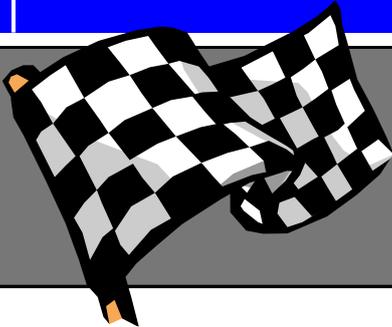


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DRIVERS ... *START YOUR ENGINES. .*

THE CARPARK IS COMPLETED !!

The construction work has been completed and a request received from the Contractor that 19th October be regarded as the Date of Practical Completion.

The lack of uniform germination of the grass seed has been a great concern for the last four weeks. During this time we have had ideal grass growing conditions but it is only in the last ten days that the grass has shown satisfactory growth.

The Council's Landscape Officer, *Jane Greenwell*, has inspected the work and has agreed that it is in accordance with the plans approved and stamped by Council. How-

ever she has suggested some alterations for improvement. The Club will consider these and decide which, if any, will be implemented.

One suggestion is for the removal of the new Jacaranda tree close to the double gate. Since Jacaranda trees are a menace near cars, we have always been against them and only agreed to do so because Miss Greenwell, or one of her predecessors, specifically asked for them and we were looking for approval. This suggestion is likely to be implemented.

We have obtained Certificates from our Surveyor and our Hydraulics Consultants to say that our On-Site Stormwater Detention arrangements are satisfactory and that we have not encroached on our neighbours' lands. These certificates and two formal legal instruments have been completed and submitted to the Council, as required by them, in support of our application for an Occupation Certificate.

The application was delivered on Monday 29th November.



Merry Christmas

Once we have the Certificate we can actually park cars on it.

At last !!

John Muirhead

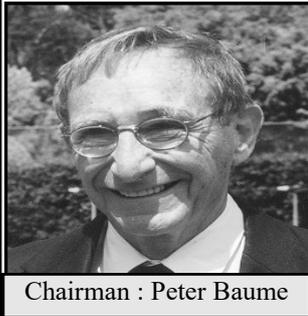


From the chair . . .

This report is written in November. This date is important to state as some matters mentioned in the first item might be overtaken in the short term.

The car park is almost ready to use.

The grass is growing but might need some more attention to get it to the standard that **John Muirhead** demands. There is some pooling too that John wants to



Chairman : Peter Baume

take up with the Contractor. The white lines have been painted in and everyone can now see how many (or how few) cars can park there and where they will go. A notice to keep out strangers has been put up near Locksley Street, and one of the burning issues is how best to keep commuters out

of the car park. Here the previous experience of **Darren Hargreaves** will be helpful. At Warrawee he coped with an almost identical problem and understands how to make the arrangements work successfully.

What has to be done now is to get some rules for car-park use. We would like your views on this as part of the input that will come to the Board for decision. If we discover that our first set of rules is deficient in some way, then we could always vary things in the light of experience.

By the way, it is not our intention to reserve special places for elected people within the Club. This is done in some places, but it will not happen here.

We have to work out how best to respond to a call from the Tennis Club for some co-operative parking rights. At present, the arguments against acceding to the request seem greater than the arguments for, but the decision still has to be made formally. We want to encourage the best relations possible with our neighbours, but this issue looks too difficult at this stage.

Our complicated ownership provisions have given us some extra problems with Ku-Ring-Gai Council. **Lee Sanders** and **George Wall** have been asked to give a written guarantee to the Council about the drainage system in the car park. Of course, they speak for the Proprietary Company that owns the property, but that Company is not very active and the Club Limited needs to stand financially behind the Proprietary Company. This is under way. So Lee and George have given the required guarantee confident that the Club Limited will stand behind them financially should this become necessary.

The next major project facing us is to do with Number Three Green. There is no point having that Green if people will not play there happily. The problem is that it gets very hot there in summer, particularly at the eastern end when the sun beats down. The western end has shade cover from trees and shrubs and presents less of a problem. But the sun shines on the eastern end of Number Three Green. So we plan to get some shades in there to complement the excellent steps which **Bob Talbot** put in for us all a year or so ago. Those shades need footings and a small group has been looking at choices up there.

The choice of shades is interesting too. We looked at the wire tracks and shades on the Hilarie Moore Green. Many of the ladies cannot reach those shades because some of the women are too short and the shades are too high. Solutions might include someone else putting up, and taking down shades, or the provision of a box or ladder for those people. Some people are impressed by the shades that are used at other clubs - for example, at Lindfield.

We are not, as yet, committed to any particular design. We would welcome input from colleagues.

We have checked that the existing path is wide enough for the Green-Keeper (it is) and have considered extra traffic that might use that path after the car park opens.

We have some other problems in that area. We promised the neighbours below that we would give them some privacy and so we plan to erect some lattice fencing. Inside that we plan to put some shrubs. The wall between us and our neighbour is an unknown quantity long term, but is presently sound. So we plan to do nothing at present. We can anticipate that we will have a path, seats, shades and steps, behind which are plants and some lattice. It should look good - and our neighbours will be happier too.

This is the last report for 2004. **Bob Bessemer** does a wonderful job with the newsletter. Let us thank him and the many people who have done so much for the Club during in 2004 as we look forward to the New Year and a great 2005.

Happy Christmas and a good New Year to everyone.

Peter Baume

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week. **Larry La Prise**, the man who wrote "**The Hokey Pokey**," died peacefully at age 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. . . and then the trouble started . . .



WE REMEMBER TWO LIFE MEMBERS.

In the space of two short months, we have lost two stalwarts of our Club. We mark their special contribution..



RONALD ROSS CLARK :

24 June 1921 – 25 August
2004 : Age 83

Born in Longreach, Queensland, the elder of two boys, Ross and Gordon, sons of Sam and Jean Clark. Ross and Helen Wall (Brother of George Wall) were married in 1954 and would soon have

had their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They had two children, Stuart (married to Narelle) and Gillian, married to Rob Ross-Edwards who was also a member of KBC.

Ross and Helen had six grandchildren. Stuart and Narelle have two sons, Andrew and Richard and Gillian and Rob have four children, James, Nicholas, Alexander and Annabel.

A Service of Thanksgiving for Ross was held at the Pymble Uniting Church, conducted by Dr. John Fender, on 1st September and the number of friends present was a resounding indication of the very high regard in which Ross was held by all who knew him.

Ross was widely traveled. As a boy he went with his father from Queensland to South Australia and then to Melbourne where his father became the Chief Manager in Victoria of The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd (C.B.C).. Living in the suburb of Hawthorn, Ross attended Scotch College and was a keen student as well as actively participating in school

Sports including football, rowing, athletics and tennis. He later graduated as a Bachelor of Commerce at the Melbourne University. Ross became an officer of the CBC Bank which was to see him travel widely in Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia, Sydney, London and Europe..

During the Second War, Ross enlisted in the 2nd AIF and rose to the rank of Sergeant. It was with this rank that he joined General McArthur's group in Tokyo at the end of the war. On discharge from the Army, Ross rejoined the CBC Bank and was to meet and marry Helen. He held many positions of responsibility in the bank including Manager of Adelaide Office, and London Chief Economist and Chief Staff Officer, in which latter position he was known by all staff and greatly respected. He was later appointed Assistant General Manager.

Ross was given the privilege of Freedom of the City of

London, and was a member of the Adelaide Club and The Australian Club. In all that he did he was acknowledged as a leader, exhibiting fairness in all decisions, some of which called for diplomacy of a high order.

Ross became an Elder of his Church and retained staunch loyalty to his principles and his friends and was to be rewarded and thanked by the Killara Bowling Club for his untiring and splendid leadership of the Club which he joined in 1971. He was the first Chairman and held that honor whilst serving as President for three years. He was a Selector and the Club's Delegate to the UNS District Bowling Association and a National Umpire. An excellent bowler, his name is prominently displayed on various Boards in the Clubhouse. His untiring efforts and wonderful example were rewarded with the highest order the Club can bestow on a member-LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Well done Ross !

Contributed by Norman Winckle



ERROL. D. BODE

29 May 1915 — 8 October
2004 : Age 90

The February edition of Killara Bowls News presented a full Profile of Errol written by his friend and colleague of twenty years, **George Wall**. We reprint George's closing paragraph

" . . . 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".

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Presidents' Platform . . . Welcoming *Lea McNeill's* first report

The Chairman has commented at some length about our new car park. We are all anxiously awaiting its commissioning.

Hopefully it will convert some of our visitors from being merely casual into frequent visitors.

We have now completed all the major bowling events in the calendar for this year. On Saturday 20th November, the finals of the Club's Championship Fours Match was played out between **Bob Talbot's** team (**Bob, Warwick Druce, Gof Bowles** and **Michael Tsolakakis**) and my own team

(including **John Orton, Rick Edwards** and **Bob Hill** who substituted **Mick Meares**). A lucky four on the last end provided my team with a more respectable 23/20 loss to Bob and Co. This win gave Bob the "Grand-Slam" for all four Championship wins for the year. Many congratulations to you Bob from us all.

The addition of liquid fertilisers followed by soaking rains in November has brought the Graham Firth green on well and after the two top-dressings is expected to be back in play by mid December when the Hilarie Moore and Number 3 greens will be taken out for renovations. We are all looking forward to optimum quality playing surfaces in 2005.

The coaches have found plenty of room for improvement by most of us involved in the advanced coaching clinic run by **Edwin Burton** and **Ed O'Donnell**. It is amazing as to how elusive that small box at the other end of the rink is for most of us! There will be a short break over Christmas with Part Two commencing in the New Year. Many thanks go to Edwin and Ed for their efforts so far.

In an effort to facilitate members accessing a Book of Laws of the game, the Club has purchased a number of copies, which presently reside in the bar. On the payment of \$3.50 Sue will pass one over to you. You will find it an enthralling read!

Please remember that each Friday, during the daylight saving period, there is a game of Twilight Bowls which commences at 4.30 p.m. followed, should you wish, by a tasty meal at 7.30 p.m. Enter your name on the list near the bar and enjoy a very casual and social evening.

I would like to thank all members of Committees and others who have worked towards our enjoyment of the Club during this past year and wish everyone a Happy Christmas and an enjoyable, safe New Year.

Good bowling,

Ian Cameron-Smith

As the calendar year draws to a close, members of KWBC look forward to Christmas festivities, comfortable in the knowledge that all club championships and competitions are completed.

Not so fortunate have been some inter-club events, with the so-

cial Killara-Concord Golf picture exchange match generating a game of cards instead, and the Ku-ring-gai Shield district competition being totally abandoned during the day.

Other inter-club events where KWBC have participated have included St. Ives 5s, Roseville 6s, Wolinski Shield, Jean Webster Trophy, Lindfield Shield, and the 75th Anniversary Versatility competition. This was quite a

heavy program to fulfil in conjunction with our own club competitions.

Club competitions results not reported to date are: Consistency Singles – winner **Ailsa Daniel**, runner up **Jean Brierley**, and Round Robin Triples Competition – winners **Shizuko Hashimoto, Barbara Cotton** and **Joan Hodgson** – runners up **Maureen Morris, Pat Hamilton** and **Ray O'Donnell**.

Congratulations all!

KWBC'S 26TH Birthday Party required skills other than bowls for competition success as a Trivia Quiz provided winners and runners up in lieu of time on the green. The success of the day however was a short video, the 'Topp Twins,' supplied by **Joan Bain**. This comedy of lady bowlers' success on the golf course provoked unabashed delight in the audience.

We look forward to 2005 with confidence, both in competition – we have decided to field two sides in Pennants – and on a social level. Continued co-operation throughout all levels of the Club has facilitated a very relaxed atmosphere, and KWBC thanks all members of KBC and KBC LTD for the tremendous effort that has enabled us to look back on 2004 with pleasure. *Seasons Greetings to all, and good bowling for 2005.*

Lea McNeill.



KWBC President
Lea McNeill



KBC President
Ian Cameron-Smith

Sheila Stanbridge stands down . .



KWBC regrets that **Sheila Stanbridge** is unable to continue as our Patron due to health reasons.

Her contribution to the Club, over many years and in many ways, will be sorely missed.

As a Foundation Member, and as Patron,

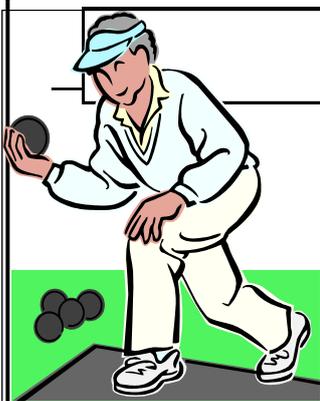
Sheila was generous and supportive of all Club activities, making the somewhat onerous trip from the Central Coast as frequently as possible.

Sheila has always been gracious in both victory and defeat, and her ability to put in 'pressure' bowls was awesome.

She has the skill to always be encouraging to new Bowlers and was always able to perform herself.

KWBC wishes Sheila all the best as she enters this next phase of her retirement.

L.K.M



Beside you on the Green... .KBC Profiles

At Killara we share a love of our great game and our tradition for equality, friendliness and conviviality. There is no place for elitism from a social point-of-view.

Whether you earn a living from the sweat of your brow or oratory in high places, the 'level of the mat' is the same for all!

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

The Hon. Peter Baume AO

Our Chairman, Peter Baume, has a CV as long as your arm and his record of public service is so extensive that one wonders when he had time to sleep. As Peter explains, he has had three careers, in medicine, as an academic and in politics. Concurrently he has held many prestigious positions in community and professional organisations, for which he has been honoured with the award of Officer of the Order of Australia.

After schooling at Sydney Grammar, he obtained his medical degrees at Sydney University, graduating in 1958. He held a number

of appointments at the Royal North Shore Hospital, including that of Registrar, won fellowships to Hospitals in both England and the United States where he specialised in gastroenterology and in due course established a private practice in Sydney as a gastroenterologist and physician. He obtained a post graduate doctorate at Sydney University and was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

While in private practice between 1967 and 1974 he held part-time academic posts at Sydney University and then interrupted his medical career for a stint in Parliament (more about that later). Combining professional experience and academic qualifications, he was appointed Professor of Community Medicine at the University of NSW in 1991 and served the University in various capacities for the next 10 years. In 1986 he was appointed to the Council of the Australian National University and served on a number of University Committees before he was honoured by his election as Chancellor in 1994 - a post he still holds. He has been



Peter and Jennie Baume

a Visiting Professor in Brisbane and Hong Kong and was made an Emeritus Professor by the University of NSW in 1999.

In politics Peter has been strong-minded, principled and courageous. He followed in the tradition of his grandparents who were idealistic reformers, prominent in public life in New Zealand a century ago, Peter Baume was elected to the Senate in 1974 and was re-elected several times before his retirement in 1991.

During a distinguished political career he occupied a succession of posts including Government Whip in the Senate, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Health, Minister for Education and was a member of

the Cabinet. In Opposition, he was a Shadow Minister and member of the Executive. Philosophically, Peter embraced social liberalism and was one of a number of "small l Liberals" in Parliament who held progressive social views on a wide range of issues such as human rights, education, environment, migration and indigenous affairs. They were prominent in the Party in the 1970s but became increasingly out of step with

the leadership in the following decade.

In 1987 the Party declined to support him in a vote on the issue of women's rights and equal opportunity and he resigned his shadow portfolio as a matter of principle and later did not recontest his seat in the Senate. Peter is in demand for keynote addresses and orations and as a member of professional, University and government committees.

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Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.



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Among his many and varied contributions to public life he has served on the Law Reform Commission, the Ethics Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, the NRMA Clean Air Committee, the Australian National Council on AIDS, and the West Committee to review Higher Education. He was Chairman of the NSW branch of the Public Health Association of Australia and foundation Chairman of the Australian Sports Drug Agency. Currently he is a Director of Sydney Water, Governor of the Foundation for Development Co-operation, Patron of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society of NSW and Patron of the Liberal Forum of NSW.

Bowls is Peter's recreation. He is modest about his career achievements and on the green is just a keen and competitive player. He is in the Grammar team in the GPS Old Boys competition and plays pennants for Killara. Peter and his wife Jenny, a librarian, whom he married on graduating from University, participate fully in the Club's social programme. He joined the Club in 1985 when he was living in Gordon and has retained his membership and involvement since he moved to Mosman. He has been Vice President of the Bowling Club and is now in his third year as Chairman of the registered Club. During his term the board has made the hard decisions which have resolved problems relating to greens and parking. The Club has been fortunate to have the benefit of his interest and experience.

Lloyd Sommerlad



Beryl Writes ...

Sunday Mixed Bowls

A few more bowlers are coming on Sunday and all the new bowlers are improving immensely. We

break for afternoon tea and enjoy usually homemade items, and then out to play a few more ends.

Our Mixed Triples Championship was played recently. Unfortunately I was away in South Australia, but the number of entries was appalling. It is a great way for the men to meet the ladies and visa versa. I shall have to work harder next year.

I watched the final of the Triples last Sunday and it was an excellent match, most exciting and very good bowling by all; so many times tied up to the 21st end. Congratulations to all. **J. Hodgson, M. Williams, W. Druce 22 v R. Hey, A. Lockley, J. Warner 18.** (**A. Burton** substituted for A. Lockley.)

Do come and join for a happy afternoon. I would like to congratulate the Green Keepers, Darrell and Stephen, on the great improvements to the greens.

Our Dine-in Evenings have also had a poor attendance. We may have to cancel. It is not fair to our Sue, who cooks such a good dinner; and for whom we thank most profusely. It is also disappointing for the organizers and the members who do attend. Surely some of you members could come occasionally. We do work hard to make some money for our Club, often to no avail.

Please support our Club

It was so disappointing to see the numbers dropping for Twilight

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Bowls. Just a couple of years ago, our numbers would usually be between 40 and 60. Now we have in the mid twenties and *last Friday 19 players and diners.* It is such a lovely evening, playing in the twilight, and then a lovely meal cooked by Sue. It is such a reasonable price for bowls and dinner. A few of the wives who do not play, drive their husbands and then come back later for dinner. It is good camaraderie and one gets to know our members better. Do try to encourage your fellow bowlers and you can always invite friends. It will be a shame if we have to cancel Twilight Bowls; please come and join us on Friday 10th for the Christmas Party at 5.30 pm. *Free Champagne!*

I do wish all members good health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year.

Beryl Stephens

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A blonde hurries into the emergency room late one night with the tip of her index finger shot off. "how did this happen?" the emergency room, doctor asked her. "Well I was trying to commit suicide," the blonde replied. "What?" spluttered the doctor. "You tried to commit suicide by blowing your finger off?". "No, silly! The blonde replied, First I put the gun to my chest and I thought, I just paid \$6000 for these breast implants, I'm not shooting myself in the chest". "Then I put the gun to my mouth, and I thought I just paid \$3000 to get my teeth straightened, I'm not shooting myself in the mouth". "So then, I put the gun to my ear, and, I thought, this is going to make a loud noise, so I put my finger in the other ear!"



Beside you on the Green...

KBC Profiles 2

H. E. R. Jerram

An interesting life of many parts

Harry Jerram was born on 20th August 1925 in Hale, a small village in Cheshire, England and his only brother Nigel was born 5 years later. In 1930 Harry's Father was appointed Chief Locomotive Inspector of All Indian Railways, one of the largest and best rail systems in the world at that time. However, the international economy was sliding into the Great Depression causing the family to be divided : Harry remained in England at boarding school. Consequently he saw little of his father over the next seven years .

Harry attended Malvern College one of the England's old and famous Public Schools. Life proceeded in a normal fashion until the start of World War 2 when the school buildings were suddenly commandeered by the Government and the boys were sent to the Duke of Malborough's Blenheim Palace at Woodstock! *Imagine 400 school boys descending on one of the stately homes of England!* A real worry, but Harry assured me they did little damage that could not be repaired .

After a year they were to return to Malvern but the Government again wanted the school for the development of Radar so the boys were sent ,this time, to Harrow School in Middlesex. This move was possible as that school's enrollments were reduced because of its location close to London which was still subject to bombing raids.

In November 1943 Harry left school, joining the RAF



Harry, hard at work.
(Someone has to do it!)

and was selected to train as a pilot and subsequently was sent to an EFTS at Picton in Canada. Here he learnt to fly basic aircraft ,Tiger Moths and Avro Ansons gaining his wings .The great air battles over Europe were coming to an end and the demand for replacement aircrew was growing less so on his return to England, Harry was sent to a RAF weather station in Lerwick,, Shetland Islands, where there was an RAF weather station collecting valuable weather information for transmission to metrology units all over the UK. Lerwick was a bleak, inhospitable and isolated place where a cold wind blew constantly but the work was interesting and rewarding.

At the end of the war Harry was faced with the need of finding work and managed to obtain a position with the P and O shipping line as a Pursers Clerk on the " Strath "

class liners that carried passengers between London and Australian ports. Overseas travel, once only for the wealthy, was becoming more affordable and this attracted both the young and the more mature to set out on this great adventure .

Work in the Pursers Department was constant and varied . In addition to looking after the passengers they did much of the victualling of the ship, keeping accounts, paying 500 odd crew members and keeping port officials onside . On these voyages, to and from Australia and London, the young passengers seized the opportunity to enjoy every moment and the crew were equally willing to join in and as Harry said "they worked hard

and played hard , which was a wonderful life for a young single bloke " This lasted some five years without too much damage to Harry's health until on one memorial voyage Harry was assigned the duty of ensuring that a **Mrs. Vicars** - the wife of a prominent Sydney industrialist traveling with her two daughters - had a pleasant and enjoyable voyage. This he did however, with the famous aria from the opera **Don Giovanni** ringing in his head .. "*My days of philandering are over*" .. realised that his life was about to make a dramatic change as one of Mrs Vicar's daughters, **Anne**, had made a made a very deep impression .

Now he had to make some far reaching decisions. Resign his position with the shipping company which meant a return to the UK and then another voyage to Australia and return to complete his contract and leave the Company in the UK and get back to Australia as best he could. All this he did, arriving in a strange country without a job and the need to make a new life for himself and his future wife.

No easy task.

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**Bowling
Tips!**

Ed O'Donnell On . . . *LINE AND LENGTH.*

So that your bowl will come to rest in the head you must deliver it smoothly along a line at an angle to the centreline in order to overcome the bias. This is your aiming line. You would like it to be your delivery line. Since bowls delivered along the same aiming line at different speeds all finish in a straight line you do not change your aiming line for a change in the length of the head. Many bowlers tend to bowl 'at the jack' rather than 'to the jack' and often underestimate or do not believe the bias of their bowls.

In both these cases they will use aiming lines that are too narrow and will repeatedly cross the centreline before reaching the head, or even displace bowls in the head.

How do you choose your aiming point? Geographically, geometrically, intuitively, by chance or all of the above? Landmarks, rink numbers, rink markers, scoreboards and fence posts, or do you use a pattern on the mat, a point on the extension of the line of your anchor foot, or, after watching the amount of turn on the bowls on your rink during 'roll-up', do you intuitively step onto the mat and deliver your bowl and adjust your aiming point as necessary?

The aiming point is your focus when delivering your bowl. Irregularities in colour or texture of the green are suitable, but once a point is chosen during your delivery action do not take your eye off that point until you have watched your bowl roll over it above the palm of your hand during your follow through. Without a bump or a *wobble* of course.

The aiming point you choose may be out four metres from the mat, as the bowl does not curve significantly early in its journey. However small errors in your choice of stare point at the mat end will magnify at the head.

If you choose a point at the 'shoulder' of the draw line then the aiming point must be wider than the true shoulder in order to avoid narrow bowls.

You might prefer an aiming point that is 'jack high', fixing line and length at the same time. Adjustments with this aiming point can be finer and may be more precise than using a point closer to the mat. For this delivery you will need to get your knee very low at the moment of releasing the bowl, so that your hips will be low enough for you to see up the rink without placing undue stress on your neck.

The distance your bowl travels along the rink depends on the *speed of delivery* and to control this, the idea of the pendulum swing is proposed. With the elbow and wrist locked in the down swing, the arm can be considered as a pendulum and so the elevation of the bowl in front of you will increase the amplitude of the pendulum and so increase the speed of delivery. Lower the arm and the arc is shortened to reduce the delivery speed for fast greens or for short ends. Of course you cannot ignore the powerful musculature of the arm and upper body, but intuitively you can relax these muscles to keep the breastbone stationary at the instant of releasing the bowl. So to correct for long or short bowls the idea of 'elevation' is suggested.

In time you should be able to sense the amount of correction necessary to reach your objective. The need to think about elevation, pendulum swing, not over stepping, staying down to complete your follow through and selecting an aiming point, is only a phase in 'GROOVING' your delivery. From this will come rhythm, accuracy and consistency and when aided by your concentration will lead to more self confidence and enjoyment.



**PLACE OF
ORIGIN :**

Surprise and Retrospect

Sydney had won the first two matches in the eighth series (2003-4) of Place of Origin Matches. Sydney was thus assured of winning the eighth series, but the third and last match of the series (played on 7th August) had a surprise in store. This was the 24th Place of Origin match. What was remarkable was that it was the first drawn match in 24, with Sydney and the Rest each scoring 120 shots. It may be time for a retrospect.

In December 1996 the Place of Origin Matches were instituted by the then President, who presented to KBC the painting by Werner Filipich - "Longueville" - which hangs on the walls of the clubhouse. Each club year three matches were to be played to determine the side which would 'hold' the trophy for the ensuing year. KBC members were asked to indicate whether they were born in Sydney, elsewhere in NSW or outside NSW. The number born in Sydney approximated to the total of the other two groups, and the protagonists were accordingly defined as "Sydney" and "The Rest". The trophy has now been won five times by "The Bush" - a term that is heard around the Club, adopted with apparent pride or spoken with feigned disparagement. Sydney won the First Series and the Seventh and Eighth. No sheep stations have been lost or won, but the Place of Origin Matches have become established as one of the traditions in the Men's Club - not only because of the pleasure of bowling but also because of the social opportunity afforded by the luncheon which precedes each game.

It is interesting to note a slight, perhaps insignificant, change in 2003-4. From the beginning of the Origin Matches a couple of players have been 'elevated' to become 'honorary' members for the other side for the day in order to make up equal numbers on each side. In past years The Rest has held the numerical superiority, but in 2003-4 Sydney on two occasions has had to 'cede' a couple of players. Fortuitous or a demographic indicator, albeit slight?

Bob Sinclair



Edwin Burton makes the Umpires call . . .

Laws of the Game: Who cares?

In recent years there has been a growing tendency to ignore not only the traditional courtesies of the game of bowls but also some laws. This could be construed as acting to gain an unfair advantage in some circumstances. For example, any player would be justified in objecting very strongly to an opponent claiming that as his team's bowl had only just fallen into the ditch after balancing on the edge of the green it should not be considered a dead bowl. Yet the same player sees nothing wrong in delivering his bowls with the toe over the front edge of the mat. After all, it is only just over the edge. Both situations are contrary to the laws.

1. **Footfaulting** is one of the most common faults observed, but not committed to gain an unfair advantage but usually due to the progress of a poor delivery technique. Footfaulting occurs in one of two ways. A player is required to take a stance on the mat with one foot on and totally within the confines of the mat. *Law 1C(xv)* At the time of delivery of the bowl one foot must be wholly within the confines of the mat, either on or over it. *Law 21.*

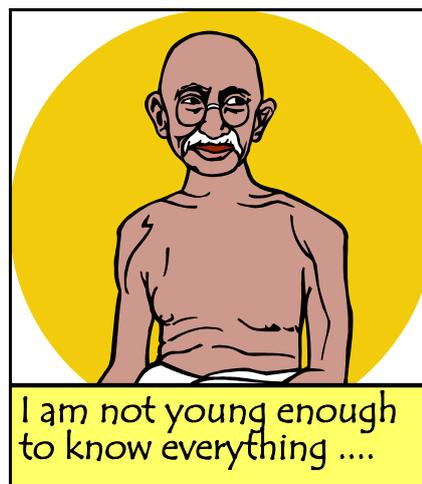
2. At the time a delivered bowl comes to rest, all players including the one whose bowl has just come to rest should be either 2 metres behind the mat or 2 metres behind the jack in the case of the directors, or 2 metres behind the head for all other players. *Law 37.* The coaching manual recommends that a player having delivered a bowl should stop one pace in front of the mat to observe the position in which the bowl come to rest. While not strictly in accordance with the law this is not regarded as a breach so long as the player immediately retires behind the mat as soon as the bowl comes to rest.

3. All players at the head end are required to assist in the recovery of the bowls at the conclusion of an end. *Law 38F(ii)* This includes the seconds in a fours game who have come to use the entering of the result of the end as an excuse to avoid participation. It is recommended that the second jots down the result of the end and after assisting in kicking back the bowls completes the card and compares the result with the opponent.

4. Immediately a team's bowl comes to rest, the team's director unless marking a toucher must remain 2 metres behind the jack and not communicate with the players at the mat end until possession of the rink reverts to that team.

5. Delaying play, *Law 54*, and interfering with the skip in possession of the mat, *Law 36(iii)*, are both offences which frequently occur when players are slow or late-movers when changing ends. This is easily avoided by being ready to move when the change over is due.

6. Officials as well as players are ignoring the Laws of the Game, (a) Clubs may make variations to the laws for internal competitions (other than major championships) but *Law 80* requires that these variations by published at the time entries are invited. Failure to so do means that the Laws of the Game apply to any situation arising. Officials do not have the authority to make ad hoc decisions such as varying due dates of play. b) A Controlling Body is required to be appointed *Law 1A(v)* for each competition day



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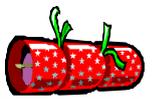
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Harry had given up the sea and thrown in his lot with the colonials. This meant he had followed his heart so Anne and he were married on 20th February 1954 at **St.Marks** Church, Darling Point which shows they have been married for over fifty years. Their marriage has been blessed with four fine children, three daughters and a son all of whom are now happily married. With such a change in lifestyle ,there was the need to find new employment and he tried one or two avenues which did not appeal until he obtained a position with **Switzerland and General Insurance Company Ltd** This was followed by four years of study to obtain Associateship and 30 years in Underwriting and Insurance Broking offices. Harry reflects that the insurance industry is subject to a deal of flack, which is true, as we all complain about our excessive premiums and the wealth insurance companies have amassed ,but on the other hand we sleep well in the knowledge that our major possessions are covered. Harry has always been keen to take part in local community activities and while his son **Nigel** was growing up he coached **West Lindfield football** teams and took an active interest in the Scout Movement as a **Cub Master** named Buloo (which is a bear in the Mogli stories - most descriptive) then as a **Scout Master** .He



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has been very active in the **Rostrum Public Speaking** group and in **Ku-ring-gai Rotary** ,which he joined in 1985 and is still a member, and has been President . He is also an active member organizing outings for **Killara Probus** . We must all acknowledge Harry's contribution to Killara Bowling Club as **Secretary to the Board** , an active committee Member and as an active bowler . He is often to be found in the office working away doing those tasks that keep our Club functioning .

Contributed by George Wall

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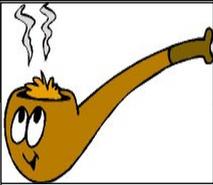
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Another year is drawing to a close (quicker than any previous years it seems !) and, while we can reflect on the good times we have had in 2004 we have already completed the calendar of events for 2005. We are doing our best to have this ready for distribution before the end of December.

I have thoroughly enjoyed doing my small part in helping the club to operate smoothly. I think I can say that our 2004 programme was relatively free of drama. One or two minor hiccups but nothing major. "Play By" dates for competitions has always been a contentious issue but one which, I feel, does not need any Draconian change, just a bit of understanding and common sense from all members of which we all have in abundance.

Several of our neighboring clubs have fixed dates on which championship matches must be played and failure to play on that particular date can lead to ex-communication, or worse. We considered this but, in my opinion, such a rule would reduce still further the number of people who are prepared to put down their names for club championships and, clearly, this is the last outcome we want. If we can all repeat what we all contributed to the running of club championships in 2004 we should have another smooth run.

Adjacent is the full listing of competition winners and runners-up for this year. Congratulations to all of the latter and an especial "thank you" to everyone who took part as, without the valiant also-rans, we would be unable to stage our internal events. Never be shy of putting your names down for any club event, playing or social, as that's what the club is for. I would like to thank each and every one of you for making my job so easy. I value your cooperation, support and guidance and especially your acceptance of the new kid on the block. A special thank you to our President and all members of the Management Committee who have done so much to ease me into my roll.

Also to **Bob Bessemer** for helping me with graphics and working with me in making sure that our member data base is always updated. I take this opportunity to wish all members a very happy Christmas and a healthy and enjoyable new year. Cheers for now.

John O

CLUB COMPETITIONS - 2004

	<u>WINNERS</u>	<u>RUNNERS-UP</u>
CHAMPION SINGLES	B. Talbot	W.F. Druce
MINOR SINGLES	E.O'Donnell	A. Krust
GISSING	I. Cameron-Smith	G. Bowles
CHAMPION PAIRS	W. Druce B Talbot	C. Valtrick M. Tsolakis
CHAMPION TRIPLES	K. Williams D. Cozens B. Talbot	M. Tsolakis R. Mathews R. Sinclair
CHAMPION FOURS	M. Tsolakis G. Bowles W. Druce B. Talbot	M. Meares (sub: B. Hill) R. Edwards J. Orton I. Cameron-Smith
MINOR PAIRS	R. McComas J. Muirhead	B. Simpson D. Cozen
CLUB PAIRS	R. McComas J. Muirhead	D. Martin R. Kerr
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MIXED TRIPLES	J. Hodgson M. Williams W. Druce	R. Hey A. Lockley J. Warner



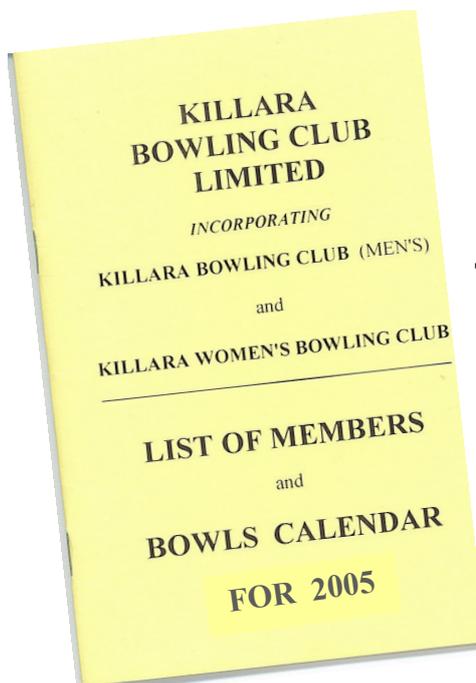
A husband and wife are getting ready for bed. The wife is standing in front of a full length mirror taking a hard look at herself.

"You know love," she says, "I look in the mirror and I see an old woman. My face is all wrinkled and my body

parts aren't where they used to be." Depressed, she turns to her husband and says, "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself."

He thinks about it for a bit and then says in a soft voice,

"Well Dear..... There's nothing wrong with your eyesight."



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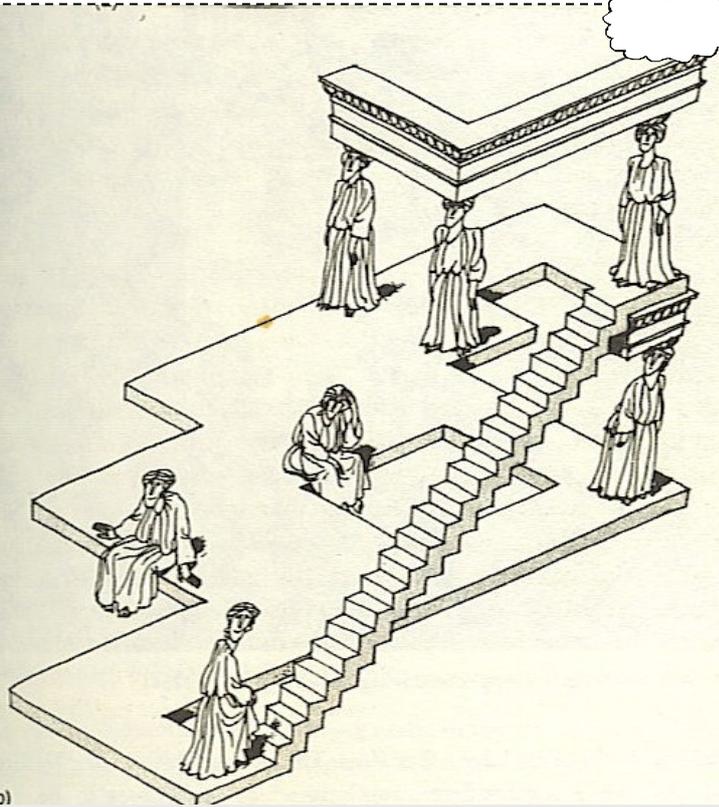
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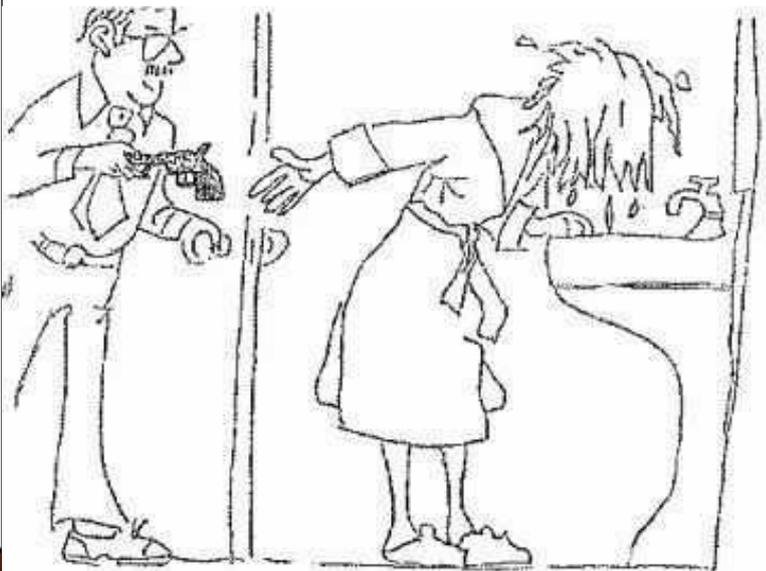
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