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A NEW FLAG FOR OUR CLUBHOUSE WALL

Side players : Jono York, Bob Hill, Bruce York, Ian Armstrong, Roger Glover, Ray Date, Clem Just, Oswald Watt, Bob Bessemer

Our D side held on over the closing stages to record a terrific 77/70 victory over Seaforth in the 2019 Midweek Challenge Grade Final; in the process taking home our first ever MWC Flag.

Early on it appeared we would run away with the match by leading 27/14 after 18 ends and then 46/30 after 36 ends but **Seaforth** staged a spirited fight-back to trail by just 6 shots with 5 ends to play. Those closing ends were tight but Killara prevailed! For the Seaforth boys it was their second consecutive runners-up in D Grade. Commiserations!



VALE

Jean Dove Brierley
LIFE MEMBER
Joined KWBC 1982
Dedicated to club,
District and State
administration.
Champion player.
Aged 90
Tribute page 8

“ Jozef we wish you and Marie every happiness in the new chapter of your life but we are very sad to see you go . . .”

Chairman **Dale McBean** summarised the sentiments of the gathering when we said farewell to **Jozef Zazulak**. A member for 17 years, Bowls Secretary 10 years and prolific winner, Jozef and Maria are moving back to New Zealand.. *More page 9.*



JACK ATTACK returned to KBC with four rounds concluding Friday 8th November.

Eleven teams competed with **Reade's Raiders** taking the Chocolate with **Haudy Doody 2nd, Roll Models 3rd** and **Fighting J's 4th**.

A great fun format, very well organised by Tony Gale, Susie Meares, John Cameron and team, is bringing a lot of new faces to our greens. Happily there is more to come! *See page 3 for details.*



**THE
STORM**

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dale McBean



It is with much sadness that we were notified during the last month that **Jean Brierley** had passed away. Jean was, I believe, our longest standing lady member and was also a very much treasured **Life Member** of KBC. Jean was a very special lady and a great supporter

of our club. She will long be remembered by the older members of our club for the great service she gave to the KBC Women's Bowling Club

The end of year Cocktail Party was attended by about 40 members and their partners and was very successful. Unfortunately our "Party Girl" **Judy McLeod** was unable to attend due to a recent fall, from which she is presently recovering after surgery, but as usual it was "our Sue Cleary" who was there to make the show tick and make sure the catering was of her usual high standard.

Our social functions are always good fun and, as we are recognized as being the "friendly" club on the North Shore, I encourage those who did not attend to join us at our next social function so that you can meet your friends in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Thanks to **Darren Hargreaves** and his staff, our greens and grounds have been maintained in excellent condition throughout the year and it is a shame that we don't have a full green on every bowling occasion.

There has been an interesting change recently with **BowlsNSW** becoming "gender neutral" and this will produce a real challenge for our selectors when choosing the 2020 pennant teams. Several of the lady players are playing very well and are likely to bolster the strength of our Grade 5 and Grade 7 Pennant teams as we have lost several of the stalwarts from the last pennant season, viz. we have lost **Joe Zazulak**, he has returned to NZ, **Gof Bowles**, he has moved to Perth, and both **Scott Laffer** and **Richard Hinsley**, both having moved to the USA. Nevertheless this presents opportunities for other members to stand up and take their places.

Your Board is still actively talking with the respondents to our EOI and we hope that we will be able to hold another information night early in the New Year to inform members of our findings and provide alternative ways forward for discussion. Following this I anticipate we will provide a definitive motion for members to vote upon which will decide our future.

For our members who are not well I hope your health improves quickly and I hope that all members have a pleasant Christmas and Holiday season as well as a Happy and successful New Year followed by good health and good bowling during 2020.

A fast game is a good game

With next year's Pennant season looming, the selectors have been watching play by members and draw their attention to the following;

Rule 13.1 *Possession of the rink will belong to the player or team whose bowl is being played.*

Rule 13.2 *As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink will transfer to the opposing player or team after allowing time for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest.*

Therefore, you must not move onto the mat until it is yours hence you cannot bowl whilst the previous bowl is in motion. This is quite common at KBC and means that you are bowling without knowing if the head has changed.

Notwithstanding the above, a player should be standing behind the mat and ready to move onto the mat the moment the previous bowl comes to rest. **Do not remain seated waiting for your turn to play.**



MEASURE IMMEDIATELY

If there is doubt about which bowl is the shot, do not stand around discussing the situation or using split fingers to try and gauge which is the shot just measure immediately or, if a decision cannot be quickly reached, call an umpire.



SLOW PLAY IS A DRAG

When you watch bowls on television you observe how quickly the good players play. Their line up and delivery time is 5 to 10 seconds maximum. We have observed that some of our members are regularly taking 25 to 35 seconds on the mat before their bowl is delivered. This is totally unnecessary and slows the game down, making it less enjoyable for the other players and we are seeing some games finishing 30 minutes later than adjoining rinks. Slow play is covered by Rule A.5 and an opposing skip might see it as a deliberate "delaying tactic" and appeal to the umpire. The time allowed for an end if a team is "put on the clock" is 4 minutes after the jack has come to rest and been centred so be aware of this. If you are a slow player, you will also find your bowling will improve if you learn how to line up your target point more speedily and all will enjoy their game more.

Why shouldn't a dog fart in a lift?



Because it is wrong on so many levels

A fast game is a good game



KWBC PRESIDENT *Louise Amos*

As I am writing this piece for the newsletter, I cannot believe we are approaching the end of another year. During the last 2 months, Killara women played at St Ives, Pittwater, Neutral Bay and Northmead. *Ngoc Hau, Louise Amos, Warwick Bridge (Chatswood) and Rod Henriks* played at *Mona Vale George Vade Mixed 4's* and were lucky enough to have won the 3rd prize.



Anne Rands, Julie Dunn, Ngoc Hau and Louise Amos played at *Mona Vale Ham and Turkey Carnival* and only missed by a couple of points to bring the turkey home! This carnival usually signifies the end of the women carnival season for the year. It has indeed been a busy year. Killara women participated in over 25 carnivals (which included a few mixed inter-club matches kindly invited by Killara men), 6 district competitions as well as various internal club competitions.

Bowls NSW announced in September that from 2020 Bowls NSW Association events will be open to affiliated members of any gender. After discussion at Killara Joint Management Committee, it was decided that Killara men and women will join forces to play mixed pennants in 2020. Killara women will also be playing our own pennants having been elevated to Grade 2. This will certainly make 2020 a very busy year for us!

The other good news is Women Bowls NSW (WBNSW) announced in November that a motion had been passed and action is being taken to work towards the **unification of WBNSW and Bowls NSW**. This is indeed a pleasing, long-awaited news and a positive way forward to make our sport more competitive and to bring our sport to the next level. Looking forward to an exciting year of bowling.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and Merry Christmas. Good health, hope and peace for 2020.

Happy bowling everyone!

Louise.



Heads Up:

Jack Attack Returns in February

The successful **Jack Attack** series in March and November resulted in over 200 players participating in eight weekly events. **So twilight bowls will return Friday 14th, 21st and 28th February commencing 6pm.** Jack Attack format is 2 sets of 5 ends with a tiebreaker game if needed and a power play available per set (double points). A sign-up sheet will be available from late January on the KBC noticeboard for members or visitors can register by sending an email to jackattack@killarabowlingclub.com.au or leaving a message on 9498 2633. Bowls can be provided to visitors and going barefoot is optional.

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 cheese & nibbles 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.



CLUB PAIRS DECIDER

Continuing on his winning way *Jozef Zazulak* partnered with *Ken Astridge* to win the final of the **Club Pairs** in a thrilling one point decider on the last end 20/19.

Regrettably, *Tony Hunt* and *Ray Date* will not be able to get revenge, as reported in this KBN, Joe has departed for New Zealand.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Owen Holden

Our AGM was held in October and was well attended. The existing office bearers were all re-elected for another term. **Tony Gale** was also elected to the Joint Management Committee.

As most people know, there will be a major change to the **Men's Pennants** next year. Following a decree by Bowls NSW that the Pennants are to be gender neutral, KBC has decided to include ladies in our teams next year .

Following on from that, our inter-club Painting matches will also have players selected on merit irrespective of gender The **Cyril South** competition will remain a men's competition for 2020 .

The ladies will strengthen our teams and are particularly welcome in view of the loss of some of our top male bowlers including **Joe Zazulak, Scot Laffer, Gof Bowles** and **Richard Hinsley**, all of whom have left for greener pastures .

Here is a snapshot of current competition standings:-

EVENT	WINNER/S
MEN'S MAJOR SINGLES	JOZEF ZAZULAK
WOMEN'S MAJOR SINGLES	NGOC HAU
MEN'S MAJOR PAIRS	RICK EDWARDS TONY GALE
WOMEN'S PAIRS	NGOC HAU, LOUISE AMOS
MEN'S TRIPLES	CLEM JUST TONY GALE ROD HENRIKS
WOMEN'S TRIPLES	
MEN'S FOURS	ADRIAN MEREDITH TONY GALE JOHN LOCKARD ROD HENRIKS
WOMEN'S FOURS	
GISSING CONSISTENCY	ROD HENRIKS
WOMEN'S CONSISTENCY	
MEN'S MINOR SINGLES	TONY GALE
WOMEN'S MINOR SINGLES	
MEN'S MINOR PAIRS	ADRIAN MEREDITH JONO YORK
MEN'S CLUB PAIRS	KEN ASTRIDGE JOZEF ZAZULAK
MIXED PAIRS	TRISTAN LAU, LOUISE AMOS
MIXED TRIPLES	

After many years service as our Flag Orderly, **John Taylor** has stepped down following **Grahame South's** offer to take over. Many thanks John for doing a great job.

Our Jack Attack games held over four Friday evenings in Spring were again popular and many of those who attended were visitors .

More Jack Attack games will be held towards the end of Day-light Saving

Good Bowling OWEN



SENIOR PRENUP

A mature couple were about to get married, but before they said their vows, the woman wanted to talk...

She said: "I want to keep my house."

He said: "That's fine with me."

She said: "I want to keep my Mercedes."

He said: "That's fine with me."

She said: "And I want to have sex 6 times a week."

He said: "Put me down for Fridays."



FIRST FIRE AND SMOKE . . .

. . . AND THEN STORM!

The violent "Tornado" which carved it's way through our suburbs caused relatively little damage to our club and caused no loss of power. The only casualties were a branch in the carpark and astonishingly, a bare flagpole, one of four, which was flattened!



Many members were not so lucky, losing power for up to 7 days with all of the consequent discomfort and expense. There was also collateral damage . .

Under that tree is *Jill Shirvington's* four week old Mercedes. **OUCH!**

The sentiments of many thousands of North Shore residents are succinctly and vividly captured (opposite) in the words of our resident poet . . .

Anne Rands.



I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc.,

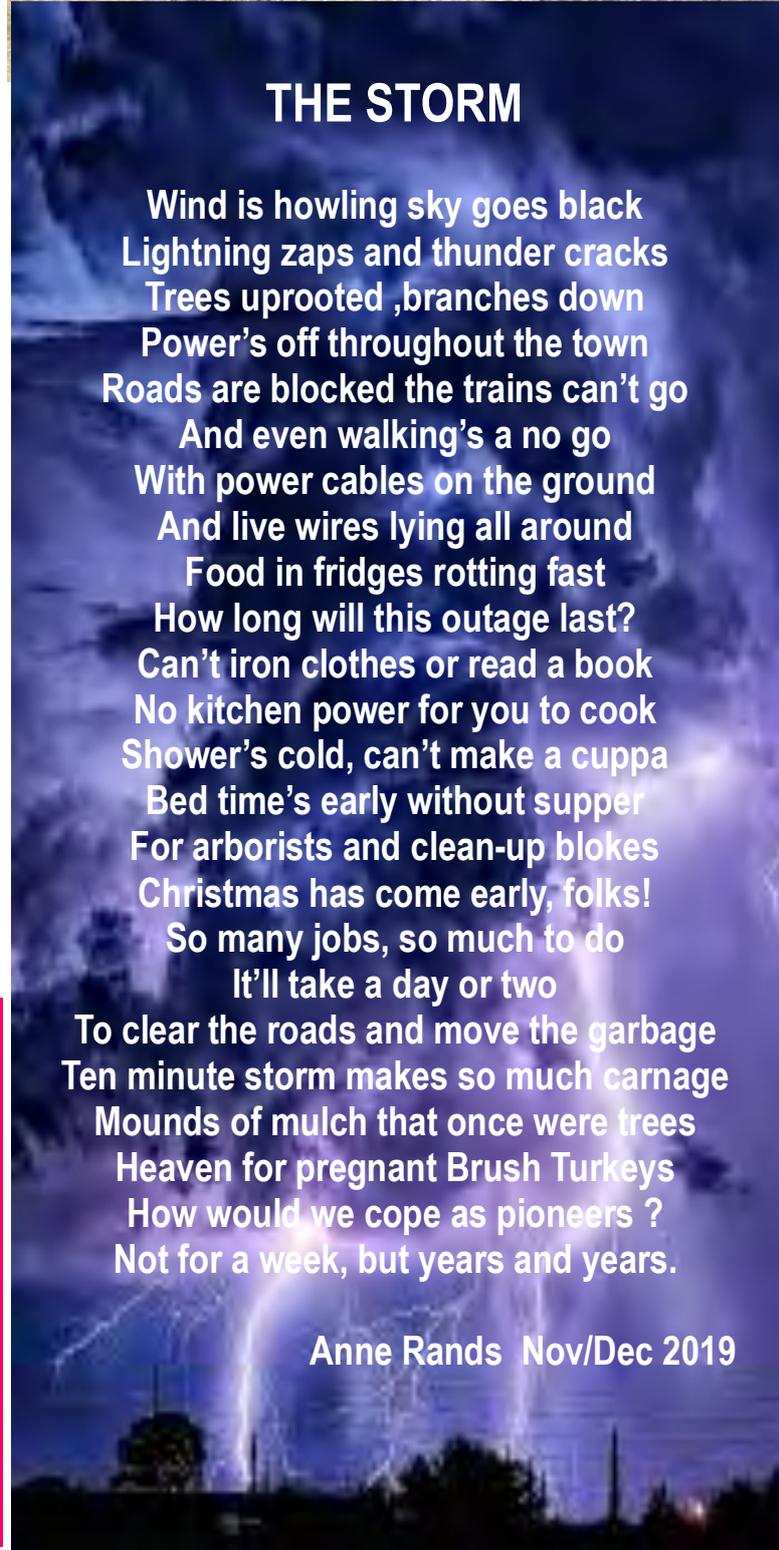
I called the Suicide Hotline. I got a call centre in Pakistan, and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck.



THE STORM

Wind is howling sky goes black
Lightning zaps and thunder cracks
Trees uprooted ,branches down
Power's off throughout the town
Roads are blocked the trains can't go
And even walking's a no go
With power cables on the ground
And live wires lying all around
Food in fridges rotting fast
How long will this outage last?
Can't iron clothes or read a book
No kitchen power for you to cook
Shower's cold, can't make a cuppa
Bed time's early without supper
For arborists and clean-up blokes
Christmas has come early, folks!
So many jobs, so much to do
It'll take a day or two
To clear the roads and move the garbage
Ten minute storm makes so much carnage
Mounds of mulch that once were trees
Heaven for pregnant Brush Turkeys
How would we cope as pioneers ?
Not for a week, but years and years.

Anne Rands Nov/Dec 2019





LANGHER PAINTING
KILLARA V WARRAWEE

Killara and Warrawee have been contending for the Langher Trophy, twice each year, since 1974 and have therefore played 92 matches. This completion is not as balanced as we would like: Warrawee having won 59 matches to our 32. If you are doing the math, the match 10/09 was drawn! So it was nice to restore the painting to our wall . . . So, we are the gridders on this occasion.

It feels good!



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Malcolm's Musings MEDICAL JARGON

My Hebridean Grandmother Evangelina Clemintina McDougal, who drank neat Geneva Gin from a cup and saucer in case the parson called, gave me an early love of strange words. I have traced most

Words like "hirple" and gizzening". But becoming a doctor added new dimensions. One has to be impressed by a profession, that says "xanthochromic" instead of "yellow", and "erythematous" instead of red. I feel sure many of these words had their origin in designing a language which patients were unable to understand, and also was based on classical scholarship. Dictionaries tell you the language roots but I want to know who made up such a gorgeous words as dysdiadokokinesis and borborygmi.

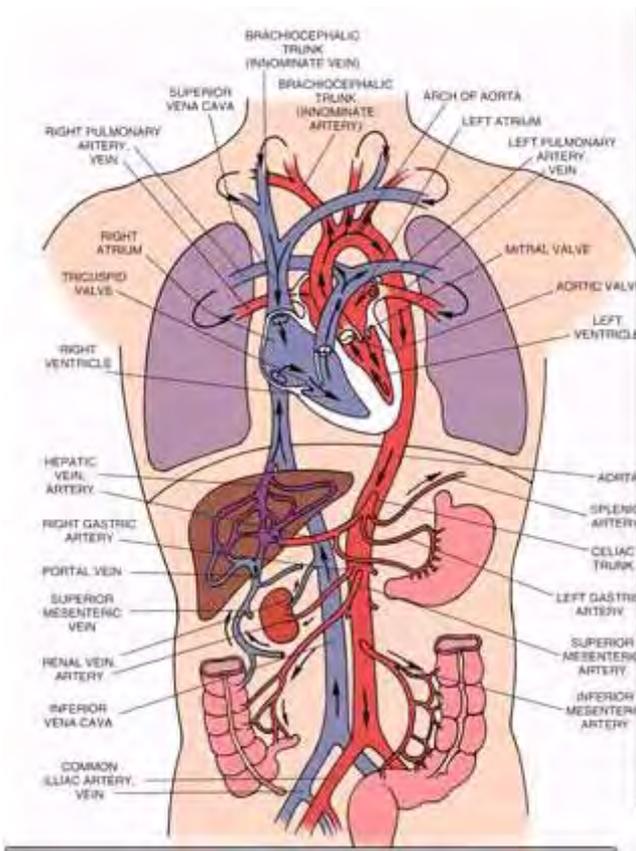
and ignorance rather than scholarship. My new word this week is atelectrauma, which means damage to the lung produced by ventilators. The origins are easy, the meaning function but there is nothing of the quality of the onomatopaea of borborygmi

And I still get annoyed by the free change of noun to verb and adverb. One of the romantic things about English is if you do it badly it becomes acceptable, unlike the French who have an academy to preserve their language.

I refuse to believe, for example that network is a verb. There was no group of drunken Greek scholars. It appears when a new discovery was made a University Department was asked for a name. Hence the Greek/Roman mix.

But for all this the poem post contest remains true.

"As a matter of fact, the state of the art
Deprives us words that are better than fart"
(The editor suggests *Obnoxious Effluvium*)



"So I said to her, 'How about giving me something to remember you by?'"



"Your insurance will cover either the vasectomy or the anesthetic. Your call."

I have visions of scholarly Poms with classical educations sitting around over a glass of sherry putting the words together. People like GKC and Coward. Even Google has failed me. I am sure the perpetrators were gentlemen which may explain why they never gave us a polite word for "fart". It is important information especially after surgery. They ran a contest once to find one and tried "exmeteorate" and "exogustate." I preferred the simple self-explanatory "traf" or "frabbage."

Medicine still makes up new words based on convenience



From page 1

Jean Brierley was real lady. A lady of courage, vivid sense of duty, full of zeal and energy, warm, caring and friendly.

Her early family life was not easy. Jean and her husband John had just set up a caravan park on the South Coast when

he died, but Jean courageously carried on.

Jean had four children. All won scholarships to complete their education. Jean eventually sold the caravan park and bought a house in Killara, but not long after, broke her back riding a child's bike.

It nearly took her life and caused a loss of height, but it did not curb her, evidenced by her achievements on the green.

In September 1982, using borrowed second hand bowls, Jean joined the Killara Bowling Club and promptly won the Minor Singles. Jean's successes on the green were extraordinary as shown opposite.

Apart from her performance on the green, Jean participated in all aspects of the club.

The KWBC elected her to positions of Secretary, Vice-president, Selector and Chairman of Selectors, Bowls Organiser and District Delegate.

In 1987 she became a National Umpire and later in 1991, a National Coach.

Jean was President of the KWBC from 2008-9, and during her time in office generated a caring, friendly atmosphere. New members were welcomed and encouraged to participate in everything.

Nothing was left to chance.

Jean organised the Trading Table and Raffles at many carnivals. The babies' booties she knitted for sale, were much sought after.

Jean died on 29 October 2019. Her life was one worth knowing.

Killara Bowling Club salutes her, She now can rest now.

Elizabeth D



Then Chairman, *Warwick Druce*, presents the Life membership badge to Jean at a Special General Meeting attended by a large gathering of members and family.

FOR THE RECORD

Jean joined September 1982

Secretary (1 term)

Vice-President (2 terms)

Selector (3 terms)

Chairman of Selectors (2 terms)

Bowls Organiser (1 term)

Delegate to District (2 terms)

National Umpire from 1987

National Coach from 1991

Achieved Championships

Minor Singles

Major Singles (6)

Pairs (4)

Triples (4)

Fours (3)

Mixed Pairs (4)

Mixed Triples (1)

Selected to play for District (5)

Runner-Up District Level State Singles

Played State Master Singles (4)

Played Champion of Club Champions (5)



Paddy says to Mick, "Set the alarm for five in the morning." Mick replies, " Why? There are only two of us!"

My mate just hired an Eastern European cleaner, took her 15 hours to Hoover the house. Turns out she was a Slovak.

I've been charged with murder for killing a man with sandpaper. To be honest I only intended to rough him up a bit.

Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40.

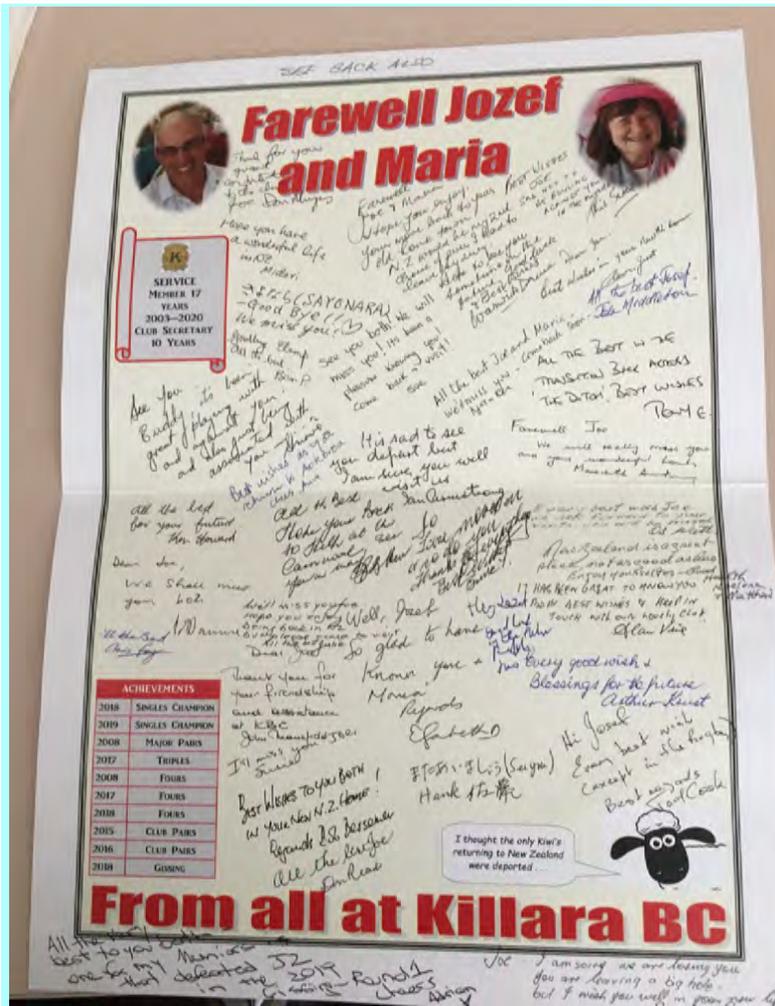
A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been found in Egypt. Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh Roher.....

In the first few days of the Olympics, eastern Europeans took gold, silver, bronze, copper and lead.

An Englishman has started his own business in Afghanistan. He is making Land Mines that look like prayer mats! It's doing well! Prophets are going through the roof!

A lad asks his granny, 'Have you seen my pills, they were labelled LSD?'

Granny replies, never mind the pills, have you seen the bloody dragons in the kitchen?



From page 1 . .

I'm sure our farewell card for Jozef and Maria will be a nostalgic memento of his days at KBC and the many friends he has here. If you are viewing this newsletter on your computer, you can increase the screen size so that you can see Jozef's Club service contribution and in particular the record of his prowess as a top bowler here at Killara; and a respected opponent in the Zone.

You can also read some of the sentiments of the many who signed his card . . A3 in size and closely annotated on both sides.

Below is the group photo taken at his last day.



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A BIG PARTY DESEVES A BIG BAND



Music brings people together. And what an occasion this was, with Live Jazz and Barefoot Bowls bringing three generations of family and friends together, playing, listening, and enjoying barefoot bowls on a lovely Aussie December afternoon.

What a vibe! An afternoon of music, good food, and good company.

Congratulations to the **Old Barker Association (OBA) Big Band - 19** in number taking the audience on a jazz journey through decades and genres, from Count Basie Orchestra classics such as the 'Flight of the Foo Birds' (1958), to a bright and high-octane rendition of 'Tank!' from the popular Cowboy Bebop soundtrack. They all then enjoyed letting their hair down on the green.

95 people attended, 5 children who had great fun, a couple who were spot on to the jack consistently, and another 8 adult onlookers and the 19 players. A very happy crowd with many voluntary helpers.

Many, many thanks to those who contributed, on the green, in the club, at the bar, with the food and in many different ways. Sincere thanks to Club Members, and Friends of the OBA Big Band.

To all those locals in Killara and Lindfield who could not join us because of major damage to their properties from the cyclonic type storm of 26-11-19, we wish you well in the massive clean-up required, and also to relatives and friends who have suffered enormously from the fires. We hope you can join us on another occasion.

Season's Greetings to all. *Pat Sinclair*



Zone 9 Rookie Pairs

Adrian Meredith and Tony Gale represented KBC at the Zone 9 Rookie Pairs at Harbord BC 26-27th October. While narrowly missing getting in the finals both players took some comfort that they were beaten by the eventual overall winner – Asquith. Both will still be eligible to play next year* and will be keen to seek revenge. KBC Rookies are encouraged to register next time we receive a Zone 9 invitation.

Tony Gale



*A Rookie is a player who has been bowling less than 30 months.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY



A FORTUNATE FORTY ATTENDED THE CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER. SUZEN EXCELLED HERSELF WITH DELIGHTFUL PLATTERS OF CANAPES INCLUDING CHEESES, SMOKED SALMON, PRAWNS, PASTRIES ETC.

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Matthew Johnson

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UPPER NORTH SHORE MARKET REPORT

MARKET UPDATE

LJ Hooker St Ives would like to offer you our professional real estate services, whether you are looking to sell or lease your property.

The local property market has been moving along exceptionally well and we have had a very busy couple of months. Low stock levels for houses and a high level of buyer demand, have really made it a great Sellers market. Over this short period we have had an outstanding level of buyer enquiry. After getting very healthy turn-outs at our inspections, we sold three different houses prior to Auction. Also we sold four luxury apartments to downsizer buyers (1 of these was a record price for the street and 2 of them sold prior to marketing to our database buyers).

*We just had an amazing Auction in St Ives in December. The family have owned this property for around 55 years and it is now a deceased estate. We had a massive level of buyer enquiry. There was a large crowd in attendance on the front lawn and we had 15 registered bidders. It sold at Auction for **WELL ABOVE THE RESERVE PRICE** and the underbidder missed out by only **\$1,000.***

The Auction clearance rates have been around 80% over recent months and we have buyers constantly asking us when more stock is coming onto the market. Also the Reserve Bank have kept the cash rate on hold in the lead up to the festive season, which should be good news for the property market & retailers.

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Regards,

Matthew Johnson and Noelene Johnson



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