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PENNANTS SUCCESS: KILLARA 6'S RUNNERS-UP IN ZONE FINAL

Michael Tsolakis' report page 7



Picture Janice Crocker

They're Gone!

As reported, KBN #26, the Club's poker machines have been sold and removed. The Board is now deciding the most appropriate refurbishment for this area.





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: *LLOYD SOMMERLAD*



Our Club House is a modest building compared with some of the imposing modern structures of many of the Clubs we visit. But it has a certain charm about it which contributes to the atmosphere which characterises our friendly Killara Club. It has all the facilities we need with locker rooms,

bar and modern kitchen and storage and working space for greens equipment. The main room, now with air conditioning, accommodates 100 seated at tables and is available for hire by interested groups for meetings or celebrations.

Part of the common wall with the Tennis Club on the eastern side of the building, dates right back to the modest shelter shed erected when bowls first started on the site in 1910. Progressive extensions have been made over the years as membership grew and the Club obtained a liquor licence and a new wing was built with a generous contribution by a member and his wife when the Women's Club was formed in 1979. Our House Manager is **Warwick Druce** in an honorary capacity, with the invaluable help of **Sue Cleary**.

Our Property Committee **Joseph Zazulac**, **Rick Edwards** and **Arthur Krust** recently made a thorough inspection of the buildings and drew up a maintenance schedule which we have begun to implement commencing with painting of the Clubhouse ceiling. Committee members with additional help provide much of the necessary labour.

The Club House roof has long been a matter of concern with deterioration of its metal sheeting and the inevitable day when it will require replacement has been put off by repairs and painting. Fortunately there were no leaks during recent heavy rain.

The removal of the poker machines has left additional space within the Clubhouse. Numbers of possible uses have been considered and at least for now, the space will be tidied up and painted and furnished with comfortable chairs and tables. It will provide extra space if needed, for Card Days or Club Dinners.

Elsewhere in this News Letter the success of our top Pennant team during this year's competition has been reported. Congratulations to its members who won their Section and were Runners up in the Zone final. This is the best result for many years.

A Reminder. A few members have not yet renewed their Annual subscription due on the 1st of July. Payment is necessary to retain status as a player and the Club needs your continuing support.

Excerpt from KBC Newsletter dated March 1999 FROM INSIDE THE HOUSE

1999 has seen new staffing arrangements in the bar and canteen. Unfortunately, Flora O'Hara, after 4 years service, left us mid December, and all members wish her well. Barry Randall also resigned about the same time to take up a full time position as National Sales Manager with an International Food Company. He has agreed to remain with us on alternate Saturdays and his experience is most useful. We welcomed Sue Cleary and Veronica Ebert to our staff at the beginning of January.



They now work Wednesdays, Thursdays and alternate Saturdays, together with other special days and evenings as required.

The duties of the Bar and Canteen have been combined under the cheerful supervision of the two girls, and is working well.

After a period of other alternatives, we have reverted to making sandwiches for lunch and tea in house whenever possible, a cheaper and more popular way.

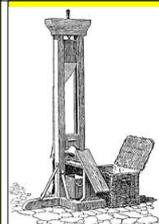
We believe we are now able to provide Bar and Canteen services at a more affordable cost to the Club without compromising standards. We thank Members for their understanding over what have been a difficult few months.

Warwick Druce



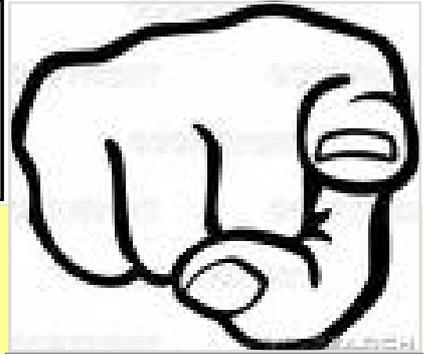
SAMOAN BAR OWNERS SAY THAT THE TSUNAMI WAS BAD FOR BUSINESS BUT THAT THERE WERE SIGNS THAT THEIR REGULARS WERE STARTING TO DRIFT BACK IN.

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with that expensive double-pane energy efficient kind, and today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was complaining that the work had been completed a whole year ago and I still hadn't paid for them. Helloooo, . . . just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, that in ONE YEAR these windows would pay for themselves! Hellooooo? It's been a year! I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally just hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.



**Got to thinking today. . .
Socrates was poisoned. Julius Caesar was stabbed to death. Napoleon died in exile. Abraham Lincoln was shot. Gandhi was shot. Kevin Rudd was Gillardteened.**

2010 MEMBER DRIVE OPEN DAY 26 SEPTEMBER



WE NEED YOU



Colleagues,
The annual drive for new members is now under way. In the coming weeks your committee will be asking for your assistance in canvassing for potential new bowlers and conducting an OPEN DAY on Sunday 26th September.

The open day is also a Social Occasion for all members. The Club will provide catering free of charge and there be no green fees. I will be writing to you individually in the next week or so with full details and asking you to volunteer. In the meantime:-

- *Think of friends and acquaintances that you feel may wish to join.*
- *Note in you diary Sunday 26th*

A few hours of your valuable effort will ensure we can introduce more people to the wonderful sport of lawn bowling, maintain a good standard of competition and sustain our social enjoyment.

**Thank You
 Rick Edwards**

New Membership Flyer



6000 FLYERS (HANDBILLS) HAVE BEEN PRINTED FOR THIS YEARS DRIVE.

Sized 21x10mm (1/3 A4) it is full colour on one side and black/white on the obverse.

The flyer is to be distributed to letter-boxes in the Killara, Lindfield area and used as handouts in our general canvassing and shopping centre activities.

The cover illustration is from our 2008 Open Day. You may well be there!

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OPEN DAY
Sunday 26th September 2010
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- > Introduction and Inspection
- > Trial sessions with experienced players
- > Light Refreshments

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For more information:-
 Rick Edwards 9439 2005
 Bob Bessemer 9416 3386
 Christine Burke 9499 5079



KWBC President's Platform



Dear Members,
The first Carnival for the year was held in May - as you are aware, a very busy time for all of us. We were lucky with the weather, with only one shower of rain during the three days.

We had a good roll up for Friday, sixteen teams from seven Clubs, apart from Killara. Sunday fifty-four players contested the Composite Pairs and Monday there were close to one hundred. Thank you to all who gave so much time to running the Carnival - the Social Committee, with others, the first to arrive - setting tables, organising the morning teas. Those who cooked for the Trading Table and **Nance Swanson** who organised sixteen tables, with some helpers. **Joan Hodgson's** great contribution of Jam and **Norma Clark** for the Pickled Cucumber - the table made over \$400. The Raffle Table was manned by **Ailsa Daniels, Joan Hodgson, Joan Young** and **Helen Clark**. The contents for the Raffles were donated and purchased by the Club - each being approximately \$50 in value, the return being \$607. Thank you to KBC who organised the days, to those who waited on us for lunch on Friday, and we reciprocated on Monday. All in all, a successful Carnival. The Pairs Championship was won by **Shizuko Hashimoto** and **Maria Hearder**, runners-up **Livia Geniale** and **Robin Hey**. Congratulations to **Alice Burton** who became our Club Champion, winning the Major Singles, with **Edith Cowlshaw** the runner-up. The results of the Pennant Matches - Grade 2 came fourth, and the Under 5's came second. Congratulations to you all.

We hosted the State Pairs for one round - unfortunately our players were not successful. We are approaching the Annual General Meeting on the 10th August at 9.30a.m. Please come as we have a lot to discuss.

Thank you for the privilege of being your President this year - we have had a few hic-coughs along the way - so my heart felt thanks to the Members of the Committee who have supported me during the year. Thank you **Barbara Cotton** for your wonderful work with the Mixed Bowls, assisted by **Elaine Morell**.
Elizabeth Bold



One day in July, 2010 an old man approached the Lodge in Canberra. He spoke to the security and said, "I would like to go in and meet with the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd." The Guard looked at the man and said, "Sir, Mr. Rudd is no longer Prime Minister and no longer resides here." The old man said, "Okay", and walked away.

The following day, the same man approached the Lodge "I would like to go in and meet with the Mr. Rudd." The Guard again told the man, "Sir, as I said yesterday, Mr. Rudd is no longer the Prime Minister and no longer resides here." The man thanked him and again just walked away.

The third day, the same man approached the Lodge and spoke to the very same Guard saying, "I would like to go in and meet with Prime Minister Rudd"

The Guard, understandably agitated at this point, looked at the man and said, "Sir, this is the third day in a row you have been here asking to speak to Mr. Rudd I've told you already that Mr. Rudd is no longer Prime Minister and no longer resides here. Don't you understand?"

The old man looked at the Guard and said, "Oh, I understand. I just love hearing it."

The Guard snapped to attention, saluted, and said, "See you tomorrow, Sir."

British Generosity

A big earthquake with the strength of 8.1 on the Richter scale had hit Pakistan. Two million Pakistanis died and over a million are injured. The country is totally ruined and the government doesn't know where to start with providing help to rebuild.

The rest of the world is in shock.

The USA is sending troops to help. Saudi Arabia is sending oil. Latin American countries are sending supplies. New Zealand is sending sheep, cattle and food crops. Australia is sending medical teams and supplies.

Britain, not to be outdone, is sending two million Pakistanis as replacements!

God Bless the British for their generosity.

(Ian Cameron-Smith)



The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi. *I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.*

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital.

When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, "No change yet."

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your

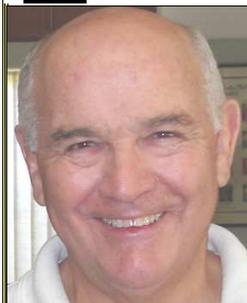
Count that votes.

Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects!





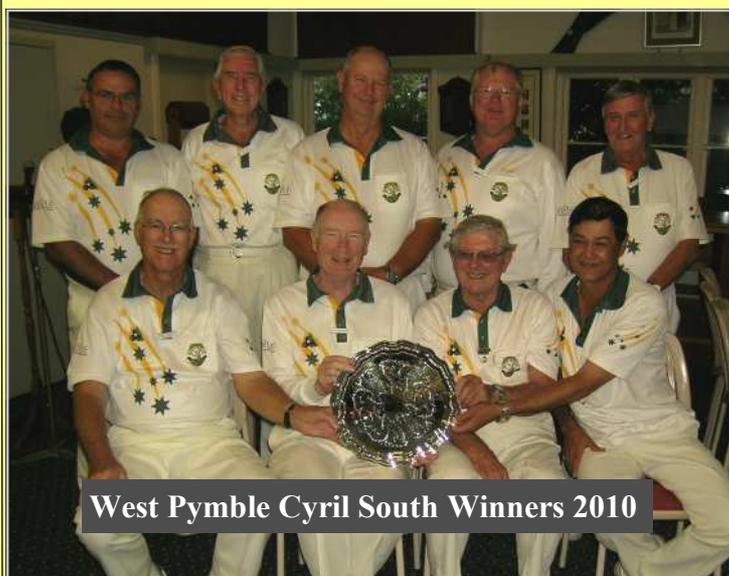
KBC President's Platform : *Martin McMurray*



Martin McMurray

Congratulations to our 2010 Men's Singles Champion, **Ben Lau!** It was a closely contested match against **Rick Edwards** with its fair share initially of nerves. Congratulations are also due to our Grade 6 Pennants team for their 2010 win and our Grade 7 team that also put up a commendable performance. Other key results both within the Club and externally will be reported on respectively by the Bowls Secretary and Assistant Bowls Secretary.

Our Club put on another creditable Autumn Carnival in May under the direction of our Convenor **David Martin**, his Assistant, **Bob Hill** and their large team of generous Members (Men and Women) contributing so much in so many ways behind the scene. We also acknowledge and gratefully thank our generous sponsors for this event.



West Pymble Cyril South Winners 2010

We conducted another most successful Cyril South Competition over ten weeks culminating in a win to West Pymble – we congratulate them and thank WPBC and the other Clubs for their participation. We also thank **Sue Cleary** for her delicious scones for each afternoon tea!

We hosted the Australian Club to a match in June after three years of cancellations due to bad weather. Their Convenor, Tom Giles, was most gracious in congratulating KBC on their win on the day.

In early July we hosted the Zone 9 Senior Singles and I thank the time generously given by seven Members in providing umpiring and marking.

The annual Mid-Week Triples has commenced with another record field of three KBC teams playing. Enthusiasm by Members for this event is encouraging for the Club's continuing growth.

Our weekly Burns & Burns Thursday Triples competi-

tion has attracted more visitors and members where we now field 6 or 7 rinks each week. The continuing generosity of the Burns family for sponsoring this competition is appreciated.

In June the Club bestowed Life Membership upon two very worthy recipients, **Barbara Cotton** and **Leigh Sanders**. Their contribution to the Club is legendary and recognition of such has now been appropriately rewarded.

Lastly, on bowling activities, and very importantly, the Club is very fortunate to have such dedicated Selectors who have guided the Club to such success this year. **Michael Tsolakis**, convenor, who puts so much time into this important role with committee members **Ian Cameron-Smith** and **Peter Baume** are to be thanked for their diligence. At a recent General Meeting Peter Baume retired and we thank him for his past guidance. **Rick Edwards** was elected to fill the vacancy and we congratulate him for taking on yet another role within the Club.

A good number of Members participated in our annual Anzac Day Commemorative Ceremony. Proceedings commenced with the rendition of prayers, the National Anthem, Grace and the Loyal Toast and luncheon. We then adjourned into brilliant sunshine on the Graham Firth Green where Member, **Ken Boyd**, gave his address, friend of the Club, Robert Seloisse, sounded The Last Post and Reveille and our resident vexillologist, **John Taylor**, professionally carried out his Flag Orderly duties. Pictures of the day appear elsewhere in this Newsletter.



The latest **Barbara Cotton** and Members dinner spectacular was in the form of "Christmas in July" and considering the cold temperature, most appropriate. Such social events create cement the camaraderie in our Club. It is timely for me and Members to publicly acknowledge and thank members of the KBC Committee for all their endeavours behind the smooth operation of our bowling activities. They are **Bob Hill, Rick Edwards, Jozef Zazulak, John Muirhead, Ian Armstrong, Robin Hearder** and **John Brodie**.

Yours in Bowling,
Martin J McMurray



Functions and Mixed Bowls Report . . .

Barbara Cotton

The last few months have been very busy - starting with Easter Monday - thirty nine Bowlers and five Bridge players enjoyed a very nice day - no lunch but an enjoyable afternoon tea provided by the players.

Sunday, 1st April, we hosted the Warrawee-Killara Mixed Triples Trophy - weatherwise a beautiful day, and after a few hiccoughs, the afternoon progressed into a very successful and enjoyable day. Warrawee provided 27 players, matched by Killara, who had six social players as well, and one non-player - a total of sixty one - afternoon tea, provided by the players, was enjoyed by all, and the Painting is hanging on our wall again - Killara winning by a margin of ten points.

Card Days have continued to be well-attended with between thirty five and forty two players enjoying the day, and contributing over \$400 per month to the Club. I would like to thank **Robin Hey**, and all those who help to make these days successful and for donating prizes for the Raffles.

Anzac Day - Lunch and Mixed Bowls attended by fifty five for lunch and bowls, twelve for lunch only, and four for bowls only. A very enjoyable lunch was followed by the Service and then Bowls - everybody agreed it was a most successful day.

Sunday, 2nd May, we hosted a team from Killara Golf Club - the Golf Club were two short for six teams, so two members of the Bowling Club played for them - Six teams thus competed, together with eight other KBC Members playing social bowls. The result was a success for the Bowling Club with 3.5 wins and 105 shots, and the Golf Club 2.5 wins and 92 shots. A truly successful and enjoyable day - Again my thanks to all those who helped, and those who brought the after-

noon tea - the Golf Club Members were most impressed and appreciative of the latter. We will be their guests for a return visit on Sunday, 17th October.

Queens's Birthday on Monday 14th June, we had twenty three social players, and the Final of the Mixed Pairs Championship. After some really close Matches played during the previous fortnight, **Janice** and **John Crocker** won the Championship, with **Barbara Cotton** and **John Baker** the runners-up. The prize will be awarded on Sunday, 1st August, the day to be held in memory of **Beryl Stephens**.

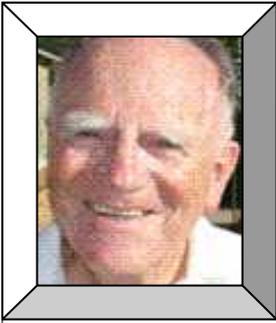
Christmas in July Dinner on the 2nd July was attended by fifty five Members, including **Richard, Julia** and **Andrew Burns**. **Sue** presented a most enjoyable dinner- pumpkin soup, roast turkey and ham, plum pudding and brandy sauce. The raffle was won by **Mabs White** and several lucky door prizes were well received - the net result was over \$1000, and everybody said they had had a very happy and enjoyable evening.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Mixed Triples day in memory of Beryl Stephens on Sunday, 1st August. A light "picnic-style" lunch will be served at 11.45am, followed by Bowls and afternoon tea, a Raffle, lucky door and prizes for the game. The present number is about forty six, and I shall look forward to reporting on this day in the next Bowls News.

The Club has been invited to visit Lindfield Bowling Club, on Sunday, 22nd August for Mixed Pairs (two men, two women, or one of each), and we are hoping to have at least twenty from each Club on this day. As you can see, the last couple of Months have been really busy, and I would like to say thank you to **Elaine Morell, Warwick Druce** and **John Baker** for all their help and support, and to those Members who have been attending to the Roll-up on Sundays - we have been having between six and twelve players enjoying themselves.

Barbara





Selector's Report
From Page 1. . . .

The decision by the selectors to organise Trial Pennants proved to be a valuable exercise as it demonstrated the capabilities participants and enabled the fielding of competitive teams.

Our Grade 6 Team won the ten-round Section by a margin of one point with Asquith runners up. They then progressed to the Post Sectional Draw (Round-Robin play) and competed against the other Zone 9 sectional winners; Avalon, Dee Why, and Harbord. This stage of the competition was played on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June at Pittwater Memorial Bowling Club in bitter weather.

The final match was played between Killara and Dee Why with the winner receiving the Zone 9 Pennant Flag. We were successful on two of the three rinks. However lost narrowly on aggregate shots and thus were relegated to Runners-Up.

(NB: The last time KBC participated in a Pennant Post Sectional Draw was in 1997 when the Grade 3 team achieved a Runners-Up result for the club.)

Dee Why now progress to the State Pennant Draw to be played on a Knock-out basis against the other fifteen Zone winners for the State Pennant Flag. The final stages of this competition will be contested in July/August at Campbelltown City, Camden Bowling Clubs and the Final at Picton Bowling Club.

The selectors extend their sincere congratulations to the following players for this outstanding result: *Gof Bowles, John Brodie, Ian Cameron-Smith, Don Cozens, John Crocker, Warwick Druce, Rick Edwards, Rod Henriks, David Hunt, Arthur Krust,*

Benjamin Lau, David Martin, Martin McMurray, David Muir and Josef Zazulak.

Grade 7 team finished a credible fourth in their section. This was an excellent result as a number of players from this team also acted as substitutes for the KBC Grade 6 team throughout the competition.

The continued improvement in performance by KBC particularly from its new members, including those from the 2008 and 2009 membership drive, has provided a boost in confidence for the club as we prepare for future events.

It is our hope that, with continued support and further team development, 2011 will be the year that Killara Bowling Club is successful in winning its first Pennant Flag....Good Bowling,

Michael

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The Finalists are awarded a badge presented by the Zone. The mark the 2010 performance, our Chairman, *Lloyd Sommerlad*, is wearing the badge presented to him as a Grade 3 finalist in the 1997 team mentioned by Michael.

Look for the latest additions!



UPGRADED SECURITY FOR ENTRY AND SUBSCRIPTION BOXES

Following the breaking and theft from our Carnival Entry box a few weeks ago, the Club has installed an elegant and economical solution by utilising small keyed safes, modified with envelop slots, bolted directly to the masonry wall in the passage. The site of the previous location is visible in this picture.



Brian Shirvington
Good job, well done.



The story of . . . THE ZANDER-MOSS TROPHY



Have you ever wondered about the rather ornate silver trophy displayed in it's own glass cabinet, on the cupboard, adjacent to the kitchen door? And how did it come into our possession?

The Zander-Moss Trophy was offered for competition

in the year 1932 by the City Bowling Club. The competition was for three rinks of four players, open to metropolitan clubs and played on the City Club greens in College St. The handsome silver trophy with the figure of a horse was presented by two City Club members, Zander and Moss - one was a racehorse owner and the other a bookmaker. The City Club records were lost long ago and longer exists. Killara had teams in the top pennant grades in those days and won this competition, which apparently was a "once only" event. Messrs Zander and Moss were obviously 'doing very well' back then in 1932 as the specifications and workmanship of this memento are quite notable. The weight of the trophy is 4.5 kg. and was valued for insurance purposes in 2000 at \$4000. However, the appraiser noted that to replace the trophy at that time would probably cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000.. Thank you to *Lloyd Sommerlad* for this information.



Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with 'Return to Sender' stamped on it. Forgetting it was a bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

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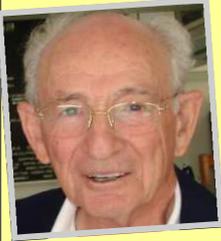
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THE NUFFIELD'S QUEST FOR THE RING



Dear Editor,

While memories are still fresh I thought to make some brief remarks on our (Christine's and mine) excursion around the globe which took place from 13.May to 26.June this year. It was longer than any of our recent ventures abroad.

We sought to repair the omissions that occurred in Vienna in 2009, when Christine had been seriously hampered by a damaged foot; since successfully repaired. Therefore I planned to show her the essentials that a visitor needs to see. This attempt was only partly successful, but we did visit (revisit) the Imperial Palace, the Spanish Riding School (perhaps overrated) the Museum of Art, the upper and lower Belvedere (not to be missed, especially when there is a special exhibition of Prince Eugene, the companion-in-arms of our Duke of Marlborough), and, more rarely visited, the castle at Klosterneuburg.

Of special interest was a day trip down the Danube to Bratislava, which might appeal to all of you with Slovakian genes. It has been considerably refurbished and elevated in spirit since last visited 19 years ago.

On to the United States where Philadelphia, the city of Brotherly Love, beckoned. At first not very hospitably, as Immigration viewed me with deep suspicion! A US citizen entering with an Australian passport!! After some contretemps I was finally admitted. The virtues of that historic jewel were not fully appreciated, due to cross-Atlantic fatigue. Onto Pittsburgh by train, where, on my happy hunting ground, in the past (as is well known to you) I again fell down on my job of showing Christine the highlights. We did catch a glimpse of Pres. Barack Obama's motorcade, as he was going to a meeting. The local police, at least were quite excited about it. One very poignant visit was my return to the local bowling club. My old bowling companions had flagged a great improvement in the (very modest) club facilities and a speeding up of the greens. The former was true to promise; the greens looked quite respectable, but alas, when handed a set of bowls (rather too large) I could not "get up" more than half way. Most humiliating! My friends still retained their memory of me as a respectable bowler.

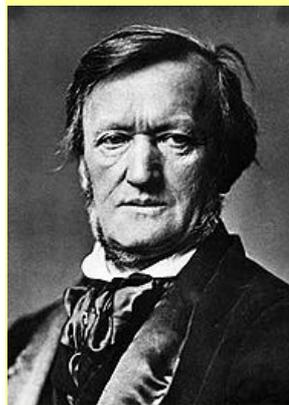
I must move to New Mexico, where there is a cousin of mine (one of the very few left) who escaped from California to this beautifully serene state some years ago. No bowling

there, but lesson in what a zoo should be like. The South Pacific Zoo is a worthy rival a little brother to the much better known San Diego Zoo. From there to Los Angeles; from the pristine air of Albuquerque to the heavily "smogged" atmosphere of the City of the Angels. Even so, great improvements in the down town area, which now can boast of a Dorothy Chandler Pavilion (i.e. opera house), a Walt Disney Concert Hall designed by the great Frank Gehry, a superb Catholic Cathedral and there I heard the Archbishop/Cardinal (Thomas Mahoney) give a heart warming homily), a Museum Of Modern Art (not visited) have turned Los Angeles from a cultural wasteland into a rival to the much smaller San Francisco. I need to add the Paul Getty Villa and (separate) museum, the Huntington Library, Gallery and Villa and the Norton Simon Museum as additional cultural gems.

Now on to Opera. The main purpose of the trip was to witness Wagner's Ring of the Nibelungen. (Christine's second - my seventh.) Now that traditional stagings are thing of the past one has to "interpret" what one sees according to the tenets of symbolism. Can be difficult, but fortunately the music remains the same. I am getting close to "Ring fatigue" but will try one more next year.

The last few days were spent in San Francisco, after a delightful bus ride from L.A. along Route 101 through Santa Barbara, Simeon's Hearst Castle (megalomaniacal) and Carmel (a real pocket emptier) and Vancouver, B.C. from whence a day in Victoria led us back to shades of England; but unfortunately no sight of a reportedly delightful Bowling Club, the prettiest in North America. The fabulous Butchart Gardens were the ultimate visual delight, and a very restful crossing of the Pacific Ocean provided of a rich, if lengthy overseas journey, with an excessive absence from bowling at KBC a price to be paid.

Ed Nuffield



Der Ring des Nibelungen (The Ring of the Nibelung) is a cycle of four epic operas or (to use the composer's preferred term) 'dramas' by the German composer ***Richard Wagner*** (1813–1883). The works are based loosely on characters from the Norse sagas and the Nibelungenlied. The four dramas, which the composer described as a trilogy with a Vorabend

('preliminary evening'), are often referred to as the Ring Cycle, "Wagner's Ring", or simply The Ring. Wagner wrote the libretto and music over the course of about twenty-six years, from 1848 to 1874. The four operas that constitute the Ring cycle are, in the order of the imagined events they portray:

Das Rheingold (The Rhine Gold)

Die Walküre (The Valkyrie)

Siegfried

Götterdämmerung (The Twilight of the Gods)



Assistant Bowls Secretary John Brodie Reports



Club Championships

Since the last newsletter the Major Singles and Major Pairs Championships have been decided. Congratulations go to **Ben Lau**, one of our newer members, who defeated **Rick Edwards** in the Major Singles to become the 2010 Club Champion. Congratulations also to **Rod Henriks** and **Arthur Krust** on taking out the Major Pairs Championship defeating **Rick Edwards** and **Warwick Druce** in an exciting final.



Benjamin Lau

At the time this report was compiled the Triples and the Minor Singles Championships were nearing completion. The Club Pairs Championship is due to commence in August. Nominations for the Club Pairs are currently being sought and members are reminded that entries for that event close on Saturday, 7 August.

Place of Origin

Members should note that the Place of Origin match, originally scheduled to be played on Saturday, 7 August, will now be played on Saturday, 21 August. This event includes the traditional sausage sizzle lunch. A notice seeking nominations is currently on the notice board.

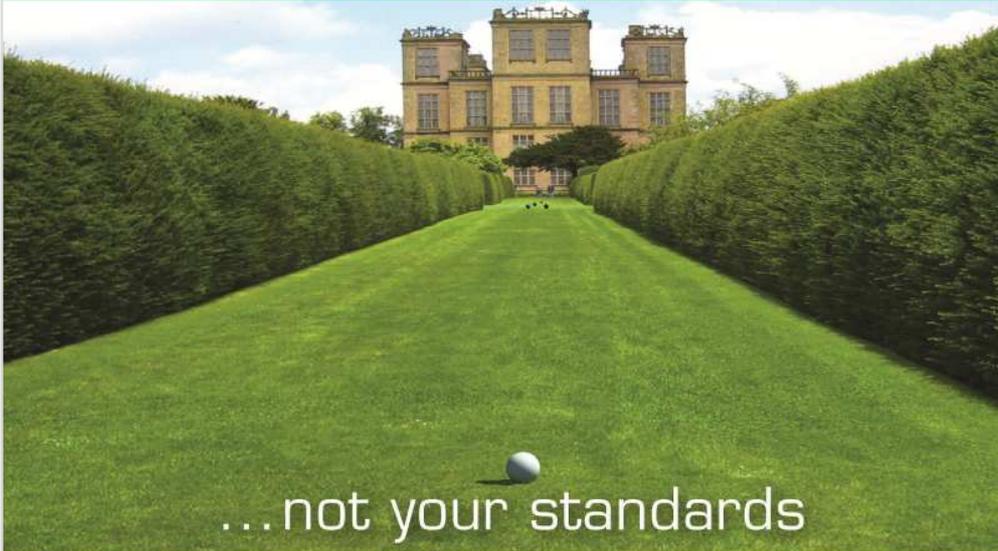


With time, women gain weight because we accumulate so much information and wisdom in our heads that when there is no more room, it distributes out to the rest of our bodies. So we aren't heavy, we are enormously cultured, educated and happy.

Beginning today, when I look at my bum in the mirror I will think, Good grief, look how smart I am! Must be where 'Smart Ass' came from!



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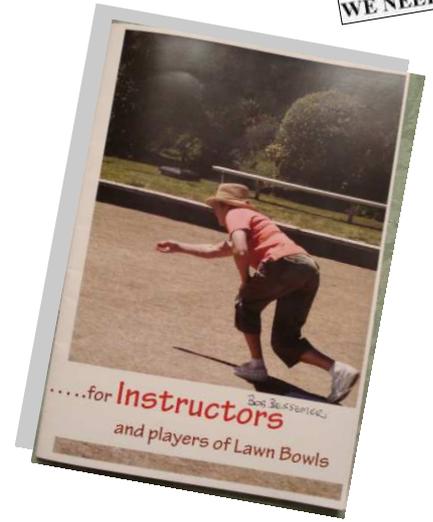


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Big day at Belrose!



An astonishing 87 bowlers from 22 clubs attended a one day Zone 9 Instructors Course at Belrose BC on Monday 12th July. Five members, **Peter Baume**, **Bob Bessemer**, **John Brodie**, **John Crocker** and **David Muir** represented KBC and departed with authorised Instructors Certificates. Convened by **Len Hyde** and his able Coaching Panel, the course was first class in every respect: in presentation, course material, instruction and venue. In particular, the teaching manual is lucid and well illustrated . . . with a number of new methodologies which will greatly improve the standard of play and satisfaction of aspiring bowlers.

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Members . . Please note!
 Sponsor, **Escape Travel**, has relocated to Tryon Lane adjacent to Lindfield Station.



A nun

who was living in a convent next to a construction site noticed the coarse language of the workers and decided to spend some time with them to correct their ways. She decided she would take her lunch, sit with the workers and talk with them.

She put her sandwich in a brown bag and walked over to the spot where the men were eating. She walked up to the group and with a big smile said: "*and do you men know Jesus Christ?*" they shook their heads and looked at each other very confused.

One of the workers looked up into the steelworks and yelled out, "*Anybody up there know Jesus Christ?*"

One of the steelworkers yelled down 'why?' The worker yelled back, "*Cos his wife's here with his lunch*"

The Curse of the Game!



Let's say we are in a triples game with each side having 9 potential shots each end. Now, if a bowl goes into the ditch the side has lost one shot - but only one. However, if the lead or second puts down a short bowl in the draw (short meaning more than 1m), the side has lost not only 1 point immediately but it further prevents subsequent players from bowling to the jack. That short bowl may (and often does) cost the side another 3 points. That makes a total of 4 points lost!

Also a short, narrow bowl often knocks the opponent's short narrow bowl up to the jack thus losing another point. Summing up - A bowl in the ditch is a loss of 1 point but a short bowl can cost multiple points. Hence the statement that it better to be in the ditch rather than short.

Two of the basic rules in bowls are:-
Always bowl a little wider than you think necessary. That way the bowl is running towards the jack as it finishes - a bowl crossing the centre line is running away from the jack as it slows and it is funny how it seems to pick up speed.

(2) **Always bowl a little longer than you think necessary.** In perhaps 2 out of three ends the jack is moved back and a back bowl becomes the shot. This rarely happens if your bowls are short.

Also, always remember that bowls is a game of correction - if you are short or narrow with your first bowl, you can correct with your next bowl.

Again, bowls is not necessarily a game of bowling to the jack - but is a game of being closest to the jack when the last bowl has been played and most games are won by having bowls behind the jack.

The following article was contributed by Colin Frazer, a past Club Champion, to a KBC newsletter some 12 years ago. Colin is now deceased.

The young TV Reporter interviews Harold Schlumberg :

Reporter: "*What do you old folks do now that you are retired?*"

Harold: "*Well...I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine and vodka into urine. I do it every day and I really enjoy it.*"



Harold should be an inspiration to us all.

Doing a roll-call on the first day back at school at Bankstown Primary, the teacher began calling out the names of the pupils:

- "Mustafa El Ekh Zeri?"
- "Achmed El Kabul?"
- "Fatima Al Chadoury?"
- "Abdul Alu Ohlmi?"
- "Mi Cha El Mey Er"

- "Here.."
- "Here."
- " Here."
- " Here."
- Silence in the classroom.



"Mi Cha El Mey Er?"
 Continued silence as everyone looked around the room. She repeated, "Is there any child here called Mi Cha El Mey Er?"

A boy arose and said, "Sorry teacher. I think that's me. My name is Michael Meyer."

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OPPORTUNITY FOR CLUB MEMBERS TO BECOME FOUNDATION SHAREHOLDERS IN THE LINDFIELD BRANCH

Our own member **Bill Nevill**, is Chairman of the Steering Committee to establish a branch in Lindfield. As a club sponsor, we will arrange for Bill to address a member gathering in the near future. In the meantime, Bill has placed literature in the club and will welcome your enquiries for more information. His contact details are below.

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