, inter club, triples match. What makes this match a unique one is that the winning prize is not a trophy but a famous Australian landscape painting by

For the last thirty two years, Warrawee and Killara have battled for the right to hang the painting in their club house. Because Killara lost so often, Warrawee donated a smaller replica as a consolation. Another competition was started in 2003/4 for Mixed Triples which expanded the "Inter Club" idea.

New bowlers might like to participate in a bit of bowls history by playing in the next round against Killara and making sure that the Langker painting stays at



Clubhouse Declared No Smoking Zone

At its July meeting, the Board of KBCL decided that the whole Clubhouse should be made a "no smoking" area with immediate effect.

This would have been required by law in any case in 2007.

Between now and then, a series of changing regulations would have applied based primarily on floor area measurements. The Board decided it would be simpler to make the change now, at one hit.



Presidents' Platform

The Annual Meeting of KWBC, held in August,



Lea McNeall

was well attended by members. It is encouraging to see interest in the club exhibited in this manner. Secretary *Joan Bain* produced a comprehensive report of club activities — it really is astonishing how much is accomplished in twelve months.

At this meeting five very active committee members retired — Joan Bain, Jean Brierley, Norma Clark, Nancy

Swanson and **Brenda Fox**. Their expertise and long memories will be sorely missed.

A brief tribute to Joan Bain accompanied a small gift to her. It read:

"To Joan Bain: In gratitude for more than 20 years of intensive service to KWBC. No token can fully express the appreciation of members for such a profound involvement."

We welcome to the committee *Judith Wall*, *Joan Young*, *Ailsa Daniel*, *Maureen Morris* and *Margaret Shirley*. We also thank *Robin Hey* for accepting the demanding role of club secretary. She is assured of much help. Welcome back to those committee members who continue in roles which they previously held. Club Championships proceed apace, with only the Triples yet to be played. Results to date are as follows:-

Minor Singles: Winner: **M Hearder**, Runner Up: S. Hashimoto.

Major Singles:Winner: M Hearder,

Runner Up: M Falconer.

Fours Championship: Winners: P. Ramsay, R. Hey,

J. Young, A. Burton. Runners Up: J. Wall,

L. Geniale, R. O'Donnell, L. McNeall.

Pairs Championship: Winners: L. Geniale,

L.McNeall. Runners Up: R. Hey, A Burton.

The balmy winter weather has encouraged more members onto the green, and we look forward to its continuing.

So to the future! First, the Spring Carnival.

See you there! Lea McNeall.

Two little old ladies were attending a rather long service at their church. One leaned back and whispered, "My bottom is going to sleep." Her friend leaned forward and said," I know, I heard it snore three times."



KBC President Ian Cameron-Smith

Well here it is, early August and not a drop of serious rain for months, although we are enjoying glorious weather. Last week we were starting to look for the shade to stand under as we played. I do not think I can remember when I have

played golf or bowls in July in Sydney wearing cotton, short sleeved polo shirts.

We entered two teams in the Mid-Week Triples competition this year, in the B and C grades. At the time of writing this piece, we have only played one match to date. I am confident we will fare better than last year where we suffered the ignominy of finishing near the bottom of the competition. I am hopeful that the skills learned from the intensive Pennant coaching at the beginning of the year hold us in good stead.

It is terrific to have a surfeit of entrants to play against Killara Golf Club on the 16th August for the Killara Bowl. We enjoyed a good win last year and I am sure the fight will be just as tough this year. It is always a pleasant afternoon and played with great camaraderie. Unfortunately we have suffered the loss of *Ted Camp* and our Treasurer, *Bob McComas* since our last newsletter. We miss each of them very much and our thoughts are with their families and friends.

Since the onset of winter, our greens have speeded up considerably with the Graham Firth Green running a consistent 13-15 seconds, absolutely delightful. We are meeting with *Darren*, the Greenkeeper, in an effort to retain these speeds when the grass starts to grow again. Along with other means, we are investigating the purchase of a second-hand heavy "Rankin" roller.

It was great for Killara to have such success playing in The Landings Super Bowl competition played at The Landings over June/July this year. Congratulations to the members of our teams for the successful result. We enjoyed it very much and it was an experience to play on a green of that size and speed. One gets a realization of the control that must be exercised by the players of the indoor bowling seen on television.

This being my third year as President of our Club, I will be retiring from that position in October. The Club will be hosting a President's Day luncheon on the 15th October. I am delighted to advise that *John*

Younghusband, Councillor, and Ray Reilly, Hon Secretary, both from Zone 9, and representing the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association, have accepted our invitation to attend. I am hopeful that I can welcome as many members as we can possibly fit into the clubhouse to the lunch. We will be playing bowls in the afternoon after the formalities. Please note the date in your diary.

Good bowling,

Ian Cameron-Smith





Beside you on the Green... . KBC Profiles

At Killara we share a love of our great game and our tradition for equality, friendliness and conviviality. There is no place for elitism from a social point-of-view.

Whether you earn a living from the sweat of your brow or oratory in high places, the 'level of the mat' is the same for all!

Even so, there are many interesting individual stories within our membership which I feel we should discover and share. Space limitations will make these but "thumbnails" however, it is hoped you find them interesting.

**rhb*

J.I.Muirhead



In the wilds of Africa
John and Elspeth Muirhead

John Muirhead's family upbringing and later professional work have taken him to many interesting parts of the world. His parents came from a Civil Service and Military background and John, though born in England, had some of his early education in India. He had been evacuated from UK in 1940 and went to school in Bangalore and then Simla. In early 1944 he returned to England to complete his schooling which he finished shortly after the defeat of the axis forces in Europe and before the defeat of Japan. After study and a five year apprenticeship with an engineering company which was a major fabricator of steelwork for the construction of bridges, power stations, buildings and constructed harbour works, he gained his qualifications for membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

His first overseas posting in 1952 was for 15 months to sight but he ad Izmir (formerly Smyrna) in Turkey and in 1954 he was tude sickness. posted to Mombasa, Kenya for the construction of heavy port works in Kilindini harbour.

John says that apart from the heat and humidity, living on the East African coast was a wonderful experience with superb recreational opportunities. Mombasa was very well organised for the expatriate community with sporting and social clubs. At the Mombasa Sports Club he played tennis, squash and rugby. The Club had rugby fixtures against similar clubs in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanga, Arusha, Nairobi and further up country and these involved week ends away, travelling by car, train or DC3.

Mombasa was within 3 hours drive of Tsavo National Park, which had all the big game and the magical Mazima Springs where crystal clear water gushes out of a volcanic plane forming ponds inhabited by Hippos and Crocodiles. The Kenya coast has a coral reef providing superb snorkelling.

When he was young and fit, John climbed Kilimanjaro



Kilimanjaro is the highest freestanding mountain in the world and the highest peak in Africa.

construction of bridges, power stations, buildings and constructed harbour works, he gained his qualifications for membership of the Institution of Civil back with porters and guide. He saw the sun rise on New Years Day 1956 from the summit, a magnificent sight but he admits it was somewhat marred by his altitude sickness.

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John met Elspeth in Mombasa, where she had been born and they were married in the Cathedral in December 1956. They lived in a "banda", a bungalow built of blocks cut from coral and roofed with "makuti" thatch made from palm leaves. It was very adequate and they had a houseboy Joram, who was always cheerful and did everything for them. At the end of his 4 year contract they returned to London, where for the next two years John worked on tenders for various projects including the Gladesville and Tasman bridges in Australia.

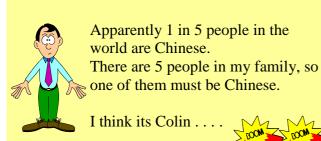
Both were won and he was offered the job of Planning Engineer in Hobart. They flew to Australia with their young son and lived on the shore of the Derwent with Mount Wellington as the backdrop and only two minutes from the office.

His next job was in Sydney on the construction of the first stage of the Warringah Expressway from the Harbour Bridge to Cammeray and in 1970 he joined a local firm of Consulting Engineers. John established his own independent consultancy in 1977 where his main interest was in harbour works. He sold it in 1987 but remained with the successors for five years. Since 1978, his special expertise has been used in over 100 disputes where he has acted as Arbitrator, Court appointed Referee, Expert Determiner or Mediator.

The Institution of Engineers, Australia made him Emeritus Member of the Civil College in 2000 and gave him an Award of Merit for Engineering Heritage in 2005. He was also made a Life Fellow of the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia.

John Muirhead joined Killara Bowling Club in 1997 and his wife Elspeth in 2002. They have been active participants in all aspects of Club life. John is an Umpire and has been Assistant Bowls Secretary of the Men's Club since 2003 and is currently a Selector. He made a major contribution over a period of 3 years, by designing and guiding the Car Park development through the labyrinth of Council regulations, and supervising its construction to its final completion. John and Elspeth have two sons and a daughter. John's interests include walking, sport, gardening and

Lloyd Sommerlad



the performing arts.



MIXED BOWLS Beryl Stephens

First of all I must congratulate all the players who participated in 'The Landings' Mixed Fours Competition. Next we have to congratulate *Maria Hearder* and *Warrick Druce* for winning the Mixed Pairs Competition, defeating *Pat Hamilton* and *John Orton* in the final.

Unfortunately, we are not achieving the numbers for Mixed Sunday Competitions, and also on the 'Dine-In' nights. If numbers do not increase for the latter, we may have to forego same, which would be most disappointing for many.

Please try and attend these functions in the future — it all brings money into the Club. There has been a lot of sickness about, and numerous members are holidaying, so perhaps these are the reasons.

The next 'Dine-In' night is on 30th September, 2005. The competition for the Painting against Warrawee is 11th September, 2005 at Warrawee, starting at 1.00 p.m.

The Mixed Triples Competitions begins on 16th October, 2005.

Please try to make up a team.

I wish you good health and Good Bowling.

Beryl Stephens.

Another Blonde Joke



A blonde woman was speeding down the road in her little red sports car and was pulled over by a Police Officer. The cop asked to see the blonde driver's license. She dug through her purse and was getting progressively more agitated. "What

does it look like?" she finally asked. The policeman replied, "It's square and it has your picture on it." The

driver finally found a square mirror in her purse, looked at it and handed it to the policeman. "Here it is," she said. The officer looked at the mirror, then handed it back saying, "Okay, you can go. I didn't realize you were a cop."

Yes, you guessed. The Police Officer was also blonde.



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

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

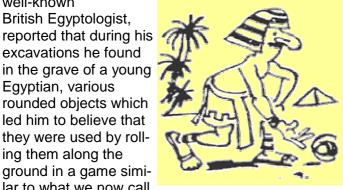
The history of bowls, in some form or other, reaches well back into antiquity in various parts of the world, though its actual origin is still a matter of conjecture.

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 roll-

ing them along the



lar 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", Els- during the reigns of Edward don 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,



III in 1361, Richard II in 1388, and Henry IV in1409. 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, labourers, apprentices, hus-

bandmen, 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 know 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.



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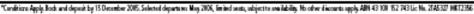
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Ed O'Donnell On . . . **Some Shots To Practice And** Play...

Bowling Tips! How often would you like to promote a short bowl so that it becomes shot or finishes closer to the jack? You can practice this shot and later surprise your opponent, using this simple routine. Place a few bowls about 1.5 m short of a jack set at a medium length, and deliver your bowl with sufficient weight to move your target 50 cm forward.

To do this you will need extra weight on your delivery. As a guide to the correct weight the ratio of three to one is suggested; i.e. to move the bowl 50 cm forward you will need to deliver your bowl to a position 1.5 m through the bowl, with a suitable adjustment to the green. Your aiming line will be in a little and your focus point a little further out.

This procedure can be used to practice 'trailing the jack'. Set up a head at a medium length, with a bowl on each side of the jack, at about jack high some 20 cm away. Now deliver your bowl as if to an imaginary jack 30 cm behind the set jack, on the draw line, remembering to suitably adjust your aiming line and focus point.

Have you experienced the joy of playing onto a bowl short of the jack with sufficient weight to push it out of the head and then follow through to claim shot? Practice by again setting a bowl 50 cm short of a medium jack, and deliver your bowl with sufficient weight to move the object bowl forward and your bowl follows through for shot. This time the suggested ratio is six to one. So on a 14 sec green to follow through ½ metre you will need 3 metres of extra weight, with the necessary small adjustment to line and focus point.

With each of these routines, repeat with long and short ends to improve your bag of skills. In all of these shots realize that you are essentially playing a DRAW shot to an 'imaginary' jack in a slightly different position in

As the speed of our greens is increasing here are some suggestions for adjusting your delivery. Hold the bowl lower when taking your STANCE on the mat. Your grassline must be wider for a faster green, so that the bowl will cover a longer path to the jack. (Try the next rink number in your roll up for a 16 / 17 sec green). Take a short, slow step forward. As you are holding the bowl lower, the pendulum swing will be slower. Bend your back knee into the calf of the front leg so that you can observe your bowl proceeding along the delivery line over your upturned hand, to the jack. Keep your elbow and wrist straight for your follow through.

Enjoy your bowling.

Ed

Bowls Secretary John Orton

Hello everybody! (Waits for audience applause. Not a sausage!). Only Goons fans around the late fifties would appreciate this well known line from little Bluebottle, the East Finchley replica of a boy scout. The club championships have been progressing well, most competitors playing their matches on time and the others using common sense to sort things out among themselves without causing delays to others. This is the way to go.

I congratulate *Ian Cameron-Smith* on winning the Major Singles championship over his nemesis Warwick Druce to whom commiserations. In the Major Pairs "well done" to Cyril Vahtrick and Michael Tsolakis who won the Major Pairs by beating Ian Cameron-Smith and one John Orton. Takahashi san and Ed O'Donnell won the Minor Pairs against Rick Edwards and the perennial loser "You know who"



and the Mixed Pairs final went to the lovely Maria Hearder and the notso-lovely Warwick Druce who beat the also lovely Pat *Hamilton* and the very ugly indeed writer of this column. The Championship Triples, Fours and Club Pairs are still up for grabs and I thank

everyone for taking part which is just as important as winning. The number of people putting their names forward in our internal competitions was most encouraging.

Our Mid-Week Triples sides started their campaign on August 3rd. Grade B lost to St Ives 3.1/2 points to 1.1/2 while Grade C went down to the strong Harbord side by 4 points to one. Nevertheless, we are a small club and should be proud of making a game of it against our larger opponents.

On a personal note, I have just reached the age of becoming an old age pensioner. Despite this milestone, I still have a bit of lead in my pencil and I am putting my hand up for the Bowls Secretary's job for another year. If anyone wants to propose and second me I shall be more than happy to do the job which has given so much satisfaction and given me the opportunity to make so many new friends.

Love and peace.

Johno



PLACE OF ORIGIN Sydney versus 'The Rest'

AN AUGUST AFTERNOON

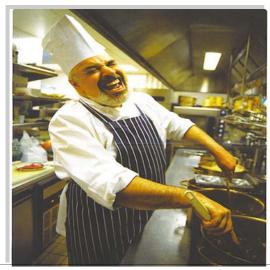
Saturday 6th August - a glorious winter day, the conviviality of lunch and a game of bowls. There to enjoy the spectacle and the sunshine, though sadly not playing, were Life Member, *John Warner* and *Jim Geniale*. It was particularly good to see Jim after a long absence. But back to arena . . .

Sydney faced a challenge. True, the Ninth Series in the Place of Origin Matches had already been decided, for The Rest had won the first two matches in the three-match series. In November last year The Rest won by 5 shots, while in May the winning margin was 39 shots. Would it be a clean sweep by The Rest?

At the end of this third match Sydney had won 3 rinks to 2, with 1 rink drawn, but the statistic that really mattered was the winning margin of 7 shots enjoyed by The Rest. On behalf of Sydney who had won the Eighth Series, President *lan Cameron-Smith* passed on the painting trophy (Werner Filipich's Longueville) to Life Member *Neil Falconer* to be held by The Rest for the next twelve months.

The members' thanks to *Roger Kerr* and *Robin Hearder*, to *Warwick Druce* and *Sue Cleary*, to *Otto Herbst*, to *John Krieger* and *Bob Bessemer*, and to *Lee Sanders* for their contributions to a great afternoon.

Bob Sinclair



Following his recent disappointment in 'an affair of the heart', Col McKellar has thrown himself into home duties of washing, ironing etc. Here, Warwick Druce was able to capture his enthusiasm while cooking at our recent Christmas in July.

Thank you Warwick and thank you Col.

E.C.(TED) CAMP

Ted passed away in July aged 84 years. He had been a KBC member for 20 years.

A capable and active bowler, Ted's activities were severely curtailed when his wife, Lesley, became ill requiring constant and devoted attention. *Howard Treloar* remembers Ted .."always well turned out and good company. He was deeply affected by Lesley's illness."

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Edwin Burton writes: Positioning the Director

The Skip when standing at the head, or when the Skip is at the mat

end of the rink, the team member who played immediately before the Skip' is known as **the Director**. The Director is required to be 2 metres behind the jack. (*Law 37*).

Before the current Law Book of July 2002, this Law also specified that the Director should be 1 metre to the side of the centre line. With the omission of this provision from the current Law, some Directors have assumed the right to stand behind the jack with one foot either side of the centre line. Why they consider it to be their right and not the right of the opposing Director is not clear!

Earlier this year Bowls Australia ruled that as well as being 2 metres behind the jack the Director must not stand in a position which obscures the view of the player on the mat of the rink marker or of either boundary peg. Any director so positioned is in breach of Law 36 (iii). Immediately a team's bowl comes to rest (time being allowed to mark a toucher) possession of the rink passes to the opposing team. The Director of the team which has just yielded possession should remain still and silent, doing nothing to interfere with or distract the opposition (Law 36) Any appeal to, or observation by, the umpire of such a breach may result in a warning being given. A subsequent breach could incur a penalty as provided in Law 58 with the opposition being awarded a number of shots equivalent to the number of bowls in use by the opposition, i.e. 4 bowls in singles, 8 bowls in pairs and fours, and 6 or 9 bowls in triples. Any subsequent breach could result in the match being awarded to the opposing team. The Director of the team whose bowl is being played may move into the head to indicate the shot requested but must return to a position 2 metres behind the jack as soon as the bowl is delivered.

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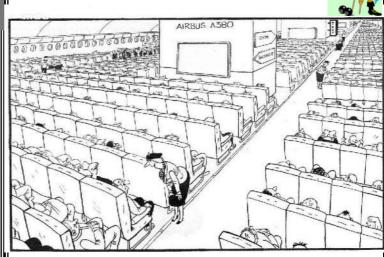
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Charlie, an experienced opening batsmen, could really see them by the 10th . . .