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# HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY



50 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATED MICHAEL TSOLAKIS' CENTENARY IN JANUARY.

See story page 4.



The last newsletter from this editor, issued in June last year, anticipated a General Meeting in September which would decide the

future of KBC and the Arnold/ Locksley properties.

This did not happen.

So it would seem that both this publication and 'the momentous decision' entered a time-warp.

KBN has re-emerged, hopefully to presage an early meeting and answer to what has become the 'eternal question'.

We will see.

In the meantime we have the blessing of a constant and reliable presence . . .



## CENTENARY CLUBS GALA DAY

Playing at North Sydney our team was undefeated and brought home the Trophy. Congratulations: *Chris, John, Os and Jono!*



Welcome to KBC. We hope to see you often . . .

Belinda Allan <i>Soc</i>	Caroline Mackay <i>Soc</i>
Derek Cornelius <i>Full</i>	Richard Mackay <i>Soc</i>
Archie Darbar <i>Soc</i>	Ramaswany Nagarajan <i>Full</i>
Neridah Fay <i>Soc</i>	Dafna Orbach <i>Assoc</i>
Donald Hodges <i>Soc</i>	Ivo Porfiri <i>Full</i>
Judy Hodges <i>Soc</i>	Robin Riches <i>Soc</i>
Matthew Johnson <i>Full</i>	Bruce Robins <i>Assoc</i>
Noelene Johnson <i>Full</i>	Anne Sinclair <i>Soc</i>
Robert Jordan <i>Soc</i>	Elizabeth Thomlinson <i>Full</i>
Angus Mackay <i>Soc</i>	John Townend <i>Full</i>



## PRESIDENT *John Lockard*

This is my first report for 2023. Where did 2022 go? **Joint Management Committee:** As President, I am also a member of the JMC, and I would like to acknowledge my fellow

members: **Chris Fay** (Bowls Secretary) and **Grahame South** (Zone 9 Rep.)

I also acknowledge the hard work of **Rod Henricks** (Chair of Selectors and Club Coach).

It would be useful to have some more assistance at times and a greater diversity of opinion when it comes to making decisions for the Club – please give some thought to volunteering for the JMC.

My wife **Crystal** and I will be travelling overseas from 21 April to 27 July so I know Chris Fay would value some assistance during this absence.

**Social Bowls:** Social Bowls has continued to be held on Wednesday/Thursday/Saturday this year.

The weather has proved to be very variable, from unseasonably cold and windy to hot and humid. Therefore, our numbers have generally been down this year. The exception has been Thursdays, when the Jackpot for the **Johnson First National Big Day Triples**.

We intend to hold another Johnson First National Gala Day in April. This was a great success last September when we had 22 teams playing.

**Membership & Recruitment:** We have intentionally not held any recruitment activities over the past year as we wait to see what comes of the negotiations with **The Norths Collective**.

*Never-the-less, 20 new members have joined and are welcomed on the front page.* However, we do need fresh blood in our playing members; if every one could bring along just one new member it would make a huge difference to the club

If you have friends or acquaintances who you think might be interested in joining the club, please invite them along to bowls or to one of our social events.

All categories of membership are open:  
Full, Associate, Social and Junior

**Mid-Week Challenge:** Was proposed to be held by Zone 9 in the latter part of last year but KBC decided not to participate.

**Pennants:** KBC entered a single side in Division 4 (the equivalent of Grade 6 & 7) of the Men's Pennants in August & September of last year. We were very successful, winning our section undefeated.

*A separate report is on page 3.*

Pennants will return to an Open Gender, 10-week format this year– the first round will be on Saturday, 25th February. KBC will enter a Grade 7 side, and a Grade 5 composite side with Chatswood. The draw has not yet been announced by the Zone 9 Match Committee.

The Grade 7 side has just had a trial game against Chatswood, and the Grade 5 side against Lindfield. We will have a second trial game against Warrawee on Saturday, 18th February (at Killara).

**Langker Painting Match:** Every year KBC plays Warrawee BC twice for the honour of holding the Langker Painting for another 6 months. This competition was initiated by Warrawee's Stewart Lamb and Arthur Salenger in 1973 when they issued a challenge to Killara for an inter-club triples match; it has been held continuously ever since.

The most recent event was held on Wednesday, 12th October (the 99th iteration!) and was at Killara Again, Warrawee retained the painting; the scones and fellowship were superb as usual!

**Internal Competitions:** The JMC decided to hold the following internal competitions last year:

I note that we are still completing 2022 events. We need to try and complete events faster this year and that requires cooperation by all entrants.

Competition	Winners
Major Singles	Brian Shirvington
Major Pairs	Rod Henriks/Tristan Lau
Minor Singles	Bruce York
Minor Pairs	Tom Ferenci/Mark Morton
Club Pairs	Not yet held
Place of Origin	Not yet held
Gissing Consistency	In progress

The JMC proposes to have the same events in 2023. We will not have any Triples or Fours competitions again this year as the team count is likely to be too low to enable a worthwhile competition.

We did not hold the Cyril South in 2022 and the JMC hopes it can be held in 2023.

The JMC will put up the schedule of Internal Competitions for 2023 after the Pennant Draw has been announced by Zone 9.

**Social Events:** Fifty members gathering at the Club for a Cocktail Party to celebrate with **Michael Tsolakis** the achievement of his 100th Birthday.

A great time was had by all, and I know that Michael greatly valued members coming together to celebrate his milestone and his many contributions to the Club.

Until next time, *John*



### **KILLARA IN DIVISION 4, ZONE 9 PENNANTS FINAL**

It is appropriate to thank and congratulate everyone for a very strong performance at **Harbord** on the weekend 15,16 October. While KBC did not bring home the flag this time, all members whom played during the Competition and the Final should hold their head high and take pride in the KBC Division 4 Team's achievement.

The Division 4 Pennant Competition consisted of 20 teams, entered by 17 clubs, and the Killara team was one of four that played for the "Pennant" in the Final, consisting of a three Game "round robin" held within 30 hours. Killara started well, successful against eventual "Runners Up", Harbord, and by a margin of 14 on the "big board". At the conclusion of the first day and second game, all four teams were separated by 1½ points only. The "Pennant" was still within grasp of all four teams, and going to one of the two winning teams of the last game.

Going into the last game, the Killara Team needed to be successful on the "big board", and across all rinks. After a slow start, the Killara Team bravely fought back and at one stage was ahead. It was looking good, but to the credit of opponents and eventual Division 4 Pennant winner, **Warringah**, they came back at us and took the board 61 points to 54 points. To put this 7 margin into perspective, a four shot turnaround over 63 ends would have had us across the line. But then again, we also needed the rinks. So close, yet the Killara Team finished the Final knowing they had delivered a very strong performance overall.

Of course congratulations goes to the Warringah Team on their Pennant win, by ½ a point over Harbord. They shall now play in the State Final at **Warilla** Bowling & Recreational Club over 18th to 20th November.

Underlying comments received from participating KBC Team members were positive and commonly conveyed the weekend was an enjoyable and memorable lawn bowling experience. Everyone could feel the air of tension amongst club team players before commencement of each match, and were also amused at some individual opponents going absent in the course of a match for a "calming" drink or smoke, in some instances both. Additionally, to play on a true and fast green was welcomed, but for some adjustment took a little time. Just about without exception, all agreed their game improved as the weekend progressed.

The Killara Team photograph taken on Sat 15th, is above. Please note absent from the photograph is **Chris Fay** and **Don Murphy**, both whom played on Sun 16th.

For KBC Selectors

**Rod Henriks / John Lockard**



Chairman **Brian Shirvington** honoured our centenarian and entertained guests with a “*This is Your Life*” presentation.”



The club provided a substantial and excellent range of Hors D’oeuvres. Our front page picture shows two cakes which provided a very satisfactory dessert. One was provided by Life Member **Barbara Cotton** and the other, in what would seem to be a tradition, by **Pat Sinclair!**

See opposite.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

As our club has, itself, been in existence for 107 years it is hardly surprising we have had a number of members hitting three figures. Of those who have marked the occasion at the club, I have found three others:  
A **W. Whitehead** turned 100 in 1950 and with a wry sense of humour, the Board appointed him a Life Member!



Although already a Life Member, **Graham Firth** had his bash in December 2006. My recollection is that nearly 100 attended the event. And yes, this is the bloke that names our number one green.  
(See KBN 15)



Advance to February 2012 and **Otto Herbst** was presented with the magnificent cake shown here, baked and decorated by none other than . . . **Pat Sinclair!** About 80 members and friends were thereto enjoy it.  
(See KBN 36)

*I wonder who will bake Pat's cake when she hits her ton?!*



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## A WORD FROM A COACH

**PRACTICE IS REALLY THE ONLY WAY TO IMPROVE YOUR BOWLS DELIVERY.**

Members can use open greens for this purpose on any day except Monday. Refer to the Greenkeepers Notice Board adjacent to the roll-up room.

Some thoughts on taking your **stance** on the mat. As bowls is a game of graceful arcs and curves, what effect would the introduction of a circular mat have on your game? Maybe fewer of your deliveries would end up crossing the head.

With the rectangular mat placed on the centre line there are many lines you must ignore in your mind as you **focus** on the most important element of a correct stance viz. the alignment of shoulders and hips at right angles to your intended **grass line**.

When you step onto the mat make sure that your anchor foot is along the direction of your grass line. If your body is correctly aligned then all that remains is to take a short step forward, while bending from the waist, ensuring that your bowling arm describes an arc along that intended line, and deliver the bowl smoothly on its way to the head. If your foot is pointing along the centre line, or parallel to the sides of the mat, your bowl will probably cross the head and not do what you intended.

At the moment of delivery the bowl is much closer to the centre line of your body than most of us realise, and at that instant your chest should be stationary over your grass line. Any movement of your breastbone, to the left, right, up or down will interfere with the intended path of your bowl.

### **“Grooving your Stance and Delivery.”**

When you go out to practise your delivery do not worry about drawing to a jack. You must focus on your stance position and body action to the exclusion of everything else. You should endeavour to “groove your delivery” to bring your “margin of error” down to a square metre – quite an art.

*When you can deliver four consecutive bowls within a metre square, you are getting somewhere. With this consistency you can move onto your length!*

### **Some points to consider in your practice session:**

1 Step onto the mat from behind, along the chosen grass line.

- 2 Body aligned correctly to grass line; weight on balls of the feet.
- 3 Correct grip and bias on bowl.
- 4 Hold bowl out forward with your wrist below the elbow and feel the weight of the bowl.
- 5 Allow the weight of the bowl to determine the backswing. Hold the bowl higher in front of you for longer ends or on heavy greens in order to get more length.
- 6 Focus on a point on your grass line, about four metres out, and with a short step and pendulum swing deliver the bowl over this point.
- 7 Make sure that your chest is stationary at the moment of delivery, and remain down looking at the palm of your hand and your stare point during your follow through until the bowl is four metres on its way.
- 8 Step forward and stand to watch the path of your bowl.

During practice deliver four bowls on the fore-hand over the same ‘stare’ point, along the same grass line, then four similarly on the back hand. The choice of your stare point should determine the length. As your stance and your delivery become more consistent so your grouping will improve and your “margin of error” diminish. At the end of your delivery it is important that you stay down and watch your follow through – elbow and wrist straight, palm up at about knee height and pointing along the grass line. Every time you ‘grass’ a bowl aspire to **“doing it better”**.

### **Now, on a point of etiquette:**

In a match, when your bowl stops, the mat transfers to your opponent and you and your director must retire two metres behind the mat or jack (or onto the bank) after marking your toucher. The director can only be in the head when his/her side has possession of the mat.

*Enjoy your bowling.*





### GREAT SEA STORY

The passenger steamer *SS Warrimoo* was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought Captain John Phillips the result. The *Warrimoo's* position was LAT 0° 31' N and LONG 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line". Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check and double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed.

The calm weather and clear night worked in his favour. At mid-night the *SS Warrimoo* lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The bow of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere and in the middle of summer.

The stern was in the Northern Hemisphere and in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899; and in the bow, it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in:

- Two different days,
  - Two different months,
  - Two different years,
  - Two different seasons
- But in two different centuries - all at the same time!



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## I AM NOT SURE WHO I AM ANYMORE.

As an individual, I used to think I was pretty much just a regular

person, but I was born white, into a two-parent, two-gender household which now, whether I like it or not, makes me "privileged", a racist and responsible for slavery.

I am fiscal and moral, which by today's standards, makes me a fascist because I plan, budget and support myself.

I went to school, worked my way "up the ladder", and have always held a job. But I now find out that I am not here because I earned it, but because I was "advantaged".

I am heterosexual, which according to "gay" folks, now makes me homophobic. I am not a Muslim, which now labels me as an infidel.

I am older than 60, making me a useless person who doesn't understand Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

I think and I reason, and I doubt much of what the "mainstream" media tells me, which makes me a "Right-wing conspiracy nut".

I am proud of my heritage and our inclusive culture, making me a xenophobe.

I believe in hard work, fair play, and fair compensation according to each individual's merits, which today makes me an anti-socialist.

I believe our system guarantees freedom of effort - not freedom of outcome or subsidies which must make me a borderline sociopath.

I believe in the defence and protection of my country for and by all citizens, now making me a militant.

I am proud of our flag, what it stands for and the many who died to let it fly, so I stand during our National Anthem - so I must be a racist.

**Please help me come to terms with the new me because I'm just not sure who I am anymore!**



Dad, are we pyromaniacs?  
Yes, we arson.

*What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.*

Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.

*Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.*

If you're bad at haggling,

you'll end up paying the price.

*A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.*

I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.

*How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.*

I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.

*Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.*

Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.

*Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.*

Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.

*I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.*

What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.

*What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.*

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

*She was only a moonshiner's daughter, but I miss her still.*

A doctor was addressing a large audience . .

"The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. However, there is one thing that's the most dangerous of all and we all have eaten, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of quiet, an old man in the back row raised his hand, softly said, "Wedding Cake."





We hope everyone had a relaxing break over the Christmas and New Year period. The school holidays have finished and the local property market is getting busy again. There are currently less homes on the market than this time last year and still many serious buyers who are looking to purchase.

The Reserve Bank have been putting up interest rates since last May, which is good news for self-funded retirees. While it could be challenging for home buyers who are getting a mortgage, the pace of rate rises appear to be moderating.

We have recently had some outstanding sales, including an exciting on-site Auction at St Ives. We had a large crowd in attendance and nine registered bidders. It sold for around \$300,000 above the expected price and the underbidder missed out by only \$5,000. The owners wrote us a great review stating 'Matthews work was very reliable and he was always on the ball. We were well pleased with his effectiveness'. They are downsizing and we also sold them a large luxury apartment.

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