

KILLARA BOWLS NEWS : January 2003



KILLARA BOWLS

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Changes at the Helm

This years AGM's and Elections sees new leaders in all four (4) entities of our great club to take us forward in our 87th year.

- Our new Chairman, **Peter Baume**, has taken the wheel relinquished by **Ron Beer**.
- **Ian Cameron-Smith** assumes KBC Presidency from **Warwick Druce** who continues as House Manager.
- KWBC's new President **Barbara Cotton** takes over from **Betty High** who continues on the Committee.



New President, **Ian Cameron-Smith** holds the gold watch gifted to **Warwick Druce** by members as Patron, **Norman Winkle**, presents a framed Tribute of appreciation from Directors and members. See right >>>

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The Tribute reads :-

The Directors And Members
of the
**KILLARA BOWLING
CLUB**
Express sincere appreciation
to
Retiring President
**WARWICK
DRUCE**
for
Inspired Leadership
Gifted Organisation
and
Unstinting Dedication
2000:2001:2002



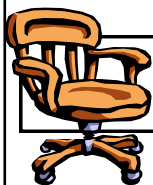
After 8 Great Years Back to the Ballroom ??

While acknowledging the contributions made by our Directors and Committees, after eight years on the Board, **Harry Jerram**, handed his Company Secretary portfolio to **Gof Bowles**. Harry, who maintains the burden of office has caused a collapse of his knee, has just completed successful reconstruction surgery at the Mater. Maybe he will now have the time and the chassis to
resume waltzing – up the rink and on the dance floor!

*THE 2003
MEMBERS AND
CALENDAR
BOOKLET IS
NOW AVAILABLE.*

*IT CONTAINS A
FULL LISTING OF
RETURNING AND
NEW OFFICE
BEARERS.*





From the Chairmen ...

CURRENT SITUATION

The Killara Bowling Club is losing money. It lost about \$1500 in the first three months of the current financial year. This in spite of investment income and a good Treasurer. Of course, lower inflation means lower interest rates and that means less investment income - even if it also means lower costs.

We can anticipate a similar loss in the second quarter. In the long run this is disaster for the Club.

Membership Crisis. The cause of our trouble rests squarely with our membership base. Membership is reducing steadily. The average age of our Members now exceeds 80 years. There are fewer people bowling - in spite of good numbers in the Women's Club.

We cannot look to a good future with this situation continuing. More members would mean more subscriptions, more afternoon teas, more green fees and more bar patronage.

The Club is fortunate to have, in Bob Bessemer, a man experienced in marketing and anxious to address our falling membership. The Committee has given him a budget and asked that he conduct another membership drive. If he has something like the success he had last time, we will make up for our losses of membership. If we get more members, we will be ahead.

Like the last drive, we can only succeed if there is support for Bob and active participation in the activities he plans. So we are all asked to take an active part. We each might start with our neighbours and acquaintances to see if there is anyone who might want to bowl.

Yes - we are concerned firstly with bowling and with providing good facilities for bowling. But we must have a satisfactory membership base to provide the subscriptions, the green use, the use of the canteen, for the patronage of the bar and for the use of the poker machines.



Peter Baume
Newly elected Chairman

We will all be asked to do something for the membership drive. Each one of us.

Be ready for the call when it comes and let us make the drive a resounding success. Our own future depends on it. The Committee will certainly help. The Women's Club will certainly help. But each of us needs to help too.

The State of the Greens. A painful subject which is receiving intensive scrutiny from the Directors. A specific report is contained within this newsletter.

An acknowledgement. I wish to express on your behalf, grateful appreciation to my predecessor **Ron Beer** who ignored considerable personal pain and discomfort to give five years unstinting service to our cause. Ron, thank you.

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And from the Retiring Chairman ...

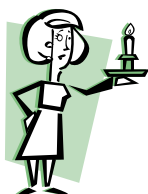
Greetings to all KBC Members,

Sadly, I was still recovering from (successful) surgery on the day of the AGM but my Colleagues relayed the good news that Peter Baume had agreed to take the Chair.

My 5 years as Chairman were good years. We started with some big deficits and made some hard decisions, which proved to be the right ones. Thanks for the kind words at the AGM. It was the goodwill of Member support (men and women) that enabled us to make it. I wish Peter and the Board well and hope to be back bowling soon.

With every good wish for the future of the Club.

Ron Beer.



She said ... What do you mean by coming home half drunk?

He said ... It's not my fault. I ran out of money!

He said... Why you bother to wear a bra, you've got nothing up there!

She said... You wear briefs don't you!

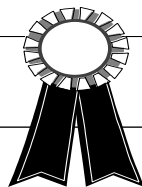


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Car park Planning Progress. We intend converting number four green into a car park within the next year. This started a long time ago and depends now on Council approval and whether any near neighbours provide written objections. It will mean fewer cars on the street, a more attractive Club and more parking spaces for those still forced to park on the street.

In closing this, my first report I am very conscious of the trust you have placed in me and the new Board to successfully address and resolve the issues affecting our great club. We will endeavour not to disappoint you.

**Best Wishes to you,
and your Family for 2003**



Chris Smith ... Our Champion!

Chris Smith has brought great credit to himself and Killara Bowling Club by his run of successes in top level singles competition. After winning the Club Championship at Killara, he met other club champions and premier league players in preliminary rounds of the Upper North Shore District State Singles Championships. Three wins took him to the District Final which he won 31-19 against **Rod Silber** of Lindfield Club.

Chris moved on to the Zone 9 Final where he triumphed 31-23 against the winner from Northern Suburbs District **Chris Jagusch**.

Chris was then among the last 16 playing off for the NSW State Singles title, but here he met his match. But his golden year was capped by his **selection in the Zone 9 side** playing in a fours team against Zones 2, 4 and 16 in a round robin tournament.

At Killara, Chris has skipped the winning team in **all Club Championships in 2002** – the first time this has been



The health of the Greens ...

The news is generally positive. Without revisiting the painful events that literally *killed no.2*, we can report it is progressing, despite *another mishap* and should return to use by the **mid January**.

No.3 has also suffered a setback but should be playing by **end of January**.

Of course, the Graham Firth green, given it's constant use in most trying of conditions, is in a quite parlous state. It is being re-assessed by the Greens' Committee, and will be taken out and re-grown as soon as Hilliary Moore and 3 are playing.

John Cowlshaw

achieved in the same year within the memory of present players.

Numbers of Killara members, including Chris' proud father Alan, have supported him by attending his matches at the other metropolitan Clubs.

Though Chris has received invitations to transfer to other larger Clubs, Killara members are very gratified that he has elected "to stay with his mates" at the Club where he learnt to play bowls.

At the recent President's day, attended by representatives of the District and the Royal, Chris was



***Our Champion** with President of Zone 9, **Les McAlpine** and Runner-up **Chris Jagusch** after the match at Belrose. Drinks not shown for the sake of decorum! Cheers Chris!!*



Presidents' Platform. Inaugural Statements..



KWB President
Ian Cameron-Smith

Gentlemen, thank you for electing me for the coming three years. The new committee and I, are committed to good management of the Club in the interests of all members.

On your behalf, I would like to acknowledge the remarkable contribution of retiring President, **Warwick**

Druce, and his committee. Thankfully, **Warwick** will continue to manage the House.

Volunteers. I have heard members remark that we need to increase the membership; we need to encourage more younger members; the Club should have more classes; more involvement in external competitions and have more organised group activities, and so on. But, these things won't happen without volunteers from within. **The Oxford dictionary** defines a volunteer as...

"One who comes forward with an offer of any service or undertakes any task acting by choice".

Why do people volunteer?

* Perhaps something needs to be done and they feel they are the best person for the job.

* Perhaps something needs to be done and no one else is stepping forward.

* Perhaps there is something interesting happening and they want to be involved.

* Perhaps they just like being involved with people who share the same interests.

Wonderful things occur when people volunteer.

First, things happen. New programs get started, old programs get a new life, group activities get organised, and so on.

Second, people enjoy themselves. Being involved in something that interests you is a joy.

Third, and most importantly, satisfaction in being an integral part of the organization to which you chose to belong.

It doesn't take much to be involved. If you can volunteer even a few hours a month, this could be a great help. So, why not let me or a member of the Committee know that you are available and would like to assist. Most people have ideas and talents

that keep a club flourishing, something our forefathers established and guided for so long – almost 90 years.

My best wishes to all members for the ensuing year and may you all have "good bowling".

Ian Cameron-Smith



KWBC President
Barbara Cotton .

It is a privilege to have an opportunity to report on some of the activities of the Women's Club on your behalf.

Membership. We started the current year with 74 Members and now, thanks to the Membership Drive, we have 91. We have been very pleased to welcome

Maria Hearder, Elspeth

Muirhead, Joy Mooney, Robin Hey, Jan McKinnon, Elizabeth Bold, Megan Silverton, Pat Harvey, Jean Davies, Jeanette McInerney, Dorit Taylor, Jan Kenyon, Joanna Harris and Shirley Arnold. We also gave a warm welcome to **Joan Smith** and **Marian Midgley**, who transferred from Pymble. **Ailsa Daniel** who transferred from North Sydney, and **Lyla Pierce** who transferred from Warrawee. We hope you will all enjoy your membership with us. Departing were Mona Fagg and Joan Scougall.

Predident's Day. Our main event for the year was held in July in honour of Betty High. We arrived to find frost on the ground but the day turned out to be beautiful and most enjoyable. Ninety plus people were present, including representatives from NSWBA and MNSDWBA, KBC and special guest **Dorothy Sanders** and **Maddie Giutronich** (President Betty's daughter). Lunch was prepared by **C. Craig** and **M. Verren**. **Pat Sinclair** made a much admired cake. Trophies were presented to the winners and losers, and Merit Pins presented to **B. Stephens, J. Hodgson** and **B. Cotton**. A very successful day!

The Spring Carnival was another successful story – everybody enjoyed the Bowls and thanks to the efforts of the Members who looked after the Trading Table and Raffles, which together totaled a return of over \$1000..

Our 24th Birthday was held in October, with over 60 ladies sitting down to a 'Bring a Plate' lunch. The food was magnificent and the Birthday Cake was cut by **S. Stanbridge, M. Davidson** and **J. Winckle**.

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The morning started with a Spider, the proceeds of



which went to Bowls for Others.

Competitions. Apart from our own Championships, we have been represented at the St.Ives Fives, the Roseville Sixes, Veterans' Day, the Lindfield Shield and St.Ives Carnival. Our team in the Jean Webster Trophy played very good bowls and came fourth. The Trophy was won by Warrawee. **Alice Burton** was selected as a Skip in the Grade 4 Team to play for MNSDWBA against Canterbury/St. George – MNSDWBA was successful on the day. Five teams represented us in the Ku-ring-gai Shield and did very well, having five and a half wins, the winners being Turramurra with eight wins.

Christmas Party. **Pat Sinclair's** cake was cut by **Joan Bain** and **Hazel Nettle**. The lunch was the usual "Bring a Plate" and once again we sat down to a superb assortment of food. **Hazel Nettle** provided a beautiful flower arrangement for the table, which was the Lucky Door Prize and **Mabs White** once again produced her attractive Christmas Wreaths for the winners, and pretty candles for the losers. In closing, I would like to wish everybody Best Wishes for the coming year.

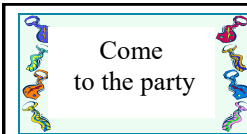
Barbara Cotton.

RESULTS OF CLUB COMPETITION 2002

The selectors have posted a Notice asking members to indicate their interest in playing Pennants this sea-

son requiring commitment to five matches at

EVENT	WINNERS	SECOND	SCORE
Major Singles	C. Smith	K. Williams	31-3
Minor Singles	M. Tsolakakis	E. O'Donnell	31-29
Major Pairs	I. Cameron-Smith C. Smith	A. Sanders J. Warner	20-16
Minor Pairs	R. Bessemer M. Tsolakakis	P. Smith P. Kohler	22-15
Triples Championship	E. O'Donnell I. Cameron-Smith C. Smith	H. Treloar L. Sommerlad B. Roberston	32-18
Fours Championship	R. Bessemer J. Warner I. Cameron-Smith C. Smith	W. Druce B. Roberston A. Sanders N. Faulkner	36-17
Gissing Shield	K. Williams	E. O'Donnell	151-129
Club Pairs	E. Nuffield E. O'Donnell	K. Williams J. Barkl	16-14



An invitation to Pennants

other Clubs and five at home.

A side comprises three teams of four. Killara has applied to the Upper North Shore District to enter sides in Grade 4 and in Grade 7.

Last year, despite some consistent results for some teams, the Grade 4 side finished in the bottom half of its section. The grade 7 side finished equal top of its section but was beaten on a countback.

The co-operation of playing members will be needed to field two competitive sides. New members, in particular, are encouraged to put their names on the list. Competition with other Clubs will not only provide excellent experience and improve your standard but adds a new dimension to the enjoyment of the sport. Mutual arrangements are made by teams for transport when playing away.

If you cannot commit to playing regularly indicate your willingness to fill in as a reserve. Trial Pennant matches are being arranged for **Saturday 1st and 8th of February.**

FAREWELL FROM PAST PRESIDENT

Just a few parting words before I join John Wayne and "ride off into the sunset".

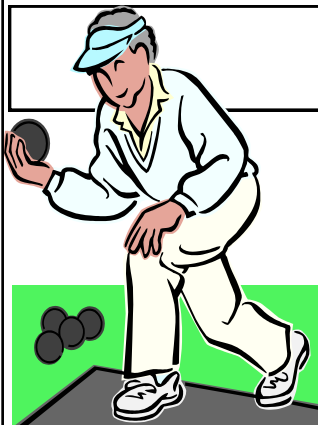
Thank you to all those members who supported me over these last three interesting years and who generously contributed to the wristwatch I now so proudly wear as a 'Badge of Honour'.

I have accepted an invitation to join the committees of both the Upper Northshore District Bowling Association and Zone 9. I hope this will be beneficial to KBC as well as continuing my interest in bowling club activities.

I wish Ian success and the Club prosperity into the future.

Warwick Druce

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Beside you on the Green... .KBC Profiles

At Killara we share a love of our great game and our tradition for equality, friendliness and conviviality. There is no place for élitism from a social point-of-view.

Whether you earn a living from the sweat of your brow or oratory in high places, the 'level of the mat' is the same for all!

Even so, there are many interesting individual stories within our membership which I feel we should discover and share. Space limitations will make these but "thumbnails" however, it is hoped you find them interesting. **The**

ATHOL MOFFITT CMG, AM, BA, LLB, QC

" (Athol)...is a distinguished lawyer, an ex NSW Supreme Court Judge and equally in the formulation of his views an officer in the 9th Division AIF."

These words are those of **Sir Roden Cutler VC, AK, KCMG, KCVO, CBE** from his foreword to Athol's book

PROJECT KINGFISHER, the story of the massacres of the Sandakan POW's- and the suppressed plan for rescue that should but did not, happen.

Athol was uniquely qualified to write this book as in 1945 he was attached to the Military Government of Borneo with 9Div. and subsequently assigned as Prosecutor in the collaborator trials and later, the Sandakan War Crime Trials at Labuan.

PROJECT KINGFISHER is not a light read but it is remarkable for it's even handed and precise re-counting of what befell 2400 allied prisoners on the callously planned

and 'executed' death marches. Athol also tries to understand the psyche and political environment leading to such an inhuman tragedy.

However, this is not a book review. Athol is much, much more than a successful author. His legal career took him from lawyer, to QC, to the Bench. A Justice of the Supreme Court 1962-84; President of the NSW Court of Appeal 1974-84; Royal Commissioner of Organised Crime in Registered Clubs 1973-74 and at one time Administrator for NSW (1979).

When he turned to writing after his retirement, he had served the Law and the People of NSW for 47 years.

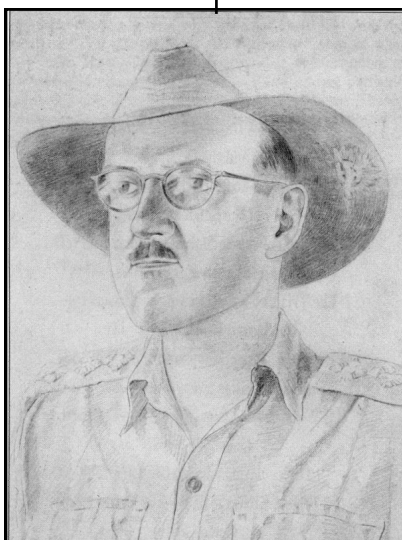
Now he is an active member of our Club, a painfully accurate lead and a pleasure to converse with.

Bob Bessemer

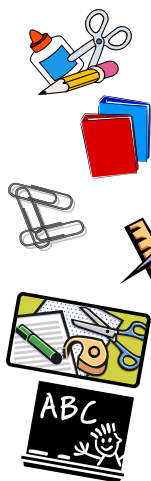
Other books by A. Moffitt

➤ *A Quarter to Midnight (insights on crime in NSW based on his Royal Commission)*

➤ *Drug Precipice > Drug Alert.*



Sketch of Capt. A. Moffitt made at Labuan on 9th February 1946 by **G Takase**, an artist attached to the headquarters of the 37th Imperial Japanese Army.



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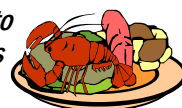
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Membership Report

Peter Baume in his report (p2) draws attention to our membership crisis and the impact it is having fiscally. It is important

that we define the nature of our problem.

We have 306 members. **194 are full members**(103 men and 91 women) .There are 23 associates; the balance are social members.

We actually had a very good result in our recruiting in 2002.. For full membership we gained 14 men and 18 women; there were 4 departures – 3 men, 1 woman. Therefore a **net increase of 28 or 17%**. Not bad!

This shows that when we put our minds to it we CAN get results.

So where is the crisis? The number of *active bowlers* is our problem. Barely 50% of members bowl regularly now as a consequence of our advancing average age. *So not only do we need new members but also younger ones.*

Why this emphasis on members age?

The reader may well observe that age is not material to the issue of recruitment. We simply need more members and the problem is solved.

Well, yes, this is partially true. Our suburb is actually ideal for recruiting older bowlers because the population profile of Killara/Lindfield is also aging. The difficulty is that a club mainly composed of 70's and 80's finds it hard to fill executive positions and teams and is not as active socially.

So what can we do?

We have to begin by "swearing in church". Yes, we have to make changes to the way we do things that many of you may say :- "...over my dead body!"

Well the problem with this resistance to change may well be a "dead club".

Ladies and Gentlemen, if we want younger bowlers, we must look at issues such as:-

- *Casual Attire for social bowling*
- *Designating casual bowling to days/times that suit working people.*
- *Lower membership fees.*
- *Higher green fees*
- *More amenities including parking but not necessarily poker machines. Better catering.*
- These are just a few of the issues we must stop just thinking about and **act** on.

Here endeth the sermon!

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MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL CROSS B.Pharm.,M.P.S

Thank you for the opportunity to support your revised Killara Bowls News. In each edition we will bring you news of medications which we feel could be of particular interest to club members.

On this occasion I would like to mention a recent product which has been giving us very positive 'feedback' from our clients ..CosaminDS. This supplement was studied with good results by the US Arthritis Foundation. Ask for the literature.





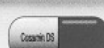

We would welcome your visit to discuss this product or any other health matter concerning you.

Please mention you are a Killara Member.

Best Wishes for 2003..... Michael Cross

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Soul Pattinson Chemist



2003 Membership Drive. Two Sundays have been reserved in March. The plan will be implemented on the lines that were successful last year. The committee will promulgate the program early in February. Stand by!

Welcome new KBC Members

Ted Barker
Brian Cato-Symonds
Jim Davidson
Martin Hickling
Bob Hill
Frank Lang
Boyd MacNevin
Bob McComas
David Nichol
Frank Osborne

Tom Takahashi
Doug Taylor
Johno Orton
Ivor Cribb

Departures

Tom Warren (Dec.)
 George Saunders (Dec.)
 Jim Scougal (Res.)



A researcher has discovered that chocolate produces some of the same reactions in the brain as marijuana. The same researcher also discovered other similarities between the two, but can't remember what they are.....



HOW MANY SAUSAGES CAN FIT ON A BBQ?



This is KBC's brand new BBQ. Generously donated by Life Member **Errol Bode**. It has already been christened THE SNAG EXPRESS on it's first cook-up prior the **Place of Origin** game (See John Krieger's report below) In gleaming enamel, it features 4 burners and an anti-flame design which make cooking sausages a joy! A very smart machine!

Of course **Errol** got the first snag off the line. Very well done as requested; **And very well done Errol!** Thanks from all at Killara.



HOW MANY SAUSAGES? ASK ERROL!

SYDNEY OR THE BUSH

The first match in the seventh series of Place of Origin encounters for 2002/2003 was held 16 th November with conditions ideal for good bowling. Activities commenced with a convivial BBQ prior to some forty players occupying six rinks on the Graham Firth green.

The games were contested closely and apart from one rink, individual games were in balance throughout. Indeed, at the conclusion, the rink scores were 3/3. However, a dominant result on one rink gave the day to the Sydney Slickers 121/99. A well deserved win.

John Kreiger

A biased report accepted under sufferance. ed.