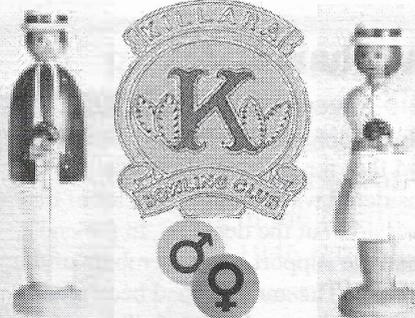


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WE REMEMBER GOOD CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ..

In the short duration since our last Killara Bowls News (March) we have had to farewell another five of our colleagues and friends. Indeed, we also said goodbye to the same number in the first quarter. So, just on ten percent (10%) of male membership has been taken from us this year. A sobering thought.

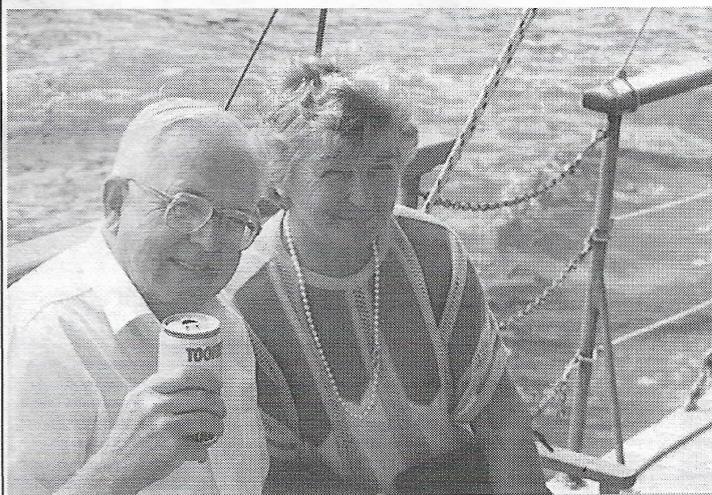
However, not one of our departed mates would want us to be morbidly reflective; they were all, *to a man*, contributors and achievers. Indeed, in the number were two Life Members and a total **163** years of participation in Club Affairs and Fellowship.

In the following pages we will celebrate the lives of these of these men and briefly mark their contribution to our Nation and our Club.

At the same time, we will give thanks that our women, with equal membership, are proving more resilient.

TWO GREAT CLUB MEMBERS AND BOWLERS.

While *Neil and Meg Falconer* are shown here "all at sea", they are both very competent bowlers and launch supporters.



In November, KBC accorded Neil and *John Warner* Life Membership; We tossed a coin and John 'won the mat' to be profiled in our March edition. Our salute to Neil is on page 5..

AUTUMN CARNIVAL

With what seemed to be almost 'Divine Intervention' all three days of our Autumn Carnival skirted the weather for successful completion. All contributors are to be congratulated, particularly *Tom Takahashi* who was Convener this year.

Tom's report is on Page 10.

20 YEARS OF UMPIRING

Chairman of Umpires, *Edwin Burton*, sent a letter to Zone 9 recently advising that our Patron, *Norman Winckle*, was putting away his measure and rule book and retiring from umpiring after 20 years. We give the content of Edwin's letter with his usual interest feature ... *Umpires Call*. See page 11.

Readers of this newsletter may notice a change in the masthead. Comment was made that the badge depicted was KBC,s, as distinct from KWBC's, thus suggesting the magazine was oriented towards the men's club. This was never intended.

The Crest and Heraldry of both badges is actually the same, only the bottom wording is different. The illustrated badge should therefore be considered generic to KBC Ltd which embodies both men and women. However, it is hoped that the additions to the masthead will mollify any misconceptions.



From the chair . . .

The Board, at its meeting on 21st May, increased subscriptions and fees for 2005-6. The decision was taken reluctantly and in a considered way. There was a lot of discussion but the decision, in the end, had the support of all members of the Board. The amounts had been recommended by our Honorary Treasurer and backed by the Finance Committee (which includes representatives of both men's and women's clubs). The increases, the first since 2003, are designed solely to help us cover the costs of playing bowls. The largest expense that we have is the maintenance of our greens. We collect

\$32,500 which is \$16,000 less than the maintenance of greens alone. The details are:-

	KBC	KWBC
Full	\$275	\$250
Assoc.	\$65	\$65
Social	\$15	\$15
Green fees	\$8 (+ Tea)	\$6(+Tea)

There will also be some increases to bar prices.

These changes will help us to address the loss situation which has affected our books for the past year or two. You will note a reduction in the differential treatment of men and women as regards subscriptions. The balance is that women can phone in on Saturdays and Wednesdays for a game. If there is green space (and there has been space over the past year or so) there is no rule that says that women's teams cannot play. Of course, those wishing to play with a particular gender team (or with mixed gender teams) will be accommodated. The details need to be worked out between Mr President and Madame President - we do not think that will be a problem.

We have not gone down the road that Warrawee has gone and have not placed a water conservation levy on members.

We regret having had to consider any increase at all, but we are suffering an operating loss (especially before interest monies are included) as things stand. We depend on income from our investments to allow us to balance our books and this is less whenever we spend some of our investments on capital items such as the car park or new shades.

We note that most other sports are more expensive than lawn bowls and feel that our duty involves trying to cover our expenses at Killara (of course using investment income). Great credit must go to **Bob McComas** who is our Honorary Treasurer and to **Lee Sanders** who chairs the Finance Committee for the care they have taken and for the work they have put in.

New quotes for shades for the eastern end of number three green are to hand now. More are being obtained for alternative forms of shades and for the Graham Firth Green. It is a question of the Board looking at those when we have them all. Some women have raised with us the question of the awkward (for them) height of the shades. We are informed that the height has been laid down by OHS rules, so we have to seek some other way of accommodating our shorter members. I saw some permanent shade cloths which might overcome the problem. They do not have to be taken down. We are getting quotes for those as well.

Our pennant teams both performed creditably. Our fives finished second on a count-back and our congratulations go to them. Our sevens finished third. Our fives are waiting still to learn what grade they will be playing in 2006.

Our Autumn Carnival was a success and congratulations go to **Tom Takahashi** for a job well done. Thanks go too to those who helped so well throughout the three days.

We had a drainer come in and inspect the two pits outside the Western Wall of the Clubhouse. He told us that the Northern pit was a drainage pit. The Southern pit looked like a well and was about twelve feet deep. It is half full of water. **John Muirhead** has said that it is not worth our time and money to empty the pit to find out more, and with that opinion we all concur. We approached the local Council and Sydney Water Corporation to get accurate drainage diagrams of our site and none was forthcoming. Our drains were apparently installed before records were kept accurately.

Our poker machines continue to operate in the black but with narrow margins. We understand that we might have to put clocks on each machine soon to comply with new regulations and shudder at the cost implications of that. Still, it has yet to happen.

Talking of regulations, we are required to have access to a counselling service for problem gamblers. We have signed up with a service offered by Clubs NSW. This is likely to mean more money out with little or no use for such a service.

Some members have asked me why there is topdressing soil in the car park from time to time. It seems that a ranger came and told us not to use the nature strip in front of the Club. We had used this arrangement for several years and it was convenient for the Graham Firth Green anyway. **Darren** was fined and threatened and that is why the topsoil had to be moved. Incidentally, the Green Keeper tells us that there is Queensland blue couch grass alongside the Hilarie Moore Green. This will need spraying and replacing and negotiations are underway with Darren now about this. The car park is operating well. We do not miss the green and the facility is used by members. Our guests are becoming aware increasingly of the extra facility. We are having little trouble with commuters and our neighbours are generally complimentary about the look and the operation of the car park.

Members are reminded that we have promised to move the tables to a position suitable for card playing when Sue Cleary says we should do so. This is done generally on a Saturday ready for cards a couple of days later.

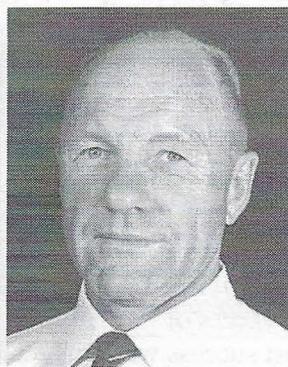
I have intentionally left, until last, comment on the news which headlines this edition of our Club News: It is sad and even distressing, to see the passing of so many of our members in such a short space of time. These were all fine Australians who did a great deal for the betterment of our Club and our society. We shall miss them. **Peter Baume**

Three men stood at the Pearly Gates, Their faces were wrinkled and old. They humbly asked the man of fate for admission to the fold. "What have you done", St Peter said, "To earn your entrance here?" "We've all been on committee, Sir, and for many a weary year". The gates of heaven flew open wide, as St Peter pressed the bell, "Come in my lads and take a harp, You've had your share of Hell!"

(Contributed by Warwick Druce)

JAMES H.M. OSWIN

Jim Oswin who died aged 81, enjoyed his bowls at Killara as a specialist lead after joining the Club in 1987. Two years ago he transferred to social membership owing to ill health and was a regular visitor to the Club. His wife Frances also bowled with the Women's Club. Jim served as a pilot in the RAAF and spent his working life in the media, holding many prestigious appointments.. He was employed at the Sun newspaper and then in radio and became a pioneer of Australian television as the first general manager of Channel 7 in Sydney. When the Commonwealth Government established a Department of the Media he was invited to be its first permanent head. Later he was appointed for a term as Australia's Ambassador to UNESCO in Paris. On his return to Sydney he became a member of the newly established Australian Broadcasting Tribunal. *Lloyd Somerlad*

RAYMOND A. LAUGHTON

Ray began his working life as a trainee accountant gravitating to Local Government. He served in the RAAF in the Pacific theatre from 1943 to 1946 returning to work 15 years with Hurstville Council before moving to the country as Shire Clerk in the Moulamein and Wagga Districts for 35 years.

Ray was a keen sportsman playing grade cricket and golf; he was a charter member of South Wagga Lions Club. On retirement, Ray and Olive returned to Sydney to be near their daughter Beth and son Greg. He Joined KBC in 1997 and quickly established his bowling credentials and became an active member. His enthusiasm was only temporarily frustrated by the loss of a leg; He bowled from an electric buggy for a while but was soon back upright and consistently putting his bowl on the jack. Ray was a man's man. A really good bloke and always fair dinkum. *John Krieger*

MEMORIES**HENRY THOMAS JACKSON**

In his eighty-second year, Tom passed away on 5th March. He is survived by his wife Pat, sons Peter and Graham, daughter Sue and five grandchildren. Tom joined the Club in 1991 and served as a member of KBC Management Committee and the Match Committee in 1995-6. He then agreed to put his extensive experience in finance and the insurance industry at the service of KBC Ltd and served as Treasurer for seven years from 1996-7 to 2002-3 and as Convenor of the Finance Committee for two years and as a member of the committee for a further five years. An unassuming man, Tom was very conscientious and very approachable in the discharge of his responsibilities: his experience and sound judgement were highly valued. His cooperation in looking after the financial aspects of carnivals materially helped several carnival convenors. The honour boards also record that in 1995 Tom and Jack Madden won the Club Pairs.

Bob Sinclair

KEITH E. WILLIAMS

A profile of Keith featured in our August 2004 edition sharing with us his RAAF service; his successful law career and many community activities. He also served KBC for many years, both as a member of the Management Committee and as a delegate to the Upper North Shore District

Bowling Association. He was a very good bowler winning the Club Championship Triples on two occasions and the Minor Pairs and Gissing competitions. Even on his 90th birthday, he commented he had his eye on some more triumphs in the coming years. He was at the Club engaging all in conversation over lunch only hours before his passing. *rhb*

WALTER CRYER DFC

Wal Cryer, who has died at the age of 87 after a serious illness, was a popular member of the Club for 19 years, a competent bowler and a willing helper. He undertook the onerous task of maintaining computerised details of members of the Club required by the Royal as well as our own administration. For many years he helped with the printing and distribution of the Club Newsletter. He spent his boyhood in Lindfield and was a leader in the local Scouts and Rovers. At 16, he joined the family printery, W.J.Cryer and Co which had been established by his grandfather in 1903. After the war, following his father, he became its managing director and was prominent in the printing industry. He introduced in Australia the new technology for the printed self-adhesive label, and later was honoured by the industry in its "Hall of Fame".

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Presidents' Platform

The 2005 Pennant Season has come and gone with indifferent results for Killara. However, the number of very close games augurs well for success next year.



KWBC President
Lea McNeall

Straight from Pennants and into the Carnival! This was very successful on many fronts for KWBC. The raffles (prizes being totally donated by KWBC members) raised in excess of \$750.00 and the trading table in excess of \$450.00, but the greatest success was on the green. A Killara team - **Micky Johnston, Barbara Cotton** and **Maria**

Header won on Ladies' Day, and Killara - again Barbara Cotton and Maria Header - won Sunday's Composite Pairs. Really the conquering heroes!

Enjoyable and efficiently run events don't just happen, and recognition is due to **Tom Takahashi** and all the men who organized the Carnival, from preparing entry forms to completing results. Thanks also to the Ladies who manned the raffles, trading table, and pre-game tea and coffee, and supported **Sue Cleary**.

Forward now to the Club Championships - the Minor Singles have just been completed. Congratulations to the winner, **Maria Header**, and to the runner up, **Shizuko Hashimoto**. Following in quick succession, come the Major Singles, Fours Championship, Paris Championship and the Triples - a full curriculum interspersed with Friends Day and several inter-club and District Competitions!

Our playing numbers have been somewhat in dynamic equilibrium, with some members on holidays and others away with illness while yet others return to the green. We're glad to have everyone back and indeed really enjoy having members who are not able to bowl join us for lunch on Tuesdays. Sue is always able to produce another salad or sandwich. We look forward to seeing more and more of our members on the green in the weeks ahead. The heat is no longer an excuse.

Lea McNeall.

MIXED BOWLS

The match Killara played against Warrawee for the Painting was a great success, with 52 players participating. The game was played in a good spirit and a happy day was enjoyed by all. Killara was fortunate to win by eight points and

the Painting is back on our wall.

Anzac Day is a sad but wonderful day of Remembrance, and **Keith Stedman** gave a sincere address. We do appreciate the bugler from Barker College - all very heart warming whilst remembering our loved ones. All 56 players enjoyed their bowls after a sausage sizzle. Thank you to all the helpers.

The Autumn Carnival commenced with the Ladies Triples on Friday. The result was most exciting as a Killara Team, **M. Johnston, B. Cotton** and **M. Header** won both the morning and afternoon games. Congratulations, ladies, we are all very proud. The Composite Pairs Competition on Sunday was equally exciting. Both morning and afternoon games were won by the "two Professionals" from Killara, **B. Cotton** and **M. Header**. Congratulations again ladies.

Beryl Stephens.



KBC President
Ian Cameron-Smith

Well here we are in the first weeks of winter and it is pleasant to hear so many players complimenting the increased speed of the greens. The Hilary Moore green is playing particularly well and I have noticed bowlers choosing to play on that green for club matches in preference to the Graham Firth green.

The Green-keeper, **Darren Hargraves**, has planted many colourful plants surrounding the playing areas and it is pleasing to see the shrubs surrounding the car-park starting to take hold. Our lead article of this newsletter focuses on the loss of many good members of the Club. I, and all the members of the Club, extend our condolences to the family and friends of our lost members. We miss them all very much.

Once again, the Autumn Carnival was a success with good support from members and friends from other clubs. I would like to highlight the excellent, although behind the scenes, work of our Officer in Charge, **Tom Takahashi**. I must say that having a good carnival organizer takes much of the pressure off the President in the run up to the event. *Please note in your diaries the Spring Carnival dates of 16th through to the 19th September.*

The results of the Pennants have been reported elsewhere in this newsletter, but I would like to make the comment that I believe the coaching clinics assisted to a great extent in the fine result of the Fives Pennant team. I hope we can build upon this next year. It was extremely encouraging to see so many bowlers new to the game in the Sevens team. We look forward to them moving through to our top grade in time.

The final match of the Cyril South competition this year was won by Asquith in a very exciting match against Turramurra. I watched most of the match and was in awe of some of the great shots played. The Asquith team, in the most part, comprised most of their winning Number One Pennant team. Congratulations to Asquith and thank you to all the other clubs who were involved.

I would like to thank the outgoing Selectors, Chairman **Bob Talbot**, after six years on the committee, and **John Krieger**. I am delighted that **Bob Sinclair** has remained on the committee this time as Chairman, well supported by **John Muirhead** and **Michael Tsolakis**.

So far this year we have completed the Gissing Consistency, Minor Singles and Club Singles Championships with the Pairs final yet to be played. **Lloyd Sommerlad** enjoyed an exciting win over **Bob Talbot** in the final consistency match. It was nice to see **Ed O'Donnell**, who has coached so many past winners, win the Minor Singles match this year in a close final game against **Arthur Krust**. Congratulations to you both.

The Mid-Week Triples games commence soon and we will be fielding two teams to represent the Club.

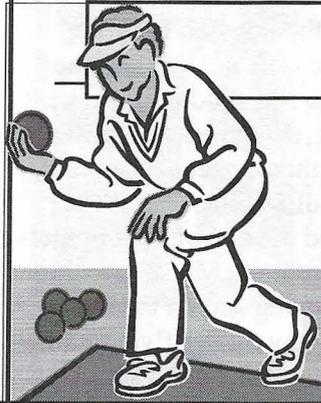
Good Bowling to you all!

Ian Cameron-Smith

STOP PRESS

In a very close and exciting contest, Saturday June 4th, **Ian Cameron-Smith** won the Singles Championship from **Warwick Druce**, 31/27.

This is the second year Warwick has been runner-up in this event. Warwick, your time is coming!!



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

N.A.FALCONER

Neil Falconer is one of the most prominent members of the Club having been *Chairman* of the Board, *Club Champion* and now *Life Member*. But few of us know much about his distinguished professional career. As far back as he can remember, he wanted to be an engineer at a time when most of his relatives thought an engineer was an engine driver.



Neil Falconer
Life Member 2004

Neil's grandfather and father were Master Builders who suffered hard times during the depression. Consequently Neil had to forego a University scholarship but was awarded a scholarship to the Royal Melbourne Technical College where he spent 14 years at night school to gain two Diplomas – Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Management. He started at a small engineering shop at

seven shillings and sixpence a week but soon got a job at a larger works which had a Pattern Shop, Iron Foundry, Boiler Shop, Machine Shop, Drawing Office and Purchasing Office. He was singled out to train in all departments and at age 28 was promoted to Works Manager. Neil was a fresh-faced youth and almost until his retirement was known in the industry as "Young Neil".

He remembers coming home by train after his promotion, nearly busting his buttons with pride, and being asked at the ticket office whether he wanted a half fare!

He made a special study of welding, then in its infancy, which was soon to supersede riveting. Neil was sent to the parent company in U.K. for 12 months for training, including a special course for international students at Harrow. In 1952, Neil and family moved to Sydney to join another English Company which specialized in designing and constructing multi-million dollar projects from bare sites to hand over. Neil was

Chief Engineer and later Managing Director of this company.

Neil participated in all activities that would promote the art and science of welding and in 1987 received at Government House, the *Advance Australia Award* for outstanding contribution in welding in Australian industry. He held leadership positions in professional organizations including *President of the Australian Welding Institute* (receiving the Florence Taylor Award), *Chairman and President of the Australian Welding Research Institute* and a Committee *Chairman of the Australian Standards Association*. His work required extensive overseas travel to obtain expertise for innovations in Australia.

Neil and *Meg Falconer* were married in 1950 in Melbourne where Meg was working in the Personnel Division of the SEC. Neil played tennis and bowls at Neutral Bay before joining Killara in 1972 and Meg joined in 1983. They have always been active in all aspects of Club life and have made an outstanding contribution on and off the green. As well as being Chairman of the Registered Club for three years, he was Vice-President of the Bowling Club, a Selector for 8 years (3 as chairman) and is the organiser of Thursday Invitation Triples. He has won the Major Singles, the Gissing and has skipped winning teams in the Fours Championship.

Meg has been *Vice President* and *Treasurer* of the Women's Club and has an exceptional record on the green. She has won in all Club championship events (singles 3 times, pairs 2, triples 5, fours 4) **claiming all four titles in one year in 1995-6**. She and Neil are a formidable combination in Mixed Events with wins in pairs and triples.

Lloyd Somerlad



Killara's first "Grand Slam" winner, **Mrs. M. Falconer**.

Major Singles: **Mrs. M. Falconer**.

Pairs: Mesd. P. Treloar, **M. Falconer**.

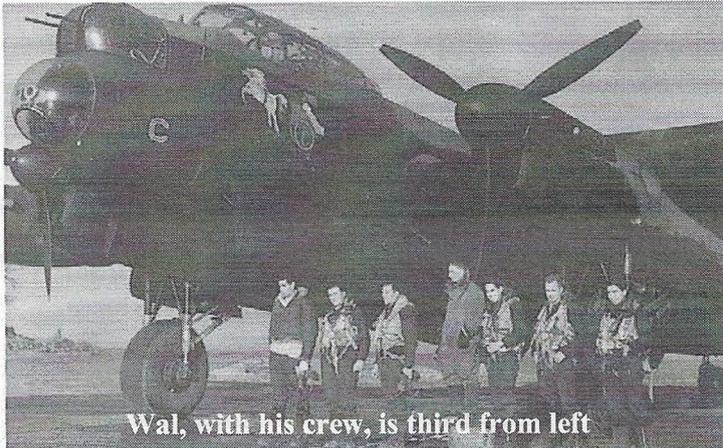
Triples: Mesd. P. Treloar, B. High, **M. Falconer**.

Fours: Mesd. L. McMahon, P.

Anderson, **M. Falconer**, D. George.



Continued from page 3 He also served a term as the President of the NSW Chamber of Manufactures. Wal was a committed Mason for 67 years, as a Rotarian was a Paul Harris Fellow and was a tours director for Probus. He joined the RAAF soon after the outbreak of war and gained his wings after preliminary training in Australia. Posted to Bomber Command in England, he was soon flying on operations over Europe. Walter was the captain of a Lancaster which flew bombing missions and of a Stirling which made low level drops to the French Resistance. "Cryer's Crew" praised his leadership and judgement and they survived a whole tour of operations which, in Bomber Command, meant 35 sorties over enemy territory. The four Aus-



Wal, with his crew, is third from left

tralian in the crew met every year on Anzac Day since the end of the war, and two of them paid moving tributes at Walter's funeral. The wireless operator, **Tony Adams**, plays bowls at Turramurra and is known to some of our members. He tells a gripping story of the failure of wireless communications with base on the way to a low level drop to the Resistance and regaining it just before they reached the drop zone, to be told to abort as it had been captured by the Germans. Only a week before he died Walter, who was a boyhood friend, gave me a copy of his vivid description of his 35th mission to complete his tour. It was his 27th birthday and he was keenly anticipating this last operational flight. To his great disappointment his navigator, after 34 successful missions together, reported sick and he had to accept a replacement. At the briefing, a large map of Europe showed a red ribbon stretching from London to Merseberg with many twists and bends. The Wing Commander told why this target had been selected and intelligence explained the zigzag route was to avoid heavily fortified areas or cities. The met man gave weather predictions and the armourer told them what bombs they were carrying and why.

Next, each crew member collected a parachute, survival kit and helmet complete with oxygen mask and intercom equipment attached. Following the routine preparations for a night mission including fuelling and bomb loading, at 3.30 pm they were checking the plane's engines, equipment and instruments ready for take-off an hour later. At this point an air gunner found his flying suit wouldn't heat up. An electrician could not find the problem and take-off time passed by. The CO said another plane was fuelled and ready - would he like to take that? Wal said Yes. It was pouring rain and they all had to grab their equipment, pile into a truck and move to the other plane. They found the intercom equipment was

screaching and Wal judged that one of the intercom connections got wet during the transfer. He asked each crew member in turn to dry the jack and test it in the socket and the problem was fixed. In the middle of a violent storm they taxied to the runway, carried out cockpit drill and took off 40 minutes late. "As we gathered speed" Wal said, "I encountered my first experience of St Elmos Fire. The plane lit up like a Christmas tree and the tips of each propeller scribed a huge circle of fire. En route to Merseberg an enemy fighter flashed by under our wing and on the run up to the target we had number two enemy fighter flying immediately above us. We must have been in his blind spot. Somewhere we picked up some shrapnel and a few holes in the plane but once again we returned with no injuries to any member of the crew. Our 35th mission was completed. I felt like shouting and decided to shoot up the station. When given permission to land, I did not put down the undercarriage and we were probably 50 metres off the deck when all sorts of red lights started flashing and on the intercom I could hear the duty officer shouting 'Go round again'. From that height I gave it full throttle and four lovely Merlin engines sprang into life with a roar. It was 1am and I hope we woke everyone up. We had been in the air for 7½ hours. And what do you think happened then? That lovely blond with her truck was there waiting for us."

At the debriefing session he learnt that of the 14 aircraft to take off, 5 had aborted and returned to base, one having been struck by lightning. Walter was later awarded the DFC and he said it was for all the crew.

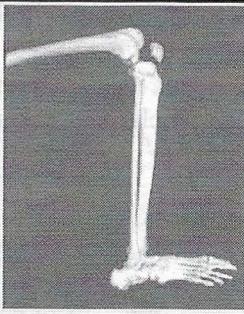
Lloyd Somerlad

AVRO LANCASTER



Of the total of 7377 Lancasters built, 3932 were lost in action. During the war they flew a total of 156 000 sorties and dropped 608,612 tons of bombs. 55,000 aircrew, including **5,000 Australians**, were killed serving in Bomber Command. During much of war 5% of the bombers which set out each night failed to return making service in bombers the most dangerous field in the allied military.

The crew worked in cramped conditions, particularly the air gunners who remained at their posts for the entire flight. Some had to place their flight boots into the turrets before climbing in, and then put their boots on. At night and at 20,000 feet the temperature in the turrets frequently fell to minus forty degrees and frostbite was not uncommon. Air gunners manned the rear and mid-upper gun turrets. A pilot, flight engineer, navigator, wireless operator, and bomb aimer/front gunner completed the crew of seven.



How Smart is Your Right Foot?

This is so odd it will amaze you. And even if you keep trying to see if you can outsmart your foot, you can't!

1. While sitting at your table, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

.....And there's nothing you can do about it!



Little Amber was in the garden filling in a hole when her neighbour peered over the fence. Interested in what the cheeky-faced youngster was doing, he politely asked, "What are you up to there, Amber?" "My goldfish died," replied Amber""and I've just buried him."

The neighbor was concerned.

"That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it?" he asked.

Amber patted down the last heap of earth, then replied, "That's because he's inside your cat."

An American tourist in London decides to explore the city on his own. He wanders around, seeing the sights, and occasionally stopping at a quaint pub to soak up the local culture, chat with the lads, and have a pint of ale. After awhile, he finds himself in a very high class neighbourhoodbig, stately residences... No pubs, no stores, no restaurants, and worst of all... NO PUBLIC RESTROOMS.

He really, really has to go, after all those ales. He soon finds a narrow side street, with high walls surrounding the adjacent buildings and decides to use the wall to solve his problem.

As he is unzipping, he is tapped on the shoulder by a London Bobby, who says, "I say, sir, you simply cannot do that here, you know."

"I'm very sorry, officer," replies the American, "but I really, really HAVE TO GO, and I just can't find a public restroom."

"Ah, yes," said the Bobby..."Just follow me". He leads him to a back delivery lane, then along a wall to a gate, which he opens.

"In there," points the Bobby. "Whizz away sir, anywhere you want."

The fellow enters and finds himself in the most beautiful garden he has ever seen. Manicured grass lawns, statuary, fountains, sculptured hedges, and huge beds of gorgeous flowers, all in perfect bloom.

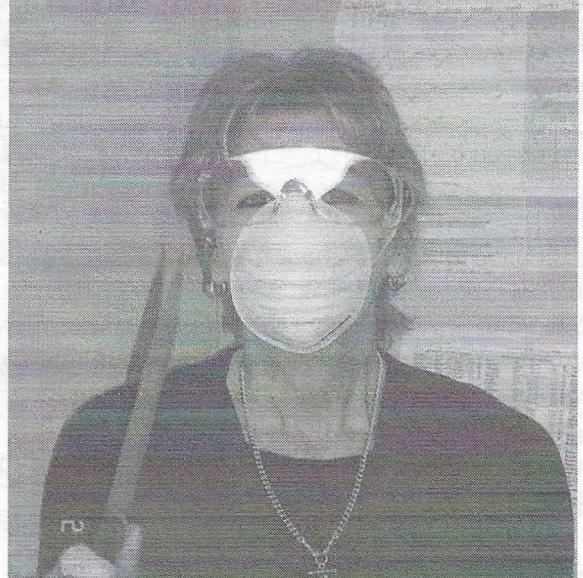
He unburdens himself and is greatly relieved. As he goes back through the gate, he says to the Bobby:

"That was really decent of you... is that what you call British Hospitality?"

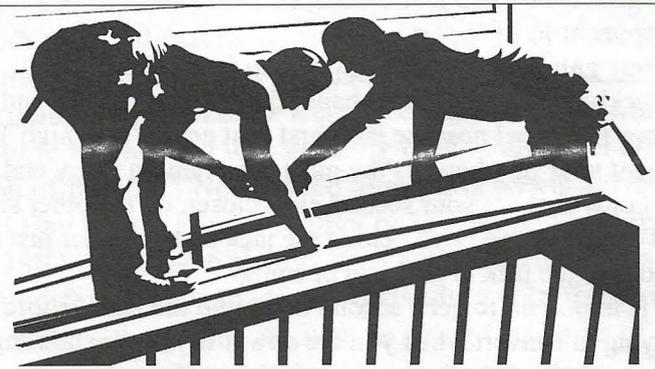
"No sir", replied the Bobby... "that is what we call the French Embassy."



GUESS WHO... DON'T SUE



If in the past, you had encountered our 'Kitchen Angel' Sue Cleary peeling onions, the tears were copious! Now, should you meet her during this operation, you maybe the one crying . . . in fright !!



BEEN UP ON YOUR ROOF LATELY?

Of course not, it's far too dangerous!

Nevertheless, after years of exposure, gutters/valleys rust out, timber battens rot and tile cement cracks. So when leaks appear inside the house and contents are damaged you know you have a seriously expensive problem.

There is no reason why this should happen to you. As a KBC member we will inspect your roof without charge; and if there are any problems provide you with a written, no obligation quotation for rectification. What could be fairer or easier as far as you are concerned?

Oh, by the way, my name is Andrew Dixon and I have been roofing for over 20 years. You can reach me by calling 1300 762 067 or 0401 592 066. Please mention you are a Killara Member.



**Bowling
Tips!**

Ed O'Donnell On . . . THE GAME OF SINGLES.

Adapted from "Bowling to Win" by Bryant & Allcock.

The gladiatorial nature of the game of singles is enjoyed by both the competitors and spectators alike. You and your adversary are in close contact for the whole of the match.

Relaxed concentration is going to be the order of the day for the next three hours or so. When you have delivered your bowl and drawn the shot the pressure is transferred to your opponent to alter the head. It is important that your concentration does not waver at any time during the game else a handy margin can quickly disappear.

The successful singles player requires ability across the entire range of bowling skills, and hence will have a grounding in all positions in the Pennants team. Probably he/she is a useful skip and is an excellent lead as the demands of these two positions encompass the singles game. The drawing game is the mainstay of singles and as this is the sole role of the lead the good lead has the advantage. The draw shot is dominant as there are only eight bowls in play and not much scope for building complicated heads for large scores. Ones and twos come from outdrawing your opponent.

Your game plan. You must get the feel of the green quickly, choose your best hand, find line and length and get your first bowl near the jack first (but never 'jack high'). Treat your first bowl as the most important in every end. If it holds shot get your second even closer, on the other side of the jack. One bowl behind the jack and the other just in front of the jack is the ideal opening.

It is important to get a second bowl into the head before trying to convert when you are down. If you are holding shot after two bowls then you are in the 'box seat' with your opponent under pressure.

Be wary of weighted shots early in the game. If your opponent likes to use the drive, let him, but don't be tempted. Cultivate your line and length, and if you persist with accurate draw shots you will win the match. Always have two bowls in the head before trying for a positional shot.

Watch your opponent carefully and play to his weaknesses as well as to your strength, and try to prevent him settling into a preferred rhythm. Make use of the mat to find a winning length for you, and don't change it, even if your opponent is bowling well to it.

Strategy. Put your opponent under pressure and never let up. Even an impressive lead can be whittled away by your failing to press home your advantage. Once concentration lapses the margin disappears.

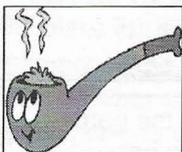
If you fall behind early, do not panic. Try to get back bit by bit; one at a time, rather than trying chancy shots and falling further behind. Even if you appear hopelessly behind, never surrender. Make your opponent work to try to win the game.

When you are holding shot after your first bowl, be careful not to offer a large target by putting your second bowl alongside. Conversely, if your opponent is holding shot you should endeavour to be around it or alongside with your



second. Do not try to remove it (convert) until you have two bowls in the head. Be sure your Marker knows his duties, and include a 'please' and 'thank-you,' in your requests.

Practice. Make up a head of four bowls haphazardly, two a side. Study it. Decide on the percentage shot to play. Play it, and note the result. Form another head and repeat. This will improve your skill as a skip also in choosing the right shot to play to improve your position or convert an adverse head to a win. *Good Bowling Ed*



Bowls Secretary John Orton

What a great finish to Killara's Grade 5's campaign in the Pennants this year. Needing to win by at least 5.1/2 to 1/2 points. We beat our nearest challenger (North Sydney ANZAC) for the second time this season, including our win on their synthetic green and yet, we we down on countback them recording a better shots for and against after we finished equal on 44.1/2 on points. To say that I have been feeling sick as a parrot ever since is a huge under-statement.

Still, 'them's the breaks' and I want to thank everyone in 5's for a magnificent effort and also thanks for all player in 7's who finished mid-table but who had some great wins.

Congratulations to **Warwick Druce** and **Ian Cameron-Smith** for making the final of the Major Singles; also to **Mike Tsolakis/Cyril Vahtrick** and yours truly/Ian Cameron-Smith for also making it to the final of the Major Pairs. These finals will be played later this month

Now to the bad news: We have around 100 male members registered to play, yet we continue to rely on a nucleus of 25 or so to put their names down for internal or inter-club competitions which, to put it mildly, is a poor representation of our club. I have tried, in vain, to get more members to put to put their names down for competitions but the a, thy within the club is difficult to believe. Unless something is done to address this issue, then the demise of our club is inevitable.

I have spent a fortune on telephone calls imploring people to enter their names for competitions, but all my efforts have fallen on stony ground. I shall keep trying but I must send a message to you all: We have good representative players who are unwilling to put their names on the line. I understand, especially in the case of older players but we are all in this (the viability of KBC) together and we all have to play our part. Love and peace. **JohnO**

A woman's husband dies leaving \$50,000 cash in the estate. After everything is done at the funeral home and cemetery, she tells her closest friend that there is none of the \$50,000 left.

The friend says, How can that be? The widow says, Well, the funeral cost me \$6,500. And of course I made a donation to the church. That was \$500, and I spent another \$500 for the wake, food and drinks you know. The rest went for the memorial stone.

The friend says, \$42,500 for the memorial stone? My God, how big is it? The widow says Four carats!

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Day 3	Barric, Tasmania	Day 3	Scenic cruising Mercury Islands "Hole in the Wall" passage, Alderman Islands, Mayer Islands and White Island
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Day 5	Afesa	Day 5	Wellington, NZ
Day 6	Milford Sound, NZ Scenic cruising: Fjordland Nat'l Park via Dusky, Doubtful and Milford Sounds	Day 6	Anchor at Captain Cook's Ship Cove Scenic cruising Queen Charlotte Sound
Day 7	Dunedin, NZ	Day 7	Christchurch, NZ
Day 8	Christchurch, NZ	Day 8	Dunedin, NZ
Day 9	Pietera, NZ Scenic cruising Queen Charlotte Sound Anchor at Captain Cook's Ship Cove	Day 9	Scenic cruising Fjordland Nat'l Park via Dusky, Doubtful & Milford Sounds
Day 10	Wellington, NZ	Day 10	Afesa (Tasman Sea)
Day 11	Napier, NZ	Day 11	Afesa
Day 12	Scenic cruising Mercury Islands, Alderman Islands, Mayer Islands & White Islands	Day 12	Barric, Tasmania
Day 13	Tasman, NZ	Day 13	Melbourne
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C Large Outside	\$4,708	\$6,190	\$4,678	\$6,160
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RESULTS

Ladies Triples

Am : Lindfield BC (P.Wagscall,A.McSwiggan,V.Bartrop) Score: 17
 Pm Winner: Belrose BC (D.Holliday,M.Hadlington,P.Mills) Score: 14
 Runner Up: Warrawee BC (B.King,M.Kremer,J.Clark) Score:27
 Winner:KWBC(M.Johnston,B.Cotton,M.Header) Score: 27 (Decided According to The Rule 48 "Laws Of The Game" Though Same Score With Runner-Up)

Composite Pairs

Am Winner: North Sydney BC (L.Armstrong, R.Armstrong) Score: 14
 Pm Winner: Gordon BC(G.Nelson, B.Nelson) Score: 16
 Runner Up: Composite (A. Treisman, A.Smith) Score: 27
 Winner: Killara BC(B.Cotton, M.Header) Score: 28

Mens Triples

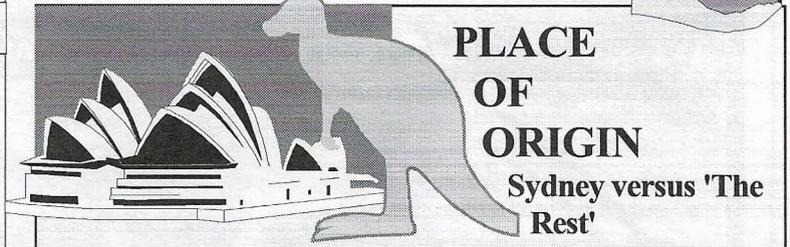
Am : KBC(M.Meares,C.Mackellar,L.Sommerlad) Score: 16
 Pm :Avalon Beach BC(T.Payten,T. Hughes, R.Pickard) Score: 16
 Runner Up: Composite (A. Treisman, H. Bettman, A. Smith) Score: 26
 Winner: St.Ives BC(R.Cable,T.McKelvey,T.Giles) Score: 28

There are many people to thank for their generous help and assistance—too many to list here. However, we must not forget those who made these three successful days possible ...

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See you in September *Tom Takahashi*



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Sydney versus 'The Rest'

The first two matches of 2004/5 series have been played with 'the rest' having won both. The first match played in November 2004 was a very close affair with 4 rinks apiece and scoring 169 shots to 164.

The second match at the end of May was a far more decisive result: 3 rinks to 1 with 3 drawn and a margin of 162/121.

The final match of the series is scheduled to be played in early August and the 'city slickers' will have to show a marked form reversal to avoid 'the rest' achieving a clean sweep.

As always, these most enjoyable days would not be possible without our usual enthusiastic and hard working members - *Roger Kerr/Bob Bessemer/ late Ray Laughton, Sue Cleary/Warwick Druce, Bob Sinclair/Bob Talbot* and collector of customs and excise, *Otto Herbst*.

Thank you all!

John Krieger

Eye disease plan

FEDERAL Health Minister Tony Abbott will launch the Macular Degeneration Awareness Week tomorrow.

Macular degeneration is an eye disease and the leading cause of blindness in Australia.

It affects one in seven people over the age of 50 and one in three over the age of 75.

The campaign's ambassador, Ita Buttrose, will discuss her experi-

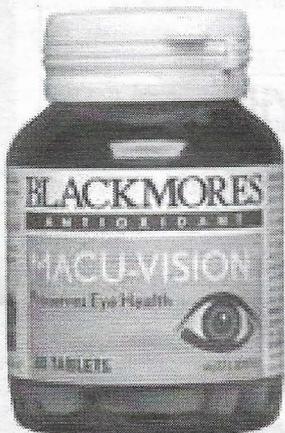
ence with the disease suffered by her father.

The launch will take place at Waverley Bowling Club.

The campaign will focus on reducing the risk of macular degeneration and slowing down its path if you get it.

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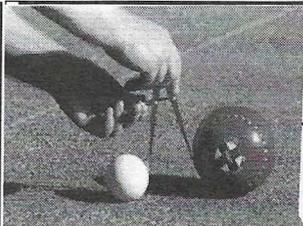
The MD Foundation approached Blackmores to get an Australian Company to produce the formula developed in clinical trials which reduced age related MD by 25% and vision loss by 19%. A percentage of Blackmores sales go to the MD Foundation.

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Edwin Burton makes the Umpires call . . .

1. *The Law everyone ignores.* 2. *Practice before a match*

In N.S.W. all players not directly involved in the play retire to the bank. This is not the custom in some other States, particularly Victoria where players remain on the green all the time. Such conduct is permitted by Law 37 provided those players are at least 2 metres behind the mat or 2 metres behind the head, other than the directors who are only required to be 2 metres behind the jack.

The head is defined by Law 1C(iv) as the jack and all the bowls which have come to rest within the boundaries of the rink and are not dead.

At the mat end having delivered a bowl, the player should be **2 metres behind the mat by the time the delivered bowl comes to rest** as Law 36 transfers possession of the rink to the opposing team immediately the bowl comes to rest (time being allowed to mark a toucher)

The position of the bowl deliverer as required by Law 37 is at variance with that recommended by the Bowls Australia Coaching Manual. The Manual suggests that having taken a step forward off the mat in the delivery action, the player should remain that position to observe the track and position in which the bowl comes to rest." If the player then moves quickly behind the mat no interference occurs to the next to play. Having delivered the bowl should the player remain standing in front of the mat or walk several steps down the green and remain there, this would, on appeal to the umpire, result in a warning being given to the player. A warning to one member of a team is a warning to all members of the team. Subsequent breaches by any team member will attract increasingly severe penalties.

Three breaches could result in the match being awarded to the opposing team. The warning would be in respect of 3 Laws being infringed: **Law 37** Position of players; **Law 36 (iii)** Interfering with the player in possession of the mat. **Law 54** Delaying play.

While Law 37 is ignored virtually every time a bowl is delivered we have come to accept the situation while the length of delay is not unreasonable.

PRACTICE BEFORE A MATCH

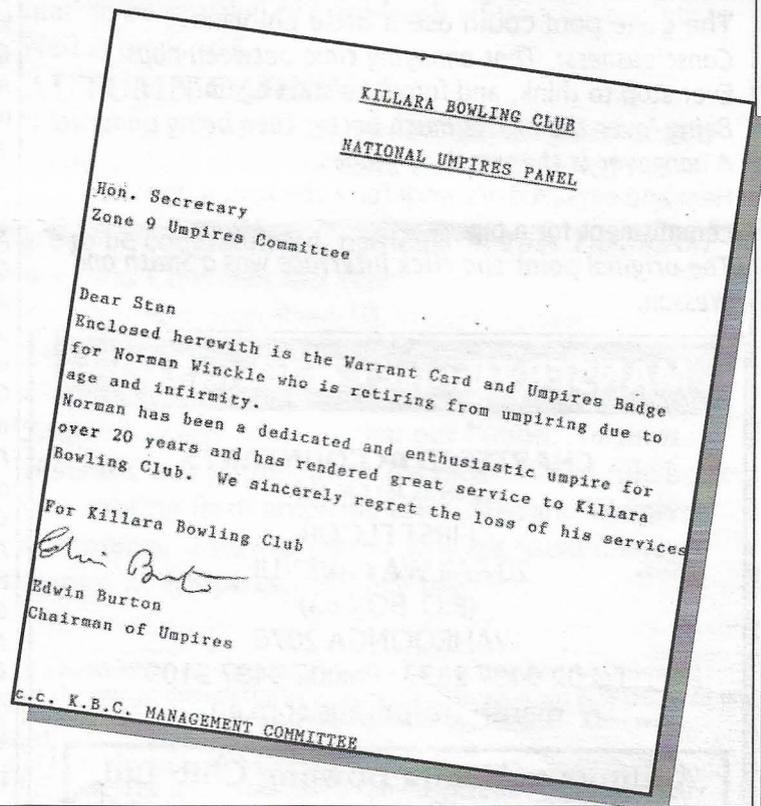
Lawn Bowls is probably the only sport which has a rule prohibiting players having a practice before playing a match. **Law 16 does provide an exception.** If a player is drawn to play later that day a player who has played a match earlier in the day, that player may practice. However, if a player practices on a rink on which the player is later drawn to play, automatic disqualification occurs. About 5 years ago, Premier League players successfully sought approval from their controlling body to have

their Conditions of Play amended to allow practice on the day of play, as many of their teams were required to play at venues never before visited. This resulted in Premier League teams practicing while Pennant teams at the same venue could only stand around and watch. Consequently the Royal's match committee changed its Conditions of Play to allow Pennant teams to practice up until the scheduled time for the start of trial ends. This year the Royal's match committee further amended its Conditions of Play to permit practice before all matches under its control. Zone 9 match committee similarly amended its Conditions of Play. **The N.S.W.W.B.A. did not follow suit.**

The current position may be summarised :-

1. For Ladies no practice is permitted on the day of play, before any match.
2. For Men practice is permitted before any State championships, Pennant matches, Club Major championship Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours, and Zone 9 Mid-week Triples. Practice is not permitted before Club Minor championship Singles and Pairs or any other Club event. Failure to comply with the requirements set out above risks automatic disqualification.
3. For Mixed events, practice is not permitted before any match.

And, as Chairman of Umpires, Edwin had to inform Zone 9 of Norman Winckle's retirement. Edwin also presented Norman with a Certificate of Appreciation.





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Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.

I used to have a handle on life, but it broke. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

I'm not a complete idiot. Some parts are missing. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.

God must love stupid people; He made so many. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

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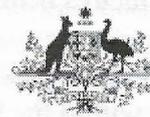
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A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it...don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a Nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So, a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable products.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine, that means they take the water out of the fruity bit so you get even more of the goodness that way. Beer is also made out of grain. Bottoms up!

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain...Good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!!! Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy? HELLO Cocoa beans .. another vegetable!!! It's the best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

Q: Is getting in-shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is a shape!

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets. Thank for your visit.