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A GREAT SUCCESS...

**91 GUESTS AND 60 MEMBERS FILL CLUBHOUSE
AND GREENS FOR OUR OPEN DAY.** Report page 7.



**BOB SINCLAIR AND WARWICK DRUCE
HONoured WITH LIFE MEMBERSHIP.**
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AGM RECONSTITUTES BOARD

As a consequence of the Annual General Meeting for Killara Bowling Club Limited on 18th October, the following will direct affairs for the coming year:-

CHAIRMAN	Warwick Druce
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**From the chair . . .****. . . Warwick Druce**

OPEN DAY October 19, 2008 – With 90 plus visitors registering, this day will be undoubtedly etched into the history of the Club to be remembered by all of us. It was the most successful Open Day in memory and a credit to the two principle organisers, **Bryce Parsons** and **Bob Bessemer**. Assisted

by many other helpers, **Rick Edwards** in particular, they did a great job before and during the big day. Planned and executed with military precision, it was a wonderful example of how our members can work together towards the common goal of increasing our membership to ensure our future. What we have to do now is make sure we convert these visitors into active members, so the task has only just begun.

Unfortunately, Bryce Parsons had a nasty fall the night before the Open Day and was unable to be present to see the result of his handiwork. We wish him speedy return to the green.

You are all aware of the recent approach from Killara Golf Club to form, with Killara Tennis Club, a merger at the Golf Club. When this became generally known, we had separate approaches from Lindfield, Gordon, Warrawee and East Roseville Bowling Clubs to consider relocating to them. The Tennis Club also proposed a closer association with them to remain where we are.

We held a discussion evening on 24th September to keep our members informed of these developments which was attended by 70 members. A straw poll indicated that the majority were not in favour of leaving our present site. The meeting did however indicate that the Board should continue to look at our options. All the above Clubs have indicated they are still interested in continuing discussions with us, but no new information has come to light to warrant this at the moment. We will keep you informed of any further developments.

At the recent AGM, **Bob Sinclair** and myself were elected as Life Members of the Club. I would like to again thank members on behalf of both of us for the great honour you have bestowed on us.

We now have membership categories for both Junior and Intermediate aged members. As some young people were present at the open day, we hope we will now be able to attract them to join us.

Since the beginning of this financial year, we have admitted 17 new full members, more than all of last year. Together with those expected to join from the Open Day, it is a very encouraging sign that our fortunes are now starting to turn.

We had a very successful evening at the Foundation Dinner on September 26th. **Lloyd Sommerlad** gave his customary talk on the early days of our Club. —————>



Sue Cleary admires a plate of Cream Puffs baked by member Bjorn Eriksson for our Open Day. Bjorn supplied nearly 200 of these delicious morsels for the enjoyment of all.

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He told us that it would be his last as he was retiring as Club Archivist and handing it over to **Don Cozens** and **Helen Clark** in due course. The Club presented him with a bottle of Scotch in appreciation of his long service and wished him well for the future. Happy bowling until our next newsletter.

Warwick Druce



KWBC President's Platform



KWBC President
Jean Brierley

Life has continued at a merry pace since my last report. We had our A.G.M. in August and it was with pleasure that I accepted the kind nomination for the role of President for a second and final term. My thanks go to our members for their confidence in me and I am supported by a splendid Committee. Special commendation goes to our Secretary, **Joan Bain**, whose knowledge and commitment are unequalled. Thank you so much, Joan.

I received the honour of attending two delightful President's days at Warrawee and Gordon in the last quarter, the latter being also their 50th Birthday, so it was a splendid celebration.

Killara was the chosen venue for the District Veterans' Day early in September and it was voted a great success, with thanks going to our **Sue** and helpers from Killara and District, also to **Lea McNeall** for the lovely flower arrangements. Prior to this, **Helen Clark** had arranged for the Club windows to be cleaned and what a difference that has made. Hot on the heels of this came our Spring Carnival - three very successful days, only made possible by a great deal of work in the background, notably by **David Martin**, as Convener, and his team. As mentioned on previous occasions, our women members work unstintingly both before and on these days, resulting in splendid financial returns, namely \$400 at this Carnival.

Our day with members of Concord Golf W.B.C. took place at Concord this year, with ten of our members joining in their 30th Birthday. Sadly their numbers are greatly depleted, but we had a fantastic day in those beautiful surroundings, with really lovely people, and came home with the Painting Exchange!

My daughter in Canberra had kindly invited me to join them, if possible, for a short holiday at Hervey Bay in Queensland and I really did find this hard to resist. It also meant my being able to see both my sons and their families in Brisbane and having my three interstate children together with me for a few days was just wonderful. My terrific Vice-presidents and others at the Club kept everything afloat in my absence, which fortunately came at a fairly quiet time (a salve to my conscience). Thank you, girls - it did mean a lot to me.

On the Bowling front - many outside competitions, keeping our great Selectors busy, and our own Championships, with many extremes of weather. The Roseville 6's were played in pouring rain and extreme cold, with St. Ives 5's not much better. (We have no control over the weather!) We received the honour of having **Edith Cowlshaw** and **Livia Geniale** being selected to represent the District in the annual competition against Canterbury/St. George at Turrumurra. This was a day of heatwave conditions, 36 degrees, with ice being distributed for players to place inside their hats! Fortunately, sense prevailed with games cut short and Mid North Shore coming out the winners.

Well done, girls. We were also represented in the Jean Webster Trophy (wet again) and the Lindfield Shield with credit-

able results. Still to come is the Ku-ring-gai Shield in November, with Killara a host club.

Our own Championships are nearing completion for the year, with only the Consistency Singles to be finalised. The Pairs found winners in **Barbara Cotton** and **Maria Hearder**, with runners-up **Marie Conner** and **Alice Burton**. We now have a new Minor Singles Champion in **Alison Calder**, having a great game against **Sandy Desiatnik**. The Triples was a real nail-biter with the team of **Brenda Fox**, **Livia Geniale** and **Maria Hearder** just winning, with the last "wicky" bowl on to the jack, from **Margaret Nowland**, **Robin Hey** and **Alice Burton**, by one shot! What a game!

Now - what a busy week-end we have just had - the A.G.M. of Killara Bowling Club Ltd. on Saturday with the Election of Chairman **Warwick Druce** and Past President **Bob Sinclair**, as Life Members. Our warmest congratulations go to both these splendid gentlemen on this well-deserved honour. Then the Open Day on Sunday when we turned on the heat. However, it was a very successful day with, hopefully, equally successful results, certainly deserved with the incredible amount of work put into this event.

Finally - the 30th Birthday of KWBC was celebrated on 21st October. This was a really great day with 60 people present, including two Foundation Members, **Sheila Stanbridge** and **June Winckle** who both looked absolutely marvelous.

Nearly 30 members played bowls after Morning Tea, then a happy Lunch with all our visitors - Past Presidents, non-playing members, social members and distinguished members from KBC **Warwick Druce**, **John Muirhead**, **Edwin Burton** and **Ed O'Donnell**. Sheila and June cut the lovely 30th Birthday Cake, together with all singing "Happy Birthday", with our **Joan Young** at the piano. What a joy that is and then completing the day with "Auld Lang Syne" and "Advance Australia Fair". Special thanks must go to our Social Committee, **Jeanette McInerney** and **Shirley Arnold** for working so hard with our splendid **Sue** and to **Barbara Cotton** for her fantastic Birthday decorations - what a difference this makes.

This is surely a good note on which to finish this report with good wishes to all for the completion of the bowling year.

Jean.



The Value of a Drink

"Sometimes when I reflect back on all the wine I drink I feel shame. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the vineyards and all of their hopes and dreams .. If I didn't drink this wine, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered.

Then I say to myself, "It is better that I drink this wine and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."

WARNING: The consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.



KBC President's Platform : *John Muirhead*



John Muirhead

The proposal to move our Club to Killara Golf Club to join their bowlers in new extended facilities and the offers we received from other clubs, all flow from the steady decline in the number of active playing members in this Club over recent years. As previously reported, it appeared likely we would be unable to field two

Pennants Sides for much longer and withdrawal from competitive bowling would lead to a further loss of members.

Accordingly, the major concern of the Committee has been our declining membership. Over the last few years a number of approaches has been tried to reverse this trend which have been unsuccessful. This year we expect an influx of new members, perhaps 30+, and the credit for this spectacular recovery must firstly go to **Bryce Parsons** who managed to persuade the Board to spend funds on publicity, banners, hospitality and concessions on first year subscriptions for members joining, a turn about from last year.

The Try Bowls Day was a great event offering a friendly welcome and a bowling experience to ninety, of all ages, who visited thanks to a great effort by Rick Edwards and his teams at local railway stations and shopping centres. Most visitors tried out bowls. **Bob Bessemer** did a fantastic job as Coordinator/Host. The burden will now fall on the follow-up team and our coaches to convert prospects into bowling members.

Thank you Killara Golf Club and the other Clubs for spurring us into action, you have inadvertently prolonged our life.

Members have agreed, without dissent, that in 2009 we will have the one starting time of 12.30 throughout the year, regardless of daylight saving. This can of course be reversed if members find it inconvenient in practice.

This is my final contribution as President and I take the opportunity to thank the Committees for their work for the Club over the last three years. **John Krieger**, **Bob Hill** and **Rick Edwards** have been our Vice-Presidents. **Robin Hearder** has been our Bowls Secretary and all have done an excellent job. The Committee has become aware of the magnitude of the task of Bowls Secretary and last year made arrangements to distribute some of the tasks. The position of Assistant Bowls Secretary has been revived. Thank you Robin for your dedication.

Our Committeemen have been **Ian Armstrong**, **John Bleach** and **Graham Shirley**. It was a thoroughly good committee and I thank them for their hard work.

Our representative on the RNSWBA (Zone 9) Committee following **John Krieger** was **Rick Edwards**. We thank Rick for performing this task, (among the many others

for which he volunteers, what would we do without Rick?) which involves attending monthly meetings at Belrose BC, where the business of the RNSWBA and Zone 9 are discussed and for then reporting to your Committee.



The new Committee faces some big challenges. I have handed over the Presidency to **Martin McMurray** with complete confidence that he and his team will be very successful.

With Best Wishes **John Muirhead**

Marriage in Heaven

On their way to get married, a young Catholic couple are involved in a fatal car accident. They find themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they begin to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven? When St. Peter showed up, they asked him. St. Peter says, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he leaves.



The couple sat and waited, and waited. Two months passed and the couple are still waiting. As they waited, they discussed that if they were allowed to get married in Heaven, what was the eternal aspect of it all. "What if it doesn't work?" they wondered, "Are we stuck together FOREVER?"

After yet another month, St. Peter finally returns, looking somewhat bedraggled. Yes," he informs the couple, "you can get married in Heaven."

"Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"

St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slams his clipboard onto the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple.

"OH, COME ON!" St. Peter shouts, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have ANY idea how long it'll take me to find a LAWYER?"

From Page 1: Excerpts from John's address . . .

" . . . **Warwick Druce** joined the Club in 1996 and has taken an active role in both the sporting and administrative sides of the Club. He was on the KBC Committee becoming President in 1999 a position he held until 2002. As such he was a member of the Board and was elected Board Chairman in 2005, and of course he holds that position today. However when it comes to holding office, it is my view that he has shown outstanding and the greatest dedication to our Club in his role for the last eleven years as House manager. This is an onerous but still an honorary position and I am sure that we owe a great debt to Warwick and can attribute our present healthy financial position to Warwick's canny management. I am sure that we all hope that will continue.

But Warwick has also excelled on the greens. His achievements include success in the Club Pairs, the Major Pairs, the Triples Championship, the Fours Championship, the Minor Singles and he was the Club Champion in 2006-07. He has represented this Club in our senior Pennants and Mid-week triples teams for many years as a skip. Warwick has also carried the Killara flag far and wide by taking part Zone Championships and in competitions promoted by other clubs".



" . **Bob Sinclair** joined the Club in 1988, and has taken part in all its activities and has held many offices. A glance at the Honour Boards shows him as President from 1994 to 1997; he has been Chairman of the Greens Committee and he was Chairman of Selectors until last year. He is probably best known for initiating the Place of Origin Competition, in which those born in Sydney play against those born in the bush or elsewhere. These contests take place three times a year and are preceded by a sausage sizzle luncheon which sets off the games in an appropriately mellow and jovial mood. The games are always close and in 2004 there was a draw. The trophy is the fine painting "Longueville" by Werner Filipich which was generously donated by Bob. There it is, complete with a suitable plaque. Unlike the other paintings which we see on our trophy wall, this is one that does not occasionally disappear for a year or two until we win it back.

A glance at the honour boards shows Bob as winner of the Minor Singles, Minor Pairs and the Fours Championship. He has represented the Club in our senior Pennants and Mid-week Triples Association competitions and is a very tenacious skipper with an expert eye for selecting the percentage shot. Many of us have benefited from his encouragement and guidance when enduring the agony of a bad day on the green."



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Retiring Archivist,
Lloyd Sommerlad.

FOUNDATION DINNER '08

The 92nd anniversary of the Club's foundation was celebrated by a full house at the dinner organised by **Barbara Cotton**. **Lee Sanders** proposed the toast to the Club, emphasising the friendliness and the congenial atmosphere which he had experienced during his 24 years of membership. The Chairman, **Warwick Druce**, echoed the sentiments of members in his response.

The customary address by **Lloyd Sommerlad** traced the Club's acquisition and stewardship of the property over the years. Initially it formed part of the area reserved by JG Edwards, the "father of the Killara", for recreation and the first bowlers were members of the Tennis Club of which he was the founder and first President in 1913. Having failed to raise sufficient funds to form a Sports Company, he undertook personally the cost of draining and clearing the area and initially building three tennis courts, a 3-rink bowling green and a small clubhouse.

In 1916 sufficient bowlers were interested to form their own Club, affiliated with the Tennis Club, and three years later the Killara Bowling Company was established "to promote all or any of the following games, bowl, skittles and other athletic sports, recreations and pastimes". Over following years, the Company raised funds to buy a tennis court on the Arnold St. frontage to establish No 1 green and to extend the existing small green outside our Clubhouse, which was also enlarged.

Membership grew steadily and by 1950 had reached 200, requiring more green space and a larger Clubhouse. The Club bought the big house at No.7 Locksley St, subdivided the land and built our two half greens and then re-sold it. Later, wishing to have a third full size green the Club bought the neighbouring house, No. 11 on the eastern side, but were unable to complete satisfactory plans which involved demolition of the house. Eventually the property was sold and a large sum was invested as reserve funds. This enabled green no 4 to be made into a car park and to contribute revenue to our annual running costs. The Clubhouse has been enlarged and refurnished from time to time and has benefited by many generous donations from members. Notable among these was a gift of \$25,000 from two members, the late Doug and Kay McGregor, enabling major extensions in 1979 after the formation of the Women's Club.

Our Club has often thought about moving elsewhere.. As early as 1926 discussions were held with the Water Board about building greens on top of the reservoir in Pacific Highway Killara, and much later the Club declined the offer of taking over the greens established there, when the Ku-ring-gai Women's Bowling Club closed down. In 1957 serious consideration was given to re-establishing the Club with more space in Koola Park, but the idea was rejected. In past years the opportunity has opened to join with the Lindfield Bowling Club at east Lindfield or the Killara Golf Club in west Killara but the Club has preferred to remain in its present location. He asked members always to take pride in our heritage and not to undervalue the unique features of what we now have .

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BERYL'S FORUM

Beryl Stephens

The Mixed Triples Competition played at Warrawee on Sunday 21st September, was a great success. We had 27 players from each Club, a good number. Congratulations to Killara, winning 186-169. Now the Painting is back on our wall! There were not many players for the Mixed Triples Championship. The first round results were:

R Edwards, B Stephens, M Mitchell 23

W Druce, M Hearder, S Hashimoto 16

J Crocker, J Crocker, B Cotton 21

J Orton, J Hodgson, S Desniak 16

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Roseville Golfers for joining in the mixed events at our Club. They all play regularly on Sunday afternoons, and also at our Twilight Bowls.

Speaking of which, we hope to see you for our Twilight bowls programme this season!

Best Wishes *Beryl*

From front page.

OPEN DAY .. A GREAT SUCCESS



Warwick Druce and John Muirhead have mentioned the commendable efforts made by the some 60 members before and during our October 19th Open Day. There are very positive signs that this effort will be worthwhile. At the time of writing, 11 days after the event, indications are as follows:-

Membership Applications

Of 91 guests, 17 applications have been received to date, however not all of these forms will be handed to our Secretary until coaches advise appropriate.

Coaching

33 guests are now undertaking or have requested coaching, including 13 of the applicants above.

Prospects

There are another 10 to 12 guests that we consider to be good prospects for membership however, we must not be too optimistic.

Indeed, there are an additional 14 guests who enjoyed the day and who have indicated the wish to receive our newsletter with future intention to join.

Summarising

The writer considers there is a realistic probability that the club will sign 30+ new bowlers from this effort. *R.B*

COACHES!

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Bowls Secretary

Robin Hearder

Congratulations to **Martin McMurray** on winning the Club Minor Singles against **Roger Kerr** in a closely-fought final. In the

Club Handicap Pairs final **David Cathels/Bryce Parsons** defeated **Martin McMurray/John Muirhead**, whilst in the Club Fours competition the team of **Josef Zazulak, John Bleach, Rick Edwards** and **Ed O'Donnell** have reached the final, and await the playing of the other semi-final.

Thanks are due to **Ian Cameron-Smith** (singles) **John Crocker, Warwick Druce** (pairs) **Rick Edwards, Don Cozens, Ken Howard** (triples) and **John Orton, Lloyd Sommerlad, Bryce Parsons** and **Arthur Krust** (fours) representing us at the Kuringgai Shield in September held at Turramurra, and to **Ken Howard, Gof Bowles, Warwick Druce** and **Ian Cameron-Smith** valiantly defending their title at the Roseville Shield but unlucky this year.



CAPTION COMPETITION

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ED O'DONNELL ON STANCE

STANCE – How does your stance on the mat aid that perfect delivery?

Here are some of the things to consider as you step onto the mat:-

1. Is your Anchor foot facing the correct line?
 2. Are your feet comfortably placed?
 3. Is your bowling arm to the side of your body in the plane of the delivery line?
 4. Check your grip. Is your middle finger on the centre of the running surface?
 5. Is your thumb in a comfortable position on the dimples of the large ring?
 6. Are your shoulders square to the grassline?
- Are the parallel lines of the bowl running through your wrist and arm up to the shoulder?

Now how does your stance look from the side?

1. Is your weight forward on the balls of the feet?
2. Shoulders forward of your toes?
3. Knees relaxed – flexed but not crouching?
4. Is your elbow of the bowling arm forward of the body?
5. Your forearm running downward to the wrist?
6. The fingertips of the bowling hand below the wrist.

Are you looking along the aiming line and focused on a point along this line?

The bowl must be comfortable in your hand and your grip secure so that your delivery is smooth and natural using minimum effort to control the bowl which must be rolling off the middle finger as it leaves the hand. Dumping or bouncing the bowl creates a skidding effect which has to be overcome causing inconsistency.

Players who have difficulty with line and length will show marked improvement when they allow the weight of the bowl to take the arm back, to the full backswing, rather than the arm taking the bowl back.

The timing of your step and swing should be such that the heel of your leading foot will be on the ground as the bowl is commencing its down swing. The knee of your back leg should reach the calf of your front leg as the bowl is delivered at the bottom of the pendulum swing ten centimeters in front of your foot without any bounce. Take your change as you follow through and all your weight should be on the front foot as you complete the delivery. Bring your back foot forward and stand to get the feedback from the delivery for use with your next bowl.

HAPPY BOWLING



CONVENOR'S REPORT David Martin

I am pleased to inform members that this years Spring Carnival was the biggest carnival conducted in the past ten years.

The men's Triples was 'sold out'

Conducted Friday through Monday, 12th to 15th September in fine weather with a total of 212 players we received many compliments for the high standard of catering and organisation. A great club effort!

The major share of the \$2160 prize purse was presented to the daily winners below:-

LADIES' TRIPLES	CLUB	COMPOSITE
Lead	M. Howard	SCORE
Second	C Blenkinship	27
Skip	D. Orbach	

COMPOSITE PAIRS	CLUB	GORDON
Lead	J. Siva	SCORE
Skip	K. Siva	31

MEN'S TRIPLES	CLUB	COMPOSITE
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Second	O. Richards	30
Skip	R. Lawrence	

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Peggy May Starlings

PS : Because my resimay is a bit short - below is a pickture of me taken at my last jobb.



A woman goes to the doctor for her yearly physical. The nurse starts with certain basic items. "How much do you weigh?" she asks. "7.5 Stone," she says. The nurse puts her on the scale. It turns out her weight is 10 stone.

The nurse asks, "Your height?" "5 foot 8," she says. The nurse checks and sees that she only measures 5' 5".

She then takes her blood pressure And tells the woman it is very high.

"Of course it's high!" she screams, "When I came in here I was tall and slender! Now I'm short and fat!"



Murphy's Lesser Known Laws

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. *Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.*
3. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
4. *Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.*
5. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
6. *If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill in the fog.*
7. The things that come to those who wait will be the scraggly junk left by those who got there first.
8. *The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.*
9. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
10. *When you go into court, you are putting your fate in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.*



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A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful aged poodle named Cuddles, along for the company. One day Cuddles starts chasing butterflies and before long he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old poodle thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap the old poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!", says the leopard, "That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard.

The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says,

"Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Moral of this story....Don't mess with old stagers...age and treachery will always overcome youth and skill!

(Thank you M. Tsolakis)



THE NEW ARMY

A Florida senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left. "Amazing," he thought as he flew down freeway pushing the pedal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring.

He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this", and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday.

If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The old gentleman paused. Then said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a Florida state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."



"Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.



"GIMME ALL YOUR MONEY!"



THE NEW AIRFORCE