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IT WAS LIKE THE *GOOD OLD DAYS* PRE COVID JUNE 18 CLUB DINNER *GOOD FOOD, GOOD COMPANY!*

It was the first social function since Christmas 2019 and it was a beauty! Adrian 'Cyclone' Meredith took charge front-of-house and wife Karen, teamed with Suzen in the kitchen. A delightful evening and a good club earner.

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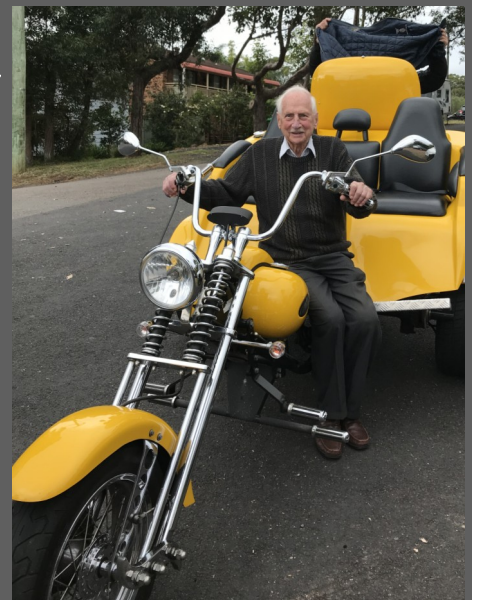


Pictures Louise Amos



KBN had also hoped to provide a report on the Trivia Evening planned for July 9th, now postponed by the current lock-down until further notice. Just as we were getting back into stride . . . bloody virus!

Never-the-less, there has been a pleasing increase in club activity and a few events worthy of recording in this epistle . . . including the news that our Life Member, Warwick Druce, on reaching his 90th year, has decided to fulfil his life-long dream of riding a Harley Davidson. It's never too late! P10. Anyway . . . read on. There are our Executive reports, a few observations and perhaps a joke or two. See you back on the green soon.





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CHAIRMAN *Brian Shirvington*

*Just when you thought
it was safe to go back
into the water . . . !!"*

A difficult time.....but we all have to be patient and abide by the rules. On that point, **Louise Amos** and her

team have it well in hand and will keep us up-to-date on what we can and can't do, and when we can and can't bowl.

On a more positive note, the recent club dinner was a huge success. With fifty-nine members and their guests in attendance everyone having a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, the "Trivia" Night has had to be POSTPONED. But more on that when things return to normal (whatever "Normal" may look like). We do plan to go ahead with the Trivia Night as we also plan to have many entertaining evenings such as a Comedy Night, Music Evening and Christmas in July (August, September or whenever Covid allows). We have gathered support for our functions from the local community as well as our next door neighbours, KLTC. Along with further interest from the local community and the efforts of **Paul Brech** and **Sue**, I am confident that future functions at KBC will be well supported and very successful events.

**DINE &
DISCOVER
NSW**

Aligned with this, **Adrian Meredith** has been successful in registering KBC for the Services NSW Dine and Discover Vouchers. Once the club is back up and running, we plan to promote this to the local community. To cater for the wider community, we will be making some minor adjustments to our menu offering. The main objective being to build awareness that KBC exists and to welcome new faces into the club house.

There has been recent debate at Council regarding a **Council Heritage Listing** being placed on both KBC and KLTC. At a recent meeting the Councilors voted in favour for the motion to "further investigate a Heritage Listing" on both sites. A report will be provided back to Council over the next few weeks. Detailed information on this may be found on the Ku Ring Gai Council website.

The Board is exploring the club's future options in light of the 5th March Member Vote, and we are planning a **Member Meeting to be held in September**.

All Members are encouraged to contact any of the Board Members, direct, with their suggestions. However, if this does not suit, a "Suggestion Box" has been placed in the club house and will be checked and cleared regularly.



We have received correspondence from a few members expressing their disappointment that they are no longer fit enough to play a full game of bowls. Our message to them is that they can play a **shortened game on Tuesdays for a discounted Green Fee of just \$10**. There are already a handful of senior members taking advantage of this on Tuesday morning.

Regards *Brian*



We love our regular **BIG DAY TRIPLES** visitors.
Hello **Clare** and **Kuan** from Chatswood.
Good bowlers too!

**I hate it when people act all
intellectual and talk about
Mozart, while they've never
even seen one of his paintings. .**



PRESIDENT *Tony Gale*

Since the last newsletter, BNSW & WBNSW advised in a joint communication that the two resolutions on unification were unanimously passed statewide. (See page 9) New Board appointments have been announced to reflect the agreed unified structure. While there is no further action required by KBC at this time, we can expect to receive advice on preliminary unification initiatives at club level in coming months.

2021 Zone 9 Pennants Finals were held 29th-30th May at Belrose and Harbord with Harbord winning all Grade Finals except Grade 2 which was won by North Sydney. Despite bitterly cold weather on both days the standard of play was 'top shelf' and the outcome of some matches was only determined during the last end.

ZONE 9 PENNANTS RESULTS 2021

Grade 2	Winner	Nth Sydney	Grade 2	R-Up	Harbord
Grade 3	Winner	Harbord	Grade 3	R-Up	Asquith
Grade 4	Winner	Harbord	Grade 4	R-Up	Manly Vale
Grade 5	Winner	Harbord	Grade 5	R-Up	Forestville
Grade 6	Winner	Harbord	Grade 6	R-Up	Belrose
Grade 7	Winner	Harbord	Grade 7	R-Up	Belrose

The Major Singles and Pairs KBC Club Championship competitions commenced on schedule in May – June and Minor Singles matches were due to commence in early July. Obviously, the current NSW COVID restrictions will impact our schedule however we will be looking to remaining competitors to be aggressive in using Wednesdays and Saturdays to complete outstanding matches as quickly as player availability allows. If necessary, we will cancel the Fours competition as we had to do in 2020 due to COVID impact.

Killara was scheduled to host Lindfield Rollers on Saturday 19th June, however unfortunately, adverse weather caused play to be cancelled on the day. A new date will be selected once COVID restrictions allow. The intention is that later in the year that Lindfield Rollers will host Killara.

Zone 9 is seeking nominations from clubs by 23rd July to participate in the 6 round Mid-Week Challenge competition commencing Wednesday 11th August. A side comprises 9 players (3 x Triples). *Chris*

Fay as Bowls Secretary is coordinating and has placed a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard noting the intention is to field at least a D Grade team (Pennants Grade 7 equivalent) noting Killara was the last winner of this flag in 2019 (not held in 2020 due COVID).

Members were advised last month that *Julie Dunn* has joined the Selectors Committee and the JMC is currently seeking volunteers to be a Selector for the year ahead.

JMC has approached our Coaches and are happy to advise that there will be 5 one-hour **Coaching Clinic** sessions scheduled to take place on the last Saturday of each month at 11am. The first session was conducted by *Rick Edwards* on 26th June. Interested players have been asked to put their name and any specific requirements (e.g. improve forehand) on the Coaching Registration Sheet on the noticeboard. The intention is for the session to go ahead even if there is only one interested member. However, if there is no

interest by the Wednesday before the scheduled date, the session will be cancelled.

Cards will be called in the clubhouse or on the green (if COVID requires) at 12.15pm prior to Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday play was re-introduced last month and seems to have been well received. This requirement has been added to the Roll-Up Room duties.

COVID restrictions permitting, the intention for the next 3 months is to complete as many

Club Championship competitions as possible and to participate in the Zone 9 Mid-Week Challenge competition. We are also investigating having one or more enhanced **Thursday First National Johnson** events before December to encourage more visitors in return for an attractive guaranteed winner's prize.

A **Jack Attack** (Barefoot Bowls) series is also being considered to commence in October.

Happy bowling! Tony

**COVID RESTRICTIONS
APPLICABLE ALL BOWLING CLUBS**

CLUBHOUSE CLOSED

**NO BOWLING ACTIVITY WHATEVER
INCLUDING PRACTICE**



**PRESIDENT AND
HOUSE-MANAGER**
Louise Amos

Some of us managed to pack a few matches and carnivals in during May and June before COVID struck again

First of all, I would like to congratulate **Anne Rands** for claiming the title of 2021 Killara Women's Bowling Club **Major Singles Champion**. I had the pleasure of marking the final between Anne and **Julie Dunn**. Anne was able to perform under pressure and delivered some lovely draw shots to claim the title. Congratulations Anne and great effort Julie.



Ngoc Hau and I entered in this year's **District Pairs**. Anne Rands and Julie Dunn also entered but withdrew due to personal reasons... there is always next year. Preliminary rounds were played in challengingly wet conditions in the first week of May. Fortunately, the weather was kinder to us on final's day when Ngoc and I played against **Elizabeth Blackwell** and **Midori Matsuoka** of Neutral Bay. It was a very close match but Ngoc and I were lucky to win by 1 shot to claim the title.

The Regional Play off was played in the afternoon on the same day against Seaforth. Ngoc and I played well but were not able to win through in the end. Despite the loss in the RPO, we were happy with the way we played and proud of our achievement of being back-to-back District Pairs winners.

Ngoc Hau, Julie Dunn and I participated in the District Triples which was played in the second week of May. After 2 rounds, we found ourselves in the final

playing against Neutral Bay again. We were neck and neck the whole way through until the last couple of ends when we lost our concentration and went down by a few shots. Never mind, we will be back next year! Ngoc, Julie and I were also lucky with our endeavor at the **Carlingford Turn-Around-Triples Tournament** where we won the 1st prize. Other district / inter-club activities included District Singles, Dee Why Versatility Day (Killara came 5th) and Seaforth Seafood Carnival. Some KWBC players were delighted to have been selected to participate in the **Langker Painting** competition vs Warrawee and also played alongside our KBC bowlers in this year's Grade 5 and Grade 7 Pennants. With the unification of Bowls NSW and Women's NSW, we would like to see more open competitions at all levels in the not-too-distant future. I would like to welcome **Yvonne Taylor** back on the green after a long period of absence.



I found the most common topic on the green lately has been about COVID. Have you had your first jab? Are you fully vaccinated? Did you have any side effects with your first jab? Where did you get your vaccination shots? Keep well and keep safe until we see each other again.

When writing this, a further week of lockdown was announced containing us until Friday 16th. Cross fingers it will see the end of it.

Whether we will be or not, it is important that we keep up our vigilance with COVID safety measures; wear our masks in indoors settings and on public transports, check in and check out of venues, keep up our hand hygiene habit and check NSW Health website for up to date COVID updates and location alerts.

Keep well and keep safe until we see each other again.

Happy Bowling Louise



JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: (Left and Clockwise) Louise Amos, Chris Fay, Tony Gale, Alan Vine, Graham Dowle and Grahame South.

Nymphomaniac Convention

A man boarded at Heathrow Airport for New York, and taking his seat he noticed a very beautiful woman boarding the plane. He realised she was heading his way and bingo - she took the seat right beside him. "Hello", he blurted out, "Business trip or vacation?" She turned, smiled enchantingly and said, "Business. I'm going to the annual nymphomaniac convention in the United States"

He swallowed hard. Here was the most gorgeous woman he had ever seen sitting next to him, and she was going to a meeting for nymphomaniacs!

Struggling to maintain his composure, he calmly asked, "What's your business role at this convention?"

"Lecturer," she responded, "I use my experience to debunk some of the popular myths about sexuality."

"Really", he smiled, "what myths are those?"

"Well," she explained, "one popular myth is that African-American men are the most well endowed when, in fact, it's the Native American Indian who is most likely to possess that trait. Another popular myth is that French men are the best lovers, when actually it is the men of Greek descent... We have also found that the best potential lovers in all categories are the Irish."

Suddenly the woman became uncomfortable and blushed. "I'm sorry," she said. "I really shouldn't be discussing this with you, I don't even know your name!"

"Tonto," the man said. "Tonto Papadopoulos, but my friends call me Paddy."



Irish Fire Insurance

A man and his wife moved back home to County Cork, from London. The wife had a wooden leg and to insure it in Britain was £2,000.00 a year!

When they arrived, they went to an Insurance agency to see how much it would cost to insure the wooden leg. The agent looked it up on the computer and said to the couple, €39.00.

'The husband was shocked and asked why it was so cheap here in Ireland to insure, because it cost him £2,000.00 in England ! The agent turned his computer screen to the couple and said, 'Well, here it is on the screen, it says:

'Any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system over it, is €39.00.'

I often do find the Irish Logic far superior to most others.





Irrepressible **Dafna Orbash** visited with us and reported great success with her knee operation and promised to be joining us again on Thursdays again in the near future. As it happens, three young guys came in looking to play some bare foot bowls. No need to guess who immediately volunteered to show them how it's done!

While enjoying their evening cocktails, the wife asks her husband, in very seductive voice, "Have you ever seen twenty dollars all crumpled up?" "No," said her husband. She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top 3 or 4 buttons of her blouse and slowly reached down into the cleavage created by a soft, silky push-up bra, and pulled out a crumpled twenty dollar note. He took the crumpled twenty dollar note from her and smiled approvingly. She then asked him, "Have you ever seen fifty dollars all crumpled up?" "Uh... no, I haven't," he said, with an anxious tone in his voice. She gave him another sexy little smile, pulled up her skirt, and seductively reached into her panties..and pulled out a crumpled fifty dollar note. He took the crumpled fifty dollar note and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.

"Now," she said, "have you ever seen fifty thousand dollars all crumpled up??" He said, "No!," trying to contain his excitement. She said, "Check the garage."



Mick bumps into Paddy in the street, walking with a greyhound. "That's a fine looking dog, Paddy." Said Mick. "Are you going to race him?" "No bloody way." said Paddy. "He's far too quick."





Pictures
Louise Amos/ Editor



In May 2019, the group picture on the left was taken of 20 year member, *Gof Bowles* on his departure to take up residence in Perth.

Two years later he dropped in to say G'day and the occasion was once again recorded in a group photo.

See you in two years time Gof!



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THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S NSW BOWLING ASSOCIATIONS ARE NOW UNIFIED.

Ballots of members of both Bowls NSW and Women's Bowls NSW were conducted online during the period 7 May to midnight on 30 May 2021. For Bowls NSW each club held a Special General Meeting to vote on the resolutions. The results of each club's votes were transmitted to their respective Zone Secretary or Delegate who tallied the votes from all clubs in their Zone and then reported that resulted online to Elections Australia. In addition to the 16 Zones, the 7 Bowls NSW Directors were each also entitled to a vote bringing the total number of potential votes to 23. Resolution A read :- That the constitution of the Royal NSW Bowling Association Limited (RNSWBA) be amended and replaced with the Constitution marked with the letter "A" Votes in favour of Resolution A .. 23 Votes opposed to Resolution A 0 Total Votes Submitted 23 Accordingly, Resolution A is passed by a 100% majority. Resolution B read :- If Special Resolution A is approved; That the Boards of RNSWBA and the New Bowls Entity be authorised to take all necessary steps to effect resolution A above. Votes in favour of Resolution B 23 Votes opposed to Resolution B 0 Total Votes Submitted 23 Accordingly, Resolution B is passed by a 100% majority. For Women's Bowls NSW Each club held a Special General Meeting to vote on the resolutions. Each club then directly sent their result online to Elections Aus-

tralia. A total of 335 clubs registered to vote. Resolution A read :- That the constitution of the New South Wales Women's Bowling Association Inc. be amended and replaced with the Constitution marked with the letter "A" Votes in favour of Resolution A .. 314 Votes opposed to Resolution A ... 3. Total Votes Submitted 317 Accordingly, Resolution A is passed by a 99.05% majority. Resolution B read :- If Special Resolution A is approved; That the Boards of WBNSW and the New Bowls Entity be authorised to take all necessary steps to effect resolution A above. Votes in favour of Resolution B 314 Votes opposed to Resolution B 3 Total Votes Submitted 317 Accordingly, Resolution B is passed by a 99.05% majority.

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Happy Birthday Warwick

Warwick Druce joined KBC in 1996, 25 years ago. He has taken an active role in both sporting and administrative affairs virtually since that day, joining the committee the same year. That was just the start. He went on to . .

President 1999 to 2005

Chairman 2005 to 2009

Elected Life Member 2008

Warwick has his name on the honour boards of virtually every competition becoming **Club Champion 2006-07**. He carried the Killara flag far and wide in interclub and zone competitions.

For about 21 years of his membership Warwick was **House Manager**. In 1997 when he assumed this role, Warwick decided on a major reorganisation to improve services and reduce costs. The changes were radical.

It was in this capacity that he made his greatest coupe. He interviewed and employed, trained and directed a young woman and together they made this place tick.

If you look carefully, you will see a path from his home in Werona Ave to the club; Warwick could be found here at all odd times of day and night.

The young woman did the work of three and smiled. 24 years later and **Suzen Cleary** is still here and still smiling! We named a green after Warwick maybe we should name this Clubhouse . . **Cleary's Castle!!** Bless them both.



Pat Sinclair, a member for 33 years, is another KBC treasure who, even not bowling now, is a very active contributor physically and financially.

The spectacular cake was designed and baked in her kitchen and every morsel was edible and delicious! Bless you too, Pat!



This must be close to a record.

In our final Grade 7 pennants match against Pittwater RSL, KBC were behind on two rinks and just ahead on the rink skipped by **John Lockard**. Prospects looked even worse when on the last end and with his last bowl in

hand, John was five down!

With his final bowl, John masterfully trailed the jack into the ditch and Killara went from five down to seven up. A **turnaround of 12 shots with one bowl!**

This won their game and levelled the board to draw 65 each!!

Report Ted Cook

Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.

I lost my job as a stage designer.

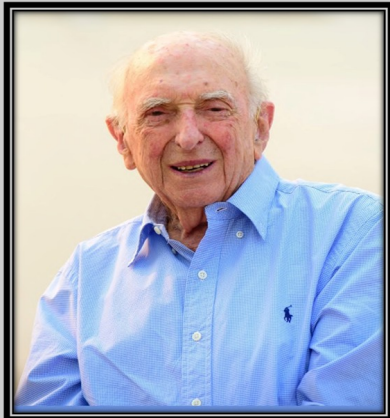
I left without making a scene.

A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.

If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.



VALE



JIM ARMITAGE (92)

Member 22 Years

A quiet and affable companion, Jim had not been seen at the club for sometime but his passing is sad news for all who bowled with him. His funeral occurred 22 June. The event was very well attended and splendidly conducted by his extended family.

It was revealed, at the service, that Jim had been writing poetry for at least 20 years which he had kept in

his private papers. Six examples were in the Order of Service. Here is one of them:

THE BOY INSIDE

*Eighteen to eighty is a long way
Says the boy inside the old man
Roaming his eye over the years
As the boy in an old man can:
Letting his memories stray
Through the fears and the joy and the tears
Where the threads of his life began.*

*The old man wrestles his days
In bewildering whirls of change
Jostled and teased by the teeming
Hosts of the World's woes through the strange
Meanderings of a maze
Where every step his foot betrays;
While the boy inside stays dreaming.*

Jim Armitage (1929-2021) 2010



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UPPER NORTH SHORE MARKET REPORT

Most of the people at Killara Bowling Club are aware that property prices have increased over the past 6 months. How many members have had an updated market appraisal of their home or investment property? As proud sponsors, we would like to provide you with a complimentary market appraisal, including relevant information about recent recorded sales and graphs showing market activity.

The local market has been very resilient and is continuing to move along smoothly, despite the temporary setback from the Covid lockdown. We have been incredibly busy and recently sold 9 different properties within a short 5 week period (including sales in Killara, Gordon, St Ives & North Turramurra). We had an exciting Auction at St Ives in June. We had 10 registered bidders and 55 bids were made. The underbidder missed out by only \$1,000 and it sold for a massive \$341,000 over the reserve price.

There is currently a noticeable shortage of homes on the market and it is really an outstanding time to sell. To entice you, we would like to offer our valued club members a very special deal. We will provide FREE marketing (worth around \$5,000) and FREE partial styling (worth around \$3,000), when you Exclusively list and sell your property with First National Real Estate Johnson.

Wishing everyone good health and prosperity!

Matthew Johnson and Noelene Johnson



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