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SUCCESSFUL OPEN DAY!



Twelve (12) potential new members were greeted at our **Open Day Sunday February 18th**. Meticulously planned under the leadership of **Graham Shirley**, it was the culmination of many weeks of endeavour by volunteers, who attended Gordon Market Day and distributed leaflets into letter boxes through-out surrounding suburbs as well as assisting on the day itself.

A warm sunny afternoon gave the opportunity to our guests to "roll-a-bowl". **Margaret Shirley** and Ladies produced an superb afternoon tea.

Congratulations to all concerned. Now to the follow-up needed to convert these prospectives into members.



RICK EDWARDS

President **John Muirhead** has announced Rick Edwards will represent KBC at Zone 9 meetings which are currently convened monthly at Belrose.



ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING

After postponement from February 3rd, our annual awards for the Eight Men's and two mixed competitions were presented on a BBQ/ Bowls day Saturday 24th. **Ian Armstrong** cooked the snags. Honour Roll is on Page 9.



STILL IN THE NEWS!

After his memorable birthday celebration at the Club October 29th, **Graham Firth's** achievement is still making news. The February edition of BOWLS NSW carried a full page on the event and two other mentions. *Go Firthy!*





From the chair Warwick Druce



There have been two recent changes to the composition of the Board. **Ian Cameron-Smith** has returned as Director replacing **John Krieger** after his sad passing last year. **Miles Hedge** will be resigning after the 2006/7 financials are completed due to a move to Bathurst. **Ian Armstrong** has

agreed to nominate then, and is already attending meetings.

Honour Boards have now been updated for 2006 competitions; we would like to thank **Lea McNeal** and **Beryl Stephens** for donating two new boards for KWBC together with the gold lettering.

I join the President in thanking: firstly, those **two members** whose material donations allowed us to erect the new sunshades on No.3 green virtually without cost to the Club; and secondly **John Taylor** for donating our new **Club Flag**. We are extremely grateful to them. Graham Firth Green is back in play and looking most attractive with new synthetic covered banks (to conform with Royal specifications!). However the downside is the banks are now higher and create a problem for some of our less agile members. We propose to make some more steps similar to those on No.3 green.

All chairs in the clubhouse are about to be cleaned . . . and not before time, you may say!! Thanks to **Helen Clark** for finding a suitable contractor.

I note that our membership drive has been headlined in this newsletter. I wish to convey the appreciation of the Executive to those who contributed and acknowledge, in particular, efforts made by **Graham and Margaret Shirley**.

A reminder to all members that the **Suggestion Box** is still on the bar counter and any and all comments are welcome.

We must move with the times. The Board has decided to install Email and set up a Website for KBC. It is felt benefits will be obtained with the access to On-line Banking and Payments now commonplace in industry as well as receiving Bowls information and communications. Both RNSWBA and ZONE 9 have websites. **Sue Cleary** will be the Operative.

Last week the Green keeper's shed was broken into and personal property stolen. Police have attended and are investigating.

Women players are now regulars at **Burns and Burns Thursday Triples** and are featuring "in the money." Single entries or teams are welcome. So if you are looking for a change from golf, tennis or bridge, please come along.

Best wishes, **Warwick**



PENNANT PRACTICE : KWBC V KBC

For the first time, it is believed, teams made up of Pennant players from both Clubs, practiced against each other on Saturday March 3. The four matches played, not only allowed players to refine skills for the impending season but also produced excellent bowls in a friendly atmosphere. The men were fortunate to win on the day 3/1 with the highlight being the win recorded by **Livia Geniale, Robin Hey, Margaret Mitchell** and **Maria Hearder** against **David Martin, Don Cozens, Gof Bowles** and **Warwick Druce**. Warwick is KBC's current Champion while David took the Minor Singles honour!

Congratulations to the organizers!

The 32 players involved agreed this should be a regular occurrence.

SUE'S OTHER JOB



When she is not baking scones she is 'cracking' them. Sue is ready for a "fancy Dress" party but we are not sure if she was at the affair or providing security!

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KWBC Presidents' Platform

The calendar year has begun in the hope of allowing more time for social games and opportunities for members to mix on the green. It will be up to members to participate to make this happen.

Some extra events have been removed from the calendar, while not interfering with District and Interclub events.

The issue of Bowls Australia logos on women's clothing reared its head in about September, and took on a life of its own thereafter. Changes of mind over what could and could not be done, and lots of angst from members about what garments they would have embroidered.

The issue still has a life of its own, and hopefully all will be resolved by early March. Forms have been filled in, permission from State granted, money and clothes attached – after being laundered and correctly labeled of course. *Shizuko* and I have delivered these to "Hot Shot" Clothing at Seven Hills, and they will be returned to the Club when completed.



KWBC President
Lea McNeall

The New Year has had hot weather causing variation in numbers playing on any given day, and there is a wind-up for Pennants that will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays – with the cooperation of KBC. Good luck to our two sides – the 3s and 4s.

Thank you to all club members – selectors, committee, social committee and players for being part of this Club. We do have to promote our membership – in fact 'sell' the Club. The drive currently in progress we hope will produce great results.

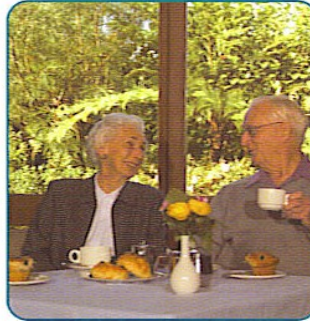
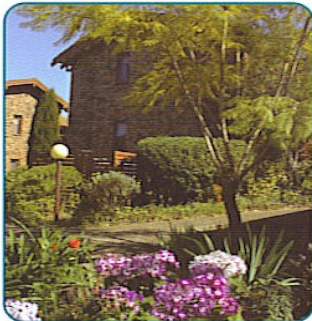
Make sure you participate in all our activities too.

Happy bowling in 2007

Lea McNeall



On 28th February, Lea, on behalf of KWBC hosted the District Quarter Final of the State Fours. Eight teams competed with some very competitive and competent bowling.



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KBC Presidents' Platform : *John Muirhead*



John Muirhead
President KBC

Rick Edwards has accepted the position of our representative on the Zone Committee. This important task of keeping us in touch with the Zone involves attending the monthly meetings at Belrose Bowling Club and reporting to our Committee. Our thanks to Rick, who replaces **John Krieger** and previously, **Keith Williams**.

Killara won the last encounter with Warrawee Bowling Club on Valentine's Day for the Warrawee Killara Painting Trophy.

The Clubs played at Killara, which no doubt gave us a home green advantage. The margin was six shots, having been 3 shots at tea time. Warrawee were captained by their President **Peter Lovell** who won on his rink with a margin of 19. **Goff Bowles'** team won with second best margin of 16. As tradition requires, both these teams were rewarded with a bottle of Scotch Whisky for each player. It was an encounter played in the usual sporting spirit and enjoyed by all. We look forward to defending the trophy on 17th December, in the return game at Warrawee.

Our thanks go to our Coaches **Edwin Burton** and **Ed O'Donnell** for the special coaching programme they have provided this season. This has produced a better standard of play and more enjoyment from the game. Inter-Club trials have been held before the forthcoming Pennants season which starts in March. The results will assist the Selectors in their most difficult task of picking the teams most likely to perform consistently at their best in the conditions of the competition, both at home and away where the greens can be expected to present challenges. The draw for the 2007 Pennants season has been decided with KBC fielding sides in both Grade 5 and Grade 7. The full draw is listed on page 8.

The Twilight Bowls season for the summer has resumed following the Christmas New Year break. Members wishing to take part in this very pleasant social bowls are invited to register by placing their names on the list on the Mixed Bowls Board for bowls with dinner or bowls or dinner alone. Dinner is provided by **Sue Cleary** if the numbers exceed 18 for dinner. If numbers are insufficient for the dinner members are encouraged to play bowls and perhaps order delivery of Take-Away food. Mufti is permitted so come along and bring a guest. Members will have noticed that the Club has a new KBC burgee. This replaces a very old and tatty flag which was close to being unrecognisable. The replacement was organised by our extremely conscientious and knowledgeable Flag Orderly **John Taylor**. John not only arranged the replacement but generously donated it to the Club. Thank you John.

Members will have noticed that we now have shades at the east end of No. 3 Green. We have to thank The NSW Department of Sport and Recreation for the grant of 50% of the net cost. The Club received a very generous donation from our immediate past Patron **Norman Winckle** of \$1,000 and one other of equal generosity from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The wonderful result is that we have the shades for no cost to the Club and timed perfectly for our Try Bowls Day last Sunday. They made all the difference on a hot sunny afternoon.

The Try Bowls Day on Sunday afternoon of Sunday 18th February attracted 12 potential new members thanks to the organisation of **Graham Shirley** and the generosity of



President John Muirhead and Patron Peter Baume enjoy the new shades on No.3 green.

Ku ring gai Rotary who gave us permission to use their Gordon Market Day to set up a stand on 11th February. Many of our members gave their time to attend the Market dressed in bowling gear to circulate among browsers to attempt to persuade them to try bowls on the following Sunday.

We then had the help of many members at the Try Bowls day to introduce potential members to the joys and mysteries of the game of bowls on No.3 green. From my observation I would expect that several will proceed to coaching and active membership. We shall be following up with initiatives to keep up their interest in joining the Club.

Our thanks go to **Margaret Shirley** and her team for setting up a great welcome in the Club house and producing a superb afternoon tea for our regular Sunday players and our recruits and helpers.

I wish all members good bowling in 2007.

John Muirhead



OUR LONGEST STANDING MEMBERS

... *Lloyd Sommerlad* reports

Our former Patron, President and Life Member **Norman Winckle** and Past President **Llew Thomas** have been members of our Club since the late 1960s. Llew remains an Associate Member though now playing with another Club. **Graham Firth's** membership dates back to 1970, the same year that **Keith Stedman** took up bowls at Killara. Keith's name appears on our Winners Honour Boards. He was a committee member and the donor of the trophy for the competition with Killara Golf Club. He is now the Vice President of Balgowlah Bowling Club but remains an Associate at Killara and enjoys our Thursday game.

Neil Falconer is the player with the earliest membership still playing competitively on our greens. He came to Killara in 1972 after several years at the Neutral Bay Club. Next in the list of longstanding players is **Barry Moore** who has been a member since 1975 and has been playing Pennants without a break for 30 years. Barry was one of six friends and neighbours who lived in Bromley Ave. Pymble and all joined Killara Bowling Club about the same time – a decision Barry says he has never regretted. The others were Llew Thomas, **David Barnett**, a former honorary architect of the Club and still a member but rarely a player, and the late **Dick Reid, Mick Neil** and **Ian Garvie**. Barry was a winner in Triples / Fours but is also remembered for his string of near misses. He and **Mike Serisier** were runners up time and again for 7 or 8 years in the Minor Pairs Final but before they were successful in this event they won the Major Pairs together in 1998 and thereafter were ineligible to compete in the Minors.

Barry Moore worked in the old established Woolbroking firm Australian Mercantile Land and Finance Co, first in head office then in country branches including Gunnedah where he was Manager/ Auctioneer. He returned to head office in 1966 as NSW Branch Inspector but after a takeover, followed other interests and in 1984 participated in a family venture in the new world of video. This led to the opening of a centre in Bankstown to service video and other electronic equipment, eventually representing most major manufacturers. This business was sold in 2001.

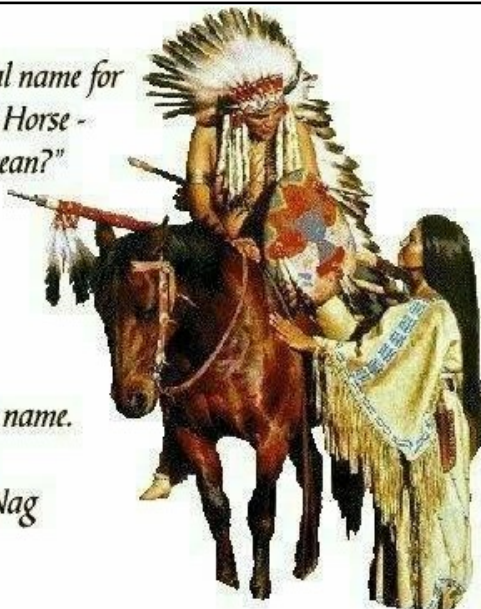
We wish all our longstanding members many more happy years at the Club.



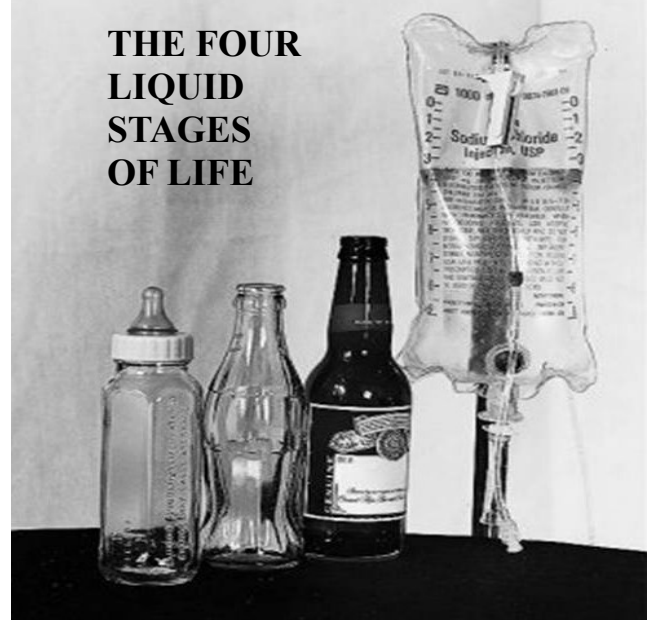
Barry Moore, top bowler, good bloke and 75 before this year is out.

"That's an unusual name for
your wife - Three Horse -
What does it mean?"

"It's old Indian name.
means
Nag - Nag - Nag



THE FOUR LIQUID STAGES OF LIFE





Edwin Burton . . .

UNDERSTAND THE NEW LAWS.

The introduction of the new Laws has not been without some confusion due to a number of changes in interpretation. Three Laws in particular have not been understood and have drawn conflicting statements from some authorities. The following notes set out agreed interpretation for the game in Australia.

Respotting the Jack.

Should the jack be propelled outside the boundaries of the Rink of Play, the jack is placed 1.5 metres from the centre line & 2 metres from the front ditch on the same side of the line as it left the rink. This happens **ONLY** in Sets Play or if the Conditions of Play for the event e.g. our Autumn and Spring Carnivals, so specify.

In a recent letter to all Clubs the RNSWBA stated that the Conditions of Play for all events under its control, i.e. Club major championships, State championships and Pennant matches; if the jack moves outside the boundaries of the rink, the end is dead & must be replayed.

If the Skips decide to replay the end in the same direction, bowls must be carried back to the mat end and not rolled down the rink. Law 31.3 A breach of this Law could incur a penalty.

Inclement weather

Should players leave the Green for any valid reason such as inclement weather, before the end has been completed, the end is regarded as dead and must be replayed. **Law 50.2** If all the bowls for that end have been played, but the result not agreed before the players leaves the Green the end is dead & must be replayed. **Law 50.3** Thus if your team is holding shot, ensure the result is agreed before leaving the green!

Substitutes and Replacement Players

Before the start or at any stage of a competition should a player be unable to compete for the rest of the competition, the Controlling Body may appoint a replacement player for that team. A replacement player may play in any position in the team & becomes a constituted player immediately after delivering a first bowl. **Law DR4.13**

If a team requires a Substitute for one or more matches, the Controlling Body will determine whether or not to permit a substitute. The Controlling Body determines the eligibility of a substitute, who may play in any position other than that of Skip. The Umpire enters details of the substitution on the margin of the scorecard & signs it.

A team may not have more than one replacement player and one substitute at any one time.

A Reminder

While the scorecard is kept by the second, it must be signed by the Skip who must also record the time of completion of the game. This is essential as any challenge to a bowl or to an umpires decision must be made within 10 minutes of the completion of the game, otherwise the challenge is invalid.

A reporter to Greg Norman, "You are spectacular, your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?" The shark replied, "The holes are numbered"



CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS

Bob Sinclair

In February KBC played **pennant trial matches** with Gordon and Turramurra Bowling Clubs in both grade 5 and grade 7. The grade 5 side won against Turramurra by 13 shots and lost to Gordon by 22 shots, while in

grade 7 the match against Turramurra ended in a draw and Gordon won by 12 shots. On 3rd March two grade 5 teams played against two teams from KWBC. *The report is on page 2.*

The **pennant season** begins on 10th March. Our grade 7 side was included in a "regular" section of six clubs, but on 1st March we were advised of an amended draw including KBC in a section of ten clubs. The original draw had included our grade 5 side in a section of ten clubs. Both sides will now play one match against nine clubs and round 10 will be a bye. *The draw is on page 8.*

KBC has won two of the four matches that have been played to date in the **Cyril South Trophy Competition**. KBC defeated Lindfield by 48 shots and won by 30 shots against a strong side of grade 3 players from St. Ives. Asquith won by 3 shots and Hornsby by 2. Six matches are yet to be played: the four clubs with the highest winning margins against KBC play off in the semi-finals.

We have also enjoyed the first round of our "**friendly matches**" played in February and March. Having defeated Warrawee by 6 shots, we now have the Lamb /Salenger Painting Trophy hanging on the club walls - after, it was said, a five-year drought. Lindfield retained the Fred Salisbury Painting Trophy, winning by 5 shots. The traditional match against Killara Golf Club for the Stedman Bowl is scheduled as we go to press. It will be a closely fought contest!

Good Bowling has it's own reward! **Bob Sinclair**

A Polish immigrant goes to the RTA to apply for a driver's license and is told he has to take an eye test. The examiner shows him a card with the letters: **C Z J W I X N O S T A C Z** "Can you read this?" the examiner asks. "Read it?" the Polish bloke replies, "I know the guy!!!"

2007 AUTUMN CARNIVAL
The brochure for this important event is now at the Club.

LADIES TRIPLES 18 MAY
COMPOSITE PAIRS 20 MAY
MEN'S TRIPLES 21 MAY



Darren's PRO-GREEN Report

Graham Firth Green

Yet again a very thorough renovation has been completed on GF. Including deep scarification and Verti - Draining (aeration method), Organic fertilising into core holes, slow release fertiliser and various soil conditioners to enhance our dry soils. Laser grading was also carried out. Three top dressings have also been applied. Soil ph levels are slowly on the mend with our recent test confirming 5.2 in comparison to 4.1 two and half years ago. This will be further improved this year with suitable application solutions. The bowls rests have also been modified to comply with regulations; this work involved this raising the height and re surfacing of the bowls rests and ditch walls. A suitable step is being sought to reduce the step over on and off the green. Routine cultural practices including heavy rolling, fine mowing and grooming as well as chemical treatments will be addressed for the upcoming calendar of bowls events for 2007.

Hillary Moore Green.

Played very well last season and was used consistently during 2005/06; renovation is in progress and estimated play date is early April.

Similar renovation style to No.1 green will be adopted.

The new turf bank along side No.2 green has taken very well and compliments the surrounds of the green.

Small patches of Queensland blue will also be treated that are infesting the green.

No 3 Green

Play has been much more frequent on this green of late.



Beryl Writes ...

Australia Day was a very pleasant affair and thoroughly enjoyed by the 34 players. **Barbara Cotton** assisted me with the luncheon and **Warwick Druce** and **Sue Cleary** helped and arranged tables.

Now please note: One of the most popular social events in our calendar is scheduled for Friday 16th March. Yes! It's our **St. Patricks Dinner**. The poster is on display at the Club now. If you would like to register your attendance by phone please call 9498 2633.

On Sunday 25th March we have a mixed competition against our old rivals **Warrawee**. We want to have a good turnout, so please put your name forward when the list is up on the board.

With Autumn on us, we have only a limited number of Twilight Bowls evenings remaining. Personally, I find the two hours of bowls in the cool part of the day very satisfying. You should come and try it! Looking forward to seeing you 'on the green'

Beryl Stephens

After its renovation in late Nov/Dec it is playing true and smooth. This green will take the load whilst No 2 green is rejuvenated. Recently the shades were installed to the Eastern end to provide much needed shade, this will hopefully encourage members to make more use of this green particularly for coaching and practice.

Gardens and Maintenance

Surroundings are in regular maintenance, all grass banks are edged and mown to the finest standards. All shrubs and hedges are manicured as required and further improvements are tended to usually as the greens come back into play. Fertilising is due to be applied to all shrubs and flowers at the end of March.

We look forward to the upcoming pennant season and wish the best of luck to all teams. Hope to see you around the club and on the greens.

Bye for now.

Darren Hargreaves

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Father: That's right, but why do you ask?

Son: I think one is trying to pass us now!



2007 PENNANTS DRAW		GRADE 5		GRADE 7 (Amended)	
ROUND	DATE	HOME	AWAY	HOME	AWAY
1	10 Mar.	Killara	Gordon	Nth Sydney Anzac	Killara
2	17 Mar.	Asquith	Killara	Killara	Hornsby
3	24 Mar.	Killara	Artarmon	W. Pymble	Killara
4	31 Mar.	Hornsby	Killara	Killara	Harbord
5	14 Apr.	Killara	North Manly	Seaforth	Killara
6	21 Apr.	Neutral Bay	Killara	St.Ives 1	Killara
7	28 Apr.	Killara	Willoughby Park	Killara	Forestville RSL
8	5 May	Forestville RSL	Killara	Belrose 2	Killara
9	12 May	Killara	Pittwater Memorial	Killara	Dee Why RSL
10	19 May	-	-	-	-



Age-Activated Attention Deficit Disorder

Just in case you all thought you were going mad..

I went to the doctor yesterday and have been diagnosed with Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests itself:

I need to wash my car. As I start towards the garage I notice there's a pile of letters on the hall table. I decide to go through them before washing the car. I put my keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the bin and notice the bin is full. So I decide to put the bills back on the table to take out the bin. But then I think, since I'm near the post box when I take out the bin I might as well pay the bills first.

I take my cheque book off the table and see that there is only one cheque left, so I go to my desk in my study where I find a bottle of Coke I had been drinking. I'm about to look for my cheques when I notice the Coke is warm so I decide to put it in the fridge. I head towards the kitchen when a vase of flowers on the sideboard catches my eye - they need water. As I put the Coke down on the sideboard I notice my glasses, which I've been looking for all morning. I decide I had better take them back to my desk but first I must water the flowers. I fill a jug with water when I spot the TV remote on the kitchen table. Tonight when we go to watch TV we'll be looking for it so I decide to take it back to the TV room. But first I must water the flowers. I splash some water on them but some spills on the floor, so I put the remote down to wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do. Now it's the end of the day; the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there's a warm bottle of Coke on the sideboard, the flowers aren't watered, there's only one cheque in my cheque book, I can't find the remote or my glasses and I don't know what I did with the car keys. I try to work out why nothing got done today, and I'm baffled because I have been busy and now I'm really tired. I realise this is a problem and I'll try to fix it but it will have to wait until tomorrow.

Medical Advance Reported.....



A British company is developing computer chips that store music in women's breast implants.

This is considered a major breakthrough as women are always complaining about men staring at their breasts and not



A little girl walks into a pet shop and asks in the sweetest little lisp, "Excute me, mithter, do you keep widdle wabbits?" As the shopkeeper's heart melts, he gets down on his knees, so that he's on her level, and asks, "Do you want a widdle white wabby or thoft and fuwwy bwack wabby or maybe one like that cute widdle bwown wabby over there?" She, in turn blushes, rocks on her heels, puts her hands on her knees, leans forward and says in a quiet voice, "I don't fink my pet python weally cares!"

2006 HONOUR BOARD MEN'S AND MIXED EVENTS

COMPETITION	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
MAJOR SINGLES	W.DRUCÉ	I.CAMERON-SMITH
MINOR SINGLES	D.MARTIN	R.HILL
GISSING	I.CAMERON-SMITH	R.BESSEMER
MAJOR PAIRS	J.MUIRHEAD R.BESSEMER	M.TSOLAKIS C.VAHTRICK
MINOR PAIRS	R.EDWARDS R.FORBES-SMITH	R.KERR A.KRUST
CLUB PAIRS	M.MCMURRAY I.CAMERON-SMITH	L.COHEN M.TSOLAKIS
TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP	J.ZAZULAK T.TAKAHASHI A.KRUST	D.CATHELS R.HILL D.COZENS
FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP	R.MATHEWS D.COZENS R.SINCLAIR A.SANDERS	J.ZAZULAK T.TAKAHASHI R.EDWARDS E.O'DONNELL
MIXED PAIRS	S.HASHIMOTO I.CAMERON-SMITH	M.HEADER W.DRUCÉ
MIXED TRIPLES	S.HASHIMOTO M.HEADER W.DRUCÉ	M.JOHNSTON B.COTTON J.ORTON

A woman was leaving a convenience store with her morning coffee when she noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching. A long black hearse was followed by a second long black hearse about 50 feet behind the first one. Behind the second hearse was a solitary woman walking a pit bull on a leash. Behind her, a short distance back, were about 200 women walking single file. The woman was so curious that she respectfully approached the woman walking the dog and said, "I am so sorry for your loss, and I know now is a bad time to disturb you, but I have never seen a funeral like this. "Whose funeral is it?"

"My husband's."

"What happened to him?"

The woman replied, "My dog attacked and killed him."

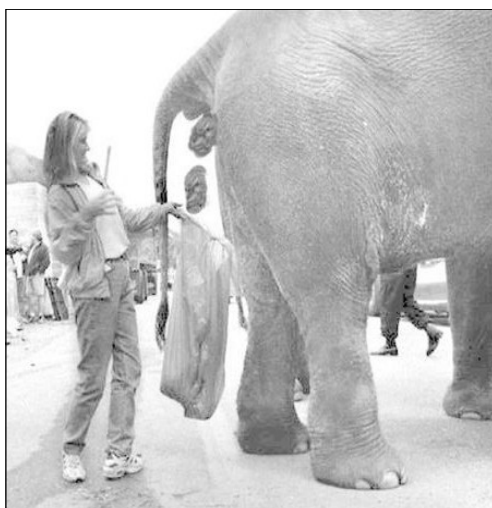
She inquired further, "Well, who is in the second hearse?"

The woman answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my husband when the dog turned on her."

A poignant and thoughtful moment of silence passed between the two women.

"Can I borrow the dog?"

"Get in line."



QUIT COMPLAINING ABOUT YOUR JOB!



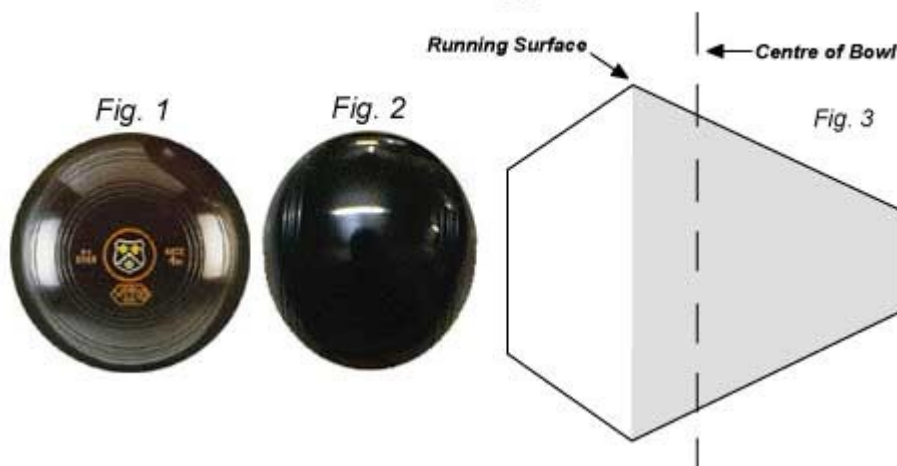


WHY DO BOWLS CURVE

Lawn bowls today are made from a hard plastic called *Phenolformaldehyde*, they are perfectly round one way (fig. 1) and oval shaped the other (fig. 2). The bias is produced by making the bowl lopsided (fig. 3), however it is so minute that it can't be seen with the naked eye.

When the bowl is delivered along its running surface, there is sufficient momentum to keep it running straight along its course. As the bowl slows down it attempts to find its true centre of balance, forcing it to curve. The running surface of the bowl is the part of the bowl which is in contact with the green when in motion.

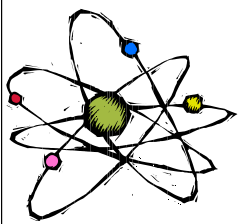
Exaggerated View of a Lawn Bowl



Lawn bowl sizes range from size 00 through to size 7. Only 1 to 2 mm in diameter separates the sizes of bowls, the differences are small but considerable when gripping various sized bowls.

Every bowl has an emblem engraved on each side. One side has a small emblem with the bowl's size, weight, serial number & the manufacturer's stamp around it. The other side has the same emblem, but larger. The small side is the bias side. This means it is the side that it will turn towards when in motion.

The shape of the bowl varies among brands and models. The visible differences are small, but play a large role in the behavior of the bowl.



Going nuclear

Guy gets on a plane and finds himself seated next to a cute blonde. He immediately turns to her and makes his move. "You know," he says, "I've heard that flights will go quicker if you strike up a conversation with

your fellow passenger. So let's talk."

The blonde, who had just opened her book, closes it slowly and says to the guy, "What would you like to discuss?"

Oh, I don't know," says the guy smiling, "How about nuclear power?"

"OK," says the blonde. "That could be an interesting topic, but let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff -- grass.

Yet the deer excretes little pellets, the cow turns out a flat patty, and the horse produces muffins of dried poop. Why do you suppose that is?"

The guy is dumbfounded. Finally he replies, "I haven't the slightest idea."

"So tell me," says the blonde, "How is it that you feel qualified to discuss nuclear power when you don't know s--t?"

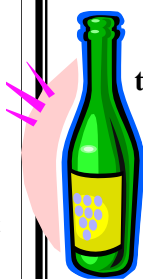


During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criteria was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"



RHYMING COMPETITION

A bottle of wine (Red or White) will be awarded to the member/s who provide the Editor with eight lines of rhyming verse composed with lines ending with:-

**MONTH
ORANGE
SILVER
PURPLE**

Entries c/- of Sue Cleary. The Editor will appoint a panel of judges. Results next issue.