

A fast game is a good game . . .

Eddie the Chicago Hustler said this at the pool table before he took his opponent to the cleaners. He had a point, though, even if you can't bring his venal aptitude to the bowling green. In the winter days, when what sun there is goes early and the damp rises as the temperature goes down, there's a lot to be said for maximising the convivial drinking time before rush hour adds to the homeward misery. In the summer, there is even more to be said for getting out of the heat for the same purpose. On top of that, the whole point of the afternoon is to deliver bowls: time not spent delivering bowls is dead time! So what about speeding up the game to reduce the dead time?

A few general observations just to clear away some popular myths.

1. Short ends do not cut the time down except perhaps in singles and pairs where the players might not have to walk so far. The bowl's journey time for a short end is pretty much the same as for a long end - it just travels slower.
2. Kicking bowls back makes no difference. By the time the lead has gone to get the mat the operation should be finished - it will help if the lead gives the opponent some idea of where the mat will be on the way to get it. It will help even more in triples and fours if all the other players pitch in with the task straight away.
3. Accurately describing the position at the head obviates the need for the skip to come and see for himself or herself and saves time.
4. Always be ready to hand your opponent his or her bowl - not only is it the courteous thing to do it saves time looking for it and picking it up.
5. Awareness of time by all players is crucial: a ten second delay on each delivery in a 21 end triples game will extend the over all time by HALF AN HOUR

Who Needs Roll Ups?

What else? Well for a start we could do away with roll-ups. We carefully note the time and draw in a roll-up but when you look at the spread of bowls at the finish of the first end, it is clear we need not have bothered. It is not difficult in social bowls: skips can agree before play starts or, better still, the presiding selector announces it when handing out cards.

Don't Stop Walking!

And another thing. In triples and fours, the leads/seconds have the biggest influence on time because they have to travel fur-

ther than anyone else. The directors and skips are already on the green - the others are loafing on the seats. What is worse, they typically haven't paid much attention to what is going on and, while peregrinating to the other end, will stop to examine the head. DON'T STOP - especially if the skip is waiting to play. In fact, it is not a bad idea for the leads - with the agreement of the skips - to follow their last bowl down the rink. If playing on an end rink, particularly, they can go down the side as soon as they have finished delivering and watch the final bowls from behind the head.

Do Away with Dead Ends

The Laws of the Game piously state that bowls shall be played "without delay" (Law 54) but don't otherwise do much about it. Probably just as well, given the great age range of bowls players - the more senior of whom are unlikely to sprint between ends.

There is plenty of stuff in the Laws to make the game last longer but about the only useful provision for speeding up the game is doing away with dead ends. (Law 31B).

Dead ends in social bowls can be abolished in the same way as for roll-ups - skips just agree or the selectors can announce it. HOWEVER - not many players are aware of Law 31B - another of those oddities which make the Laws of the Game of Bowls delightfully quaint. It says that if a jack goes out of bounds it shall be replaced 2 metres from the ditch and 1.5 metres from the centre line on the side it went out. (Note that this can have the effect of transforming a minimum length (mat back) end to a full length with consequences for any bowls stranded half way down the rink. (You might like to know that there is a 50 metre tape in the umpires' box with which to measure for second shot.)

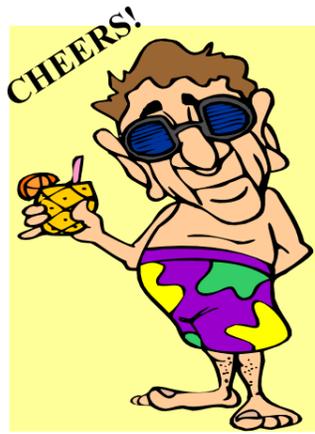
"Suppose there is a bowl on that spot already" I hear you ask. Good question but I'm not really into metaphysics. Moving right along, if we apply all of the above, Eddie the Hustler would be impressed. I reckon we could reduce the length of a game by at least 15 minutes. But in addition, a fast game really comes down to attitude. If players approach the game really wanting to get on with it and being aware of the importance of time, there will be more time on the mat, a bit more concentration, better deliveries and a much more satisfying afternoon. On top of that, you'll be quicker back to the clubhouse with extra time to boost the bar profits. Lawn Bowls! What a Game! Nothing beats this.

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BEER TROUBLESHOOTING REFERENCE CHART

SYMPTOM	FAULT	ACTION
Feet cold and wet	Glass at incorrect angle	Rotate glass so open end is up
Beer pale and tasteless	Glass empty	Get someone to shout
Wall covered with Fluorescent lights	You have fallen over backwards	Have yourself tied to the bar
Mouth contains cigarette butts	You have fallen forwards	See above
Floor blurred	You are looking through bottom of empty glass	Get someone to shout
Floor moving	You are being carried out	Ask if you are being taken to another bar



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KBC CAR PARK APPLICATION : IN THE BALANCE?



As this edition goes to print, the Board and Members await Council approval of KBC's Development Application to convert no.4 green, adjacent Locksley St., into a 24 space car park. After considerable consultation with Council, landscape architects, lawyers and surrounding residents, the DA was submitted to Ku-Ring-Gai Council 10th July last year.

The decision to convert the green was unanimously endorsed by members and visitors who find parking and carrying bowls onerous. President **Ian Cameron-Smith** noted this single issue was restricting the amenity of the Club to its 276 members with an average age of 76 years; and was materially reducing the Club activity and revenue.

" ... the provision of improved parking and access is of crucial importance to Club viability."

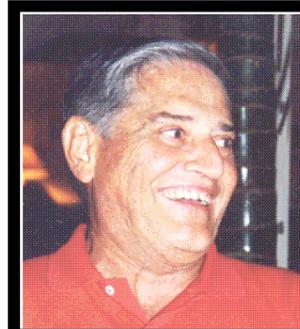
John Muirhead, who is managing the DA on behalf of the Club, professes some concern at the time this minor and benign development has been under consideration by the Council and the seeming lack of interest in the implications of the matter. *"We have addressed all the matters raised by Council Officers and those valid concerns expressed by four neighbors. We have the support of the great majority of affected residents who understand the provision of improved parking and access is of crucial importance to Club viability. It will have a beneficial impact on the streetscape; will considerably improve resident parking in both Arnold and Locksley Streets; and is vastly preferable to a massive multi-story residential development which would inevitably follow the Club closure."*

Lend you support. It would seem the issue is in the balance
You can greatly help the Club by contacting the councilors who represent our ward by urging them to endorse our application. **Put pen to paper – using the above report as your guide - and address your letters as follows:-**

Councillor Bruce Coleman
42 Warwick Street
Killara NSW 2071

Councillor Janine Kitson
PO Box 638
Gordon NSW 2072

Please call John Muirhead (9144 3021) if you wish any advice on this matter.



Vale Bernard Edward Robertson

A large contingent of Killara members attended the Funeral Service at The Northern Suburbs Crematorium to pay homage to a great bowler and contributor to our club. *Lloyd Sommerlad's recollections are on page XX.*

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*



From the chair

We have had much trouble with our greens recently.

First, Sydney Water Corporation imposed restrictions on all watering. Because the rules are complicated, they are hard to understand and some of our neighbours thought (mistakenly) that we were breaking the rules. One of them even took video footage of our transgressions. They were wrong of course. We are insistent that all rules be observed.



CHAIRMAN
Peter Baume

Regulations provide that our green-keepers can use sprinklers for a period for greens under repair. In addition, there are provisions to protect those growing turf. Greenkeepers are also allowed to sprinkle whenever they "treat" a green with chemical to ensure that the chemicals are got into the

soil properly. We are sprinkling, as allowed, in the nights, and are hand watering other greens.

We are also allowed to water all greens for restricted hours on Mondays. Volunteers have responded magnificently from both the Men's Club and from the women. We have been able to water our greens - aided by some heavy rain which has made everyone's task easier. Some of the older bowlers have rallied magnificently and it is time for more younger bowlers to show the same enthusiasm.

The other problem is more serious. Our greens were worn out. They looked really bad at the end of the year. The Graham Firth Green took longer than expected to grow but has made it in time for the Pennants season. When some of us bowl at other Clubs, the greens are better than ours. So, whatever is happening, it is localised here. It is very unsatisfactory.

The Hilarie Moore Green has gone out and is looking much improved. Hopefully, the hot weather will help the new grass to grow. Considering all of these aspects and concerns, we examined the contract with our Greenkeeper and, in accordance with it's provisions, gave three months notice of termination to the end of April. We are now in the process of seeking a new contractor.

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MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL CROSS

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CAPTION CAPERS !



*I have never lied. Count my fingers, see
- five and five make nine!*

The last two editions of Killara Bowls News have presented Caption Competitions encouraging participation and seeking witty or pithy 'one-liners' for the general amusement of members.

Entries to the first competition were sparse and on the last occasion even less.

However, scarce as they were, the winning entry fulfilled the requirements admirably. Thank you **Lloyd Sommerlad**. Please collect your bottle of wine from Sue.

*Apathy has triumphed.
There will be no further competitions.*

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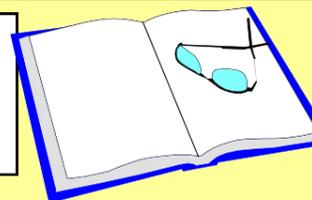
We had some water coming down on to Number Three Green with the recent heavy rain. Action has been taken to track down why this occurred and to fix it.

Our application with Ku-Ring-Gai Council for a parking area remains undetermined. We are doing what we can to hurry the Council along. We are even considering going to the Land and Environment Court - but that is a last resort.

A few neighbours lodged objections against our application for a parking area and Ian Cameron-Smith has seen most of these. Some of the objections are ones that we can satisfy easily enough (things like trees and placement of lights) and some are weird in the extreme. John Muirhead continues to do a great job for us in this important project.

We are not sure about our gaming machines and hope to look at that problem carefully about mid-2004. The reason for mentioning it here is that Members might have strong views to be put and it

Update your Member list and Calendar ...



Since preparing the data for our latest Members booklet (30 November) we have become aware of a number of changes. Please update your copy as follows:-

New Full Members

- Mr. R.B. (Russell) NASH, Killara 9415 6212
- Mr.E. (Ivin) HOHOLT, Willoughby 9822 2595
- Mr. Leon LURIE, Killara 9498 2470

Changes

- GEORGE PATTERSON. New address Narrabeen 9971 4754
- RICK EDWARDS. Revised number 9439 2005
- ELMA GREIG Revised Number 9419 3388
- EDITH COWLISHAW. Revised Rollup ..14
- PAMELA RAMSAY. Revised number .. 9499 2528 (*Same as Malcolm!!*)
- COLIN MACKELLAR. Umpire .. Please add his name to the list on page 15.

Departures

- MAX INGRAM, a member since 1997, passed away in December at the age of 75.
- BERNIE ROBERTSON, see further in this issue.

is hoped that those views will be made known during the coming six months. No decision has been taken so far. All that we have done is to list the matter for careful consideration and discussion in due course.

Peter Baume



Over the summer months, the hot weather has affected the Sunday Bowls. The newer players, again, have been the stalwarts, even to attending to the Selection Roster. Sunday afternoon is a relaxed, happy game and at Mixed Bowls, everyone is made very welcome, and we have a pleasant afternoon tea break with 'goodies'. I am advised there is something in the wind for Sunday afternoon players, which will be much appreciated.

Beryl Stephens.

Membership matters

Our first drive for 2004 will occur on the last two Sundays of **March—the 21st and 28th**. Please note these important dates in your diary as we will need your assistance. Membership Director, **Bob Talbot**, has obtained Board approval for a Budget of nearly \$3,000 which includes colour leaflet and mailout. **More on this important matter will be notified soon!**

STATISTICS	FULL	ASSOCIATES	SOCIAL
KBC	110	8	52
KWBC	94	11	21
TOTAL	204	19	53



Presidents' Platform

The Chairman covers the most vexing topic of our greens at some length *and I dare not say more!*



KWB President
Ian Cameron-Smith

As a result of our lack of green space, we have had assistance from Warrawee and Lindfield who have agreed to us playing the first of both these Painting Trophy events at their clubs with the second round, later in the year, at Killara.

The season's matches have commenced with the Gissing Consistency and Minor Pairs well under way. I would like to thank all who played the early Gissing matches on Number 3 green for their patience with that green.

The Cyril South competition and the Pennants matches are also underway with both the Fours and the Sevens Pennant Teams meeting new clubs this year. It is rewarding for the coaches who worked so hard last year to see so many new players in the Pennant, Cyril South and Painting Trophy teams. My best wishes to all who are representing Killara this year.

The decision has been made not to play a Mixed event at the Autumn Carnival this year. We are looking at a number of different replacement formats for which we already have a sponsor. I am also keen to reinstate the KBC Singles Ladder and have sought advice from Lloyd Sommerlad on the original format. I am hopeful this will provide the "up and coming" newer players with the opportunity to play competitive singles bowls during the year.

Bob Talbot and his team are running a membership drive on the Sundays of 21st and 28th March. The success of this is important to the Club and I ask all members to please offer to assist in some way to ensure its success.

All members would be aware that Bernie Robertson recently lost his biggest battle. There was a terrific turnout at the funeral by Killara members and members from many other clubs who over the years had met Bernie in battle and elsewhere and were saddened by losing such a great chap.

Ian Cameron-Smith

STOP PRESS We have appointed Darren Hargreaves (Warrawee BC) to a 3 year term as our greenkeeper. Please welcome him and team.

The Members of K.W.B.C. have been having a very busy and interesting time since our last Killara Bowls News. I would like to first mention the State Play Off for the No. 3 Pennant Team which was held at Wentworthville in September. The conditions were very difficult with freezing cold winds, but the girls played their best and we were proud of them. Four of the Team were then chosen to represent the District in the St. George/Canterbury Friendship Team, and I would like to congratulate Meg Falconer and Alice Burton, who were the Skips for the No. 3 Grade, together with Jean Brierley and Coral Cornell. The M.N.S.D.W.B.A. won this event.

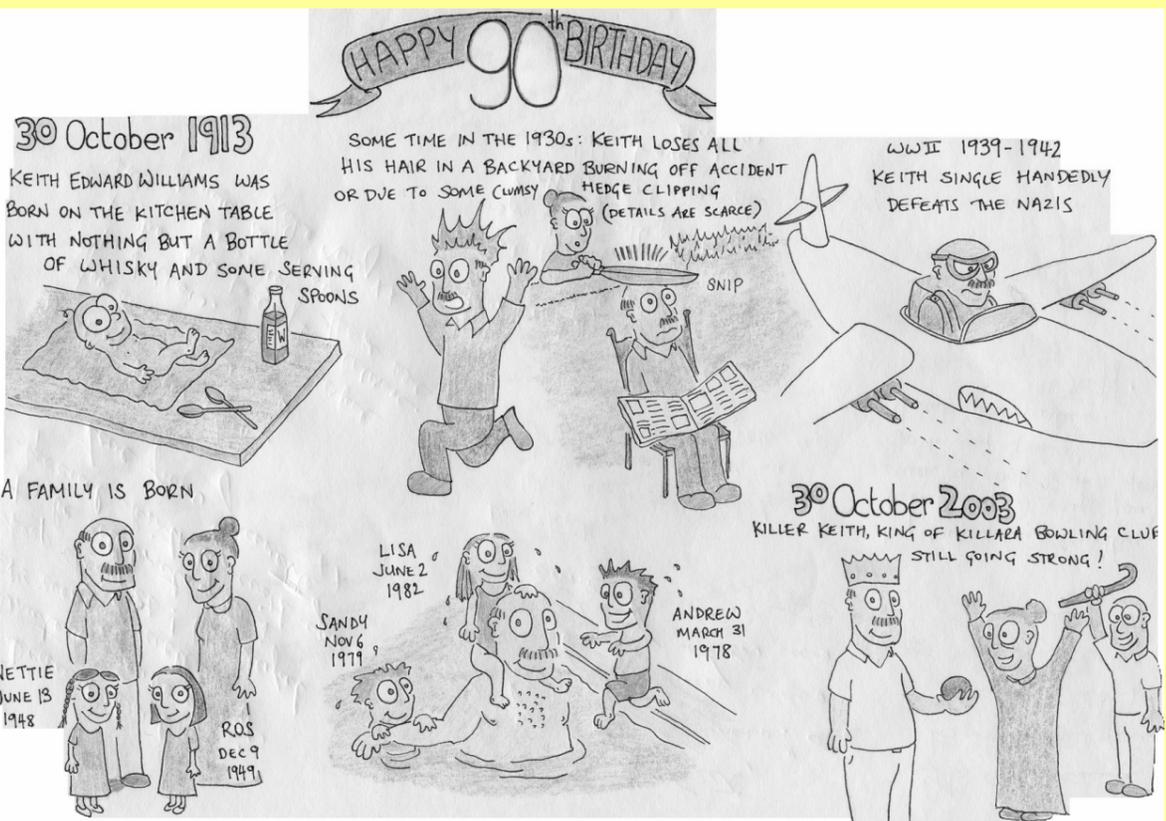


KWBC President
Barbara Cotton .

I would like to place on record our very sincere thanks to Norm Winckle, who provided the bus to take the players and spectators out to Wentworthville on the first day of the Play Off, and Chairman Peter Baume and the Board of K.B.C. Ltd. for sponsoring the bus on Tuesday and Wednesday. These generous gestures made the daily trip to Wentworthville much easier for the girls, and were very much appreciated.

The Spring Carnival was a great success. Our 25th Birthday in October was a very important and happy day – about 48 players took part in a Spider to start the festivities and about 82 sat down to a magnificent "Bring-a-Plate" lunch, amongst the guests being 14 Members from the Board and K.B.C. Our thanks to Pat Sinclair for the beautiful Birthday Cake, and Hazel Nettle for the flower arrangements.

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On 30th October last, **Keith Williams** celebrated his 9th decade with his family and friends. He especially treasures this memento drawn and presented by his grandson **Sandy Boxsell**. Now in his 12th year as a KBC member, Keith is recognized as a very challenging competitor; perhaps even 'the king of KBC'?. **Many, many Happy Returns Keith from all the Club.**

A BIG THANK YOU



To John Muirhead for the donation of a colour Jet Printer to our Administration Department.

Now if we could only find someone who can use the computer!

Subject: INSURANCE

Polly told the insurance company, "We had that barn insured for fifty thousand, and I want my money." The agent replied, "Hold on just a minute, Polly. Insurance doesn't work quite like that. We will ascertain the value of what was insured and provide you with a new barn of comparable worth." There was a long pause before Polly replied, "Then I'd like to cancel the policy on my husband."

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Presidents' Platform *Continued* . .

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The Christmas Party was another happy day, another "Bring-a-Plate" lunch, which was much enjoyed by the 70 odd participants, 51 of whom played Bowls beforehand. My thanks to all those girls who helped in so many ways, to make these Days so successful. We also had a very enjoyable day when the Concord Golf girls visited us to play our annual Picture Exchange Match.

Unfortunately, because of the state of the Greens, we were unable to Host the Kur-ring-gai Shield, but have made up for it during the last three weeks, with the James Wall Final, the James Wall Group Play Off, and the first round of the State Fours. All played in very hot conditions, but successfully concluded. Talking of hot conditions – the final of our Major Singles was played on a very hot Friday – it was a mammoth Match between Coral Cornell and Maria Hearder. I had the pleasure of marking so was able to watch at first hand, the wonderful bowls these two girls put down. Despite the heat, neither gave in, and ended up playing 38 ends, plus two roll ups, with a result of Coral 31 and Maria 30. Hearty congratulations to them both. The Triples Championship was won by Elaine Morell, Nardia Darvey and Lea McNeall; the Minor Singles was won by Jeanette McInerney; Consistency Singles – Maria Hearder; Round Robin – Marie Conner, Joan Hodgson and Meg Falconer; Consistency Pairs – Maria Hearder. Congratulations to all these girls and commiserations to the runners-up.

We have welcomed two new Members – Edith Cowlshaw and Joan Hook and a new Associate Member Pam Mulvey. We trust these girls will enjoy bowling at Killara. We were sorry to receive a resignation from a long-standing Member, Camilla Craig. Camilla has contributed a great deal to the Club since she joined, and we wish her all the best at her new Club, Forestville.

I would like to finish with an interesting story from Margaret Williams, which she sent me, together with the Recipe she contributed to the Spring Carnival Recipe Book. I quote –

"One evening, about ten years ago, I turned on the Radio and the Announcer was asking people to ring in if they had a quick and easy recipe, suitable for a Dinner Party for six. I rang in with the attached recipe, and had to read it out on air. At the end of the Show, he announced that I had won, the prize being

a Saturday Night for two, with dinner and breakfast, at the Sebel Townhouse.

When Jack and I arrived, they upgraded us to the Presidential Suite, with our own Private Lift. We were told that Elton John had been staying in it and had just left the night before. Jack and I tallied up what it would have cost us if we were paying, and it was very close to being \$1,000 – the suite was \$800 per night. What a great night it was for just sharing a Recipe".

Thank you Margaret !! **Barbara Cotton**

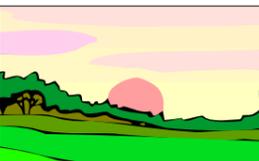
NEW PATRON FOR KWBC



KWBC PATRON
Mrs. Sheila Stanbridge

We were all very happy when Sheila Stanbridge accepted the position of our New Patron. Sheila is a Foundation Member of the Club (1978). Over this period of time Sheila, together with her husband George, has made a wonderful contribution. Sheila

has held various positions on the Committee, represented the Club in Competitions, is still an active bowler and commutes from the Central Coast to participate in all Club Activities. George left the Club some years ago, but was a wonderful asset in attending to the gardens – always keeping them looking beautiful and trim. We welcome Sheila and wish her much success and happiness in her



new position. **Beryl Stephens.**

Bowls by Twilight ***From Beryl Stephens***

Unfortunately, the numbers for Twilight Bowls have deteriorated this Season. The bowlers, who used to attend, say they become too tired these days, but, luckily, a number of the newer players are coming and enjoying it, and we enjoy their company. Sue Cleary and I decide what the menu will be for dinner and Sue certainly cooks us a delightful meal every time. No doubt the hot weather has affected a few players, but Twilight Bowls is usually much cooler. You look forward to a Happy Hour, Good Food and Good Company. John Baker has not attended this Season, owing to bad health. We miss him and trust he will be back next Season.



Edwin Burton makes the Umpires call . . . *Play Irregularities*

What should be done when the following incidents occur?

1. A player mistakenly delivers another player's bowl.

When the bowl has come to rest, it is replaced with the player's own bowl, by the opposing director. If the delivered bowl has touched the jack while in course, the replacement bowl is marked as a toucher. Law 52 B (i) & (ii)

2. A player delivers his bowl out of turn.

A. Either director shall have the right to stop the bowl and return it to be played in its correct sequence.

B. If the bowl has come to rest and not disturbed the head, the opposing director has the option of:-

- (i) leaving the bowl where it came to rest and having two bowls played in succession to restore the correct sequence. Law 52 A (ii) (b) or*
- (ii) returning the bowl to be played in the proper sequence. Law 52 A (ii) (a)*

If the bowl has disturbed the head, the opposing director has the option of :-

- (i) allowing the head to remain as disturbed and having two bowls played in succession to restore the correct sequence Law 52A (ii) (a) or*
- (ii) restoring the head to its former position and return the bowl to be played in its correct sequence. Law 52 A (ii) (b)*

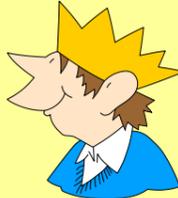
3. A player omits to play his bowl in the correct sequence.

A. If the result of the end has been agreed, or the head disturbed in the agreed process of determining the result, then the player who has omitted to play a bowl shall forfeit the right to play. Law 52 D (i)

B. A player who has neglected to play a bowl in the correct sequence shall forfeit the right to play the bowl if a bowl has been played by each team before the mistake was discovered. Law 52 D (ii)

4. The directors commence determining the result of an end before the last bowl of the end has been played.

If the result of the end has not been declared or the head disturbed by agreement in the process of determining the result, the process shall cease, and the last bowl played. Otherwise the right to play the bowl is forfeited. Law 52 D (i)

I learned that Artificial Intelligence is no match for stupidity. 

 *I've learned that it is not what you wear; it is how you take it off.*

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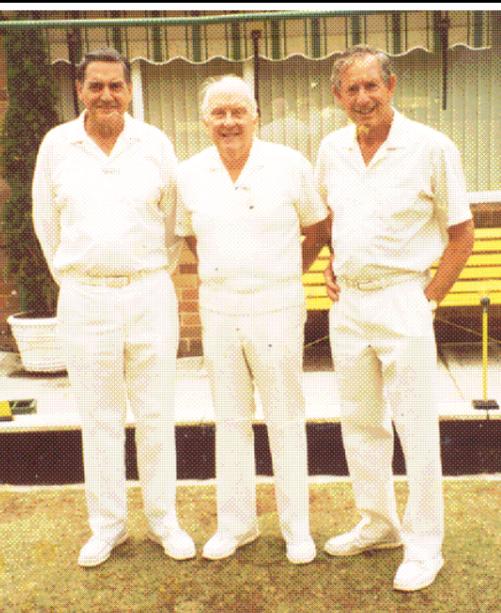


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Lloyd Sommerlad remembers an old mate . . .



We will all miss Bernie, who died on February 1 after courageously fighting a serious illness for the past two years.

A popular member since joining in 1987, he called the Bowling Club his second home and his commitment and unselfish contribution to all aspects of Club life was appreciated by us all. A chartered accountant by profession, he was an excellent tennis player and Captain of Killara Tennis Club before joining KBC where he was Treasurer for four years, a selector and carnival organiser and a keen, competitive and successful bowler. He was a frequent winner of championship events during the following decade - major pairs, triples twice, fours twice and the mixed pairs twice. He played in the top pennant team and was a member of the Killara winning team in the Kur-ring-gai Top Ten competition in 1995.

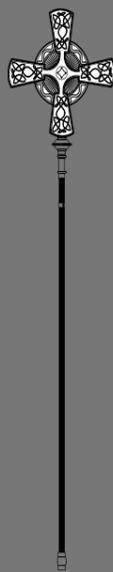
The large number of his bowling friends at his memorial service was a tribute to the esteem in which he was held.

◀ 1995 Triples Champions
Bernie Robertson, Howard Treloar, Lloyd Sommerlad

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Errol had many interests away from his work particularly membership of the Amateur Drivers Club which included taking part in reliability trails with our member Bob Simpson. Also, having been given a camera while at school he was immediately "hooked" and photography became a life long interest including some years as President of the Mosman Camera Club. In 1985 Errol joined Killara Bowling Club, a step he has never regretted as he speaks with deep sincerity about the great friendships he has made and the many acts of kindness he has received as a member. In his usual modest way, Errol does not talk of the great service he has given to KBC for which he was awarded the honour of Life Membership in 2000.

Contributed by George Wall



A BOWLERS DYING WISH

*A worn out bowler lay dying
And there alone on his bed
He cried—O Lord in Heaven
Just let me up to the head.*

*I've played as third and second
For many long years I just led
And in that time my prayer was
Just let me up to the head.*

*I've heard the greens up in Heaven
Are never known to run dead
But whatever their speed I pray you
Just let me up to the head.*

*Lord, as I leave earth's green vistas
With my new wings angelically spread
I pray to play third to St. Peter
And always to be up to the head.*



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Even so, there are many interesting individual stories within our membership which I feel we should discover and share. Space limitations will make these but "thumbnails" however, it is hoped you find them interesting. **rhb**

T.E.W. HOWES

For an interesting lunch time at the Club, sit next to Tom Howes and he will regale you with some of his limitless fund of anecdotes.

Tom comes from a family of airmen - three generations stretching back to 1917. His son, following his father, is a Qantas pilot. His father-in-law was a pilot in the Royal Naval Air Service in the 1914-18 War. (His small float plane was shot down in the North Sea in mid winter and he was in danger of freezing to death.. There was no radio communication but he did have a carrier pigeon. He released it with a message and in due course, a torpedo boat came by with his pigeon aboard, and rescued him. Thereafter he would never eat poultry, because a bird had saved his life.)



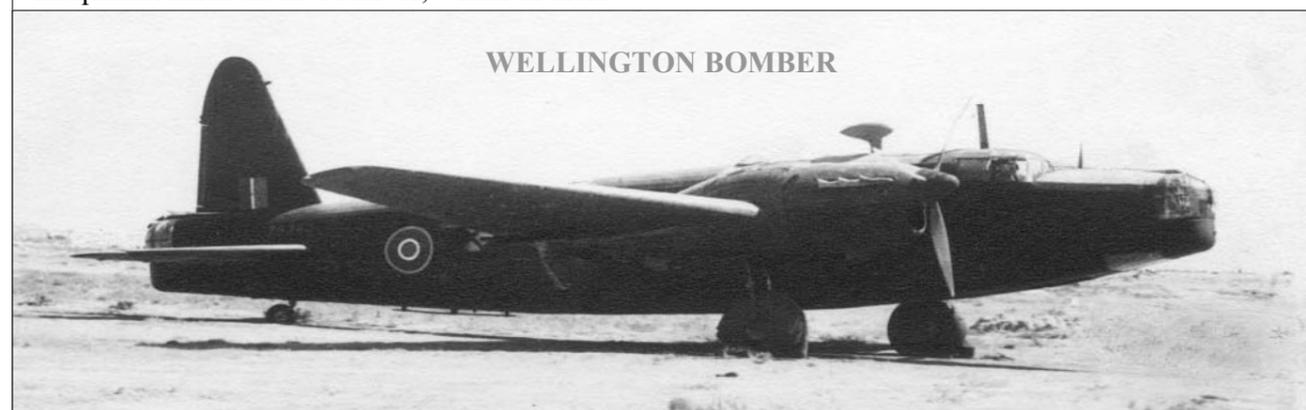
Tom himself, had a distinguished career in the Air Force and in the civilian airways industry. Brought up in Brisbane, he was sent to school at Geelong Church of England Grammar School and enlisted in the RAAF in 1940. Expecting to be a pilot, he passed through Bradfield Park and thence to the Empire Air Training Scheme in Canada. He found himself allotted to an Observers School and passed out with qualifications as an Observer, which in those

early days qualified him in navigation, gunnery and Bomb Aiming.

After traveling by convoy to England, he missed out again on his wish to be a pilot. After a night visibility test, orders were issued "that his exceptional vision was not be wasted" and he was

posted to a RAF night-bomber squadron of Wellingtons. Most of his service for the next two years was from Air Force bases in Malta and North Africa. For two operational tours of duty, involving more than fifty missions, he was navigator and bombardier and sometimes gunner as well. He was squadron Navigator/Bombing leader, identifying targets from the lead plane.. Tom's flying log book records bombing missions over the western desert of North Africa, and on ports and convoys in the Mediterranean and Italy.

During his second tour of duty in late 1942, his plane lost an engine from enemy fire over North Africa, and before they could reach friendly territory, the crippled plane made a crash landing on an open field and ended up in a canal. Though Tom's back was injured, the crew escaped and walking by night and hiding during the day, reached a British Spitfire Squadron. *Continued page 6*





T.E.W.HOWES DFC
1939-45 Star, Africa Star with Clasp,
Italy Star, Defense Medal,
War Medal 1939-45,
Australian Service Medal, George Cross,
Vietnam Logistics and Support Medal

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Some months earlier, Tom had been awarded an immediate DFC. On one night flight over the Western Desert, he spotted a German encampment with tanks facing outwards forming a circle, protecting the ammunition, fuel and supply vehicles inside. It was Rommel's crack 21st Panzer Division. They made 16 low-level runs, back and forth, dropping bombs which caused huge damage. As a line of the supply vehicles tried to escape, many were strafed and also destroyed. Tom Howe's plane was hit by a pursuing German night fighter, badly damaged and the rear gunner had his leg blown off. Tom was the only crewman unhurt and with bailing out not an option, he tended the injured man, while the second pilot,

who was also wounded, brought the plane back toward territory held by the Allies and crash landed behind the lines of the Australian 9th Division. They were picked up by a rescue aircraft and returned to their squadron base.

After the end of his second tour, Tom was sent to Palestine where he was chief navigational instructor for crews of Wellingtons and Spitfires.

He returned to Australia in late 1943 and undertook further instructional duties for the RAAF. At this point, Qantas called for experienced navigators for the services they were establishing over the Indian Ocean to Europe.

Tom was released to undertake this role and later joined Qantas as regular air crew. Some of the early flights on Catalinas took 30 hours in the air to reach Colombo.

Tom now had the opportunity to fulfil his ambition to train as a pilot and flew a number of types, including DC3s in New Guinea. He was stationed at Lae for eight years. Returning to Sydney in 1957, he spent the next 20 years flying large passenger planes as the Qantas fleet progressed from Constellations to Super Constellations, to Boeing 707s and then 747s.

Tom flew on most international routes to Europe and across the Pacific and north to Hong Kong and Tokyo. After his retirement, he continued to share his experience by conducting training courses for commercial aviation companies.

Among Tom's interesting collection of mementos from his flying days are his emergency rations box, the silk maps of countries where he might have made a forced landing, fake foreign currencies, and copies of propaganda and warning leaflets in Italian, German, Arabic and French which he dropped on occupied territories. His impressive collection of ribbons include service and campaign medals, his DFC and awards from Malta and Vietnam where he was engaged in ferrying military personnel.

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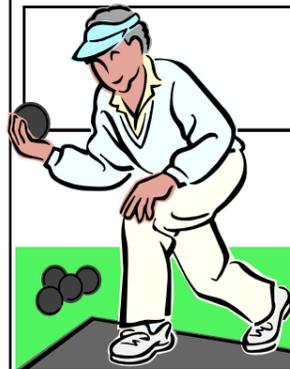
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It is not surprising to learn that Errol Bode's favourite possession as a child was his Meccano set which no doubt was the start of his life long passion for things mechanical.

This passion, as will be seen, became his profession and was to fulfil his working life as an engineer ... a very practical engineer who had been trained as an apprentice on the shop floor.

Errol was educated first, at Greenwood Public School (then situated opposite North Sydney Station), and then Chatswood High School. Thence, for three years as a boarder at Cranbrook, a time he enjoyed and where he took part in a variety of sports representing his school in athletics at the Combined Association Schools carnival.

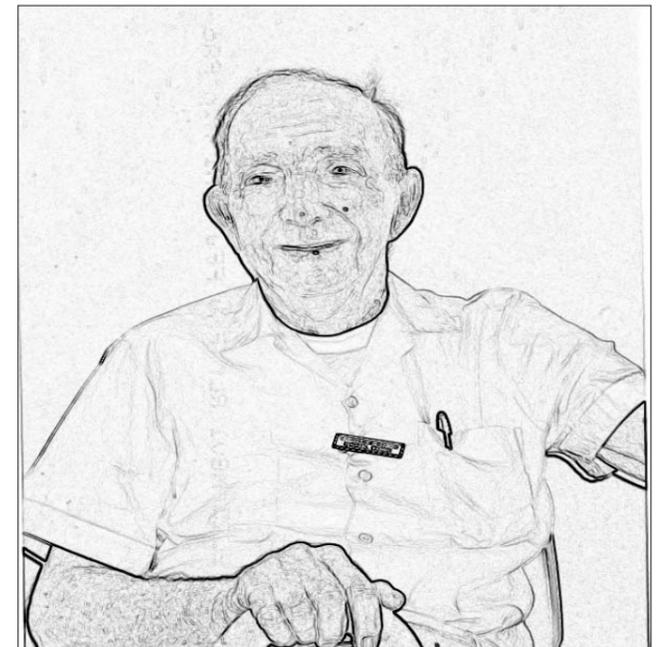
In February 1931 he joined the Colonial Sugar Refining Company Ltd. as an office boy in the Head Office in O'Connell Street. The Company must have seen potential in this young man as jobs were few and far between in 1931 and it was an achievement to be selected by a Company with CSR's stature.

After a year in Head Office he was offered an apprenticeship to become a Fitter and Turner. These positions were given to young men the Company thought had the potential to become Technical Managers of the future and who would keep its complex plant operating. The training was diverse and thorough, spending time in different sections to gain as much experience as possible.

Progressing through the drawing office in O'Connell Street Errol began work as a junior engineer at Pymont, and as his abilities became evident, he was moved around CSR's many and wide spread operations.... to Perth as Assistant Engineer ... back to Pymont as Assistant Engineer for all maintenance.

He was then appointed Chief Engineer at the New Farm Refinery in Queensland, held a senior position in Melbourne before moving as Chief Engineer of the Gyprock Factory then at Concord. He held this position when he retired after 43 years of service.

In 1938 on his way to the old Roseville Rifle Club, the motorbike he was riding became involved with a car and Errol and his bike did not win this contest as a result Errol was to spend three months in North



E.D.BODE
Inspired by Les Cohen

Shore Hospital and also as result of this accident would be unfit for military service But even accidents can have a happy ending, as it was while in hospital he met a nurse ,Ella McMillian ,who was to become his wife of 31 years until her death in 1972, leaving a vast gap in his life. The result of this union were two children: Steven, who like his father was to become an engineer; and Vivienne, who followed her mother to become a highly qualified nursing sister.

In 1945 Errol and Ella began building their home in Roseville but at this time both material and labour were scarce so it fell on Errol to do much of the hard work and a great deal of the "finishing off" in what ever time he could find away from his busy working life. Finally the house was complete and the family was able to move in.

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