



In a repeat of their 2003 triumph . . . .

## ***KILLARA WINS DISTRICT GRADE 3 PENNANT FLAG***



In a positive proof that 'winners are grinners', our Ladies proudly hold the second pennant flag won in in this decade! A great achievement given the fierce competition encountered from other determined clubs on North Shore. Holding the Pennant, from left to right are:-

**Livia Geniale, Robin Hey, Elaine Morell, Maria Hearder (S), Edith Cowlshaw, Meg Falconer, Jean Brierley, and Alice Burton (S).** Names in italics were also in the 2003 side.  
All in Killara salute your achievement! More on page 3.

### VALE



**ATHOL MOFFITT**  
A large gathering at St.Martins, including many members, paid tribute to our KBC member and colleague. Tribute is on page 8.

### **E.P.(JIM) CORDAIY**

We have belated news from Western Australia that our former member died, aged 87, in Perth following his move in 2005.

### COMMEMORATING THE FALLEN

Anzac Day 2007. Story on page 4.





## From the chair . . . ... Warwick Druce



**The Greens Contract** for the maintenance of the Greens and gardens for the past three years expired recently and tenders were called on a new document. This was prepared by the Greens Committee of **Bob Hill** and **Helen Clark** with assistance from **John Muirhead**, who prepared the documents. It was convened for the purpose of producing a better contract document to define our requirements and to take account of developments such as the car park in place of No.4 Green. Hitherto No. 3 Green has been maintained to a standard suitable for social bowls; in future it will be upgraded to be to a standard suitable for Pennants play. **Pro-Green**, the company owned and operated by **Darren Hargreaves**, which has done the work for the past three years, was successful and the new contract has been signed. Darren will be preparing a chart which will show all planned outages of greens for future renovations and other maintenance operations. This will be displayed so that members can refer to it. **Air conditioning.** The Board unanimously decided at its last meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April to install air conditioning in the Club Room at a cost of about \$15,000. It has accepted the lowest of three quotations obtained by John Muirhead. The order has been placed and we expect work to commence shortly. The installation will be ducted with eight registers in the ceiling. It will have Reverse Cycle so that it can also provide heating and it will have the latest Inverter technology which provides cooling or heating with much lower fluctuations in both temperature and rate of power consumption and an overall economy of about 10%. *The above report was prepared for Warwick by John Muirhead due to the absence of the Chairman recuperating from surgery at the time of publication. Ed.*



## A NEW COACH MEASURES UP



Very few honorary tasks are more demanding of a members time than coaching; and our club has been very fortunate to be well served in this vital area. Never-the-less, **Edwin Burton, Ed O'Donnell** and **Jean Brieley** will appreciate being joined by Club Secretary, **Gof Bowles**, who has completed his accreditation and is now fully qualified to contribute to the task of coaching new and current members. Gof, thank you. It is hoped you can be made very busy particularly in inducting new blood!



## Beryl Writes . . .

Anzac Day was a wonderful Day of Remembrance, with 75 Members and Guests enjoying a gourmet baked dinner cooked by our **Sue**. The Service was delivered by **Jim Carroll**, and the bugle played beautifully by a lad from Barker, all very impressive. The table settings by **Barbara Cotton** and lots of ladies were most attractive. Having done all the selection for 60 Bowlers, it was all to no avail. The heavens opened up and delivered some very welcome rain, so badly needed. The mixed Pairs Championship commences on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Let us have a good roll-up this year. Plenty of good lady bowlers available, so come on you men bowlers, Rally Round!!!!

Beryl Stephens



My husband, being unhappy with my mood swings, bought me a mood ring the other day so he would be able to monitor my humour. We've discovered that when I'm in a good mood, it turns green. When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a big bloody red mark on his forehead. Maybe next time he'll buy me a diamond!!

## MANSER TIERNEY & JOHNS-

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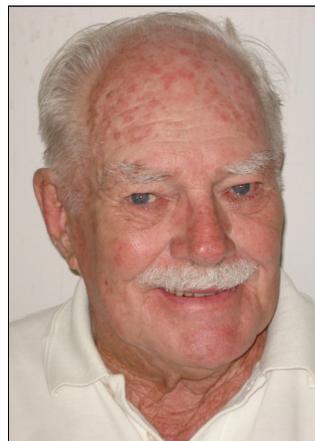
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This always smiling and welcome face belongs to **Keith Stedman**, a regular at Thursday's **Burns & Burns Triples**. Keith, an Associate from Balgowlah, has been a member since 1970. Only three other members have longer or equal tenure: **Llew Thomas** (A 1967), **Norman Winckle** (F1968) and **Graham Firth** (F1970). Good bowler too!



## KWBC Presidents' Platform

KWBC has finished the Pennant Season on a high, with our Grade 3 side winning the District Pennant flag. Presentation of this on Friends Day, together with a pin to each player provided extra spice to the day. Congratulations to all those who represented the Club so successfully. We look forward to seeing the Pennant on our flagpole.



KWBC President  
Lea McNeill



President **Lea McNeill**, hosted **Billie Maas**, and **Lois Killman** from Mid North Shore District. Billie presented the pins and Pennant on behalf of District President **Pat Cousley** who, unable to attend, sent a greeting letter.

Pennant play has been all-consuming since before Easter, as the women play twice a week. A sincere thank you to the many men who have umpired for us during this time. Their main call has been to measure the length of the jack. The change of minimum length from 21m to 23m provided a challenge at the beginning of each match when the green was at its slowest. **Friends Day** was, as always, a very happy day with club members inviting members of other clubs to play and join us for lunch.



Great excitement at the State Singles Championships! Several ladies entered, with **Alice Burton** and **Shizuko Hashimoto** proceeding to the second round. Then Shizuko went on to the District semi-final. Wonderful effort! She was defeated at this level by **Helena Wuro**, the eventual District winner.

Then the **Autumn Carnival** - 22 women's teams entered without any prompting. However, in what seems to be almost inevitable, the rains came and forced us to our contingency plan of a quiz. The results gave the major prize to **Elizabeth Dokuilil's** team from Warrawee. June 2<sup>nd</sup> then becomes our next major occasion. A meeting of the Club Limited has been called to consider and hopefully elect **Jean Brierley** as a **Life Member of KBC Ltd.** An award much deserved as Jean has done, and is still doing, so much to ensure for KWBC.

## SCENES FROM FRIENDS DAY



July 10th looms large in my consciousness - President's Day, after three years in the chair of KWBC. We look forward to a very happy day with representatives from State, District and other clubs in our area. A day like this not only recognises the President, but also keeps KBC on the radar of

local bowling.

**This is my last contribution to Bowls News as KWBC's President. Thank you all for your co-operation. I'm sure the Club will bowl on to bigger and better things.**

*Lea McNeill*



**KBC Presidents' Platform :**  
**John Muirhead**

**Safety Steps.** Four sets of steps and handrail standards have been ordered to help our less agile members to step over the walls surrounding the Graham Firth Green and parts of the Hilarie Moore Green. The steps at our No.3 green and a number of types at neighbouring clubs were inspected and tried but none was found to be suitable for our circumstances. Ours have been designed so that they can be moved between locations and so as to cause minimum obstruction to our surrounding footpaths which are very narrow. They have also been designed so as not to be a hazard to bowler's shins. They are expected very shortly.



**John Muirhead**  
**President KBC**

**The Autumn Carnival.** Conducted on 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May. **David Martin** generously undertook to be in charge of the preparations. Registrations have been excellent with no vacancies remaining for the Men's Triples. Our thanks go to David and his assistants including **Ed O'Donnell** who helped with the draw and preparation of the tables setting out the teams. We are pleased to acknowledge and to thank our sponsors respectively, **Harvey World Travel, Dalcross Private Hospital and Burns** and **Burns Real Estate**. Results on Page 10.

Members **Harry Jerram, John Baker** and **George Wall** have all been to the Club recently, having been kept away for a variety of reasons. It was good to see them back and we hope to see them on the greens before long.

**Anzac Day**



For this solemn major occasion in our calendar we expected 59 members to play bowls and about 75 for lunch and the Ceremony of Commemoration. Rain showers of varying intensity throughout the morning put bowls in doubt and they continued throughout the luncheon and the Ceremony. To avoid damage to the green, the ceremony was held at the foot of the steps leading up to the flag staff and in the porch, with those attending standing under umbrellas on the footpath and in the Club house. **John Taylor** our flag orderly and the bugler **Alex Barclay** stood by the flag staff.

The Commemorative Address, given by **Jim Carroll**, was well researched and well delivered and a very moving and memorable account of the sacrifices made by the Anzacs at Gallipoli and on the Western front in France and Belgium.

The rain persisted and it was decided that there would be no bowling. Thanks to **Helen Clark** who arranged the bugler and **Beryl Stephens** for doing the Roll-up. Thanks to **Barbara Cotton** and her team for organising the luncheon and raffle. Bad weather prevented us playing bowls on Anzac Day for the first time in the memory of members of long standing.

An excellent and traditional Lamb roast was prepared by **Sue Cleary** and served with the assistance of many helpers. **Otto Herbst** looked after the finances. **Joan Bain** and **Mickie Johnston** conducted the raffle. Barbara Cotton provided attractive handmade decorations.



**A commemoration and celebration.**



*Lest we forget*





**ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER**  
*... Lloyd Sommerlad reports*

*Killara Bowls News* has now been

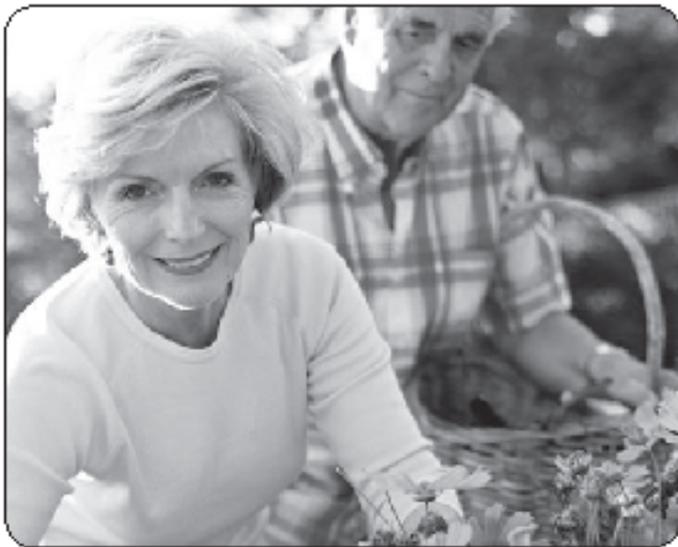
published regularly on a monthly or quarterly basis for almost 50 years. Together with Annual Reports and Committee Minutes it provides a valuable historical record of the Club's programme and activities. An almost complete file of all copies of the Newsletter is deposited with other records in the archives maintained by the Local History Section of the Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council Library. The first Editor in 1959 was **Bill McLean** who also wrote a draft history of the first 45 years of KBC but it was never published. It was however, an important source for "**Bowls at Killara**" published in 1990 for the Club's 75th anniversary by the writer. Some members will remember **Lyle McHugh** who was a dedicated editor from 1970 to 1985. His excellent reports included detailed results of all rounds of Club Competitions and personal items about members. Over the next decade there were several editors for short periods including **Mike Serisier** and **Ken Warby**. From 1994 to 1997 **Lloyd Sommerlad** was editor, laboriously typing out the copy and pasting it up in a dummy for reproduction on the copying machine. **Wymond Morell** who had been a Master Printer produced a very professional looking Bowls News from 1998 to 2003 when **Bob Bessemer** took over and maintained the high standard with desk-top publishing and digital photographs. As Editor, Bob secures reports from the Chairman of the Registered Club, the Presidents of the Women's and Men's Clubs and contributions from the coaches and umpires. Profiles of some Club members with details of their careers and other interests have enabled us to learn more about fellow members and acknowledge their public service. A popular feature is the laughs we get from the many good jokes and anecdotes the editor finds from unknown sources. Editing Killara Bowls News is no small task and Bob is to be congratulated on a very readable and newsy publication.

**NOTICE**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**12 Noon, Saturday 2nd June 2007**  
 The Board has resolved to put the following resolution to members:-  
**That Mrs. Jean D Brierley of 54/1 Yardley Avenue, Waitara be elected a life member of the Killara Bowling Club Ltd**  
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**Edwin Burton . . .**

**. . . So you need a substitute.**

A substitute acts as a proxy for an intended member or a constituted player in a team who is unavailable or physically incapable & thereby prevented from attending or playing in a game or part thereof. Should that situation arise, the Skip must request the Controlling Body to approve a substitute. The CB will inquire if the missing player is competing in another match on the same day. If this is the case, the CB will only approve a substitute if the match is higher ranked in the RNSWBA Conditions of Play.

A substitute, if approved, will be selected from eligible members whose playing ability will not be taken into account. An Eligible Member is one whose entry could have been accepted for that event. The substitute may play in any position other than that of Skip & the other players arrange their playing positions accordingly. Should the original player become available during the playing of the match, that player must rejoin the team at the commencement of the next end and the others players return to their original positions.

As the substitute never becomes a constituted player in the competition, the player may act as a substitute in that or any other team on the same or any other day in the same competition. Only one substitute is allowed in a team at any one time.

After the CB has approved the substitute, the Skip must take the card to the Umpire, who will record & sign the substitution on the side of the card. Should there be no eligible member available, an affiliated member may act. An affiliated member is a member of another Club which is affiliated with the RNSWBA or the NSWBA. If an affiliated member is used the CB must take note of the player's playing ability which must be not greater than that of the absent player.

Should a team member be unavailable for the whole of the competition, or the remainder of a competition which has already commenced, the CB may appoint a replacement player who immediately becomes a constituted player. The replacement player may play in any position including that of Skip. No more than one replacement player is permitted in any team. Only in a fours team is both a substitute & a replacement player permitted at the same time. In a triples or a pairs team only a substitute or a replacement player is permitted.

A fours team may play with one player short if no substitute or replacement player is available, but only when the fours team is part of a side, such as in Pennants. LAW 51 & DR4



**CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS  
Bob Sinclair**

Every year members are invited to indicate whether they are interested in playing against other clubs in the **Cyril South Trophy Competition** held in the first five months of the year. The fundamental aim is to give as many members as possible the opportunity of playing against other clubs. In order to provide an interesting match the Selectors endeavour to arrange a 'balanced' match by selecting each week nine players to match the perceived strength of each visiting club. The semi-finalists are the four visiting teams with the highest winning margin. As reported in the last issue of *Bowls News* Killara won convincingly against strong sides from St. Ives and Turramurra. This success continued. Only four clubs had winning margins - Gordon (33 shots), Balgowlah (6), Asquith (3) and Hornsby (2). Balgowlah had a clear win against Gordon in the final. Balgowlah will make its first appearance on the honour boards.

Expectations were high that Killara would do well in the **2007 Pennants**. Both the Fives and the Sevens were, regrettably, in sections of ten clubs, and played only one match against nine clubs. We did not play any one club at home and away as happens in the usual sections of six. Sections of ten introduce a considerable element of luck in the draw. More basic and more serious was the non-availability, and changing availability, of players, in particular in the Fives. The achieving of 'settled teams' proved belated or elusive. The implications of the preference among our members for triples is also worth considering. The Fives ended at the bottom of the ladder. The Sevens came sixth in their section. Meanwhile the pleasures of bowling continue. And, in any case, **"tomorrow is another day"**.

Coming up are the Place of Origin match for 26th May and Life Members' Day for 16th June. Mid-Week Triples begin on 25th July: the sixth (final) round is to be played on 29th August.

Meanwhile, too, life moves on. This is my final report as a selector for *Bowls News*. In 2004 I indicated that I would follow the KBC convention of serving for no more than three consecutive years as a selector.

Best wishes to you all, *Bob Sinclair*



**WHY MEN SHOULD NOT BABY SIT**

**Don't know about you, but this makes perfect reading.**  
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## ED O'DONNELL ... DID YOU ENJOY PENNANTS?

The pennant season has come and gone and what wonderful changes have you developed, playing as part of a team within a side, to expand your concept of this game of bowls?

Before play did the skip and the lead confer regarding the placement of the mat and the rolling of the jack? Did the lead determine where the mat could be placed so that any home side advantage of that extra six metres in length could be negated?

Did you consider the option of placing the mat or having the last bowl as allowed in the new rules?

The objective of the lead was to have two bowls in line (preferably the centre line), near the jack, but not 'jack high'. Did you notice the involvement of the opposition second and third standing behind the lead to watch his grassline and so able to adjust when it was their turn on the mat? As lead, when you have found the side of the rink more favourable to your bowls, adopt this side and then perfect your delivery.

If the lead is 'long' the second has to become a lead and draw to the jack: not try to 'run the jack'. You must endeavour to put pressure on your opponents by having a bowl close to the jack. Of all things you must **be up**, for if you are short you block your third and leave your skip with nothing to work on. The second with the ability to draw

consistently is a match winner.

The main duty of the measurer is to get that saving shot for the team. This requires restraint: **drawing** to support a score, or to reduce a deficit. The measurer should not give direction to the skip unless the head has been radically disturbed, or the skip asks. Then the instructions should be clear and concise. A talking third is a tragedy often providing the opposition with unsolicited help and distracting his own skip when he is on the mat.

As the match progresses it is the measurer's responsibility to maintain the focus of the team and encourage them for their next delivery.

The skip has the ultimate responsibility for the team and must learn and use the capabilities of the team members. If your second or third is inclined to cross the head, try standing in the head wide of the jack to provide another reference and suggest drawing to your feet. This enables the player to visualize a path to the jack without the obstruction of a short bowl. When the bowl is delivered remember to move to behind the bowls in the head. If the bowler is 'crossing the head', watch the alignment of his anchor foot when he steps onto the mat; it may be pointing straight up the rink rather than along the correct grassline.

How annoying did you find other directors who gave an oration of the location of every bowl rather than a concise positive instruction to the player on the mat?

During the pennant season the social aspect of the game comes into its own during the 'post mortems' in the club house over a sandwich and a cup of tea.

Good Bowling!

Ed

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope youse are too. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil that the Army is better than workin' on the farm - tell them to get in bloody quick smart before the jobs are all gone!

I wuz a bit slow in settling down at first cause ya don't hafta get outta bed until 6am. But I like sleeping in now, cuz all ya gotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No bloody cows to milk, no calves to feed, no feed to stack - nothin'!! Ya haz gotta shower though, but its not so bad, coz there's lotta hot water and even a light to see what ya doing!

At brekky ya get cereal, fruit and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or possum steu like wot Mum makes. You don't get fed again until noon and by that time all the city boys are bugged because we've been on a 'root march' - geez its only just like walking to the windmill in the back paddock!!

This one will kill Doug and Phil. I keep getting medals for shootin' - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody possum's bum and it don't move and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka last year! All ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable and hit the target - it's a piece of cake!! You don't even load your own cartridges they comes in little boxes!

Sometimes ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy - it's not like fighting with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do at home after the muster.

Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got. I've only been beaten by this one bloke from the Engineers - he's 6 foot 5 and 15 stone and three pick handles across the shoulders and as ya know I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringin' wet, but I fought him till the other blokes carried me off to the boozey. I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how bloody good it is.

Your loving daughter, Sheila

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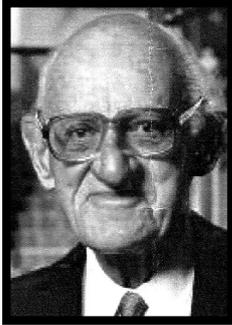


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" (Athol)...is a distinguished lawyer, an ex NSW Supreme Court Judge and equally in the formulation of his views ..... an officer in the 9<sup>th</sup> Division AIF."

These words are those of **Sir Roden Cutler VC, AK, KCMG, KCVO, CBE** from his foreword to Athol's book **Project Kingfisher**, the story of the massacres of the Sandakan POW's- and the suppressed plan for rescue that should but did not, happen.

Athol was uniquely qualified to write this book as in 1945 he was attached to the Military Government of Borneo with 9Div. and subsequently assigned as Prosecutor in the collaborator trials and later, the Sandakan War Crime Trials at Labuan.

However, this is not a book review. Athol was much, much more than a successful author. His legal career took him from lawyer, to QC, to the Bench. A Justice of the Supreme Court 1962-84; President of the NSW Court of Appeal 1974-84; Royal Commissioner of Organised Crime in Registered Clubs 1973-74 and at one time Administrator for NSW (1979).

When he turned to writing after his retirement, he had served the Law and the People of NSW for 47 years. His death, at the age of 93, followed a period of ill health.

The sketch of Capt. A. Moffitt, on page 1, was made at Labuan on 9th February 1946 by **G Takase**, an artist attached to the headquarters of the 37th Imperial Japanese Army.

**MAN V WOMAN**

**A man will pay \$20 for a \$10 item he needs.**  
**A woman will pay \$10 for a \$20 item she does not need.**



**Bowls Secretary's Report**  
*... Robin Hearder*

Since the start of the year we have welcomed **Ken Howard, Ken Boyd** and **Neil Tridgell** as new members to our greens, and their enthusiastic presence has already been noticed. The Club competitions have again been vigorously and skillfully fought, and the first one was the

Gissing Consistency Singles where **Don Cozens** beat **Arthur Krust**, and **Peter Baume** edged out **Gof Bowles** in the Semi-finals. Congratulations to **Peter Baume** as the winner in a close Final by 8 shots over **Don Cozens**, so the handicappers got it about right! In the Major Singles **Don Cozens** scored a narrow win over **Lloyd Sommerlad** in the Semi-finals and will play **Ken Howard** who won the other one over **David Martin**. The Semi-finals of the Minor Pairs saw **John Bleach /David Martin** defeat **Josef Zazulak /Arthur Krust**, whilst **Bob Hill /Ken Howard** won narrowly over **Martin McMurray/Tony Hodgson**. Congratulations to **John Bleach /David Martin** as the new Champions who won the Final. I appreciate the tremendous help and colourful posters by **Bob Bessemer** (respected Editor of this tome ) which are put up on the Noticeboard.

As previously noted in the December 2006 Newsletter, both 'The Royal' and Zone 9 have established excellent Web sites, and the latter have really gone ballistic as it includes Pennant fixtures/ results/ and up-to-date ladders! This has made my job a little easier as I can print the details off and post them on the Notice-board. However the scores of the Skips have mysteriously disappeared but will be restored at the end of the season !Many thanks also to **Josef Zazulak, and Tony Hodgson** as the Side Managers who have to write up and phone in results.

Our Thursday Burns & Burns Open Triples continue to provide great enjoyment, thanks to the organisation of finding the bowlers by **Neil Falconer** and **Les Cohen**, and the Ladies are also most welcome. The Committee would also like to thank **Josef Zazulak** for spending his time as Publicity officer compiling results to be emailed to the North Shore Times.

**RHYMING COMPETITION**

Last KBN offered a bottle of wine (Red or White) to the best eight lines of rhyming verse composed with lines ending with:-

**MONTH, ORANGE, SILVER and PURPLE.**

Now, of course, the Editor is aware that there are no rhymes with these words in the ordinary sense. The challenge was for the reader to discover this interesting fact! **However, we have received an entry from none other than our own Sue Cleary and here it is:-**

**MY ALMANAC**

*In my calendar, December is the twelfth MONTH  
 Likewise at the beginning, January is the ONETH.  
 The first three pages are fruits in a lovely Melange  
 A smorgasbord of red, yellow, peach and ORANGE.  
 April produce is presented on a magnificent salver,  
 All shimmering gold embellished with SILVER.  
 But the page for November nearly made me burple...  
 It was fancy prunes and big fat plums - all in PURPLE!*

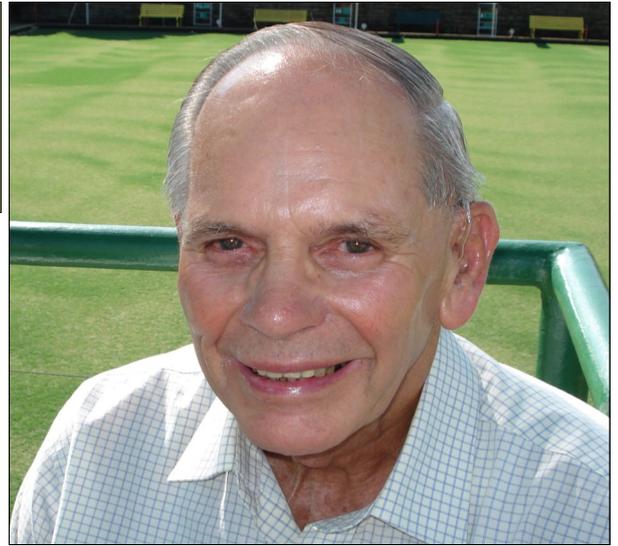


**Such poetic license must be rewarded! Sue, choose a bottle!!**

# Profile

## WELCOMING THE RETURN OF ... JOHN BAKER

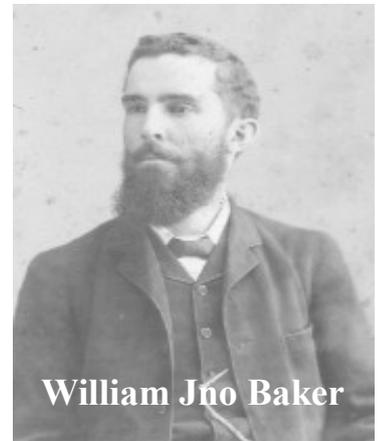
Members acquainted with **John Baker** know he is a great Clubman, Committee man and tireless contributor. So, when John checked himself in for major surgery we wished him a speedy recovery. However, it was not to be. There were complications and a number of additional procedures that laid him up for many, many months; the reports were gloomy. But as the adjacent recent picture shows, John has regained the sparkle in his eye, a new pair of bowls shoes and has been seen over the past few weeks 'rolling-up' in preparation for a return to the fray! **Great news!**



There are hundreds of Bakers in the Sydney Directory but very few have the provenance of John's family in the history of life on Sydney's Upper North Shore. John's grandfather, William John Baker migrated to Australia in 1885 and joined a cutlery business. He went to business on his own in 1888 establishing his retail shop at 597 George St. Sydney. (John still possesses the original cashbook showing the first sale, on Monday 29th October '88 showing takings of £1/2/9.)

A Quaker, W.J was well known around Sydney and cut an imposing figure, "with tall stove-pipe hat, frock coat and long beard". It seems he was somewhat eccentric as sometime after commencing his firm, he changed his name to **W.Jno Baker**. Apparently he thought John too plain!

The business thrived so that in 1891 the W.Jno Baker House of Steel opened at 3 Hunter street. The shop remained there until 1960 when the property was sold to the Commonwealth Bank.



William Jno Baker

The House of Steel became a comprehensive business selling a very wide range of cutlery, blades of all descriptions, farm and veterinary instruments to name but a few. An early invoice declared "25 First Prizes won, RAS, 1892- 1898".



And now we come to the North Shore connection: W.J married **Lucy Eliza Pottie** and lived at 43 Ku-ring-gai Avenue before building their home at 37 Ku-ring-gai Avenue (Ilancourt). This home was used for Quaker meetings and thus was designed to allow rooms to be opened up to facilitate meetings.

It is not clear when the move to Turrumurra occurred however, they are listed in a journal published in 1897.

As you would imagine, there is much more to this story: Because of the family's Quaker antiwar beliefs, the business had more difficulties than those imposed by war time shortages. Next time you are sharing a drink with John, you should ask him about it.

RB

**77—W. JNO BAKER PIN.** BEST QUALITY AND FINEST EXTRA FULL HOLLOW POINTS. First class in every respect.  
 9/6  
 10/6  
 11/6  
 12/6  
 POST FREE.

**82—Polished Oak Case,** containing 2 Ivory Handle Razors. 45/6.  
**87—Polished Oak Case,** containing 2 3 Blade Hand Razors. 45/6.  
**88—Fine Leather covered Case,** containing 2 Xylonite Handle Razors. Price 38/6.  
**89—With Black Handle.** Price, 35/6.  
 Post free.

**104—FINE WHITE BRUSH.**  
 Small (as Illustrated) 4/6  
 Medium ..... 5/6  
 Large ..... 6/6  
 Very large ..... 8/6  
 Post free.

**105—Morse Hilt.**  
**GENUINE HORSE HIDE RAZOR SHEDS,** excellent quality, well finished and worked up. Double-sided with clip screw. 10/6 each, post free.  
**89—Length overall 2 1/2 in. width 1/2 in.**  
**GREEN VELVET LEATHER RAZOR SHEDS,** excellent quality, beautifully finished and worked up. Double-sided with clip screw. 7/6 each, post free.

**920—GENUINE LEATHER SEWING CASE.** 4 1/2 in. long, containing 200 best quality Buttons, 30/6 each, post free.  
**921—"The Ladies' Ladies' Companion,"** covered with House Leather, velvet lined. Size when closed, 4 1/2 in., containing 1 pair each (black) Buttons, Needles, and other fittings. Price, 21/6 complete, post free.  
**103—VELVET SHOE,** 4 1/2 in. long, containing Scissors, Thimble, Sewing, Needle and Ribbon Threader, 8/6 each, post free.  
**FANCY LEATHER MANICURE CASE,** containing 2 Sharp Ladies' Cutting Nails, Nail Nipper, File and Nail File, 2/6. Case, containing 200 best quality Buttons, 9/6, post free.  
**MANICURE SET,** containing 2 Sharp Ladies' Cutting Nails, Nail Nipper, File and Nail File, 2/6. Case, containing 200 best quality Buttons, 9/6, post free.  
**THE HOUSEWIFE'S COMPLETE SCISSORS CASE,** Made of Fine House Leather, with Velvet Lining. Size when folded about 6 1/2 x 2 1/2 in.  
**LADIES' SCISSOR CASE.** Made of Fine House Leather, with Velvet Lining. Size when folded about 6 1/2 x 2 1/2 in.  
**No. 4—3 pair,** contains 1 pair 6 in. Cutting and Sewing, 1 pair Embroidery, and 1 pair Tail, all plated. 25/6 pair complete, post free.



# AUTUMN CARNIVAL

Despite a rained out start (it always seems to be the Ladies day!) the Carnival saw good competitive bowling on both Sunday (Composite Pairs) and Monday (Men's Triples). The results and the friendly atmosphere are shown below. Congratulations to the organizers already mentioned earlier in this newsletter.

COMPOSITE PAIRS		
AM WINNER	CLUB	Nth. Sydney
	LEAD	A. Coleman
	SKIP	S. Coleman
PM WINNER	CLUB	Killara
	LEAD	R. Edwards
	SKIP	E. O'Donnell
RUNNER UP	CLUB	Warrawee
	LEAD	J. Clark
	SKIP	G. Clark
WINNER	CLUB	Nth Sydney
	LEAD	J. Lewis
	SKIP	R. Lewis



MEN'S TRIPLES		
AM WINNER	CLUB	Composite
	LEAD	J. Watson
	SECOND	D. Heckingbottom
	SKIP	F. Ainscough
PM WINNER	CLUB	E. Roseville
	LEAD	G. Johnson
	SECOND	B. Carfrae
	SKIP	M. Vignes
RUNNER UP	CLUB	Composite
	LEAD	G. Wilcox
	SECOND	D. Cozens
	SKIP	J. Robertson
WINNER	CLUB	Composite
	LEAD	E. Jones
	SECOND	A. Triesman
	SKIP	A. Smith

