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Wednesday 15th May saw colleagues gather to wish farewell to a 20 year member moving residence to Perth. Our appreciation on page 6.



A BIG THANK YOU

Ku-Ring-Gai Council granted us an amount of \$1,831 for new aluminium seating on the Arnold Street side of Number 1 Green. This has allowed the replacement of the old wooden bench seating making more space available on the narrow path. The old seats have been moved to the West side of number 1 green meaning there is now seating on all four sides of the green. This also made it easier for the groundsmen to change the direction of play on number 1 Green. *John Cameron*

VALE ASHLEY GILFILLAN



A member since 2016. We will miss his friendly company. Our sympathies to Jeanette and family.

2019 ZONE 9 JUNIOR PAIRS WINNERS

Our youngest member, *Christian Lau*, with a partner from Neutral Bay, have combined to take out the Zone Junior Pairs Title. They will be playing in the State Play-offs in July. *Louise Amos*



MORE
FUN
ON
THE
WAY

See page 4



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *Dale McBean*

It is with sadness that we recently lost a relatively new but extremely keen member, **Ashley Gilfillan**. We were all very aware of the difficulties Ashley had with his health but he showed incredible courage to keep bowling until the week before his death. Our thoughts are with his wife and family and on behalf of all our members who knew Ashley I extend our sincere condolences to them all.

It was also sad recently to farewell two of our best and favourite bowlers. **Gof Bowles** and his wife, **Elizabeth**, have moved to Perth to live near their two sons. Also **Scott Laffer** has moved to the USA to further his work career. They are a great loss for the club as both have been strong pennant bowlers and, as well, Gof was a past Club Champion, a past Board member and Board Secretary and was also one of our most dedicated coaches. We wish them well in their new locations.

The final attendance at the Friday evening **Jack Attack** sessions was beyond our expectations and that was very satisfying. **Tony Gale** will be running a similar afternoon session on a Sunday in the next few weeks (check the notice board) and we again hope for a good attendance.

Life Members Day

Saturday 1st June was our annual Life Members Day and was well attended by players but, sadly, due to illness or infirmity, not Life Members! The sole attendee was irrepressible **Warwick Druce** and we shared this picture:



We send our best wishes to **Jean Brierly**, **Barbara Cotton** and **Ashley Sanders**.

Thanks to **Darren Hargreaves** and his staff, our greens and grounds are being maintained in excellent condition and their faster speeds will help us become better bowlers, particularly on short ends.

We are continuing to see a drop in revenue due to fewer numbers of "feet on the greens" and this has been particularly evident on Thursdays where we have seen a large drop in the number of visitors from other clubs. Please help the club by bowling more frequently on these lovely fine sunny winter days.

I wish all members good health and good bowling for the remainder of 2019.

Dale



TURRAMURRA TRIUMPH IN CYRIL SOUTH COMPETITION

Turrumurra's President **Bill Parry** holds the Trophy which will record their 2019 victory in this prestigious annual Killara Sponsored event. They last won in 2002. Runners-up were **Lindfield Rollers**, who were leading at the break but were overtaken at the finish 56 to 52.



KWBC PRESIDENT *Louise Amos*

Killara entered a team in the District Open 4's which took place in late April. We had a bye in the first round and won against Asquith in the second round. The semi-final and final matches were played on the same day at Mosman Bowling

Club. We had a good game against Belrose in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we were up against a stronger Belrose team and lost in the final. Good efforts. We will try again next year.

We put in a few practice sessions before playing in the Pennants Regional Play Off on 7 May at St Ives. Unfortunately, our efforts were not positively rewarded on the day. We played against a strong Harbord side and lost on both rinks. Thank you to some of the members who turned up to support us.

Congratulations to *Ngoc Hau* for claiming the Major Singles title. She won over *Louise Amos* and will represent Killara in the **State Champion of Champions Singles** to be held at Asquith on 2-5 July. (Supporters . . . please note!) *Ngoc Hau / Louise Amos* won over *Anne Rands / Julie*

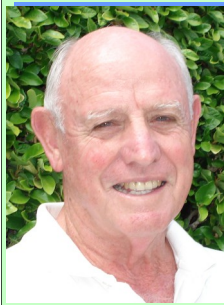
Dunn to become this year's Pair Champions. The 2019 Autumn Carnival was again a success with teams filling two greens. Four of us participated wearing our new carnival shirts... looking pretty smart! Some of us also played at carnivals at Carlingford, West Pennant Hills and Lindfield. Some of our members are dealing with health issues or family problems. We are thinking of you and hope that you will be able to return to bowls soon.

Louise.



2019 KILLARA

Meredith Armstrong (inset) Margaret Middleton, Coral Cornell, Susie Meares, Ngoc Hau, Anne Rands, Tina Hunter, Julie Dunn, Louise Amos

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*Owen Holden*



By the time this Newsletter is published, we will have staged another **Jack Attack** event, and the first trial of optional half games in conjunction with full games on a Wednesday. *See over.*

These are initiatives from the club Management to provide games in a shorter format, and in the case of Jack Attack, to take advantage of daylight saving or Sundays. The new formats should have particular appeal to those who work full time, those who find it physically difficult to play 21 ends, and those who would like to try bowls in a less formal regime.

However, more activity generally is needed by our bowlers. The fact is that if our club is to remain viable, we need more bowlers on the greens .

The number of regular players, particularly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, has declined significantly over recent times. So the revenue from these days has decreased, and this is an important source of income for the club. At the same time our operating costs have increased.

No doubt many of us are busy people with diverse interests, but perhaps we could consider giving a higher priority to bowling at our club, and generally making greater use of our club facilities .



It was very pleasing to see John Rayner back at the club and on the green.

Somehow, Roll-up managed to make his first full game Pairs! but he managed.

Our Bias Box revenue will be greatly improved! We hope Lorraine joins him soon.



*I was delighted to present the 2019 Cyril South Trophy to TBC President **Bill Parry** who had a narrow win, 56/52 over Lindfield Rollers.*

Picture page 2.

Jack Attack Update

Following the successful inaugural Jack Attack series in March, twilight bowls will return October 18, 25, November 1 and 8.

Jack Attack format is 2 sets of 5 ends with a tiebreaker game if needed and a power play available per set (double points). Event and sign up details will be available from September.

Jack Attack provides an exciting, fast paced format designed to allow both social/barefoot and competitive players to enjoy a shortened game in a relaxed and fun environment in teams of 3 or more. Play typically takes just over an hour followed by a sausage sizzle and bar services. For the March series over 50% of players were guests or visitors. Members are encouraged to again invite friends or family. Please contact Tony Gale if you need to discuss or have any suggestions.

**Wednesday Short Format**

Short Format offers members *half* of a normal 21 end game. Ring in as usual and roll-up will endeavour to arrange your game.

The first half game will be 12.30 to 2.00 and the second 2.30 to 4.00.

The cost will be \$10 for a half game plus \$5 for afternoon tea.



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**FUNCTIONS ORGANISER
Judy McLeod**

ANZAC DAY

The weather conditions were perfect for the 40 members and guests who attended our annual Anzac Day service, lunch and bowls in April. **Sue** made us a lovely roast lamb and vegetable meal so we were well fed before adjourning to No 1 green for the service. **Liam Gotley** from Chatswood High School played very competently the Last Post and the Reveille before bowls commenced and enjoyed in the sun by all. I must thank the members who so willingly helped in

making the day a success - **John Taylor, John Cameron, John Muirhead, Bob Bessemer, Alan Vine, Don Hodges** and **Owen Holden** who pulled the whole day together. There were those who also cleared tables and that helped me so I really appreciate you all. The next social function will be the **Foundation Dinner** on **Friday 20 September** so please make a note of that day and come join us. There will be no social event at the Club on Melbourne Cup Day this year. *Judy*





IN MAY, WE SAID FAREWELL TO GOF AND ELIZABETH BOWLES; ON THE EVE OF THEIR DEPARTURE FOR PERTH AND THEIR NEW HOME.

The Bowles' have been very successful in almost every thing that they have done in commerce and as a couple *except* they managed, in residing in Killara, to be 1000's of kilometres from their family in every direction. As a consequence we saw them travelling extensively to UK and WA to stay in touch with their two daughters and sons and their ten grandchildren. This tyranny is now partly solved. At least in one direction!

With his broad accent it comes as no surprise that Gof was British born. **Swindon, Wiltshire** in 1935 to be precise. His father was a Boiler Maker and a WW1 veteran. His mother died when he was ten.

This family background and the dour circumstances of the immediate post war days in Britain was hardly propitious, never-the-less, Gof was diligent and with scholarships made it all the way to Oxford and First Class Honours. While luck is the product of application, Gof has also been fortunate; He went to a dance, met a student nurse who became his soulmate; and when her family decided to immigrate to Australia, in 1959 they both came as 10 pound Poms with Gof having a letter of introduction for an interview with AMP.

And yes, he got the job! And so began his second marriage in the same year, to Australia's then Number One Mutual. And like his first marriage it was productive and beneficial and sufficient for his needs as he never needed to seek another partner.

Gof commenced his career with AMP as a Reader, researching and assembling market intelligence. It put him in close contact with senior executives and started him up the ladder - Accountant - Company Secretary - Deputy Manager NZ - WA State Manager - VIC State Manager and back to HO Sydney and finally to UK in 1989 to become Managing Director of the newly acquired Pearl In-

surance based in Peterborough with 9000 employees and agents.

Can you imagine all of the moving and travel this involved for the family?

Gof retired in the UK in 1994 and became involved in a number of voluntary organisations including the **Greater Peterborough Partnership**. Then in 1999, Elizabeth and he returned to Killara to occupy a home they had purchased during their time in Sydney. And so, in that same year, began his 20 year association with KBC.

Gof has been actively involved in all aspects of club activities. Administratively, he was **Board Secretary** from 2002 'till 2007 under Chairmen **Peter Baume** and **Warwick Druce**.



His name is prominent in our Gallery notably in 2002 when he was our Club Champion and the recipient of the inaugural **Ian Cameron-Smith Trophy** donated by member and former President, **Martin McMurray**.

As a matter of interest, in 2002, he also won in the **Club Pairs and Major Pairs**. A very good year! (*KBN #39 on our website*)

And, as many readers know personally, he was an active and competent **Coach** imparting his skills to new members.

On his departure Godfrey requested that he continue to receive our newsletter. **Let it be so!**

Gof and Elizabeth, on behalf of all at KBC . . . Thank you and our blessings.

The Bowles have purchased an apartment in Dalkeith on the Northern Shore of the Swan River with the Dalkeith/Nedlands Bowling Club very close by. Their gain, our loss!



Malcolm's Musings

CLODAGH

There was a time in my life when I was a General Practitioner. It was very scary for me. And I had to learn about non hospital things.

I did locums because I was broke and needing experience.

One practitioner I stood in for was an advocate of the Catholic planning method. I would see one or two every day with their charts of temperatures, mucous and the frequency of acts that may cause pregnancy. There were little green and red baby stickers like traffic lights. And they would show you them with great pride, pointing out the periovulatory period they had identified as requiring abstinence. And at least once a week someone wanted to know why in the face of scrupulous monitoring they were a couple of weeks overdue. Guess!

Then at one stage for various reasons my beloved wound up at the Catholic Family Planning Clinic.

They told us it would bring light and shade into our marriage. They got that right. More like a Norwegian winter. There was indeed some matrimonial disharmony of how much light and shade were appropriate. But I had a problem with the data collection. I became paranoid about sharing our bedroom information with the Catholics. I could just hear them having a scotch at the Home for Unmarried Fathers and sharing my data. I was certain the chaplain, Father Ryan, would put his hand on my shoulder and say "You've not been doing very well lately, have you." So I sabotaged the charts by filling in the box you were supposed to leave empty or just tick by entering numbers. Up to eight! We lasted a few months and the result got married a while ago.

But enough of me. This is the story of **Clodagh**. I sat next to her at a dinner party. She was a lovely Irish lass with a broad accent and a cross on a chain around her neck. She was married with three kids and didn't want any more. At least in the immediate future. We got talking. The conversation began with "Neighbourhood Watch" and moved on to local burglaries. And Clodagh became vocal and intense.

You see a few weeks before Clodagh's home had been burgled. Her jewellery and some family silver were looted. And she had that well described feeling that those who are burgled get where they feel soiled, abused and violated after having their inner sancta

invaded by criminal strangers. Indeed the feelings of personal invasion are often worse than the loss of possessions.

But it was much worse for Clodagh. You see her desire to restrict her family without offending Opus Dei and the like had sent her to the Catholic Family Planning Clinic.

For a bit of healthy light and shade as a bonus. And she had her charts with the little red and green babies and the temperature each day on the wall in the study. And for reasons known only to higher powers the burglars stole some of Clodagh's charts. And wrote some witticisms and vulgarities on those they left behind.

And Clodagh informed us that no matter how bad you feel after been burgled there is nothing worse than the insecurity of knowing that somewhere in Sydney there are bad people who know when you ovulate.

Clodagh assured me she wasn't pregnant. She was regulating the light and shade. And she was seriously thinking of defying the teachings of the church and getting an IUD fitted. Because, she told me, "No-one can steal an IUD."



PROBABLY THE GREATEST NEWBORN COSTUME EVER

CHARGE: Stealing his parents' hearts
PLEA: Guilty



Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez.

'How was he killed?' asked one detective.

'With a golf gun,' the other detective replied.

'A golf gun! What is a golf gun?'

'I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan'

CLUB HISTORIAN
Elizabeth Dokulil

More glimpses from her research . .



Elizabeth has made this contribution from her sickbed . . many thanks Elizabeth!

Compiled partly from Bill MacLean's Historical Notes

The very early days of the KBC are interesting as they show the growth over 50 years - 1916 - 1966. The following figures are in pounds not dollars.

In 1916 with only 25 members took in £ 200 but spent £ 100 so the club was in a very healthy state.

NB The £ 200 of 1916 converts to \$16,336.00 today.

However, the number of members grew rapidly.

In 1920 there were 80, 1944 - 160, and in 1951 -200.

The figure of 200 members remained static for many years. The club could not accommodate more so they had to instigate a waiting list.

Bowls was a popular past time as between 1950 - 1966.

Men went to work on a Saturday, came home, changed, left the family to their own devices with mother in charge to enjoy a game with his friends for the afternoon.

Not only that, the KBC was the only available watering hole so the gentlemen could enjoy a pint of two in peace, as no women were allowed on the premises until 1978.

Previously, if supper or a special function was on the cards, only then, could women be invited to come into the

clubhouse to join in the conviviality.

It is to be wondered what toilet facilities were available for the ladies on those days.

Between 1926 and 1966 there was always a healthy surplus of at least 10% of the revenue.

The only year the club was in the red was n 1936 when the club house and grounds needed some renovations.

Like any Gentlemen's Club of yesteryear there were the Rules:

They were first presented on a typewritten sheet which is still in the clubs' records. Every few years these were discussed at the AGM and more were added.

In 1933 the position of Patron was deliberately omitted but the position of Bowls Secretary added instead.

One can only wonder what did the Patron did that was so ungentlemanly as to be eradicated from the records?!

However, in 1943 the Rules were amended and a new Rule made which provided for the election of not just a Patron, but Honorary Life Members as well.

Later in 1946 the Rules were considerably altered to comply with the Liquor Act.

They could not have actually complied as in 1959 some alterations to their Rules were again made as once again they had found their club to be on the wrong side of the Law.

Their watering hole was safe and could proceed in the same way as before.

. Elizabeth

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Results Sheet

AM Winner

Team 23

CLUB	Mona Vale	SCORE
LEAD	D Geddes	14
SECOND	S McFadden	
SKIP	S Witte	

PM Winner

Team 17

CLUB	Killara	SCORE
LEAD	O Watt	18
SECOND	G Little	
SKIP	B York	

Runner Up

Team 8

CLUB	Harbord	SCORE
LEAD	D Williams	31
SECOND	R Green	
SKIP	R Stevens	

Winner

Team 13

CLUB	Asquith	SCORE
LEAD	S Toohey	34
SECOND	P Keenan	
SKIP	A Fawcett	

SMART THESAURUS



I have never been especially cool. When I was a kid, I shoplifted a thesaurus. But then I felt so guilty, so sorry, so remorseful, so shameful, so repentant . . . I returned it.

I found myself in a pub in Cork, Ireland and a group of American tourists came in. One of the Americans said, in a loud voice, "I hear you Irish think you're great drinkers. I bet \$5,000 that no one here can drink 20 pints of Guinness in 30 minutes."

The bar was silent, but the American noticed one Irishman leaving. No one took up the bet.

40 minutes later, the Irishman who left returned and said, "Hey Yank, is yer bet still on?"

"Sure" said the American, "20 pints in 30 minutes for a bet of \$5,000 ."

"Grand," replied the Irishman, "so pour the pints and start the clock."

It was very close but the last drop was consumed with 2 seconds to spare.

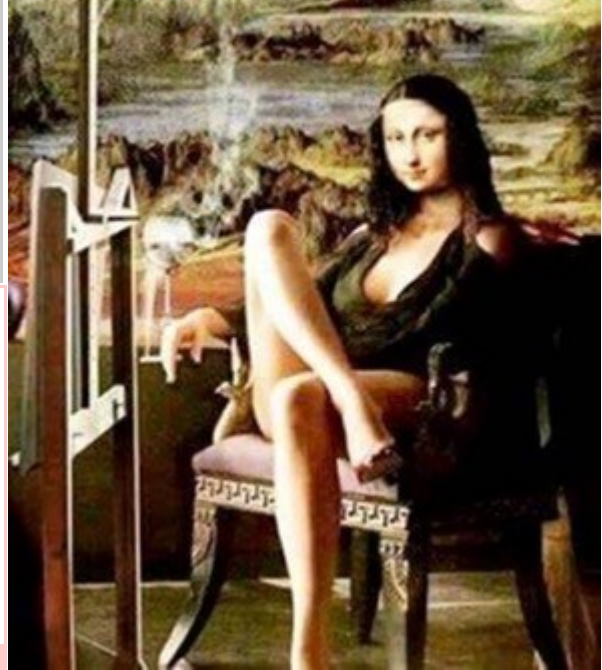
"OK Yank, pay up." said the Irishman.

"I'm happy to pay, here's your money" said the American. "But tell me, when I first offered the wager, I saw you leave. Where did you go?"

"Well sir", replied the Irishman, "\$5,000 is a lot of money to a man like me, so I went to the pub across the road first to see if I could do it.



Mona Lisa after 4 drinks.



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The trials and tribulations of a vet in harness:

Roving Reporter and Resident Veterinarian **Dr. Tony Hunt**

Scene 1 - A downmarket pub near the Vet School, Sydney University, a

Friday evening, 1969:

The end of term keg/booze up was in full swing and the entire Veterinary Science faculty, which was then mostly all male, was determined to get plastered courtesy of the Vet Student Society which supplied as many kegs of beer as were necessary to extinguish us at the end of every term.

Well into the evening a dozen or so of us hardened drinkers were gathered around the bar and flat out jabbering about the usual important topics - beer, birds and football. Suddenly I remembered that my very new girl friend (but not yet girlfriend as I hoped she would become) had invited me to a party at her stylish flat in Daring Point. Being passed the stage of responsibility due to all that free beer, I advised my equally inebriated mates about the party and gave them the usual instructions. This being a time honoured thing to do for mates and, as it was long before mobile phones, such planning was essential.

Knowing I was going to be late I drove like a maniac from Glebe to Darling Point hoping not to be pulled over and bothered by the minor inconvenience of being booked for driving under the influence - barely illegal then.

Scene 2 - An upmarket apartment in Darling Point, 20 minutes later:

I arrived breathless after parking 150 metres away, pressed her door bell and was a little surprised not to hear any party noise.

My luscious lady friend opened the door just as I realised I was by now smelling of beer, slurring my thoughts and not a little grubby in tee shirt and jeans (and sporting a little blood from the final surgery prac of the term).

"Oh I thought you had abandoned me, good of you to come on time and all dressed up!" she snarled sarcastically.

I realised immediately that something was wrong as I sauntered into the lounge/dining area to be greeted by a handful of guys and dolls in formal evening wear seated around a long dining table, with a very obvious vacant seat, and who appeared to be midway through their steak watchamacallit.

Being not entirely stupid and even allowing for my alcohol altered state I suddenly realised my girl friend's invitation was to her formal dinner party and apparently only meant for me.

Having been a long term boarder at a nearby school which had instilled into me some good manners, I was slowly able to recover the desperate situation, and I was soon en-

gaged in a superficial conversation with my fellow guests, some of whom I vaguely knew, and I was even having a bit of a laugh about the whole thing although girl friend was still scowling.



Then the doorbell rang.

An exceedingly well presented young lady sitting next to me while I was at least sampling the dessert, said to me "Who now?" which suddenly gave me a vague feeling of discomfort, but I couldn't put a finger on it.

Girl friend goes to the door and a cacophony greets her of which I caught a barely coherent "Me mate Tone shez zere's a party here and we're here to party, ha ha ha!" Oh *gosh* I thought - a gaggle of drunken vets crashing my brand new, hope to be lady-love's formal, intimate dinner party and all down to me.

I'm thinking this may not go down well but remain seated, wondering if I could tough it out.

Girl friend shuts the door in their faces and returns to the table to tell me that "some of your drunken friends are outside".

I considered my options but quickly realised I was in a poor negotiating situation.

I get up, now in a complete silence with all eyes on me and everyone thinking I'm something that rhymes with Merchant Banker and go to the door, open it and push pass my disorderly mates with the brief advice for them that "party's off" and head for my car.

I never darkened her door again – shame, really, as I think we would have made a great couple. *Tony*

FOR THOSE WHO COULD NOT GET THE POINT OF THIS STORY, HERE ARE SOME TIPS . . .



In General:

1. Never take an open stubby to a job interview...
2. Always identify people in your paddocks before shooting at them.
3. It's tacky to take an Esky to church.
4. If you have to vacuum the bed, it's time to change the sheets.
5. Even if you're certain you're included in the will, it's rude to take your ute and trailer to the funeral.

Eating Out:

1. When decanting wine from the box, tilt the paper cup and pour slowly so as not to bruise the wine.
2. If drinking directly from the bottle, hold it with only one hand.

Entertaining at Home:

1. A centrepiece for the table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist..
2. Don't allow a dog to eat at the table, no matter how good his manners.

Personal Hygiene:

1. While ears need to be cleaned regularly, this should be done in private, using one's OWN ute keys.
2. Even if you live alone, deodorant isn't a waste of money. But remember
3. Extensive use of deodorant can only delay bathing by a few days.

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Latest news from the UK Minister of the Navy:

The RN is proud to announce its new fleet of Type 45 destroyers. Having initially named the first two ships **HMS Daring** and **HMS Dauntless**, the Naming



Committee has, after intensive pressure from the European Union in Brussels, renamed them **HMS Cautious** and **HMS Prudence**.

The next five ships are to be **HMS Empathy**, **HMS Circumspect**, **HMS Nervous**, **HMS Timorous** and **HMS Apologist**.

Costing £850 million each, they comply with the very latest employment, equality, health and safety and human rights laws. The Royal Navy fully expects any future enemy to be jolly decent and to comply with the same high standards of behaviour.

The new user-friendly crew's nest has excellent wheelchair access. Live ammunition has been replaced with paintballs to reduce the risk of anyone getting hurt and to cut down on the number of compensation claims. Stress counsellors and lawyers will be on board, as will a full sympathetic industrial tribunal.

The crew will be 50/50 men and women, and will contain the correct balance of race, gender, sexuality and disability. Sailors will only work a maximum of 37 hours per week as per Brussels, even in wartime. All the vessels are equipped with a maternity ward, a creche and a gay disco. Tobacco will be banned throughout the ship, but recreational cannabis will be allowed in wardrooms and messes. The RN is eager to shed its traditional reputation for "Rum, sodomy and the lash" so out has gone the rum ration, replaced by sparkling water. Sodomy remains, now extended to include all ratings under 18. The lash will still be available on request. Saluting of officers is now considered elitist and has been replaced by "Hello Sailor".

All information on notice boards will be in 37 different languages and Braille. Crew members will now no longer have to ask permission to grow beards and/or moustaches. This applies equally to female crew. The MoD is inviting suggestions for a "non-specific" flag because the White Ensign may offend minorities. The Union Jack must never be seen. The newly re-named HMS Cautious will be commissioned shortly by Captain Hook from the Finsbury Park Mosque who will break a petrol bomb over the hull. She will gently slide into the sea as the Royal Marines Band plays the Village People's "In the Navy". The Prime Minister said, "Our ships reflect the very latest in modern thinking and they will always be able to comply with any new legislation from Brussels."

His final words were, "Britannia waives the rules."

Years ago, a young Navy Pilot was injured while ejecting from his A-4 Skyhawk due to engine failure during a cat shot from the carrier, but due to the heroics of rescue helicopter crew



and the ship's hospital staff, the only permanent injury was the loss of one ear. Since he wasn't physically impaired, he remained on flight status and eventually became an Admiral. However, during his career he was always sensitive about his appearance.

One day the Admiral was interviewing two Navy Master Chiefs and a Marine Sergeant Major for his personal staff.

The first Master Chief was a surface Navy type and it was a great interview. At the end of the interview the Admiral asked him, "Do you notice anything different about me?" The Master Chief answered, "Why, yes, Admiral. I couldn't help but notice that you are missing your starboard ear, so I don't know whether this impacts your hearing on that side." The Admiral got very angry at this lack of tact and threw him out of his office.

The next candidate, an Aviation Master Chief, when asked this same question, answered, "Well yes, Sir, you seem to be short one ear." The Admiral threw him out as well.

The third interview was with the Marine Sergeant Major. He was articulate, extremely sharp, and seemed to know more than the two Navy Master Chiefs put together. The Admiral wanted this guy, but went ahead with the same question. "Do you notice anything different about me?" To his surprise, the Sergeant Major said, "Yes Sir. You wear contact lenses." The Admiral was impressed and thought to himself, what an incredibly tactful Marine. "And how would you know that?" the Admiral asked. The Sergeant Major replied: "Well, sir, it's pretty hard to wear glasses with only one bloody ear." *Ken Howard*



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