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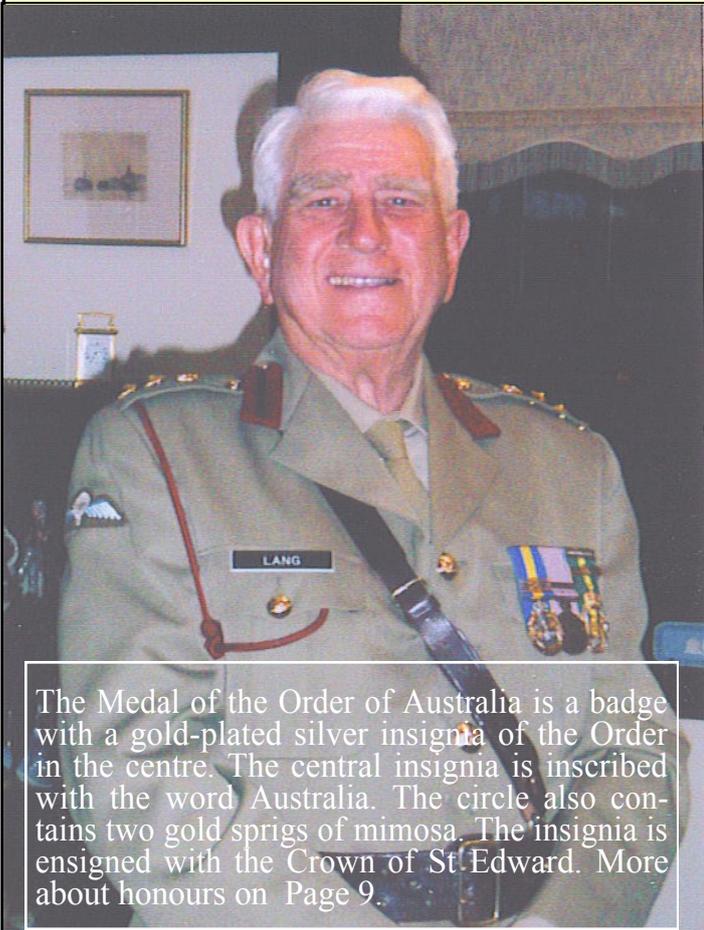
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**Congratulations
Frank Lang!**

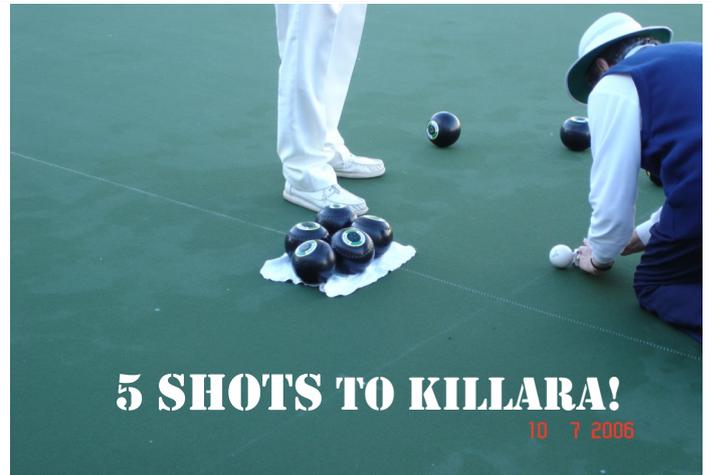


The Medal of the Order of Australia is a badge with a gold-plated silver insignia of the Order in the centre. The central insignia is inscribed with the word Australia. The circle also contains two gold sprigs of mimosa. The insignia is ensigned with the Crown of St. Edward. More about honours on Page 9.

COLONEL FRANCIS HOUSTON LANG OAM RFD ED

Frank earned his award with an outstanding contribution as a Reservist in the **Royal Australian Army Medical Corps** whose ranks he entered in 1950 with almost continuous service until 1998, nearly 50 years!

Frank, we salute you!



Fun and Games at The Landings

Publication of this quarters' newsletter was held to include the results of the Teams competition played at The Landings on Monday 10th July. The finals were decided on a 'best margins' basis between :-

**Turrumurra V North Sydney
Killara V St.Ives**

Our team won their match with an exciting 19/16 scoreline however Turrumurra overwhelmed North Sydney thus securing the \$2,000 purse. Killara took home second prize of \$800. *More on page 6.*



Winners are grinners! Well done!
Michael Tsolakis (2nd), **Alice Burton** (3rd), **Jean Brierley** (lead) and **Ian Cameron-Smith** (skip).



From the chair . . .

. . . *Warwick Druce*



Winter has arrived bringing cooler days after the long hot summer and autumn. The downside, with the welcome accompanying rains has been the number of washed out bowling days. Unfortunately, 'no play – no pay'!

Since the last newsletter we have gained 14 new members, full or social. Some of these came from the efforts of the drive organized by **Graham Shirley**, who is presently recovering from knee replacement surgery and hopefully will be back to the club and bowls shortly. Our financial results for the nine months to March showed about a 'line ball' situation which we expect to maintain until the 30th of June. As a result we have been able to leave subscriptions unchanged for 2006/2007, viz. men \$275; women \$250; intermediate \$100 and social \$15. We have introduced a 'next of kin' form which was sent out with the subscription renewal notices. It appears this form has been well received by members as, to date, more than half have been returned. These forms are being stored in a locker clearly marked with a large Red Cross near the backdoor of the clubhouse, together with a freshly stocked first-aid box.

New signs have been installed in the car park requesting members and visitors to park 'front in'. This is so as not to inconvenience our neighbors with car fumes. New signs have been commissioned for Arnold and Locksley Streets advertising the club and activities. These are being provided by our long term sponsors, Burns and Burns. They have also agreed to refurbish the score boards on Hillary Moore green. We thank **Richard Burns** once again for his generosity . . . *A true Friend of the Killara Bowling Club!* **Sue** has gained a new frig and Freezer when it's predecessor gave 'up the ghost'. Thanks to **Lea McNeill** for choosing and organizing the replacements.

The Landings Superbowl competition created a lot of interest this year. A separate report appears on page 6 of this newsletter. The final has not been played when the writer prepared this report. Our finals team, **Ian Cameron-Smith, Alice Burton, Jean Brierley** and **Michael Tsolakis** have a good chance. *Good luck!*

Shades for no.3 green are back on the agenda. The Dept. of Sports and Recreation have some money available and with the support of a club member we could install suitable shades for a cost of \$1000 to the club. On this basis we have applied to the Dept. for a grant. The outcome may not be known until the end of the year.

Warwick Druce

Lloyd Sommerlad on . . .

. . . **Club Traditions**

Keith Stedman was present on the day of the 2005 competition and passed on this front page from *Bowling Life* published in 1932 and found under the floor covering of a house at Bendemeer in northern NSW and now in our archives.



Some time in the late 1940's, Killara Bowling Club and KGC commenced a bi-annual match played March and August. After the discussions on trophy, it was left to Alex Phillips and Jack Kyd to devise something suitable. They came up with a wooden bowl of Vitae Lignum, "wood of life", mounted on a base. All original bowls were made out of wood (you can't imagine Sir Frankie Drake using plastic can you?) and as this particular timber was so hard, it was eminently suitable.

The iconic bowl was donated by Keith Stedman, the grandson of James Stedman of J. Stedman Henderson Sweets Ltd., manufacturers of "Sweetacres" brand confectionary.

An aging James used this wooden bowl until his coach advised him to come up to date and buy some of these "new fangled plastic things". Our trophy was first played for in 1979 but the bowl thereon would be at least 80 years old. The name of this much fought over useless piece of kitsch is the "Killara Bowl". (A bit like the "America's Cup" really!) Although named the Killara Bowl it is erroneously referred to as the "Stedman Bowl" after having been used by James and donated by Keith.

George Gissing. In the previous newsletter we discussed the Gissing Shield and the dominant personality of the donor in our history. We have been able to obtain a picture which is shown on page 8.

Lloyd Sommerlad



KWBC Presidents' Platform

The Autumn Carnival seems a long time ago but still needs comment. **Ian**



KWBC President
Lea McNeill

Armstrong was a tower of support, not just coordinating the event but turning his hand behind the scenes to table setting, tidying up — in fact everything and anything. Thank you Ian!

The weather held for us despite cloud and Ladies Day was enjoyed by 18 teams. Unfortunately no success for Killara teams, although one lost overall on count-back. Mixed Day however enabled us to congratulate **Meg and Neil Falconer** in the morning and **Alice and Edwin Burton** in the afternoon on their wins.

Thanks to all who made the Carnival a success — donations to raffles and trading tables enabled an overall net profit of almost \$1200 from these sources.

The next events in quick succession are the Club Championships with the Major and Minor Singles already completed. Congratulations to **Jean Brierley** as the Major Singles winner with **Maria Hearder** running up, and to **Shizuko Hashimoto** for her Minor Singles win with **Edith Cowlshaw** running up. The Fours, Pairs and Triples are still to come. We look forward to settling to Winter social games in tandem with the Championships. We have good greens and every opportunity to use them.

— Good Bowling Everyone!
Lea McNeill.

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Norma Clark contributed these anagrams . . .

DORMITORY	Dirty room
PRESBYTERIAN	Best in prayer
ASTRONOMER	Moon starrer
DESPERATION	A rope ends it
SLOT MACHINES	Cash lost in me
THE EYES	They see



MORE ON CLUB AWARDS

In our last newsletter, we set out a listing of current men members with Merit Badges and Tie Pins as compiled by **Lloyd Sommerlad**. Regrettably, in formatting the list into a panel, the editor 'lost' a name! Sorry **Norman Winckle**! To rectify this unfortunate oversight, we present the 'revised' listing.

MERIT BADGES

John Baker
Edwin Burton
Ian Cameron-Smith
Warwick Druce
Neil Falconer
Graham Firth
John Kreiger
Hector MacDonald
Edward O'Donnell
Ashley Sanders
Bob Sinclair
Lloyd Sommerlad
Howard Treloar
John Warner
Norman Winckle
Cyril Vahtrick

TIE PINS

Bob Bessemer
Gof Bowles
John Cowlshaw
Bob Hill
Arthur Krust
Mick Meares
John Orton

Further, before Lloyd set out for France, he sent the following email:-

*Presidents of the Men's Club also have the possibility of nominating women members who have made outstanding contributions, for an award, from the Royal. Among our women members who have received such Merit badges or brooches are **Joan Bain, Sue Cleary, Hazel Nettle, Pat Sinclair and Beryl Stephens.** The NSW Women's Bowling Association also awards Merit Badges to members of the Women's Club on the occasion of their President's Day. Current members who have received such awards are **Joan Bain, Jean Brierley, Alice Burton, Joan Buswell, Helen Clark, Norma Clark, Barbara Cotton, Meg Falconer, Roma French, Pat Hamilton, Margaret Herbst, Joan Hodgson, Judith Leunig, Alison Lockley, Hazel Nettle, Shirley Selsos, Pat Sinclair, Sheila Stanbridge, Beryl Stevens and Mabs White.***

Hopefully, we have got it right this time! Never-the less, should there be any oversight or omission, please inform the editor.

rhb



KBC Presidents' Platform : *John Muirhead*



**John Muirhead
President KBC**

Sign Boards. The large sign boards which have been erected behind the fences facing out on to Arnold and Locksley Streets are expected to make our presence well known to our visitors and passers by. It is hoped that they may lead to enquiries for membership and this is the

primary reason for having them. We are very grateful to **Burns & Burns** for agreeing to pay the costs. They have also renovated their advertising signs on the score boards on the Hilary Moore Green. Thank you Burns & Burns.

Shades for No.3 Green. We have taken advantage of an invitation to apply for a grant under a Capital Assistance Program of the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation. If we are successful this will pay for 50% of the cost of the shades (but not the GST). A member of the Club has very generously offered to contribute \$1,000 anonymously so that the cost to the Club will be a little over \$700. No 3 Green is now in excellent playing condition and it is hoped that it will become popular. It is our only full length green and is expected to be put to use by Pennants players who encounter full length greens at other clubs.

Graham Firth's 100th Birthday. This important occasion (22nd October) will not pass without a suitable party. Plans are in hand which we hope will make it a very memorable occasion for Graham, his family and his friends at Killara Bowling Club. More will follow.

The Autumn Carnival. We are grateful to **Ian Armstrong** for organising the Carnival and making it appear so easy. We also thank the many volunteers from both the Men's and Women's Clubs who helped on the three days. The proceeds from the raffles made a very valuable contribution, thank you ladies for organising them and the produce stalls. The Carnival was a success with fine weather holding out until the end. All visitors have been generous in their compliments so we hope that they will return for the Spring Carnival in mid-September.



Shortest Fairytale in History

Once upon a time, a man asked a girl...

"Will you marry me?"

The girl said, "No".

And, the man lived happily ever after.



BOWLES SECRETARY'S REPORT

... *Robin Hearder*

The club has been strongly represented and played very well in the summer Pennants competition. Our Grade 5 side led by **Lee Sanders, Warwick Druce, and Ian Cameron-Smith** (**Lloyd Sommerlad** substituting when Ian away) as skips finished 3rd winning 5 and losing 5 matches. The best win was against Asquith 6-0, and 5 pointers came from Newport (twice) and Belrose. The Grade 7 side likewise acquitted themselves very well also coming 3rd winning 5 matches and losing 3 with 2 byes as War Veterans withdrew. **Barry Moore** (**Brian Hill** substituting when Barry away), **Arthur Krust, and Ed O'Donnell** were the skips winning 6-0 against Gordon, and 5 pointers from Chatswood and DeeWhy. Thanks are due to the Selection Committee consisting of **Bob Sinclair** (Chairman), **Michael Tsolakis, and Arthur Krust** for their tireless work and deliberations, and they were all re-elected in May for another year.

In the Club Major Singles competition, **Ian Cameron-Smith** defeated **Roger Kerr** and **Warwick Druce** defeated **Don Cozens** in the Semi-Finals, and congratulations to Warwick Druce who went on to win the Final. The Semi-finals of the Major Pairs saw **John Muirhead and Bob Bessemer** defeat **Warwick Druce and Gof Bowles**, and **Cyril Vahtrick** with **Michael Tsolakis** defeat **Josef Zazulak and Ian Cameron-Smith**, and congratulations to John Muirhead and Bob Bessemer on winning the Final. The other Club competition completed so far was the Minor Pairs and congratulations to **Rick Edwards and Ron Forbes-Smith** who were victors over **Roger Kerr and Arthur Krust**.

The Club entered three teams skipped by **Neil Falconer, Warwick Druce** and **Ian Cameron-Smith** in the 2006 Super Bowls Series Mixed 4's at the Landings, North Turramurra and many supporters turned up to participate in the Club prize as members scored points in addition to the players. Unfortunately no luck and only Ian Cameron-Smith's 4 survived on the fast synthetic carpet green to the Semis. The annual fixture against the Australian Club has been postponed due to the rainy weather..

The Cyril South trophy for triples this year has been more enjoyable as restricted to players of Grades 3-7 and we were able to score further wins against St Ives, Pennant Hills, and a draw against Hornsby. In a close Final which went down to the last couple of bowls, Warrawee narrowly defeated Gordon.

I would like to thank **Josef Zazulak** who has taken over as Publicity Officer, and sending in the weekly results by email to the local papers. **RH**

AUTUMN CARNIVAL

... *Report from Ian Armstrong*

Summary of 2006 Autumn Carnival

Entries

Friday 19 May 2006 Ladies Triples

15 ends each AM&PM

18 teams(54 players) of which 8 teams were from KWBC

Sunday 21 May 2006 Composite Pairs

17 ends each AM&PM

24 teams(48 players) of which 10 teams were from KBC/KWBC

Monday 22 May 2006 Mens Triples

17 ends each AM&PM

20 teams(60 players) of which 7 teams were from KBC

Results

Ladies Triples

AM Winner: Asquith BC(J.Bennett, S.Andrew, N.Maloney)

Score 14 Points

PM Winner: Killara WBC(B.Fox, E.Blake, M.White)

Score 13 Points

Runner-Up: Gordon BC(R.Howard, S.Curtin, B.Nelson)

Score 25 Points

Winner:Gladesville:(J.Moyes, J.Allen, P.Cole)

Score 25 Points On count back

Composite Pairs

AM Winner: KBC(M.Falconer & N.Falconer)

Score 15 Points

PM Winner: KBC(E.Burton & A.Burton)

Score 19 Points

Runner-Up: Gordon(G.Nelson & B.Nelson)

Score 27 Points

Winner: Marrickville(T.Delmar & S.Foster)

Score 29 Points

Mens Triples

AM Winner:Balgowlah(G.Newling, R.Faulks, A.Armstrong)

Score 17 Points

PM Winner:Lindfield(R.Jones, P.Hawes, A.Smith) Score

15 Points

Runner-Up: Avalon(T.Payten, T Hughes, D,Hughes) Score 26

Points on count back

Winner: Warringah(D.Moyes,B.Allen,A.Mylchreest)

Score 27 Points

2006 Autumn Carnival Umpires

Ladies Triples Friday 19 May2006 Edwin Burton

Composite Pairs Sunday 21 May 2006 Rick Edwards

Mans Triples Monday 22 May2006 Colin Mackellar

Points for Consideration Before the Next Carnival

1. Review of the Conditions of Play in regard to number of ends being decisive in the event of a draw.
2. Advise players on the days of the Triples that winners playing winners & losers playing losers will not necessarily apply where the number of teams does not divide by 4.
3. An open draw should prevail to maintain the credibility of the Carnival.
4. Sponsor representatives to be asked to arrive in plenty of time to make their presentations.



A drunk, who smelled of booze sat down on a seat next to a priest. The man's shirt was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a

few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, **"Tell me, Father, what causes arthritis?"**

The priest replied, **"My Son, it is caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol and a contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and a lack of personal hygiene."**



The drunk muttered in response, **"Well, I'll be blown,"** and returned to his paper. The priest, thinking about what he had said, put his hand gently on the man's arm and apologized. **"I'm sorry. I should not have come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"**

"Oh, I don't have arthritis, Father," the drunk replied. **"I was just reading here that the Pope does."**

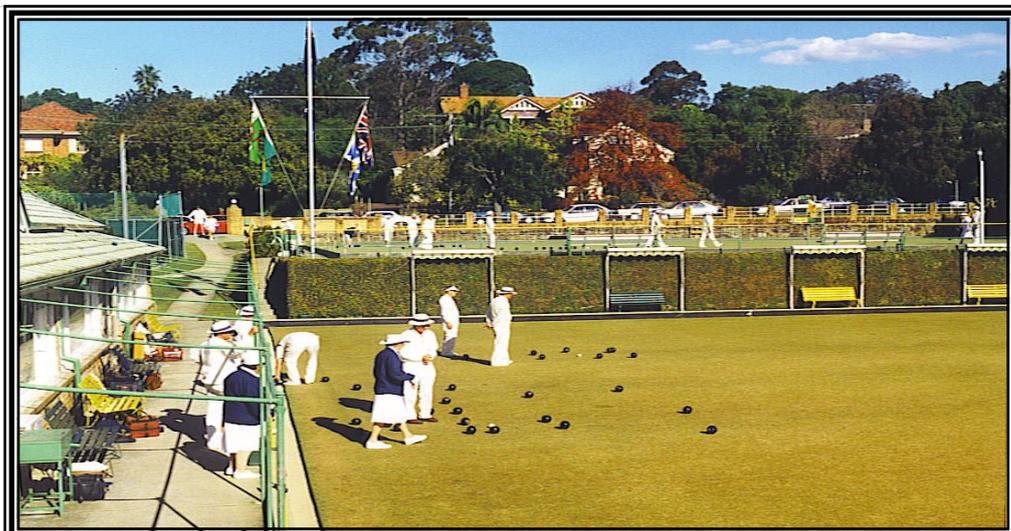


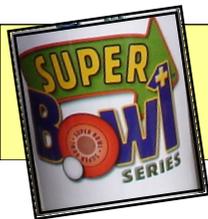
If the population of China marched past you, 8 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction!

THIS PICTURE OF OUR AUTUMN CARNIVAL WAS TAKEN IN WHICH YEAR?

- 2005
- 2003
- 2000
- 1999
- 1998
- 1990

The answer at the foot of page 7.





**BACK TO THE LANDINGS
... 2006 SUPER BOWL**

The Club was pleased to receive another invitation from *The Landings* to participate in a second series of competition for North Shore clubs at their 'roof-top Green'. KBC were highly successful last year making a 'clean sweep'. (see KBN September 2005)

In this years competition, we faced sides from **Belrose, East Roseville, Gordon, Lindfield, St.Ives and Turramurra**. Lindfield took the \$5,000 sponsorship prize with the teams prize still to be determined when we went to press.



The Landings rinks are synthetic (very fast and wide!) and much shorter than standard; imposing a severe test of bowling skill and concentration. Get it only slightly wrong and you are 'in the ditch'. There were some great matches observed on some occasions by over 100 spectators.

**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 call aloud "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.



GREAT HOSTS

Good bowls was not the only benefit of the visit to Bobbin Head Rd, the hosts really 'turned it on' with an excellent and generous afternoon tea and refreshments.



And visitors were also eligible for prizes for attendance with President *John Muirhead's* name coming out of the hat during the first round.

At *The Landings* ...

Left: Killara's C team, *Bob Bessemer, Neil Falconer, Mabs White* and *Meg Falconer*. Organiser, *Barry Hamer* and Marketing Manager *Karen Mattingly* also pictured with *John Muirhead*.



Summary.. A well conducted and entertaining event deserving high praise to the conveners, organisers and residents who combined to give both players and visitors an enjoyable experience. **rhb**

Two blokes were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A blonde walked by and asks what they are doing. Paddy: "We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole, but we don't have a ladder"
The blonde took a spanner from her purse, loosened a few bolts and laid the flagpole down. She then pulled a tape measure from her pocket, took a few measurements and announced that it was eighteen feet and six inches. She then walked off. Mick: "Ain't that just like a blonde! We need the height and she gives us the length"





Photo Brian Booth

ED O'DONNELL DICUSSES . . . THE USE OF THE MAT.

Fundamental in 'Grooving your Delivery' is the placing of your **anchor** foot on the mat, when you take your stance. The coaching segment in the 'Women's Bowls News' for June, has an article on the way you can use the mat to your advantage.

The correct alignment of your feet on the mat, in the direction of your delivery line, will overcome the common fault of delivering your bowls across the head. Well - this is one factor you can work on. Next you can think about follow through; not lifting your head; **walking off** the mat; and all those other characteristics of the perfect delivery.

Try this in your next practice, as an aid to finding the correct grassline, using the holes in the mat. When you have mastered this, the changing of the position of the mat for short or long ends will no longer create a problem for you when determining your aiming point.

Place the mat on the centre line near the T with the diamonds on the line. Take your stance as if to deliver the jack, but deliver four bowls on the forehand bias using the centre line as your delivery line. Take the front end of the line as your aiming point and deliver your bowls carefully along this line. Watch each bowl as it bends off the centre line onto the adjacent rink. Notice how your bowls have all come to rest in a straight line from the back of the mat.

(See fig.1)

Now swing the mat about the back diamond until the sewn centre line points along the line on which your bowls have finished. Look where the rink centre line comes out from under the mat. (See fig 2). Which hole on the mat matches this point: or between which two holes does it lie? The line from the back diamond to this point on the front of the mat, gives you your delivery line.

Select a point on the rink out along this line about four or five metres, as your aiming point. Once this point is chosen do not take your eye off it until your bowl passes over it on its way to the jack.

Now, if on your back swing your bowl stays over this line, you will always be rewarded with bowls finishing on the centre line. Weight of course, is a matter requiring further practice.

When you step onto the mat from the back, make sure your anchor foot is placed parallel to this line so that you can deliver your bowl along this line over your aiming point. See adjacent illustration. *Good bowling! Ed*

What year did you choose?

Frankly, it would be remarkable if you could determine the year as there has been very little change from this perspective.

The picture was, in fact, taken at the 1999 Autumn Carnival.



Beryl Writes . . .

The Mixed Bowls Competition on the Queen's Birthday was a beautiful day. 24 players enjoyed the game and also enjoyed a luscious afternoon tea, provided by the ladies.

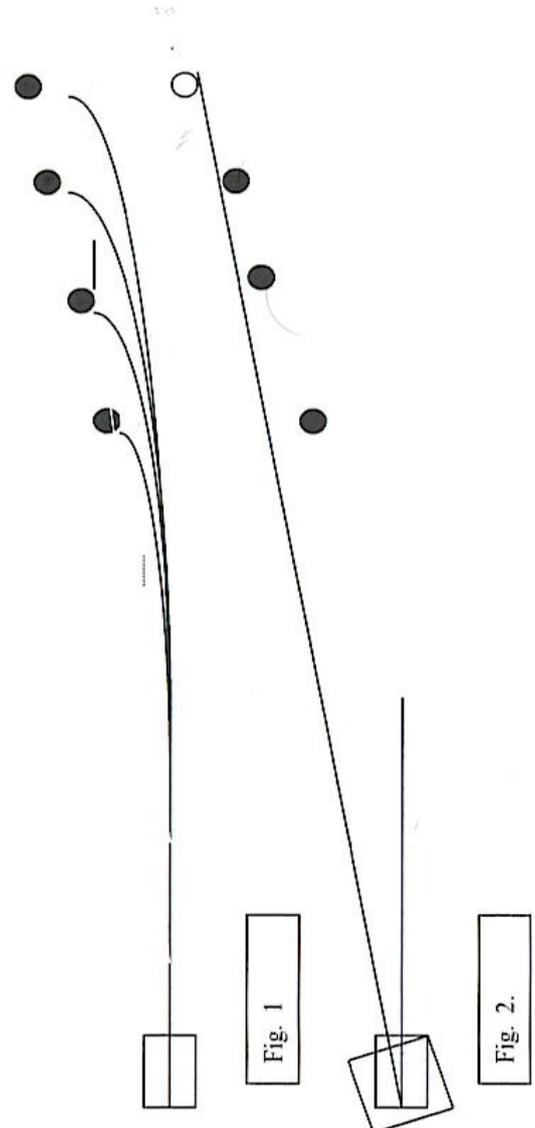
I had to work hard to encourage more members to enter for the Mixed Pairs Championship. Eventually we finished with 16 players. There is a lot of sickness around, and to holiday in this cold weather to a good warm spot is not a bad idea.

The final was played on Sunday 18th June. The result:-

S. Hashimoto and **I. Cameron-Smith** defeating **M. Harder** and **W Druce**.

By the time you read this, we would have enjoyed a sumptuous Christmas in July Dinner (Friday 7th July) by **Sue**. We hope you got your name down!

Beryl Stephens.





PLACE OF ORIGIN Sydney versus 'The Rest'

Place of Origin Match, May 2006

The last Saturday of autumn was the occasion of the second match in the Tenth Series of Place of Origin Matches. The afternoon was typical of late autumn - pleasant for the most part but cool when the sun hid behind the clouds. Sydney had won the first match last November - 126 shots to 108, with three rinks apiece. The second match was billed as "A chance for The Rest to level the series".

At the afternoon tea break Sydney appeared to be comfortably ahead. But the Rest had delayed their counter-attack until the last few ends. Sometimes it is called the afternoon tea syndrome. Other explanations, perhaps more convincing, might be offered, but the result was clear, if close. The Rest won - 118 shots to 116, with three rinks apiece.

Members expressed their thanks to all those who contributed to the enjoyment of the afternoon, and in particular to our volunteers - chef and publisher **Bob Bessemer**, House Manager **Warwick Druce**, our "Collector of Customs and Excise" **Otto Herbst**, and organisers **John Krieger**, **Lee Sanders** and your reporter. We look forward to the final match in the Tenth Series in August!

Bob Sinclair



Photo Brian Booth

From the Secretary's desk . . . *Gof Bowles*

Members may recall that at the 2005 AGM it was agreed that we would introduce a new category of membership for those aged below 30 years at a reduced level of subscription. Nothing much happened for quite some time thereafter but I am pleased to record that we now have our first such member and we hope that a number of his friends will also come on board in the not too distant future.

At the time of writing this, the 2006/2007 subscription notices have been out for a little while and I would express, on behalf of the Board, appreciation of the early response made by a high proportion of our membership. It is pleasing also to be receiving a goodly number of "next-of-kin" advices with the incoming cheques. Members can, of course, complete and lodge a "next-of-kin" advice at any time. Forms available from the Hon. Secretary or from Sue.

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noted the framed Fire Safety certificate now hanging by the central double doors, the latest evidence of the continuing bureaucratic oversight of our operations. This is being followed up with the preparation of a detailed Fire Emergency and Evacuation Plan.



Taken in 1928, George Gissing's first year as President. He is seated, centre row, second from left. Beside him is his wife, Helen, and his daughter, Mrs. Eileen Crothers.

RUMOUR REBUTTED!

The report that former Chairman and President, **Alan Smith**, now a resident of Gwandalan, has terminated his 28 years of membership is not correct!. Alan, held both senior positions in 1991/94, is remembered as a very sound executive who greatly strengthened club finances. His name is prominent in the annals of the club's bowling records with his name appearing with regularity from 1992 through 1999 in both men's and mixed events. His son, Chris, was also club champion. Whilst he continues as an Associate with KBC, we are certain Gwandalan have gained an active member and a very competent bowler. **Best wishes Alan!** rhb



This pic, taken at Lord Howe in 2000 shows Alan, from left (1) with KBC colleagues Wyman Morell dec.(5), Bernie Robertson dec. (6) and Keith Williams dec. (7). Other bowlers from other clubs.

Picture Jack Williams

From Front page

IT'S AN HONOUR

In the Australian honours system appointments to the Order of Australia confer recognition for outstanding achievement and service. The **Medal of the Order of Australia** is awarded for service worthy of particular recognition. We were therefore delighted to see a member of our club recognized in the traditional Australia Day list.

How it is awarded

The order of Australia is the pre-eminent way Australians mark the achievements and service of their fellow citizens. Nominations to the Order come directly from the community: either individuals or groups. Once a nomination has been submitted the **Honours Secretariat** at Government House in Canberra conducts further research and contacts referees. **The Council for the Order of Australia** then considers the nominations. The Council makes its recommendations, independent of government, direct to the Governor-General.

A rancher and his wife were arguing while touring Paris. They were hardly speaking to each other after being seated in a fancy French restaurant for dinner.



When the waiter arrived, the rancher said, "I'll have a big thick porterhouse steak."
The waiter replied, "But Monsieur, what about Ze Mad Cow?"
He said, "She'll have a Salad."

A SCOTS' ABILITY TO WITHSTAND PAIN



Scotsman asks the dentist the cost for a tooth extraction. " 85 pounds for an extraction sir," was the dentist's reply.

" 85 poonds!!! Huv ye no' got anythin' cheaper?"

"That's the normal charge," said the dentist.

"Whit about if ye didnae use any anaesthetic?"

"That's unusual, sir, but I could do it and knock 15 pounds off."

"Whit about if ye used one of your dentist trainees and still without an anaesthetic?"

"I can't guarantee their professionalism and it'll be painful. But the price could drop to 40 pounds."

"How about if ye make it a trainin' session, ave yer student do the extraction with the other students watchin' and learnin'?"

"It'll be good for the students," mullied the dentist. "I'll charge you 5 pounds. But it will be traumatic."

"Och now yer talkin' laddie! It's a deal," said the Scotsman.

"Can ye confirm an appointment for the wife next Tuesday then?"

THE BUFFALO THEORY

"Well ya see, Norm, it's like this... A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And



when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."



... Darren's PRO-GREEN Report

The Graham Firth Green has been performing very true with consistent pace in varying conditions. The green is wearing well with no significant worn areas to be concerned about. Fine cutting and a structured rolling program has been employed to provide a smooth, firm, fast, surface.

Water demands are under control and restrictions are followed as required. The watering permit only allows watering on Mondays 1am to 9am and 5pm to 8pm inclusive.

Recent rainfalls in the district tallied to approximately 8" which was very beneficial. Routine spraying was carried out during the rainfalls to soak in much needed fertilisers, soil conditioners, preventative fungicides and insect treatments.

Positive feedback has been received by bowlers from other clubs on the vast improvements to the GF green during the recently hosted autumn carnival. State singles and pairs matches have also been hosted proving the greens are up to top level standards for these premier events.

Renovations for 2006/07 are in the planning stages, various techniques are in consideration to further improve No 1 green for our playing members.



STEVE and DARREN

The Hillary Moore Green has also stood up well to a heavy workload. Similar techniques have been applied.

Heavy rolling is underway weather permitting. General winter turf management is underway and all necessary procedures will be completed.

No 3 Green is being used more frequently for practice and coaching. Barefoot bowls is also being promoted and it provides an ideal surface for this. Heavy rolling is also underway to consolidate the surface. All treatments reported on No 1 green have been applied to No 3 green. *We suggest more use of No 3 green would be beneficial to prevent the overuse and wearing of the other greens.*

I am often asked about accurately measuring the speed of a bowling green

The bowl must travel within 0.5 metres (2 feet) of a measured 28 metre (90 feet) distance. Timing commences when the bowl passes the toe of the mat and finishes when the bowl stops. This process should be repeated until an accurate bowl has been measured. A speed of 14 seconds is considered appropriate and realistic.

The gardens and surrounds are looking neat and tidy. Various projects have been completed and some are still underway. The bank on the western edge of HM has been prepared with Sir Walter Turfgrass. It has taken well and will improve in spring. All hedges have been manicured, shrubs have been pruned, garden beds hand-weeded and slow release fertiliser applied to various areas. Carpark has been treated with a suitable herbicide, as with all turfgrass banks surrounding greens. Further improvements to our grounds will be addressed to provide long term solutions.

Thank you for your interest. Steve and I look forward to seeing you enjoying yourself on the Greens.

Darren Hargreaves

An Irishman approached the assistant behind the counter and said *"Can I have a kilo of Irish sausages please?"*

The assistant looked at him and asked, *"Are you Irish?"*

"If I asked you for Italian Sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian?"

"Or, if I asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German?"

"Or if I asked you for a Kosher Hot Dog, would you ask me if I was Jewish?"

"Or, if I asked you for a Taco, would you ask me if I was Mexican?"

Would ya, ay? Would ya?"



The assistant says, *"Well, no."*

"And if I asked you for frogs legs, would you ask me if I was French?"

"What about Danish Bacon, would you ask me if I was Danish?"

"Well, I probably wouldn't!"

So with self-indignation, the Irishman says, *"Well, all right then, why did you ask me if I'm Irish just because I asked for Irish sausages?"*

The assistant replies, *"Because you're in bloody Bunnings Hardware mate!!"*



Thousands of illegals are in this country on expired visas some for as long as 10-15 years. At Video Rentals if you're two days late they are all over you. I think we should put Video Rentals in charge of Immigration.

NEW GREEN'S PURCHASE APPROVED.

Readers may remember our last newsletter reporting Darren's interest in obtaining a new 'Multi-purpose mower/roller/BBQ'. The Board has decided a ride on mower would be more appropriate

