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DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE DETERMINED TO LIFT MEMBERSHIP

Responding to the main theme of his inaugural message to members (KBN December 2005), the Executive Committee has endorsed President **John Muirhead's** proposals for a vigorous and ongoing drive for new members. The design of a new full colour 6 page flyer (see below) has been approved and 6,000 units have been ordered for delivery to the Club in early March.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A membership steering committee chaired by **Graham Shirley**, assisted by **John Krieger** and the President, are preparing a programme of activities and the necessary supporting materials to conduct regular 'Try Bowls Days' in the coming months. An innovation being considered for these days envisages bowling demonstrations.

SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBERS SOUGHT

"It is no secret that we have a crisis developing which can only be resolved by boosting membership, both men and women, and encouraging younger and more active bowlers to our ranks. Our ability to field teams in intra-club events and Pennants; and to maintain a good standard of inter-club competition are of the greatest priority. Greater even than financial and trading considerations in the short term."

John concluded *"We will need every individual member to participate in this endeavour: firstly by joining in a general meeting to prepare for the actual 'Try Bowls Days', by volunteering to contribute to time and effort to the programme and most importantly, to introduce new prospects to the Club."*

Expect much more information / focus on this project in coming weeks.



HE'S BACK . . .!

Great to see **Mick Meares** back on the green after a bout of surgery and convalescence.

And he seems as bright and breezy as ever!

The Club has got back an enthusiastic lead and a very handy man.

Hey, Mick . . . about the clock . . .



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More good news! Bowls Australia advises that 'Aunty' does intend to resume bowls broadcasts in the near future. Watch your guide.



From the chair . . .

. . . Warwick Druce



The Board is now at full Strength with the appointments of **Robin Hey** and **John Krieger**. I welcome and look forward to their contributions. This edition contains memorials for **John Barkl** and **Colin Fraser**; good clubmen who are

greatly missed. We extend condolences to their families.

The Ladies have not been rushing to play on the men's bowling days since the rules were relaxed recently. However, it has happened and the intrepid lady was none other than **Joan Hodgson** who was warmly welcomed in a most enjoyable game. To be fair, others have mentioned that they have been discouraged by the very hot weather. We look forward to Autumn!

The major changes that have occurred next door at the **Killara Tennis Club**, including the replacement of lawn courts with synthetics and the leasing of the facilities to a coaching organisation, has also led to the termination of the **Killara Bridge Club's** use of their rooms. We have been happy to welcome **John Roberts** and his card players to our clubhouse. **They will contribute much needed income.** I ask members to be accommodating and tolerant as we adjust to sharing our 'space'.

This, hopefully, could start a trend. I would like to see KBC as a vibrant, living place, sharing it's facilities and welcoming allied activities. We have had several inquiries recently for Corporate Bowls and we are seeing demand for "barefoot" bowls could be very beneficial for our future membership and our revenue.

This issue has detailed information on our greens - **all of it good!** Quotes have been received for an 'allgrip' surface on the ramp beside No.3 green and a decision should be made shortly. Our second quarter financial figures show a loss of \$2,000 after investment income instead of a small profit compared with the same period last year and despite increases in our charges. Bar sales are continuing to decline but canteen sales showed some improvement.

Undoubtedly, our attendance and fees have been disadvantaged by quite torrid conditions this summer. I am hoping we see much greater activity with the approaching cooler days. Our rejuvenated greens deserve your enjoyment!

Lloyd Sommerlad on Club Traditions . . .

It is traditional that once during a President's time in office, the Club is visited on "President's Day" by representatives of the Royal NSW Bowling Association. The representative of the Royal presents an Association Merit Badge to the retiring President in appreciation of his services in this high office.

On this occasion the Club President also has an opportunity to make special acknowledgement of some of the many volunteers among the Club membership who give voluntary service on the committees which keep it functioning efficiently - greens, property, house, roll up, membership, social and financial among others, as well as coaches, umpires and selectors.

The President may nominate, for presentation by the representative of the Royal, two members to receive Merit Badges and two to receive Tie Clips. The Badge is worn on the top of a blazer lapel, having pride of place among other badges of office.

Present Killara members who, over the years, have received Merit badges and Tie Pins include:-

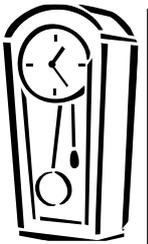


The RNSWBA Merit Badge has pride of place over all other symbols of office.

MERIT BADGES	Lloyd Sommerlad
John Baker	Howard Treloar
Edwin Burton	John Warner
Ian Cameron-Smith	Cyril Vahtrick
Warwick Druce	
Neil Falconer	TIE PINS
Graham Firth	Bob Bessemer
John Krieger	Gof Bowles
Hector MacDonald	John Cowlshaw
Edward O'Donnell	Bob Hill
Ashley Sanders	Arthur Krust
Bob Sinclair	Mick Meares
	John Orton

Edwin Burton's Badge was awarded through the Upper North Shore District Association (when it existed), whose Umpires' Panel he chaired for 10 years.

Should there be any oversight in the above lists, please inform me for acknowledgement in the next edition.





KWBC Presidents' Platform

Happy New Year!

Bowling resumed in January with 30 bowlers on the first day - very promising. However enthusiasm on Tuesdays has either been dampened down by impending rain, or melted away in 30°+ temperature.

Fridays are interesting with Pennants coaching resumed. All players agree that much is to be learnt from our enthusiastic coaches, **Edwin Burton** and **Ed O'Donnell**. It is to be hoped that we do them proud.

The biggest challenge for KWBC so far in 2006 is accommodating "Bridge Today" on Fridays from 1.30 pm. This is proving possible with co-operation on both sides. It is good to see our pleasant club-house having extra use. There may be extra challenges ahead, but continuing amicable discussion will provide solutions.

During February, two teams from Killara entered the **State Pairs Championships**. The club basks in their reflected glory. At District level, **Robyn Hey** and **Alice Burton** played four matches to lose by one point in the quarter final, and **Barbara Cotton** and **Maria Hearder** (who had a bye in the first round) played four matches to be defeated in the semi final. Marvelous results from both teams. The ultimate District Winners were Lindfield East's **Rosemary Dodds** and **Vicky Bartrop**. Congratulations to them.

Our first KWBC March event is the *Warrawee* picture exchange, to be held at Killara and followed by lunch. All club members are welcome, and lunch is provided for all.

KWBC selected teams are entered in the *Blue Bird Shield* (Artarmon), the *Belrose Friendship Day*, and the *Top 10 at Gordon*. All these in one week culminating in our **St Patrick Day Dinner**. Pennants begin on 28th March - so it is all systems go.

This club values the co-operation of so many of its members, who with the co-operation of KBC members, make such an active schedule possible.

Thank you all; Good Bowling and Good fellowship,
Lea McNeill.



KWBC President
Lea McNeill



VALE O.J.BARKL 1922-2006

Many KBC members were amongst over 200 mourners at a Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of **John Barkl** at Holy Family Catholic Church, Lindfield, on February 7th. sharing with his family the passing of "Poppy John". The wider community has lost another 'digger'; John was in the army 5 years, returning to 'Civvy St.' in 1946 as L.Sergeant, 2/1 Tank Attack Regiment. The Club has lost an active member; a good bloke and competent bowler of 15 years standing.

Au Revoir

VALE C.J.R.FRASER 1910-2006

Older members would remember **Colin** who passed away 15th February at the age of 95. He was a member for 25 years although advancing age curbed his activities in the past 3 to 4 years causing him to relinquish Full membership and take Social status.

An accomplished bowler, Colin was Club Champion 1982/83.

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"When I die, I want to die like my grandfather, who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car..."

A bloke is going to Gosford and his mobile rings. Answering, he hears his wife, urgently warning him . . .

"Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on the F3. Please be careful!" "Crikey," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"





KBC Presidents' Platform : *John Muirhead*



John Muirhead
President KBC

The 2006 Pennants season is about to begin. This year we face different opponents from recent previous years so it is difficult to predict how we may fare in both the Grades 5 and 7. The main objective is to enjoy the game but we all enjoy it better when we win. Our Coaches **Edwin Burton** and **Ed O'Donnell**

have made great and sustained efforts to improve our skills. They deserve our sincere thanks for their unstinting dedication, often in great heat.

The coaching has brought about an improvement and broadening of skills for those who have participated. They can expect greater enjoyment from the game. We hope that our results will reward the contributions made by the coaches.

Our Selectors have contributed by choosing trial teams for games played within the Club and further games arranged against prospective teams from neighbouring Clubs. Their observations will assist them to select well balanced teams from those who have taken part in the trial games for both Grades 5 and 7, with the best prospects for overall success.

They have a very difficult task which is on-going for the whole Pennants season. It requires great powers of observation, memory, tact and stamina. Thank you **Bob Sinclair**, **Michael Tsolakis** and **Arthur Krust**, we hope that your efforts too will be rewarded by respectable results. We all enjoy the game most when we win but also when the result is close, from well matched sides.



A PROPOSED NEW SEAT BELT DESIGN



"I'm going to get a divorce. My wife hasn't spoken to me for six months."

"Better think it over. Wives like that are hard to get."



THE GISSING SHIELD

The **Gissing Shield**, an annual handicap singles event, now a Consistency Competition, is in its closing stages for 2006. The event is named after **George Gissing**, the dominant personality in the Club from early days until his death in 1955 at the age of 93. He was the Honorary Secretary from 1921 to 1923, President for 11 years and Patron for 12. In his later years, he lived next door to the Club in Arnold St and when he was no longer able to play he used to watch the game from his wheel chair. His daughter was married to **Ray Nevill**, our late esteemed member remembered by many of us. The Club fence on Arnold St has a plaque recording that it was a memorial gift from the Gissing family.

During his Presidency in 1939 members presented him with a wallet of notes on the occasion of his golden wedding anniversary and he promptly donated the contents to the Club with which the Committee acquired a shield for a Singles Handicap competition, named after the donor. Initially it was a normal Singles match with allotted handicaps, so popular that in 1951 it attracted entries from most of the 200 members. In 1989 this event was replaced by the present Consistency competition, re-named the Gissing Shield.

Consistency Singles at Killara has a long history, being mentioned in the Minutes as early as 1922. – "*an open handicap for the most consistent play (75 up scored as at present) with sealed handicaps.*" Entry was one shilling and the prize one guinea. It was discontinued for a period and recommenced in 1981 as the Patron's Consistency Singles.

Names of present and recent members engraved as the Consistency winners on the Gissing Shield are: **Ian Cameron Smith**, **Neil Falconer**, **John Krieger**, **Chris Smith (2)**, **Lloyd Sommerlad (3)**, **Bob Talbot (3)**, **Howard Treloar (2)**, **John Warner** and **Keith Williams**.
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CLUB ACTIVITIES . . .
. . . Round and about with Bob.

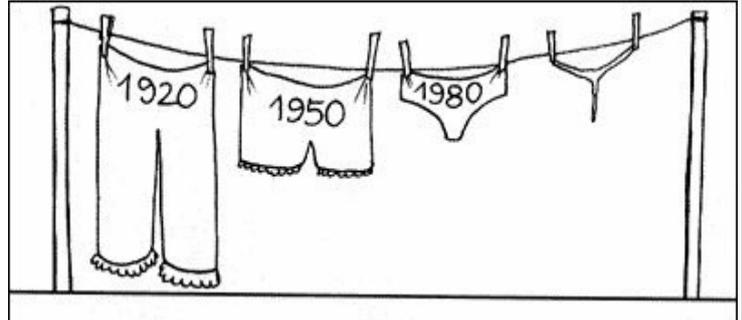
Our Selectors, **Bob Sinclair, Michael Tsolakis** and **Arthur Krust**, as part of a rigorous process of choosing teams and preparing for members for the season ahead, arranged a number of Pennant Trials with mostly adjacent Northshore Clubs. However it was agreed that the trip to the South-West was the most interesting and challenging. It was unanimously hoped that we don't meet these blokes in the finals



using either his left or right hand as required by his 'Skip' or the head. In other words he is ambidextrous. I asked Derick, who is from 'the old country', how greens compare from one side of the world to the other. This elicited the interesting fact that he always bowls on the *backhand* in England. It's got something to do with how water goes down the plug hole in the different hemispheres.

I wonder what he does on the Equator!

Cheers !



It is pleasing to report that **Johno Orton** has recovered from surgery. We thought it was for a knee problem but it has apparently left him with a stiff thumb on his left (bowling) hand. It has not made much difference to his delivery . . .



The unexpected visit, already widely reported in the media, has caused management to review the greens policy. Please take note of the following new By Law:-



23.iix *Under no circumstances will any person be allowed to wear high-heeled shoes on any playing surface.*

Talking of deliveries, popular visitor, **Derick Heckingbottom**, who bowls in our Thursday Triples - and sometimes on other days - always bowls on the forehand by



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Nevertheless, after years of exposure, gutters/valleys rust out, timber battens rot and tile cement cracks. So when leaks appear inside the house and contents are damaged you know you have a seriously expensive problem.

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Oh, by the way, my name is Andrew Dixon and I have been roofing for over 20 years. You can reach me by calling **1300 762 067** or **0401 592 066**. Please mention you are a Killara Member.



GREEN'S CONVENOR, BOB HILL . . .
. . . Caring for our Greens

Darren Hargreaves, our green keeper, is in the final stages of major renovations to the Graham Firth green and No.3 green. This work has involved extensive levelling on GF with the importation of 22 tons of top dressing; increasing the width of the ditches so that they conform with the requirements of the RNSWBA and replacing the plinths with new, specially treated F/C board.No.3 has been deep cored and top dressed. GF green was brought into play Wednesday 15th February for the Painting Trophy Competition against Warrawee. The green was still relatively soft and unfortunately damage was sustained on one rink, requiring repairs.

Arrangements are in hand to obtain a Rankine heavy roller from Warrawee BC, and to use it on these greens. This will consolidate the surface of the turf which will make it harder and hence faster. The aim is for a green speed of 15 seconds or better. It will also make the surface less vulnerable to damage from bowlers who drop or dump their bowls from a height of about a foot or more.

The Committee is conscious of the difficulties which some members experience in getting down to deliver their bowls and is sympathetic of their disabilities, it recommends they consider the use of a bowling arm, which acts as an extension of their natural arm. These are approved aids for bowlers who are unable to bend down and they are available from shops selling bowling gear.

Our greens are in fine condition and make for enjoyable bowling.



LORDING IT UP

Four of our members combined bowls and a holiday to play in the Lord Howe Island Pairs Carnival in January.

Warwick Druce, Lois Killman, Peter Baume, and Lloyd Sommerlad were keen competitors but were eliminated in the early rounds. The competition was won by a local team. The photo shows the bowlers together with *Jenny Baume* and *Mavis Sommerlad* in front of the picturesque Clubhouse.



WATCH IT!

The Match Committee is concerned that some completion dates have over run causing inconvenience to other teams and members in competitions.

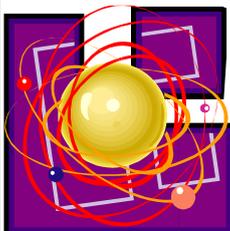
We urge entrants to play matches **before** the designated date to allow for unforeseen circumstances, eg. bad weather, sickness.

This is a perennial problem which causes a lot of stress to the committee who do not want to be forced to make arbitrary decisions. We expect:-

- The Bowls Secretary will be informed in adequate time if an unforeseen event occurs. However, a concession may not be given if this impacts on other games.
- Teams to employ substitutes to maintain schedules.
- You should forfeit if you cannot give your opponent/s a satisfactory undertaking. Conversely, you should request a forfeit if you are unable to fix a date within the time-frame.



Designated driving, it's not a desirable job, but if you ever get sucked into doing it, have fun with it. . . At the end of the night, just drop them off at the wrong house!"



GOVERNMENTIUM (Symbol G)
 A major research institution has recently announced the discovery of the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element has been tentatively named Governmentium. G has 1 neutron, 12 assistant neutrons 75 deputy neutrons and 224 assistant

deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. Since G has no electrons, it is inert. However, it can be detected because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A minute amount of G causes one reaction to take four days to complete when it would normally take less than a second. G has a normal half-life of three years; it does not decay but instead undergoes a reorganisation in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact G's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganisation will cause some morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes.

This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to speculate that G is formed whenever morons reach a certain quantity in concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as "Critical Morass".

Contributed by John Muirhead

**ED O'DONNELL DICUSSES ...
Your Delivery**

Most of the frustration associated with poor bowling comes from errors in your delivery sequence. (See "Stand and Deliver"). *What you do on the mat, and your 'grassing' of the bowl, determines what happens at the other end. You must be entirely in the "present"* when you are on the mat, concentrating solely on your delivery. Visualize it but do not be in the "future" and anticipate the result of your delivery at the other end.



This picture is the delivery of Bob Purcell who started bowls at the Gordon Club, represented Australia in the Commonwealth Games and a former Chairman of the RQBA. Does your delivery display "the Art of Bowling" to this degree? Work on it for your satisfaction and greater enjoyment of the game. The bowl is grassed ten cm in front of the front foot, along your grassline with your elbow and wrist locked straight. Ninety percent of your weight should be on the front foot

and the back knee bent so that you do not **DUMP** the bowl or bounce it out along the grassline.

It is important that you stay down and follow through with straight arm, palm upright over your aiming point with eyes on the bowl until it has traveled seven metres up the green. Then bring your back foot up



to the front foot and stand steady in front of the mat and watch your bowl travel up the green. As your bowl slows move directly back from the mat so that you are two metres behind the mat when your bowl comes to rest. (Law 37) If you move up off the mat or to the left or right, or even raise your eyes to look at the jack, then your bowl will invariably cross the head.

Enjoy your bowling more with a focused delivery.



**Edwin Burton ...
KNOW THE LAWS.**



QUESTION

1. A bowl comes to rest on the Jack in the ditch, while still in contact with the surface of the Rink. **Is the bowl a toucher?**
2. A bowl rebounds from the face of the Bank onto the Rink. **What should happen to the bowl?**
3. After the jack has been rolled, but before the first bowl is delivered, the mat is found to be not on the centre line. **What should happen?**
4. A Player feeling the effect of heat & humidity, asks to have a rest in the Clubhouse. **Is this permissible?**
5. During a Pennant Match, it starts to rain. On one Rink the Skips agree to leave the Rink. **Is this permitted?**
6. When the Directors are determining the result of an end, which **Director should do the measuring?**

ANSWERS

1. After the Jack comes to rest in the Ditch, no further touchers are allowed. Law 23(iii). Should the bowl subsequently fall into the Ditch, it becomes dead and must be removed to the Bank.
2. If the bowl is a toucher, it remains where it came to rest, & any disturbance of the Head is valid Law 27. If the bowl was not a toucher, it is a dead bowl & must be removed to the Bank. Any part of the Head displaced by the rebounding bowl should be replaced by the opposing Director. Law 26
3. The opponent shall place the mat on the centre line of the Rink, with the front edge of the mat the same distance from the rear ditch, but shall not play first. Law 20(b). No one is permitted to challenge the position of the mat after the first bowl has been delivered. Law 18(iv)
4. A Player may leave the Green for 10 minutes if the opponent agrees. Law 55. If a longer period of absence be required, the Skip must request the Umpire's approval for a substitute. Law 40.
5. No. Control of the teams is in the hands of the Side Captains. If they agree, or the Umpire on appeal approves, the sides may leave the Green. The decision applies to all teams in the Side.. Law 60.
6. The Laws of the Game are silent on this matter. The Directors by agreement decide who shall measure when this action is required. As a matter of courtesy they should share the duty. If a Director is not satisfied with the result obtained by the measure that Director is at liberty to measure or call the Umpire or both.

Smith climbs to the top of Mt Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord what does a million years mean to you? The Lord replies, "A minute." Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you? "The Lord replies, " A penny. "Smith asks, " Can I have a penny? The Lord replies " In a minute."



KBC V GBC
Rick Edwards Reports . .

I was impressed with the beautiful setting of the **Gordon bowling Club**. To be in good health, clement weather, and pleasant company doing battle with friendly but determined foe really is something to be thankful for. But I digress. We sallied up the road for a Pennant Trial (Fives) which turned out to be a very tight and exciting event. At the end, the side score - **from a total of 63 ends - was 63 each!** Here are the cards:-

KBC	GBC
24	20
15	18
24	25
63	63

On the day, the win went to Gordon 3.5/2.5. If they are all as tight as this during the season it will be 'heart-stopping' stuff.

BOWLES SECRETARY'S REPORT . . . Robin Hearder

The new Pennants season has commenced and the Club has again entered sides in Grade 5 and Grade 7. All the players must comply with

mandatory RNSWBA By-laws regarding apparel or be disqualified. This is a Bowls Australia revenue issue. Vice-President **John Krieger** has reported from the Zone 9 meeting that an \$80,000 plus first payment has been made to the "Royal" for its Development Fund. Players also must carry their Registration Cards so that they are available for inspection.

Two trial matches were held in February against *Gordon* and *Turrumurra*. Performances were encouraging. We hosted *Warrawee* for the Painting Trophy on 15th February but went down by 29 shots. Together with our social bowlers the roll-up that afternoon was 62 bowlers on GF and HM greens:a sight that has not been seen for several moons.

The following week we hosted *Lindfield* for another Painting Trophy but lost by 28 shots. We won the first **Cyril South Trophy** match in January against *Lindfield*; lost the next game against *Asquith* who are the holders of the trophy and lost the third game to *Warrawee*.

The first Club competition of the year was the **Gissing Consistency** .Thanks to everyone for playing their matches on time; well done to **Bob Hill, Bob Bessemer, Warwick Druce, and Ian Cameron-Smith** on reaching the Semi-finals. The other competition being played is the **Minor-Pairs** where **Rick Edwards Ron Forbes-Smith, John Bleach David Martin, Roger Kerr Arthur Krust, and Peter Baume & Josef Zazulak** have made the Semi-finals.

I regret the delay in printing the Annual Members Handbook due to using a new Publisher. **The good news is that it was done 'no charge'!**

I would like to thank everybody for their patience and tremendous help on my "learning curve" to understand the many and various matters that make up the job.

Cheers Robin

Apologies to Robin, this article was edited for space considerations.

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**A NEW REGULAR FEATURE . . .
 . . . Darren's Greens Report**

Thank you for your warm welcome to the Pro Green team. Steve, Rob, Daniel, Norm, Robert, John and myself will strive to get your club grounds as good as they can possibly be. To keep you up to date here is our first report:

The Graham Firth Green : Play commenced early February with favourable feedback. A vigorous renovation has been completed. Some of the renovation techniques included:-

1. Deep scarification of the surface removing mat and thatch layers;
2. *Verti-draining with half inch by ten inch hollow tynes (aeration procedure)*
3. Application of organics into core holes. Also an 8 month, slow release, resin coated nitrogen fertiliser to maintain soil structure.
4. *Renewal of cement fibre plinths supporting and surrounding the green;*
5. Laser leveling of the green was required after surveys were recorded. This was due to the subsidence of the stairs in the North Eastern corner of the green. Approximately 25 tonnes of sandy loam was applied to the green to make the corrections necessary to perfect the levels of the green. After this several topdressings were required to be rubbed in to ensure a true playing surface - approximately 20 tonnes.
6. *Weeding, renewal and leveling of ditch sand with Stradbroke Island White*

Routine cultural practices including heavy rolling, fine mowing and grooming, liquid fertilizing and many applications of fungicides, insecticides and herbicides.

The water restrictions has made it hard to maintain a structured watering regime. The Permit only allows watering Monday 1 am to 9am and Monday 5pm to 8pm.



STEVE

DARREN

The Hillary Moore Green has been performing very well considering the lack of rainfall and damage to our precious soil profile. This is a result of the very intense renovation in 2004/05.

Since we took over greenkeeping activities, many issues regarding the greens and grounds have been addressed but cannot be fixed in one season. One of these major issues is soil deficiencies. The initial Ph level was very low and very acidic. Corrections have been made several times and further applications will be required to improve the Ph to an optimum level. Dolomite has been selected over limestone, as it has less effect on the calcium/magnesium ratio. I predict about 2 more growing seasons until our Ph level reaches 6.5 which is slightly below neutral.

HM has been playing very true with a firm fast finish. This year a lighter renovation will be carried out considering water restrictions and to reduce

downtime. The green will be aerated, dethatched, Ph tested, various fertilizer applications, fine cutting and heavy rolling throughout the season.

No 3 green has been under intense renovation since early January with an excellent response to all treatments. The renovation is very similar to the Graham Firth green rejuvenation of 2005/06 with many similar techniques employed. This will give members the option to practice and play matches on an improved surface.

The gardens and surrounds are showing improvement with regular fertilizing and weeding. Queensland Blue Couch will be constantly treated until it is eradicated. The bank on the Western edge of HM will be returfed with Sir Walter Buffalo when the green is out for its short rest. All Camellias will be trimmed as required, the Ficus climber on the wall below Northern edge of No 1 green will be manicured also. The Tibochinas above No 3 green will be pruned and that entire area will require a major clear out and an assessment of preventative measures to stop vines and weed infestation. Glyphosphate weed killing treatments are preventing the majority of weed problems. The Rosemary bush has been planted in the top garden bed that was kindly donated by one of our members.

I am relieved to get through my first Greens and Grounds column and look forward to the next. I hope to say g'day around the club some time soon. Bye for now.

Darren Hargreaves



Beryl Writes . . .

We are so proud of our bowlers who played in the **Women's District Pairs Championships**. **Robin Hey & Alice Burton** and **Barbara Cotton & Maria Hearder** won three days running and just beaten by Warrawee on the fourth day, playing some days in the extreme heat.

With such hot days recently, it has been most enjoyable playing in the cool of the evening at **Friday's Twilight Bowls**. And then to enjoy **Sue's** Evening roast. I commend it to you all.

Don't Forget Sunday 9th April, Mixed Triples Painting Killara V Warrawee at Killara. Good Health and Good Bowling!

Beryl Stephens



LATE NEWS
Darren Hargreaves was 'snapped'

at Warrawee trying out a new 'Multi-purpose' mower/roller/BBQ/ fertiliser distributor. It has a top speed of 225 kmh. Darren said he would recommend that it be purchased if they modify the rotisserie (which is presently driven directly off the crankshaft) and add a bar fridge.