



## KILLARA BOWLS NEWS : May 2012



# MEMBERS MARK OTTO HERBST'S CENTENARY



Wednesday 29th February, the eve of his birth date, family, members and friends gathered in the clubhouse and raised glasses to wish Otto 'Many Happy Returns'.

Margaret approaching 90th was also toasted although with a less spectacular cake!



Speaking of cake brings us to **Pat Sinclair's** marvellous creation. Tasting as good as it looked, it was a rich fruit cake iced with white and green fondant. The bowl was foam covered with chocolate and the "toucher" allowed Otto to demonstrate his 'bank note test'.



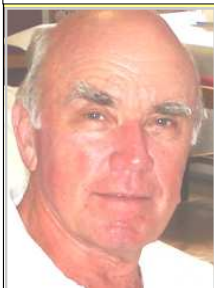
## ANZAC DAY

Ken Boyd delivered a thoughtful Commemorative address under the club flagpole on the Graham Firth Green. This was preceded by prayers and lunch and followed by mixed bowls. See President's Report (Page 4) and pictures page 10.





## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: IAN ARMSTRONG



We have now finalised our banking and sponsorship arrangements with the Lindfield Community Bank and look forward to a strong working relationship. KBC members are encouraged to go and speak to them to see if they can provide

you with banking and/or investment advice.

Meanwhile our men's teams are this year wearing shirts displaying their sponsorship in all our competition games.

We also welcome the new sponsorship of Michael Burns and his Lindfield Denture Clinic. If you should require this type of treatment you should contact Michael.

Our new membership open day on 18 March was unfortunately marred by rain so attendance was greatly reduced. Despite that we are still hopeful of gaining a few new members. We thank **Rick Edwards**, **Bob Bessemer**, **David Warren** and the host of volunteer members for all their efforts in promoting this cause.

We have now finished our maintenance program on the clubhouse with the repainting of the gutters, fascia boards and the gables. I think you will agree it is a vast improvement.

We now have the use of a renovated roller for our greens and believe this will improve and increase the speed of our greens in time for the autumn carnival. Many members have remarked that they are shocked at the slowness of our greens in comparison with those of other clubs when they are bowling in their events.

We look forward to our autumn carnival in May and strongly encourage you to participate and to invite your friends to get teams together. The major sponsor for this event is **LJ Hooker**, **St.Ives** for which we thank **Phil Johnson**.

Finally it was a marvellous milestone to celebrate **Otto Herbst's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday** on 29<sup>th</sup> February. He showed he is still as sharp as a tack and has not lost any of his wit.

*Good bowling! Ian*



**Judy McCleod**, **John Brodie** and **Brian Shirvington** for contributing photographs to this edition.



## SUPPORT OUR MAY AUTUMN CARNIVAL

LADIES' TRIPLES Friday 18 May  
COMPOSITE PAIRS Sunday 20 May  
MEN'S TRIPLES Monday 21 May

### FORM A TEAM

ENTRY FORMS AT THE  
CLUB



I just came back from a pleasure trip; I drove my mother-in-law to the airport."



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**KWBC President's Platform***Elizabeth Dokulil*

As I carefully manoeuvre my car through the yellow posts, wonders whose marks are those left behind, then bump over the square cobblestones my thoughts turn to Wordsworth -

*'And then my heart with pleasure fills' ...*

No it doesn't dance with the daffodils, though I wish it were so. Instead I gaze upon the three swards of grass that tumble down on each other and gleam green in the still air. Yes, all is well at the Killara Bowling Club - I hope!

Between February and April, there have been a few events, which I have felt chuffed about.

First was the Pink Ribbon/Friends Day on 28 February. We had fun with some coaching equipment, then went out and played a game. Lunch provided by the 'girls' was followed by a Tombola. Thanks to the generosity of the members it was a very successful one. We raised \$420.00 for the McGrath Foundation. Great job 'girls'. The Handicap Pairs was the next competition and was won by **Judith Halliday** and **Judy McLeod**. The Fours Championship followed this and **Robin Hey**, **Lois Killman**, **Elizabeth Dokulil** and **Livia Geniale** were the winning team.

Rain has delayed the final outcome of the Pennants. The Threes have not fared so well, but the Under Fives comprising of **Anne Cowlshaw**, **Judy Halliday**, **Judy McLeod** and **Christine Burke** are lying first equal with two other teams.

The Pairs Championship is still underway, but it was grand to have eleven teams enter.

However apart from all the above winners, there are other unsung heroes in our Women's Club.

Every month **Barbara Cotton** runs the Card Day. This is no light task as it involves a raffle, lucky door prize, organisation of the players, suitable table napkins and generally seeing everything runs smoothly. **Joan Hodgson** is in charge of the money **Sue Cleary** provides a lunch, collects money for wine and the members, both old and new, enjoy a day out at their club. This brings in well over \$300.00 each month, which is added to Club's Coffers.

Then there are the Selectors that quietly slide into the Roll Up cubby, answer the phone and arrange the day's play. **Jean Brierley**, **Robin Hey**, **Edith Cowlshaw**, **Jeanette McInerney** and **Joy Mooney** do this thankless task. My thanks to them.

All these activities are part of our club, but I quote Dorothea McKellar when I say - 'my thoughts are otherwise' - often.

There is always concern for the halt and the lame. Cards and good wishes are sent to all members either sick or in trouble. **Barbara Langley** performs this task,



helped by others who might visit or contact by telephone.

For example **Joan Young** our piano player, recently broke both ankles, **Judy Hodges** tore fourteen ligaments in her legs and **Maureen Morris** has been flat on her back with spinal problems. Each week someone reports on them and murmurs of sympathy echo around. Again, when there is bereavement, condolences are sent and there are nods of understanding. We all have been there those nods say. Then there are the stalwarts who come so regularly. **Brenda Fox**, **Marie Jones**, **Marie Conner** and **Shirley Melzer** spring to mind. Bright eyes and smiling faces do I find there.

Finally I'm pleased to welcome **Nanda Peiris** and **Judy Lecompte** to our fold. We wish them happy days with us at Killara.

I return with apologies to Wordsworth -

*'For oft when on the green I stand  
And watch the bowl fly from my hand  
Hear the pock, pock from next door  
As ball meets racquet and crow might caw  
And then my heart with pleasure fills  
And dances without the daffodils.*

*Elizabeth*



Elizabeth herself could be counted among 'the halt and the lame' as she sent this report on the eve of committing herself to hospital for shoulder surgery 23 June. Speedy recovery!



When Life Member **Barbara Cotton** is not raising revenue for KWBC she manages to put down some good bowls.



Teamed with **Elaine Morell**, her name goes on the Honour Board yet again for this years Club Pairs Championship, having previously won Triples and Fours.

Congratulations Edith and Barbara!

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## KBC President's Platform : *Tony Hodgson*



Let's hope for finer weather for bowls now that we are entering into May. We helped **Otto Herbst** celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with approximately 60 members and his family attending. The afternoon commenced with mixed bowls followed by champagne and afternoon tea. **Lloyd Sommerlad** said a

few words and **Ian Armstrong** proposed the toast to Otto and his wife **Margaret** who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in March. The Herbsts have been members at KBC for 28 years.

Our new Membership Drive/Open Day was held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. This function was part of Ku-ring-gai Council's Seniors' Week Festival held during March. **Rick Edwards** was our Chairman again assisted by **David Warren** for this event. On the day we had ten new people who came along to try bowls and we are hopeful that we will get six new members.

**Cyril South Competition.** The preliminary rounds have now been completed and the following clubs will play off on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in the semi-finals, **Lindfield vs Turramurra** and **St Ives vs Balgowlah**, with the final to be played at KBC on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**Anzac Day Commemorative Ceremony.** Anzac Day this year dawned fine, chilly and windy but no sign of rain! Fifty members and visitors sat down to a great roast lamb lunch. We then adjourned to the flag pole area on No.1 Green where **Ken Boyd** gave the Anzac Day address, ably assisted again by our bugler, **Stephen O'Sullivan**. Many thanks to **John Taylor** for his flag work and to Bob Bessemer for his sound system work, programmes and photography. A big thank you to **Sue Cleary** and her kitchen helpers and to **Judy McLeod**, **Julie Halliday** and **John Baker** for their organization of the day.

**Our Autumn Carnival** will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May. **David Martin**, convenor of the Carnival, is looking for more volunteers for the roll-up room, umpires and servers for the luncheons. More entries from men and women are required to make this carnival a success. Please make up your teams now and get your entries in before 11<sup>th</sup> May.

We have a **Special General Meeting** to select three new team selectors scheduled for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May. There is a notice on the board with application forms for nominations. So ... all you budding selectors, get your names in or come along to vote on the day even if you are not playing bowls as we need a quorum.

Good bowling. **Tony Hodgson**

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

As is the usual practise, the club will be rendering invoices to all members for the payment of annual subscriptions during May. The Board has decided on a 7% increase for Full members this year; otherwise no change.

The rates are:-Full \$300; Intermediate \$100; Associate \$70; Social \$20.

This year, payment can also be made by BPay as well as cheque.

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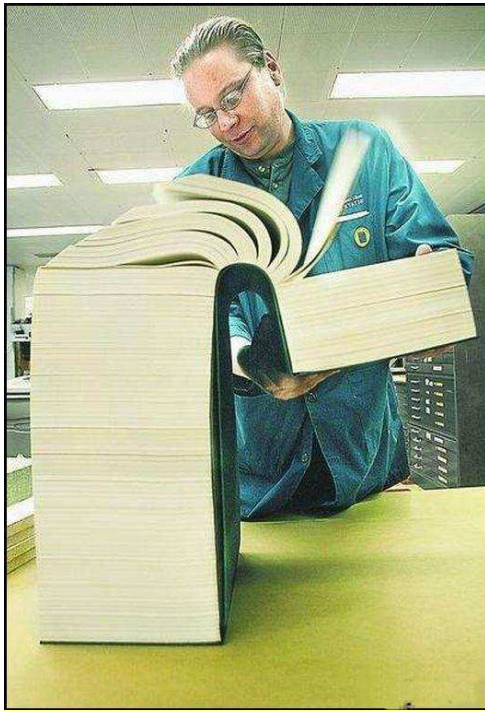
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THINK?**

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Two little old ladies were sitting on a park bench outside the local town hall where a flower show was in progress.

The short one, Jackie leaned over and said, 'Life is so boring. We never have any fun any more. For \$10.00 I'd take my clothes off and streak through that stupid, boring flower show!'

'You're on!' said Doris, holding up a \$10.00 note.

So Jackie slowly fumbled her way out of her clothes and completely naked, streaked (as fast as an old lady can) through the front door of the flower show.

Waiting outside, her friend soon heard a huge commotion inside the hall, followed by loud applause and shrill whistling. Finally, the smiling Jackie came through the exit door surrounded by a cheering, clapping crowd.

'What happened?' asked her waiting friend.

'I won \$1,000 as 1st prize for 'Best Dried Arrangement... !'

**John Brodie**

*Sometimes I wake up grumpy...  
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## Assistant Bowls Secretary Don Buddee Reports

The first two Men bowls events for 2012 have been decided. Congratulations to **Brian Shirvington** for his efforts in winning the Gissing Consistency Competition. The final was against **Don Reade** who proved to be a worthy opponent. Although Don went down in the Gissing he captured the Minor Pairs title together with **Harvey Cooper**. The final was against **John Rayner** and **John Brodie**. Don looked very pleased with the win whilst Harvey was ecstatic. The Major Singles is reaching it's crescendo. **Tony Hodgson** managed, on the 35th end, to take the match from **Don Cousins** by one shot. Tony will now meet **Gof Bowles** in the final. Cream always manages to rise to the top!

Yours in Bowling,  
**Don**

## BURGLARS?

**John Brodie** and **Rod Hendriks** took the first prize in St.Ives's 'Piggy Pairs' for a second time. The pic on the right is from their victory at the end of last year.



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### Grahame "Skewiff" Watt BOWLER, BUSH POET, GOOD BLOKE



Grahame "Skewiff" Watt  
Picture by Rob Wright  
from the Coffs Coast  
Advocate

Readers of this newsletter will recall, with amusement, a poem under the caption of *Goodbye Granddad* in our May 2011 edition. This poem "came off the net" like literally 1000's of other funnies, and this editor thought it would appeal to members.

Subsequently, the writer learned the author of this work was Skewiff Watt, a well known published poet. This led to correspondence between us including the following:-

G'day! Bob. It's Grahame Watt. I'm an 83 year old bowler at Sawtell and also a Bush Poet. I've been writing and performing my nonsense for many years. Yes! My poem titled "Poor Old Grandad" has been pilfered on the internet and it's near impossible to find the bugger who started it off.

My Grandson Daniel is tracing a few avenues. The poem was in my second book in 2001 and the book was titled. "Poor Old Grandad" and it is copy-righted as in the book. My third book "I Likes a Laugh" was book of the year

At Tamworth Bush Laureate Awards in 2010 I made a CD of my stuff and it won "ALBUM OF THE YEAR" at Tamworth this last January 2012. My wife Janice and I live at Repton near Coffs Harbour. Been up here 8 years. I was born in Kyabram, Vic ,and spent most of my life there. Played bowls at Ky Valley View Club.

If you are interested in my last book or the CD they are available from me – cost \$20.00 and that's posted. Address here is 55 Joeliza Drive Repton NSW 2454.

The Grandad poem is in the last book and on the CD. I hope this info. Is interesting to you .Good Luck to you and your Bowls Club. Enclosed is one of my bowls verses.

Cheers,

Grahame "Skewiff" Watt  
Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia  
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HERE IS ONE OF HIS LATEST WORKS.

#### The Bare Facts. By Grahame Watt.

This poem is the story of a true event which occurred at the Sawtell (NSW) bowling Club. Fair Dinkum!

It was Ladies Day at the Bowling Club, the Sun was shining bright,

A perfect day for bowling, with the girls all dressed in white.

There were cries of "Good shot Betty", and very quiet applause,

There were draw shots and a drive or two, all

within the laws.

The day was quiet, as usual, no trouble so it seems,

But you'd never guess what happened, not in your wildest dreams.

Just as Doreen played a fine shot, the best that you have seen,

A man devoid of clothing , He dashed across the green.

"A STREAKER! YES! A STREAKER!", The ladies screamed as one,

As the Streaker flashed his hairy chest, and showed his pale white Bum.

He made a dash across the green, The girls could only stare,

As he displayed his twiddly bits, with everything quite bare.

Well! The ladies got excited, some fainted with the fright,

Some looked away in horror, some cheered with pure delight.

Judy made a mighty lunge, and tried to grab the bloke,

Margy called excitedly, "I nearly had a stroker". Colleen took a piece of chalk and chased him down the track,

She said "I'll mark his toucher! I think he moved the Jack!"

A lady said "It's not my husband, I had a look and I can tell",

And Saucy Sal the redhead said "He's not a member at Sawtell!".

As the streaker disappeared from sight, Shirley was heard to say,

"That Streaker brought back memories, I'd forgotten 'til today!"

.....

Now on Ladies Day there's trouble, you see lots of wayward bowls,

They simply cannot concentrate, they wander off – poor souls!

Their form is quite erratic , and their shots are getting weaker,

They're praying for a nice warm day, – and another young buck STREAKER.

Thank you Grahame!





## *Good advice from our Friend and Major Sponsor . . .*

### **Colour My Home for 2012**

According to Dulux's expert colour forecaster Andrea Lucena-Orr, the top colours for 2012 will feature deep blues, paprika and tonal shades reflecting natural and raw materials with very soft taupes, beiges and neutrals.



Interior designer Dana Tomic Hughes predicts that colour blocking using three or four shades at a time will be a key driver of how colour is used in our homes over the next 12-18 months.

Landscaper Daniel Tyrell believes one of the biggest movements is the use of colour outside the home. The trend in garden walls and fences will be to lighter colours with natural whites and selected greys.

### **Something to think about...**

Residential property was the highest returning asset over the past 24 years, according to new research by the Australian Property Research team at ANZ.

The report, "Asset Returns: Past, Present and Future" shows that even when costs and taxes were factored in, owner occupied housing generated the highest average annual total returns (12.0 per cent), followed by investor housing (9.6 per cent) and equities (8.9 per cent)

### **What impact does good quality marketing have on selling my home...**

Good marketing is essential to selling property especially in the current tight market.

Press and online advertising, good photography, a standout signboard as well as the presentation and price of your property are all part of your marketing strategy-get these right and your property has the best chance of selling and achieving your price expectations and timeframes.

A tip to marketing well is to look at competing properties in your price range and area and determine with your agent your property's point of difference-this can then be highlighted in the marketing material and help guide the marketing mediums your agent uses for your property.

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Can I go to play with my friends now please mum?



An angry wife to her husband on the phone: Where the hell are you??

Husband: Darling you remember that Jewellery shop where you saw the diamond necklace and totally fell in love with it....and I didn't have money that time and said *Baby it'll be yours one day??*  
Wife, with a smile blushing: Yeah I remember that my Love.  
Husband: Well...I'm in the Pub next to that shop!



After 30 years of marriage the couple were drifting apart and decided to visit a Marriage Counselor. They were ushered into the Rooms and directed to chairs before the Counselor asked the wife to relate some of the problems.

She began by saying "We don't go out together like we used to, we don't visit a Restaurant or Theatre anymore. There is no love or passion in our life now." After she had spoken, the Counselor walked around the desk, stood in front of her chair and lifted her into his arms. With the appropriate fondling he kissed her passionately before returning her to the chair,-- with a smile on her face. That is what she needs, he advised the husband, at least three times a week. Can you do that ?.

The husband replied, "I can drop her off here on Monday and Wednesday, but on Thursday I play Bowls"

Ken Boyd

**Al Qa'eeda To Go On Strike** Muslim suicide bombers in Britain are set to begin a three-day strike in a dispute over the number of virgins they are entitled to in the afterlife.

Emergency talks with Al Qaeda have so far failed to produce an agreement. The unrest began last Tuesday when Al Qaeda announced that the number of virgins a suicide bomber would receive after death will be cut by 25% this April from 72 to only 60. The reason for the cut was the increase in recent years of the number of suicide bombings and a subsequent shortage of virgins in the afterlife.

The suicide bombers' union, the British Organization of Occupational Martyrs (or B.O.O.M.) responded that this was unacceptable to its members and immediately balloted for strike action. General Secretary Abdullah Amir told the press, "Our members are literally working themselves to death in the cause of Jihad. We don't ask for much in return but to be treated like this is like a kick in the teeth".

Speaking from his shed in Tipton in the West Midlands in which he currently resides, an Al Qaeda chief executive explained,

"We sympathize with our workers' concerns but Al Qaeda is simply not in a position to meet their demands. They are simply not accepting the realities of modern-day Jihad in a competitive marketplace. Thanks to Western depravity, there is now a chronic shortage of virgins in the afterlife. It's a straight choice between reducing expenditure and laying people off. I don't like cutting wages but I'd hate to have to tell 3000 of my staff that they won't be able to blow themselves up."



#### WHERE I HAVE & HAVE NOT BEEN

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots.

Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

## KILLARA WOMEN TAKE U5's PENNANT

By decisively beating Warrawee at Warrawee 23 to 15, on Tuesday 24th April, KWBC entered the history books in glory!

The main contender, Belrose, succumbed to Killara's better margin 63 to 27 in the countback.

Our salute goes to Anne Cowlishaw (S), Julie Halliday (3) Judy McLeod (2) and Shirley Melzer (L).

Shirley substituting for Christine Burke who has an injured shoulder.

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