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HAPPY NEW YEAR !



Killara Bowling Club



THE COUNTDOWN TO OUR CENTENARY HAS BEGUN

The Board adopts plans to prepare KBC for our 100th Anniversary in 2016.
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THE GREAT DAY OF RACING AT FLEMINGTON WAS WELL SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS AT KILLARA. THEN JUDY MCLEOD SCORED A DOUBLE WITH A DELIGHTFUL ST.ANDREWS DAY EVENING COMPLETE WITH HAGGIS AND PIPER. See page 7.



Baby news on page 3.



Pictures this edition from Don Reade, Judy McLeod and the Editor.

**VALE
HECTOR MCDONALD**



John Muirhead reminisces
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *

The Annual General Meeting of Killara Bowling Club Limited was held on Saturday, 12 October at the Clubhouse and was well attended by members. The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were confirmed and the Annual Reports and Audited Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended 30 June were received and adopted.

The Chairman, **Ian Armstrong**, spoke to his Annual Report and thanked the directors for their contribution and support over the year, and in particular that of **Rod Henriks**.

Elections were held for officers and members of the Board of Directors for the coming year. The new Board is as follows:

Chairman, **J. D. (Dale) McBean**,

Deputy chairmen: **Don Buddee** (KBC President) and **Julie Halliday** (KWBC President/Secretary),

Treasurer: **Don Reade**

Secretary: **Elizabeth Calnan**

Directors: **Julie McLeod, John Brodie, Tony Hodgson** and **Rod Henriks**.

The new chairman, Dale McBean, congratulated the outgoing Board on its achievements and hard work over their term, and he thanked members of the former Board who were not standing for office for all their efforts and support. These former directors are: **Ian Armstrong, Elizabeth Dokulil** and **Ian Calder**.

The new Board has appointed the following Sub-Committees to assist the Board, as follows: (Convenors in bold print)

Greens: **J. D. McBean, A. Hodgson**

Finance: **B. York, D. Reade, G. Leppinus, W. Druce**

House: **W. Druce**

Property: **J. Brodie, J. Zazulak, B. Shirvington, R. Edwards**

Membership: **R. Edwards, R. Henriks, J. Halliday, R. Bessemer**

Functions: **J. McLeod, Ms. C. Burke, W. Druce**

Sponsorship: **R. Bessemer, R. Hill**

Bowls News: **R. Bessemer** (Publisher, Editor)

Archivists: **E. Dokulil, H. Clarke, J. Brierley**

Centenary Committees:

Grants: **D. Reade, I. Calder**

Centenary 1: general organization, carnivals, etc
A. Hodgson, D. Buddee, J. Zazulak, B. Cotton

Centenary 2: sponsorship, money raising
R. Bessemer, E. Calnan

Joint Management Committee

In our October Newsletter then Chairman, Ian Armstrong, wrote of the ongoing discussions between the two bowling clubs to unify management functions. It is very pleasing to report this has occurred.

On 12 October at the AGM of the KBC, members approved participation in the proposed Joint Management Committee (JMC). On 26 October at a Special General Meeting of the KWBC, members approved participation in the proposed JMC.

The Board of KBC Ltd. approved the institution of the JMC on 1 November and the President of KBC, **Don Buddee**, and the President/General Secretary of KWBC, **Julie Halliday**, became joint chairmen of the Joint Management Committee, which met for the first time on Wednesday, 16 November.

* With Chairman Dale McBean absent overseas, this report was contributed by Company Secretary Elizabeth Calnan.

Killara 1916 – 2016 100 Years of Bowling

The year 2016 will mark the 100th year of bowling at our location and the Centenary of the inauguration of the Killara Bowling Club.

That KBC has functioned and prospered continuously for 100 years – through war and depression – is a great tribute to the many Officers and Members who have served throughout our history.

Your Board has decided the Centennial provides *Raison D'être* for celebration of the club's achievements; and impetus to refurbishing facilities and refocus energies for the future. . .

Consequently, committees have been formed to plan and implement, with members support, refurbishment of the club's surrounds and facilities, logotype, stationary, flags; and plan a calendar of events for 2016 which will include functions for dignitaries from State, Zone, District and all levels of government and media. It would be appropriate to say:-

“over the next two years, 2014/2015, we are preparing for a party in 2016!”

Early next year the club will distribute a more detailed plan of activities and suggest ways individual members can contribute physically and financially.

In the meantime, Directors ask you to contemplate the significance of this event and it's potential to re-energise the club for the new century.

Killara Bowling Club





PRESIDENT
Julie Halliday

Killara Women are looking forward to working in partnership with the Men on the new Joint Management Committee. My very special thanks extend to **Barbara Cotton** for committing herself, yet again, to helping Killara Bowling Club, in general, surge ahead to bigger and better things in the forthcoming years - with our high expectations to see more bowlers enjoying this great game of bowls. Her experience, dedication and wisdom, in my opinion, are unparalleled.

ive, **Elizabeth Calnan**, and the Administrative Steering Committee an enormous amount of time and effort to prepare the necessary documentation in order to be submitted to NSWWBA. For their untiring work, my very special thanks extend to the team of four diligent members. We look forward to receiving our copy of the newly formed Constitution and By-Laws. May I also take this opportunity to sincerely thank **Don Buddee** for his balanced views of seemingly difficult matters with which I was confronted this past week, leading up to today's inaugural Joint Management Committee Meeting. It can only improve. I wish you all an enjoyable and very successful year.

Julie

A SORRY EXPERIENCE

Last 18th September, **Ken Howard** had a fall which resulted in a serious foot injury requiring surgery, plates, pins and plaster boot. After 7 weeks things looked on track for recovery and the boot was removed - then an infection was discovered involving both Strep. and Staph. requiring readmission to The San for more surgery to remove the plate/pins and apply a specialised vacuum dressing under the care of the "deep wound" team. After weeks of this treatment and hooked up to antibiotic drips, Ken reports he hopes to be home by Friday 6th December.



Ken, we hope to see you and Robin before Christmas!



Barbara Cotton
LIFE MEMBER AND
LEDGEND

We are delighted that NSWWBA has accepted wholeheartedly the decision made at the Special General Meeting of the Killara Women's Bowling Club's full members that a Joint Management Committee would be formed to be responsible for the conduct and administration of all the affairs of the Men's Club and the Women's Club with respect to bowling activities. It has not been an easy task to convince the majority of Women members of the need for change and it took our legal representa-

Proud Grandma



Daughter **Kate** delivered a healthy son, **Axl**, to our Sue in November. They are all doing well! Congratulations Sue!

COUNCIL GRANT

Recently the club received a grant of \$1,237 from the Ku-ring-gai Council for the purchase of a modern fax/printer/ scanner and for the purchase and installation of new score board numbers. The grant resulted from an application submitted by **Don Reade** and **Ian Calder**, who incidentally are presently working to obtain additional grants from other sources. The club is most grateful for the grant and acknowledges the interest of the Council in the activities of the club and in its future as a valuable community asset which caters for the needs not only of bowlers but also other community organisation such as **Probus, Rotary** and the **Killara Bridge Club**.



Thank you KGC!



**PRESIDENT
Don Buddee**

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 12 October when **Tony Hodgson** retired as President after three years. **Bob Hill** also retired after seven years as Vice President and **Dale Mc Bean** retired after two years on the committee to take up his post as Chairman of KBC Limited. We owe all these members a huge deal of gratitude for the time and effort they have put in over those many years.

We welcome **John Rothwell** as a new member to our Committee to work with **Josef Zazulak** (Secretary) **Alan Vine** (Zone 9 Delegate) and **Ray Date** (Assistant Bowls Secretary)

The Annual General Meeting resolved that subject to approval by the Women's Club, we would set up a Joint Management Committee. This approval was given and we welcome the opportunity to jointly manage the bowling activities of the Club. **Julie Halliday** , **Barbara Cotton** and **Janice Crocker** were elected to represent the Women on the Joint Committee.

Since our last newsletter the Club Pairs has been decided with **Dale Mc Bean** and **John Bleach** the winners. The final was contested against **John Taylor** and **Tony Hodgson**.

Our Fours Championship has also been decided with **Michael Prior**, **John Rayner**, **Rick Edwards** and **Rod Henriks** victors in the final against **Bruce York**, **Dale McBean**, **John Crocker** and **Warwick Druce**.

The **Bob Sinclair Memorial Place of Origin** match was played on 19 Oct with **Pat Sinclair** in attendance. The day was won by "The Rest " 96 to 92

The **Langker Painting Trophy** was contested by Warrawee on 9 October with Warrawee successful 133 to 114.

Our thanks again to **Judy McLeod** and her assistants for organising the **Melbourne Cup Day** and **St Andrew's Day Dinner** where **Arthur Krust** delivered the Ode to the Haggis and boisterous singing was enjoyed by all.

Good Bowling Don



TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN WILL LEARN:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptise cats.
- 2) When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.



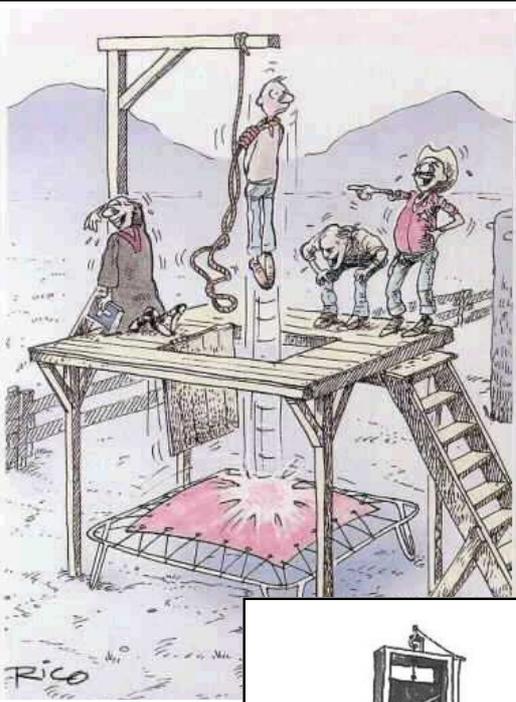
The Blonde at School

Day 1: A blonde comes home from school and says to her mum, "We learned how to count up to 5 today mummy. I got up to 10. Is it because I'm blonde, mummy?" Mum replies: "yes dear"

Day 2: "We learned how to do the alphabet today mummy. The others only got up to E and I got up to S. Is it because I'm blonde, mummy?" Mum replies: "yes dear"

Day 3: "We learned about breasts today mummy. All the other girls are flat chested and I'm a 36DD. Is it because I'm blonde, mummy?" Mum replies: "No dear, it's because you're 25."

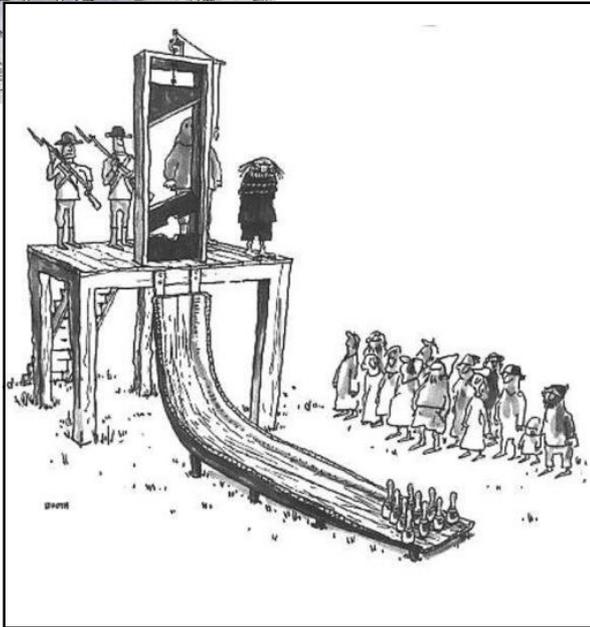




What ever your job is, you should always try to make it more interesting ...



John and Lorraine Rayner really love Chinese food and they insist they have found the best on the Northshore. "If you have been to Kou Kee, as many KBC members have, you know I am right" said John. "If you haven't been there go along and try it," adds Lorraine.



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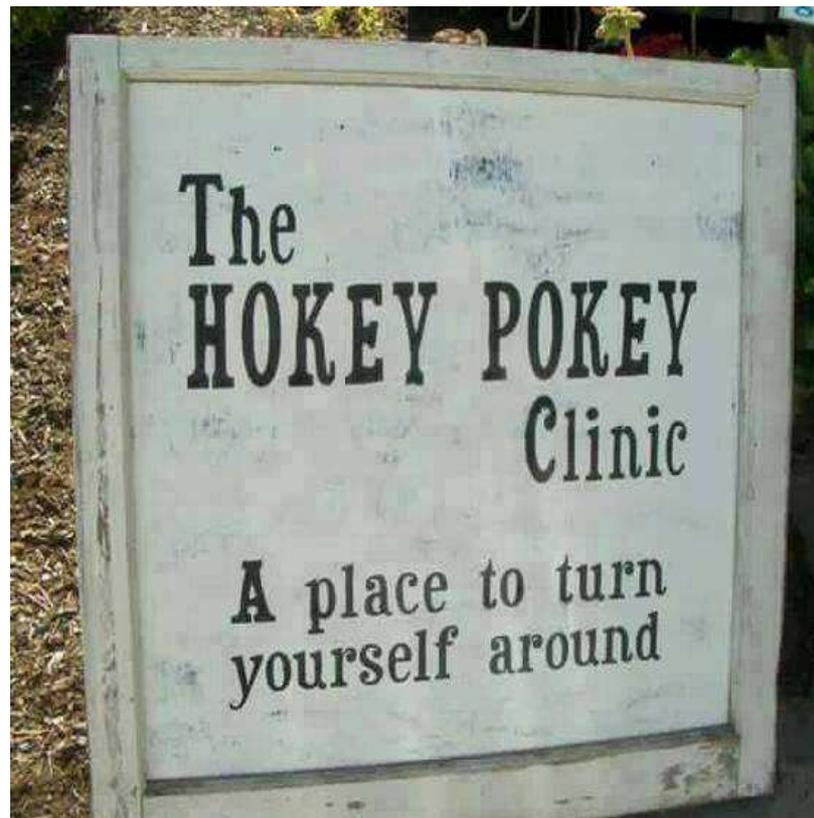
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The judge says to a double murder defendant, "You're charged with beating your wife to death with a hammer."

A voice at the back of the courtroom yells out, "You mongrel!"

The judge says, "You're also charged with beating your mother-in-law to death with a hammer."

The voice in the back of the courtroom yells out again, "You rotten mongrel!"

The judge stops and says to the back of the courtroom. "Sir, I can understand your anger and frustration at these crimes, but no more outbursts from you, or I'll charge you with contempt. Is that understood?" Paddy stands up and says, "I'm sorry, Your Honour, but for fifteen years I've lived next door to that mongrel, and every time I asked to borrow a hammer, he said he didn't have one."



**WELCOME
NEW MEMBER**

Clem Just



Can you read this? Only 55 people out of 100 can. I don't believe that I could accurately understand what I was reading. The phonetic power of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing huh? Yeah and I always thought spelling was important!

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Why Sharks Circle You Before Attacking...

Two great white sharks swimming in the ocean spied survivors of a sunken ship.

"Follow me son" the father shark said to the son shark and they swam to the mass of people.

"First we swim around them a few times with just the tip of our fins showing."

And they did.

"Well done, son! Now we swim around them a few times with all of our fins showing."

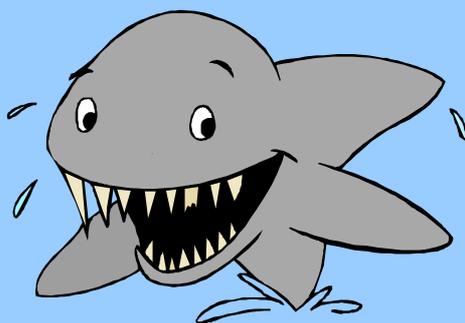
And they did.

"Now we eat everybody."

And they did.

When they were both gorged, the son asked, "Dad, why didn't we just eat them all at first? Why did we swim around and around them?"

His wise father replied, "Because they taste better if you scare the s—t out of them first!"



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FUNCTIONS DIRECTOR
Judy McLeod



MELBOURNE CUP

The race that stops a nation in November is always a great start and a busy time through to Australia Day in January, so we kicked off with fun bowls and lunch at the club with 34 members coming along to enjoy themselves.

It was cold on the green but most games were able to finish 18 or 21 ends before coming in for a glass of bubbles and the opportunity to buy sweep tickets for the big race at 3.00 p.m. Sue then provided us with one of her lovely lunches and the noise level indicated everyone was enjoying themselves,



Escape Travel sponsored the day and were represented by **Phillipa Enright** who gave us a talk and encouraged us to use them for our future travels and volunteered to come again next year as a sponsor. Some of our members she already knew and of course she would like more of us to use Escape Travel for our next big trip. **John Brodie** distributed their monetary gifts together with a certificate for some unusual or per-

haps idiosyncratic mannerisms on the green! They know who they are!

Brenda Fox went home with three prizes for the day and she didn't even win on the Race! Winning the raffle, the lead for the day and an award from John Brodie made for a great day for Brenda.



ST. ANDREW'S DINNER

Our next function in November was St Andrew's Dinner on 22 November and I

thank those of you who faithfully attended to help keep these social functions thriving and **Lourdes** who were our very generous sponsors for the night.

A storm raged outside just as if we were in the highlands but despite that **Lachlan Garnett** played the bagpipes to welcome the 44 brave hearts who,



when entering the club house were offered a traditional glass of **Athol Brose** to warm them up. **Arthur Krust** did a wonderful address to the Haggis, accent and all! He looked just the part.

Christine Burke designed and donated the dinner mats which told the story of St Andrew and had the blue and white flag in one corner giving the tables a genuine Scottish appearance appropriate

for the occasion. The tables had matching blue serviettes and blue hydrangeas. Getting into the mood for the evening **Don Buddee** as M.C. carried the theme through by wearing a kilt, showing off a great pair of legs and leading the singing. Other guests sported their tartan ties, tie pins,

kilts, crests etc so it was great to see such participation.

Joan Young came specially to play the piano, Don led the singing and everyone was in fine voice for *Roamin' In' The Gloamin* and then the men sing alone, the women sing alone and altogether we sang *I Belong To Glasgow*. Great fun! This year we raffled a half leg ham which proved very popular and of course there was only one winner and that was **Don Hodges** – lucky him.

Sue, as well as becoming a nanny earlier in the week **to baby Axl** did a superb job once again in preparing the traditional meal of Haggis, baked ham with Celtic glaze, highland lamb, spiced fruits, stuffed pumpkin and petit pois peas. Then she presented us with berry crepes and ice cream. Delicious! There is only one Sue Cleary. Thank you again to all those who helped me in one way or another to make the evening the success it was. I couldn't do it without you.

Judy





PROFILE

Tom Takahashi

Takeichi (Tom) Takahashi was born in 1932 in Nampo, North Korea, then under Japanese control. His father was a banker with **Korean National Bank**, an affiliate of **Japan National Bank**. Tom, as a boy lived in Nampo, Shanghai, Tokyo, Seoul until WW2 ended in 1945 when his family was repatriated from Seoul to Japan and started new life from ashes. He was thirteen years of age.

Fortunately, he was able to resume education after a years break progressing to university and a **Bachelor's Degree in International Economics** in 1957. He specialized in economic development of emerging economies.

At university his essays won two first prizes. This experience motivated Tom to write several essays about Australia after he migrated to this county.

Tom joined **Mitsubishi Corporation** (Probably Japan's largest international trading company) and started his career exporting Japanese

textile fabrics dyed or printed to Oceania, South America, and Middle East.

During 34 years with Mitsubishi he worked at three different oversea offices which were Seoul, Sydney and Addis Ababas Ethiopia collectively over ten years besides Tokyo and Osaka.

Tom married **Yumiko** in 1961 and had two children, a son **Ken** and a daughter **Kiyomi** both partly educated in Sydney from 1975 to 1978. Ken studied 3 years at **The Kings School** and became an architect and is currently working in Singapore with **Obayashi**. Daughter Kiyomi, a mother of two sons, now in Tokyo working with a book publishing company, is an enthusiastic runner and recently participated **Sydney Marathon** held in September 2013. Tom's wonderful memories of three

and a half years living in Sydney became decisive for them to choose this city for life after retirement. Although 60 years was the normal retiring age at that time, he decided to retire two years earlier at 58 years in order to meet the Australian government's cap on age at 59 for eligible migration. In 1991 they got permanent residency status and finally moved to Sydney in July of that year.

Upon arrival in Sydney, Tom set up his own office at Miller street, North Sydney and started business as a consultant for small-scale Japanese



companies wishing to do business in Australia. Then at 65 Tom retired. The Takahashi's purchased a modest but newly built house at **Waterhouse Avenue, St Ives** and really enjoyed a comfortable life.

Tom was a member of **Asquith Golf Club** and **Killara Lawn Tennis Club** and **Chatswood Tennis Club** and pursued playing both games frequently. Later he joined **Probus** (Lindfield East) and most importantly **KBC** in 2002.

At KBC **Ed O'Donnell** was coach and mentor. Tom played 3 times a week in early days and his name is "on the Boards" for **Minor Pairs, Triples** (twice). He has been an active contributor

to club affairs particularly in Carnival administration. These days he plays only on Thursday but still commands respect!

Reaching the age of 81 (Kiyomi 77) the Takahashis' have been forced to consider their twilight years and with the urging of their children are returning to Tokyo. After 22 years in their St.Ives home it has been sold through our major sponsor **LJ Hooker** and they have moved to a rental apartment in Killara planning to leave for Japan in April 2014. This decision has not been easy for them, in Tom's own words . . .

"Although we do not know what sort of life is waiting us in Japan, we will try our best to establish our new life in the new environment. It is our great regret to have to depart as we leave our heart in Australia and if an opportunity arises in the future we will come back to Sydney as visitors and see you all.

I sincerely thank you all my good friends and Australia for extremely warm and unforgettable friendship.

I thank you again and goodbye to you all."

Tom, all at KBC are sorry to see you go. As

well as being a competent player we have come to know you as a wonderfully friendly and polite clubman. When, in April, we will be obliged to say our final Sayonara, we will wish you happy days in the bosom of your family.

Ed.

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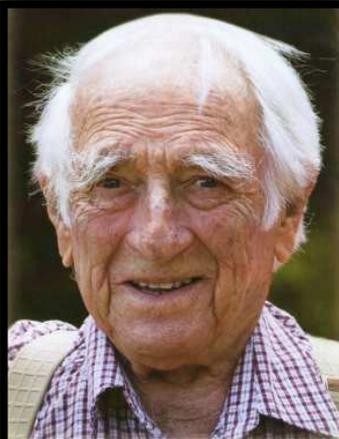


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Hector Charles McDonald

Hector was born in 1929 in Mosman. He was the first of two children to young parents who were both then at Teachers College. Hector's father's first post was to a small school at Dunedoo at the beginning of the Great Depression.

Although his father was in secure employment, Hector was aware of the surrounding circumstances of those days and of the frugality they imposed and of the charitable

acts of his mother to the less well off. They had a profound impact on Hector.

He also learned to value knowledge and academic achievement. He had a good singing voice winning prizes at Eisteddfods.

Hector and younger brother Malcolm both attended Mudgee High and then progressed to Sydney University where Hector studied Forestry, later going to the School of Forestry at Yarralumla from 1947 -52.

In 1954 Hector met Marjorie (Midge), a botanist at the Forestry Commissions Department of Wood Technology in Sydney. They shared a curiosity and interest in the natural environment and spent their first three years in Newcastle while Hector was engaged on fieldwork in the Barrington Tops.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to go on the Probus trip organised by Bruce Simpson, John Herron and John Cowlshaw to Gloucester in 2008 will surely remember the day on the Barrington Tops. I recall that

this was greatly informed by Hector who gave us first hand recollections of his involvement as Forrester. Between 1964 and 1970 Hector took leave from the Forestry Commission and went, with family, to work for the United Nations Development Programme in South Korea.

He returned to the Forestry Commission and was made District Forrester in the Forbes Office where he worked until 1977 when he returned to Head Office in Sydney. Hector was an ambitious handyman undertaking building work on their home in Killara. I am told he took enormous pride in doing everything himself feeling he was capable of doing a better job. This included design, kitchen construction, tiling, window installation and painting and, being a perfectionist, I am told some jobs took quite a long time.

Hector had been a smoker all his adult life indulging in cigarettes, a pipe and cigars and when I first joined Killara Bowling Club, as an ex-smoker, it was a fleeting pleasure to get the occasional waft of smoke from Hector's small cigars. However in 1987, at 58 years, Hector had to have a triple by-pass operation and there was permanent damage to heart and lungs.

Hector was Honorary Secretary of Killara Bowling Club for nine years and one task, a chore for Hector, was the preparation of the minutes of the monthly Committee meetings. This involved typing on an old (non-electric) typewriter in the Club Office; it was a chore he hated. I assume he did not have a word processor. Anyway in January 2002 he persuaded me to become Assistant Secretary and to take over the minutes.

Hector was a stylish and competent bowler and his name is on the honour boards around us. I feel very privileged to have known him. **John Muirhead.**

Dear Santa,
Please send me a baby brother.



Santa wrote back:

'Send me your mother...'



A very cranky old woman was arrested for shoplifting. She gave everyone a hard time, from the store manager to the security guard to the arresting officer who took her away, complaining vigorously. When she appeared before the judge, the he asked what she had stolen from the store. The lady defiantly replied, "Just a stupid can of peaches." The judge then asked why she had done it. She replied, "I was hungry and forgot to bring any cash to the store."

The judge asked how many peaches were in the can. She replied, "Nine, but what do you care about that?"

The judge patiently said, "Well, madam, because I'm going to give you nine days in jail -- one day for each peach."

As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's long suffering husband raised his hand and asked if he might speak.

The judge said, "Yes, what do you have to add?" The husband said,

"Your Honour, she also stole a can of peas."



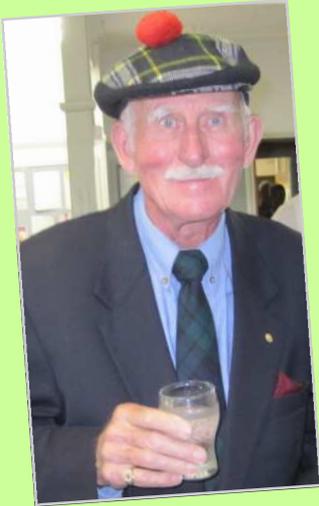
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Christmas Luncheon and Prize Presentation



Romantic Dinner

A man and a woman were having a quiet, romantic dinner in a fine restaurant. They were gazing lovingly at each other and holding hands.



The waitress, suddenly noticed the man slowly sliding down his chair and under the table, but the woman stared straight ahead. The waitress watched as the man slid all the way down his chair and out of sight under the table. Still, the woman stared straight ahead.

The waitress, thinking this behaviour a bit risqué and that it might offend other diners, went over to the table and, tactfully, began by saying to the woman, "Pardon me, ma'am, but I think your husband just slid under the table."

The woman calmly looked up at her and said, "No, he didn't. He just walked in the door."

Now This, I did not know.

Jorge Mario Bergoglio was not the Cardinals' first choice to be the new pope, and to become Pope Francis. Their first choice was, interestingly, Cardinal Hans Grapje.



Grapje was raised in a Catholic school in The Hague and, as a young man, aspired to become a priest, but was drafted into the Army during WWII and spent two years co-piloting bombers until his aircraft was shot down in 1943 and he lost his left arm. Captain Grapje spent the rest of the war as a chaplain, giving spiritual aid to soldiers, both Allied and enemy.

After the war, he became a priest, serving as a missionary in Africa, piloting his own plane (in spite of his handicap) to villages across the continent. In 1997, now Archbishop, Grapje was serving in Zimbabwe when an explosion in a silver mine caused a cave-in. He went down into the mine to administer last rites to those too severely injured to move. Another shaft collapsed, and he was buried for three days, suffering multiple injuries, including the loss of his right eye.

The high silver content in the mine's air gave him purpura, a life-long condition characterized by purplish skin blotches.

Although Cardinal Grapje devoted his life to the service of God as a scholar, mentor, and holy man, church leaders felt that he should never ascend to the Papacy. They felt that the Church would never accept a one-eyed, one-armed, flying purple Papal leader.

Now try and get that song out of your head!



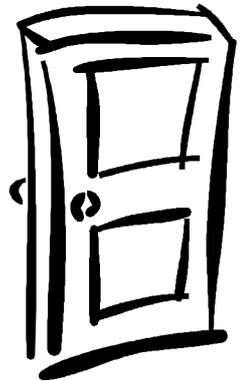
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