



## KILLARA BOWLS NEWS : February 2010

# 2010

# INTO A NEW DECADE...

Despite mathematicians and logicians arguing, persuasively, that the new decade does not really commence until 2011, most folk accept that if the year has a zero on the end, it must be the start of something new! We will go with the flow!

*This year the forward outlook is looking very promising: Our Chairman reports a strengthening in both membership and financial performance. Major sponsorships have been renewed and new sponsorships are developing. Our Social Convenor gives details of the increasing participation in Twilight bowls and Dinner functions. New revenue is being derived from 'bare-foot' bowls and significantly, there is evidence that the residential 'profile' of Killara's adjacent suburbs is changing with the breakneck development of high-rise apartments.*

Consider: Right now we have 200+ full members. At the end of 2008 we had 142; a 40% increase in just two years. As a consequence, our average age has also reduced by nearly 5 years. We have turned the corner and can continue this favourable trend by maintaining our focus on increasing membership and improving amenities.



## THANK YOU, EDWIN BURTON

Many of our present members, both men and women, have Edwin Burton to thank for his skill and patience in teaching others how to play bowls. For 18 years he has been head coach at Killara and has now relinquished his coaching accreditation.

Edwin suffers serious sight impairment and in 1990 was elected to the State Executive of the NSW Vision Impaired and Blind Bowlers Association. He found

there was no organised coaching available for bowlers and potential players with impaired vision. He applied to the Royal's State Coaching Panel for admission to its training programme and with the support of KBC was accepted and gained his Level 1 accreditation. In 1997, wishing to upgrade his coaching knowledge, he undertook an eight months course and became the first coach on the Upper North Shore to gain Level 2 accreditation by examination. He has taught more than 80 people how to play the game, and has spent hundreds of hours in remedial coaching, teaching advanced shots and coaching both KBC and KWBC Pennant teams.

Edwin has won State Championship events for vision impaired bowlers and throughout the 1990s travelled extensively, at his own expense, conducting clinics for blind bowlers in both country NSW and the metropolitan area. He coached several State teams to compete in the Australian Blind Bowlers National Championships.

It should also be recalled that until very recently Edwin has also been teacher and examiner of Umpires at both Club and District level.

In recent times he has gained much satisfaction in encouraging bowlers intending to give up the game because of deteriorating sight. He wishes to record his appreciation of the support received from the Club and its members and particularly from his wife *Alice* who has made his bowling activities possible. **L.S.**





## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: LLOYD SOMMERLAD



I am surprised to find myself writing this column, but pleased to respond to the request to fill the position for one year when **Warwick Druce** indicated he wished to retire from the Board. I appreciate the honour. We owe a debt of gratitude to Warwick who has steered the Club through difficult times as Chairman for the past four years. We are very fortunate that he has agreed to continue in the key position of House Manager.

We are reaping the benefits of our successful membership drives in the past two years and the Treasurer reports that we are now paying our way. The Membership Committee is still busy following up those who showed interest, the coaches continue to teach newcomers to play bowls and we are encouraging new members to become regular bowlers. These tasks have fallen on a few and we need the help of more existing members to share the load. It is hoped some experienced players will consider seeking accreditation as coaches, particularly as **Edmund Burton** and **Ed O'Donnell** are retiring after meritorious service in this role. The coaching course, no doubt, will help your own form on the green.

The Club intends to have another Drive for Members this year, to keep up the momentum. The Membership Committee reported that the most successful approach was to speak personally to people at shopping centres and that objection was often expressed to the requirement for bowls uniform on the green. The Club Com-

mittees have debated this issue and finally decided that, while preferring formal bowls attire, it would be permissible to wear smart casual dress for twilight bowls and on Sunday afternoon.

Sponsorship makes an essential contribution to Club revenue and we are pleased that our major sponsor, now known as **Ray White Burns and Burns Real Estate** have renewed for the current year. We are also indebted to others for sponsoring special events and our Carnivals and for advertising in Club publications. Members are reminded of the need for reciprocity with our generous supporters. This year we will increase prize money for Carnival events and urge members to invite bowlers from other Clubs to participate. We have added a jackpot which sometimes accumulates to several hundred dollars, for the Burns and Burns Thursday Triples in which some of our women members are now playing. This is an excellent event in which members may nominate their own team and it gives opportunity to invite bowling friends to play with them at Killara.

As already reported, we are in the process of selling our poker machine licences and still are undecided about use of the vacated space. Suggestions have been – a computer area with internet and computer games and instruction if needed; a comfortable lounge area with or without a TV set; storage of our new wooden racks of bowls for “barefoot” players. Please let us have your views and any other ideas.

Yours in Bowls,  
**Lloyd Sommerlad**

A woman in California was doing some research on her family tree. She discovered that she shared an ancestor (a great uncle, Remus Reid) with well known Congressman Harry Reid. She wrote to him to see whether the congressman could provide any information about their common relative.

### POLITICAL SPIN

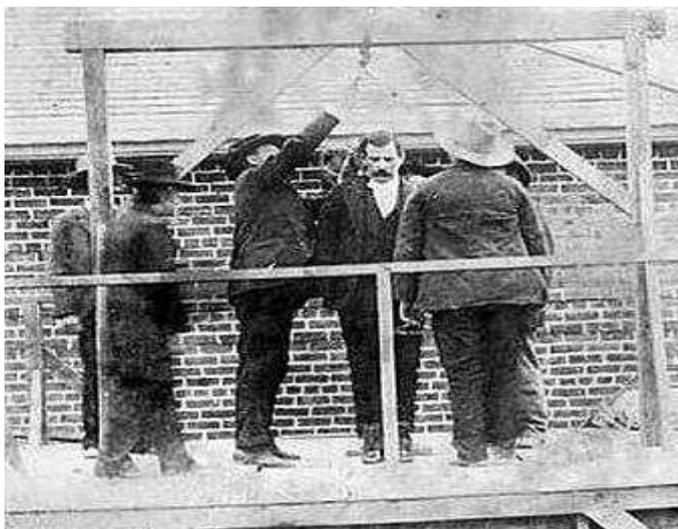


In the meantime, in family papers, she came across an old photograph on the back of which was written:  
*'Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.'*

A day or so later, back came the response from the Congressman.

*'Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1885, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad.'*

*In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honour when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed.'*





## KWBC President's Platform



Dear Members,  
*A very Happy New Year!*  
 The last quarter of the year 2009 was full on - **The Lindfield Shield** played at East Roseville saw two teams of four - **Julie Halliday, Wendy Cooper, Meg Falconer,** and **Marie Jones: Maureen Morris, Robin Hey, Joan Hodgson** and **Maria Hearder** enjoying the day. Next day **Janice Crocker, Anne Cowlshaw, Maria Hearder** and **Alice Burton** played well together, representing the Club in the **Jean Webster Trophy**.

A week later, we celebrated our 31st Birthday, with many retired bowlers joining us for lunch. The Club was presented with a marvelous photo of the first Women's Team to play for K.W.B.C. - donated by **June Winckle** and organised by **Pat Sinclair**.

Many thanks to both of these ladies - it is a great memento for our Club. We also celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthdays of **Joan Young** and **Ailsa Daniel** - who contribute so much to our Club. The Social Committee and **Sue Cleary** gave us a very nice lunch.

Then we played the Round Robin Competition, which was won by **Christine Burke, Shizuko Hashimoto** and **Alice Burton**.

**The Ku-ring-gai Shield**, played on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, was won by St. Ives, with Belrose and Turramurra in the minor placings. We finished the year with a very happy Christmas lunch and Trophy Day - again many thanks to our Social Committee for a most enjoyable lunch. Congratulations to all the Prize winners.

From the proceeds of the Spider gold coin collection on the Birthday lunch and Christmas lunch, we sent \$100 to the Charity - **Streetworks at Chatswood**.

This ended our year 2009 and we look forward to a happy year ahead - and to seeing **Lee McNeill**, recovering from back surgery and **Edith Cowlshaw**, from double knee surgery - playing again.

On our return in January, from the Christmas break, we found our Ladies room re-vamped with some new furniture, donated by **Christine Burke** - Thank you Christine - what a Lovely Surprise!  
**Elizabeth Bold**



### Ailsa Daniel and Joan Young

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### NEW MEMBER KWBC

After a brief transfer to Lane Cove BC, **Sandy Desiatnik** has returned to Killara. Unfortunately too late to make listing in the 2010 Members Handbook . . . See page 8.

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A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his torch around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said,

*'Jesus knows you're here.'*

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze.

When he heard nothing more, after a bit, he shook his head and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard . . .

*'Jesus is watching you'*

Rattled, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

*'Did you say that?'* he hissed at the parrot

*'Yep'*, the parrot confessed, then

squawked, *'I'm just trying to warn you that he is*

*watching you.'* The burglar relaxed. *'Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?'* *'Moses,'* replied the bird.

*'Moses?'* the burglar

laughed. *'What kind of people would name a bird Moses?'*

*'The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus.'*





## KBC President's Platform : *Martin McMurray*



Martin McMurray

The Killara Bowling Club Men's Committee wishes all Members a rewarding, successful and happy New Year!

As I write KBC has swung into top gear for 2010. Pennants Trials, Gissing Consistency matches and Cyril South events have all commenced. We particularly again thank **Michael Tsolakis** for selecting and grading players for the inter-club events notwithstanding his temporary loss of use of his right (write?) hand. Since our last Newsletter the final Club event for the year, the Fours Championship, was completed resulting in a win for **Brian Shirvington, Ken Howard, David Hunt** and **Ian Cameron-Smith**. Congratulations to you and all winners of Club events in 2009.

The Club will be somewhat the poorer in recording two recent retirements. **Edwin Burton** has retired as Head Coach after 18 years as an Accredited Coach. The Club is indebted to Edwin for his dedication in his role and we look forward to many years of Edwin playing at the Club.

In quite different circumstances **Ed O'Donnell**, through ill health, has been forced to retire from his dual roles of Coaching and scheduling the Roll-Up Room Roster. Ed has undergone a traumatic period and I have assured him all Club Members are thinking of him and wishing him a successful outcome. In fact, Ed has indicated he is looking forward to resuming his bowling. In the meantime **Rick Edwards** will coordinate Coaching and is being ably assisted by coaching and non-coaching Members – thank you all. Additionally **John Bleach** has stepped up to the mark and will organise the Roll-Up Room Roster in the interim. Thank you, John.

Patrons Day held on 7 November, although a low key event, gave Members the opportunity to acknowledge our Patron, **Peter Baume**, who has the inexplicable and dubious pleasure of having to “shout” the bar for those present!



### RETIRING COACH BOUNCING BACK!

Long term readers of this publication are aware that **Ed O'Donnell** has been a generous contributor with informative articles improving our skills and enjoyment of the game.

Ed was required to undertake major surgery for throat cancer. We are advised that after some post-operative infection, recovery is now assured. *We hope to see you back soon Ed* . . . and hopefully, even though you are relinquishing coaching, to more of your instructive articles.

One of our most popular events is the **St Andrews Day Dinner** (and bowls) held on 27 November and was no exception this year with record numbers attending. We were delighted to welcome **Julia & Richard Burns**, our major sponsors, and we particularly thank them for their generosity on the evening for providing a Piper to entertain us and subsequently to pipe the Haggis into dinner. The “Address to a Haggis” penned by Robbie Burns, whilst missing the romanticism and accent of previous years' addresses, was appreciated as it was the first time guests got to understand the address!

The social calendar was capped with the Christmas Party on 4 December. It cannot be overstated the amount of planning and hard work put in by our lady Members, usually led by **Barbara Cotton**, over the past year and we trust the success of all events clearly demonstrates to them the appreciation of Members.

I wish all members an exciting and rewarding year both socially and ‘on the green!’

*Martin*



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## Functions and Mixed Bowls Report . . .

*Barbara Cotton*

I would like to start my report by mentioning our **Card Day**, which is held on the **first Monday** of the Month - towards the end of last year we had an increase in numbers, with an extra table - lovely to have more people to enjoy this day, which provides not only enjoyment to the players, but a good income for the Club.

**St Andrew's Dinner** was held in November - what a Night - Following Bowls, 83 people (Guests **Richard** and **Julia Burns** and 81 Members) enjoyed a complimentary Athol Brose before preparing for the piping of the Haggis. Chairman, **Lloyd Sommerlad** welcomed all present and proposed the Loyal Toast. Piper **Trent Garnett** (provided by Sponsons Burns and Burns) then played the Pipes, whilst Martin McMurray carried in the Haggis. **Martin McMurray** then gave the address to the Haggis, which was very interesting and quite spectacular. Following Grace, said by **John Muirhead**, a beautiful meal was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank the people who contributed to the success of this evening - particularly **Ian Cameron Smith** who organised the Haggis and Athol Brose, Burns and Burns, Lloyd Sommerlad, Martin McMurray and John Muirhead, **John Baker**, **Sue Cleary**, the ladies who helped with the tables, serving of the meal, selling of the Raffle tickets, **Joan Young** and **Cyril Vahtrick** for the music and songs and everybody who attended - it was fantastic to have so many enjoying a really good night - I may add that we had six apologies!).

*With the passing of Beryl Stephens, Barbara has taken an even greater role in organising to our social program. The benefits are already evident. We look forward to her regular contribution.*

**Christmas Party** was held on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December with 55 Members enjoying a Christmas drink and finger food.

Twilight Bowls resumed on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, with 24 Bowlers and 28 for dinner - this was really good for the first night back, and it was lovely to see most of the people in uniform - they really look good on the Green. The numbers have been round about this figure for the ensuing nights so we have been able to have dinner following Bowls. In the event of not having the required 20 for dinner - bowls is still played, with drinks and finger food served at the conclusion of

the game. **HOT** off the press - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 42 degrees in the hall near the Lockers - after many consultations, bowls was abandoned, and after some Bridge, watching of tennis and cricket, and some chatter - 28 Members sat down to a most enjoyable dinner and evening.

Unfortunately, mainly due to the unseasonable weather, we have not had anybody so far for Sunday Mixed Bowls - I would like to thank the members who are so willing to be on a Roster for the Roll-up Room and assure them that we are taking steps to promote Sunday Mixed Bowls. The Committee - **Warwick Druce**, John Baker, **Elaine Morell** and I had a meeting to discuss various ways and means - following the very successful visit to **Killara Golf Club** last year, when twenty Members enjoyed their Hospitality - a return visit has been organised for the Golf Club Members to visit Killara Bowling Club, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2010. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, I had the pleasure of meeting **David Hagley** from Lindfield Bowling Club and we spent some time discussing the possibility of some reciprocal Sunday Mixed Bowls

- I will report further on this after we have both taken our ideas to our respective Boards. - A day of Mixed Bowls to be organised in the near future, as a token of respect to **Beryl Stephens**, who did so much for Killara Bowling Club - her forte being Mixed Bowls, and another suggestion is a Friends Day on a Sunday - more information when these ideas have been finalised.

Australia Day on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, was our next Mixed function, with KBC V Warrawee Painting Competition at Killara on Sunday 11th April, Anzac Day Commemoration Service, Mixed Bowls and Lunch on 25<sup>th</sup> April, and Mixed Pairs Championship commencing Sunday 30th May.

I would like you all to know just how much *I have appreciated your* support and help over the past months - it has been wonderful and your presence at the various functions has helped in no small way, to make them enjoyable and successful events. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

*Barbara*

**VALE**

**Marjorie McDonald**

1st November 2009

**Margaret Breden**

22nd January 2010

## NUFFIELDS MAKE GENEROUS GESTURE TO KWBC



The next step is to examine establishing a 'wireless' connection between the KWBC computer and KBC computer for email and file transfer; and to allow easy use of the main Printer/copier.

To embellish a comment . . . A wonderful, generous and valuable surprise.

### SOME RANDOM REFERENCES FROM [www.fredfern.com](http://www.fredfern.com)

**Delivery Action.** Bowlers should move so that they bring their shoulders to within an arm's length of the playing surface, enabling smooth grassing of a bowl free of any dumping. They bend their legs to lower their centre of gravity, thereby providing bodily stability. They advance one leg, normally the one opposite the bowling arm, to extend their base of support enhancing stability. Their advancing of one leg creates the concept of a leading foot and a trailing foot. The trailing or the 'anchor' foot should remain in contact with the mat to preserve the bowler's orientation of the required delivery line. The bowler should position the toe of the trailing foot approximately 10cm behind the mat line. There it is far enough forward to ensure that the heel of the leading foot will always clear the mat, and it is far enough back to avoid any risk of foot faulting. The centre point of the heel of the trailing foot should be over the mat centre line.



**Pace of the green.** Is the time in course of a bowl that comes to rest 27 metres from the delivery point. Many Australians bowlers would regard greens producing times below about 12 seconds as 'slow', and above about 14 seconds as 'fast'. Grass surfaces that are green, damp, and leafy are commonly slow. Those that are brownish, dry, mown and rolled are commonly fast. The faster the green, the slower is the required delivery speed of jacks and bowls to run a given distance. The faster the green, the greater is the required aiming angle to offset the bias. However, the wider line of bowls on faster greens does not greatly increase run distance. For example, the curved path of a bowl to a jack 30 metres away on a 17-second green is only 31 metres.

**Bowl speed.** Beginner bowlers have busy minds. They think about things like arm elevation, timing, step length, trailing leg positioning, and follow-through posture as they deliver a bowl. These busy thoughts are an unavoidable phase in the process of learning delivery technique.

With regular practice, movements become less awkward, more precise, and more consistent. Eventually delivery technique becomes almost as automatic as blinking or breathing. Minds are then clearer, and full attention is given to judging the line and length required for each delivery.

Champion bowlers prepare for a delivery by confidently 'saying' to themselves that their bowl will run its course and stop precisely at the right spot. They use imagination to 'see' their bowl following the exact path to accomplish that result. They develop a 'feel' for a good delivery from the weight of the bowl, their perceptions of the pace of green, and senses in their bowling arm and shoulder. Such rehearsal provides a mental pattern for their largely automatic delivery movement to produce the bowl speed required. They use hand and eye co-ordination for intuitively integrating gravity force with muscular force in executing the movement.

A corrective delivery for a bowl that stops a metre short requires only 2½ more revolutions. Bowlers should make such fine corrections by 'sensing' the extra bowl speed required to reach the objective. Conscious adjustment of arm elevation can easily cause over-correction. Undue conscious attention to limb movements during delivery can lead to a condition called '**paralysis by analysis**'. Bowlers should condition themselves to trust their practised delivery technique to make appropriate adjustments subconsciously.



**A Family Affair**



**Spring Carnival 2009**



**PADDY BUYS TWO GOLDFISH AND CALLS THEM ONE AND TWO. MICK SAYS THATS FUNNY NAMES WHY DID YOU CALL THEM THAT PADDY ?? WELL SAYS PADDY IF ONE DIES I STILL GOT TWO LEFT.**

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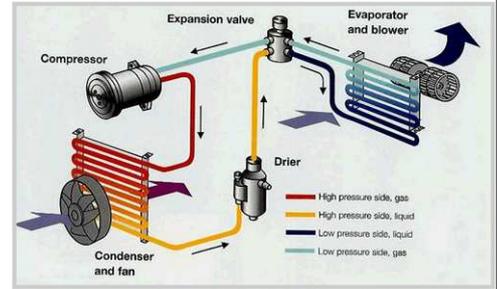
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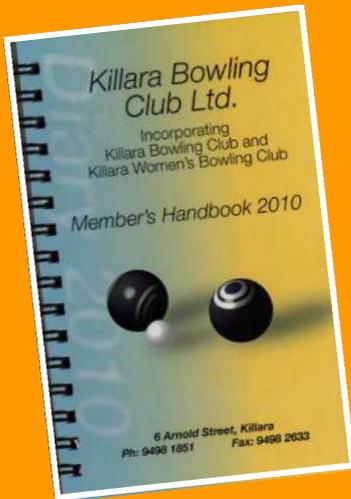
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## 2009 KBC COMPETITIONS : John Brodie Reports



The 2009 KBC competitions were well patronised and the results for all matches are summarised below:

The Honour Boards will be updated in January 2010 to reflect these results. Prize giving, in conjunction with the first Bob Sinclair Place of Origin (30Jan.), will have occurred before this report goes to press.

The 2010 KBC competitions are already underway with a high level of interest shown in the Gissing Consistency competition (40 entries). The Minor Pairs competition also commences at the end of January.

Competition	Winner	Runner-up
Gissing Consistency	D Cozens	M McMurray
Minor Singles	J Bleach	I Calder
Major Singles	W Druce	D Martin
Minor Pairs	R Hill, A Krust	T Hodgson, J Crocker
Major Pairs	K Shelley-Jones, I Cameron-Smith	R Edwards, E O'Donnell
Club Pairs	J Thomas, I Cameron-Smith	M Tsolakis, R Edwards
Triples	K Howard, G Bowles, W Druce	J Zazulak, R Edwards, E O'Donnell
Fours	B Shirvington, K Howard, D Hunt, I Cameron-Smith	D Bimson, J Bleach, M McMurray, J Baker



Kevin Rudd meets with the Queen. He asks her, "Your Majesty, how do you run such an efficient government? Are there any tips you can give to me?"

"Well," says the Queen, "the most important thing is to surround yourself with intelligent people." Rudd frowns "But how do I know the people around me are really intelligent?" The Queen takes a sip of tea. "Oh, that's easy. You just ask them to answer an intelligence riddle." The Queen pushes a button on her intercom. "Please get Gordon Brown on the phone."

"Yes, my Queen?" "Mr. Premier, answer me this please. Your mother and father have a child. It is not your brother and it is not your sister. Who is it?"

Without pausing for a moment, Brown answers, "That would be me." "Yes! Very good," says the Queen.

Rudd goes back home to ask Wayne Swan, his deputy, the same question. "Wayne! Answer this for me. Your mother and your father have a child. It's not your brother and it's not your sister. Who is it?"

"I'm not sure," says Swan. "Let me get back to you on that one." He goes to his advisors and asks every one, but none can give him an answer. Finally, he ends up in the men's room and recognizes Tony Abbott's shoes in the next stall. Swan asks Abbott, "Tony! Can you answer this for me? Your mother and father have a child and it's not your brother or your sister. Who is it?"

Tony Abbott yells back, "That's easy. It's me!"

Swan smiles, and says, "Thanks Tony!" Then, he goes back to speak with Rudd. "Say, I did some research and I have the answer to that riddle. It's Tony Abbott."

Rudd gets up, stomps over to Swan, and angrily yells into his face

"No, you idiot! It's Gordon Brown!"

### ELECTRICAL THEORY BY JOSEPH LUCAS\*

Circuit functioning is the transmission of negative ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke". Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing.

For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable!

The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward. Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring unsightly large wires. It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defence secrets.

Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

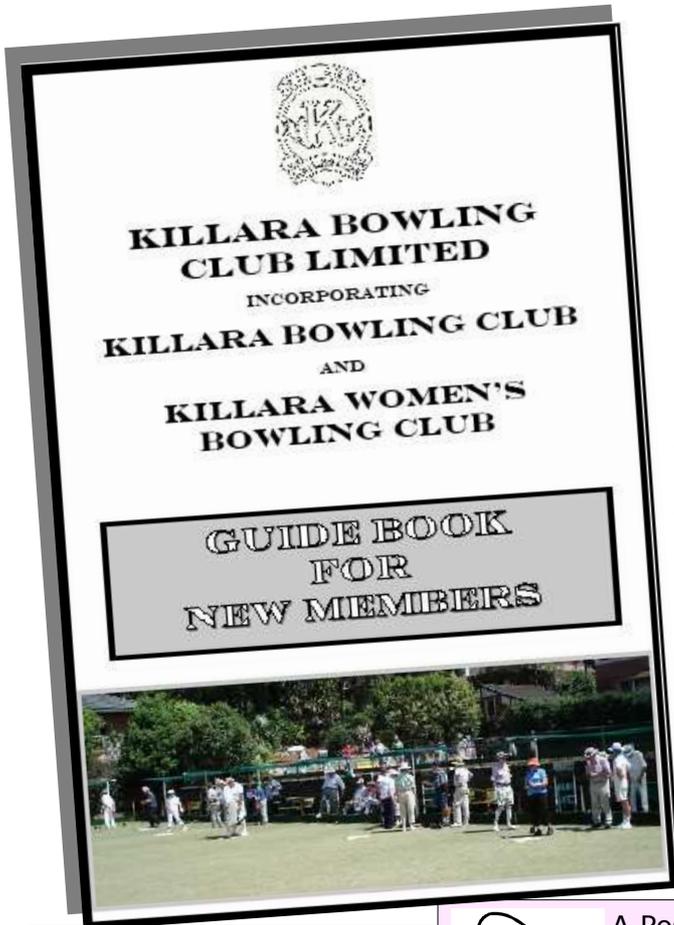
In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components especially British units manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd.

And remember: "A gentleman does not motor about after dark."

**Joseph Lucas "The Prince of Darkness" 1842-1903**

\*Lucas is the patent holder for the short circuit.

*This item provided for the information of all British car owners... particularly Derek Bimson.*



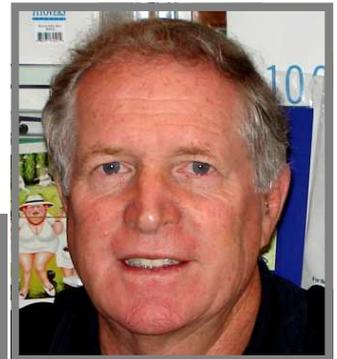
### NEW MEMBERS'S GUIDE BOOK

With increased recruiting in the past two years depleting our stock of reference materials for potential new members, management decided to rewrite and publish a **GUIDE BOOK FOR NEW MEMBERS**.

With contributions from *Martin McMurray* and other sources, the booklet has sixteen pages with chapters discussing Club History, Structure, The Game of Bowls, Dress and Equipment, Etiquette and Roll-up schedules and Contacts. It is extensively illustrated.

New members need new outfits so contact was made with *Ken Wallis*, Principal of **Turrumurra Bowls Shop** who readily agreed to pay the printing costs of the new Booklet. **Thank you Ken!**

This booklet is not intended for distribution to existing members however, if you would like to view it, please ask Sue who has a copy.



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### Guess who (don't sue)

Which member was recently obliged (in great pain and discomfort) to present himself to the hospital following an unanticipated drug reaction? It is understood relief was only obtained following 'blood letting'!



**Why does a slight tax increase cost \$200.00, and a substantial tax cut save \$30.00?**



A Postal worker's job was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses. One day, a letter came addressed in a shaky handwriting to God with no actual address. He thought he should open it to see what it was about. The letter read:

*Dear God,  
I am an 83 year old widow, living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension payment. Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with, have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me?  
Sincerely, Edna*

The postal worker was touched. He showed the letter to all the other workers. Each one dug into his or her wallet and came up with a few dollars. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96, which they put into an envelope and sent to the woman..

The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of Edna and the dinner she would be able to share with her friends.

Christmas came and went.

A few days later, another letter came from the same old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened.

It read:

*Dear God,  
How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift. By the way, there was \$4 missing.  
I think it might have been those bastards at the post office.*

*Sincerely, Edna*

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