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A PROUD LADY WEARS HER LIFE MEMBER BADGE FOR THE FIRST TIME



In the presence of family, colleagues and friends, a special General Meeting unanimously voted **Mrs. Jean Brierley** be awarded Life Membership of Killara Bowls Club Ltd. The record of this happy occasion is on pages 8 and 9.



A STRANGER IN OUR GARDEN

You would have to look carefully to spy the tower hiding in the shrubbery on the southern wall adjacent the entrance to the Tennis Club; and as you sit in the clubhouse there is no mechanical noises or drafts-just a pleasantly cosy warmth. No doubt, in summer it will be equally pleasantly cool!

Our new \$15,000 ducted air-conditioning project is a great success. *Congratulations to the Board.*

Now Members. Keep the doors closed!

GOOD MEMBERS REMEMBERED

Since our last newsletter we have seen three members 'pass-on'.

NORMAN WINCKLE, a great clubman, Patron and Mentor after 39 years of membership.

DAVID BREDEN, with an association back to 1916.

LORIMER ARMITAGE, joining in 2005 with great promise but succumbing to poor health. Our salutes on following pages.



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From the chair . . .

... **Warwick Druce**



Unfortunately I was unable to write my report for our last newsletter due to two brief spells in hospital. I am now fully recovered and would again like to thank those for their "get well" cards and wishes.

Barbara Cotton, another Board Member has been laid up for some weeks after

spinal surgery and we hope to see her back soon.

Sadly, it has not been a good time for the club with the recent passing of past Patron and long term member **Norman Winckle**. We send our deepest sympathy to **June** and family. Our condolences also go to the families of **David Breden** and **Lorimer Armitage**. Our salutes to these friends are elsewhere in this edition.

On the seriously ill list is Life Member **Neil Falconer**.

The club is a much quieter place without him. Come back soon Neil!

It is pleasing to see Bill Jones back after serious surgery.

On a brighter note, a very worthy **Jean Brierley** was awarded Life Membership. A full report is enclosed.

Also very welcome is our new air-conditioner. The recent cold spell has made me wonder how we used to manage without it!

On the maintenance front, we had problems with roof leaks after recent rains. In particular flooding of the entrance stairs to the ladies clubhouse has caused inconvenience. The hand-rail on the ramp near no.3 green has now been extended for safety reasons and steps onto the green are now in use.

Financially, we anticipate another small loss this year. Subscriptions have been increased slightly. As this will go only a small way to remedying the situation, it is planned to increase bar and canteen prices also. However, the biggest cause of falling income is declining use of the greens. We must all try even harder to attract new members.

Our sponsors Dalcross Hospital inform us they plan to redevelop the hospital into a retirement village. They propose offering future residents one year's free membership at KBC. We can only hope that lots of potential members wish to reside there!

I recently attended (with several others from the men's club) a well organized and enjoyable KWBC Presidents Luncheon. It provided a fitting farewell to retiring President **Lea McNeall**. The Board thanks Lea for her contribution over the past three years.

TRUTHS TO PONDER

Life is sexually transmitted. *Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.* Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks. *Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing.*

Norman Winckle

One of our most eminent members who served the Club for forty years, died aged 88.

He was President from 1982 to 1985 and was our Patron from 1990 until last year when he stood down because of failing health. He could be relied upon to say the appropriate few words at any Club event.

Always thoughtful, he was for many years the Club's Welfare Officer, keeping in touch with members who were not well enough to come to the Clubhouse. Norman was a generous and anonymous donor to the Club. He always supported the Club's social activities together with his wife **June**, who was a foundation member of the Women's Club serving as an early Vice-President.

Norman was a competent bowler, played pennants and was a member of winning teams in Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships at Killara.

A banker, he worked in the Melbourne office of the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney. He served in the 8th Infantry Battalion in New Guinea and the Islands and graduated from Melbourne University after the war. Later he transferred to head office in Sydney and became Bank Economist and a General Manager. He was also the CEO of the Bank's subsidiary finance company, CAGA.

Norman was closely associated with his church, as an elder at St. Martins. He held the highest degree in Masonry and had a notable record in public affairs. He was President of Sydney Rotary, a Director of NRMA, and a Life Member of the business sponsored Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA). He was involved in the establishment of training facilities for the handicapped and was the Secretary and President of Chatswood Sheltered Industries.

L.S.



A LONG TIME BETWEEN DRINKS . . .

In an exciting contest **Peter Baume** and **Lloyd Sommerlad** won the pairs Championship from

Ken Howard and **Goff Bowles** by a single shot. Trailing for the whole game, the winning skip drew a third shot with the last bowl of the match to win by one. Ken Howard has made an impressive start since transferring to Killara from Gordon, having been runner-up in three Club Finals since the beginning of the year. Lloyd Sommerlad has maintained form over a long period, having won the Pairs in 1989 and 1991 with partner, **Ken Warby**.

R.B.





KWBC President's Platform



KWBC President
Lea McNeill

I had thought my previous contribution to this newsletter to be my last as President so I was surprised when the editor advised this edition would be in August, instead of September, as would normally apply to quarterly publication. However, this has proved to be a blessing to me as I have the opportunity to report on our most successful Presi-

dent's Day and more fully thank all those who were so generous to me these past three years.

President's Day

A lovely day. Splendid catering, many happy faces and the pleasure of recognizing meritorious service.



Picture S. Hashimoto

State Representative **Janice Thomas** and District Representatives **Pat Cousley** and **Janette Browne** were there to assist in cutting the traditional celebratory cake.

Merit Pins



Pictures S. Hashimoto

These Ladies are mentioned strictly in alphabetical order as they have, in their own individual way contributed and typified the altruistic spirit which makes Killara so special.

Ailsa Daniel is always glad to help quietly in the background and has proved adept in organizing roll up. **Brenda Fox** contributes expertise and energy to our social activities and is now a Vice President. Similarly, **Margaret Shirley** is always 'at the forefront' and with the able assistance of her husband, **Graham**, has aided our all important drive for new members. Happily, I was able to thank these Merit awardees, on behalf of the Committee and members, more fulsomely on the day.



And now to my last official duty towards this publication.

It is 15 years since I joined KWBC. For many years after that time, while I enjoyed playing bowls, my other commitments meant that I did not contribute my "two-bob's worth" to the running of the club. All clubs such as this need input from their members, and when three years ago opportunity presented to me to accept office as President I knew my time had come. Taking this office was not just a duty but a belief in the future of the club and the value of its place in the bowls world and the community. The years have seen much change - for the better I feel, with much more co-operation on and off the green between KWBC and KBC. No longer do I hear on playing days, as I heard when I first joined, as a man walked past the windows "What's he doing here? It's Women's Day". This change is not just local but state wide as Bowls Australia becomes more unisex in its application and as state bodies move towards integration.

The role of the President is not necessarily to do everything but to see that the wishes of the members are carried out. We have felt the need for membership drives to sustain our numbers and carried these out with some success. Over the last 3 years there have been changes in the committee and I have appreciated the input from all members participating, both from 3 years ago and now. Secretaries during this time, **Joan Bain**, **Robin Hay** and **Helen Clark** have taken me firmly in hand as I am disorganised with paperwork. 20 different committee members have been involved over the 3 years - a good thing as there is a need to go forward always. I have appreciated their co-operation and the Club has benefited by their involvement. As I look back from now I am aware of changes but also a central core of activity: playing bowls to the best of our ability for both sport and enjoyment. No man is an island, least of all a President, but I have enjoyed my participation at this level with the support of those many members whose enthusiasm has encouraged me.

I wish my successor well as I rejoining 'the ranks'.

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KBC President's Platform : *John Muirhead*



John Muirhead
President KBC

The Stedman Bowl Trophy is contested between the Club and Killara Golf Club each year. The trophy consists of an old wooden (*see next page*) bowl which belonged to the grandfather of member **Keith Stedman**, which has been mounted on a wooden base. This year in March the trophy was won by the Golf Club bowlers but

it was found that the trophy base was full with no room for a shield for the 2007 winners, Killara Golf Club.

Bill Jones, who is a member of both Clubs, and also highly skilled, has remedied the situation by extending the base of the trophy to accept another layer of shields. Thank you Bill we all look forward to seeing you back on the greens fully recovered.

The Greens The condition of the Hilarie Moore and No.3 greens during the Autumn Carnival was the subject of some very embarrassing complaints from members and from our visitors such that it was felt that a public apology was needed at the prize giving. Our Greenkeeper is in no doubt that we expect a great improvement for the forthcoming Spring Carnival on 14th, 16th and 17th September; that the Club relies on the income from the Carnivals and that entrants are entitled to expect good greens for the entry fees! Your Committee has prepared a plan to invite those who complained to be our guests on occasions for social bowls once the greens are all in good condition, running true and 15 seconds, no less.

Safety Steps Four sets of safety steps are now in place on the Graham Firth Green. They have been designed so that they can be moved when the direction of play is

changed and between rinks. They will also be suitable on the Hilarie Moore Green after the banks have been raised and covered with synthetic grass.

The Air conditioning is in place and working and is generally appreciated. We had some teething trouble last week which made the system inoperable for three days. Typically it failed when we most needed it, when we had the coldest weather for years. It is working again thank goodness!

Edwin Burton. Members will be very sorry to hear that Edwin will be retiring from umpiring on 31st July. At the same time we congratulate him on completing 20 years as an umpire. His generosity with his time to the club and to the game over this extended period of time has been prodigious.

Many members will have attended courses conducted by Edwin and **Ed O'Donnell** to gain accreditation as umpires. Indeed, from 1988 to 2006 he has conducted at least one tuition class each year for Umpire Accreditation and some 220 players, men and women have gained accreditation. In 1992 he was appointed Chairman of the District Umpires Panel and held this position until retirement in 2002. During this time he was Examiner of Umpires and a member of the Umpires Advisory Panel of the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association. His service to the sport was recognised with the award of a Merit Badge by the Association and in the Municipality it was recognised in 2000 with the award of a Centenary Medal.

Edwin's knowledge of the Laws of the game is comprehensive and is the basis of regular articles in Killara Bowls News which he writes for the guidance of us all. Thank you Edwin.



USE OF BOWLING AIDS

The Bowling Association requires that members using an aid such as a stick or arm when bowling, require official approval. A

letter should be sent to the RNSWBA Umpire's Committee describing the aid and the need for its use. A letter will be sent to the applicant when approved. This is important for pennant players in case of a challenge.

Applicants should quote their Registration Number and use C/o Killara Bowling Club 6 Arnold St Killara 2071 as their address. The address of the Association is P.O. Box A2186, L.S.

SPRING CARNIVAL 2007

SUPPORT OUR CARNIVAL

Ladies Triples - Fri. 14 Sept

Composite Pairs - Sun. 16 Sept

Men's Triples - Mon. 17 Sept



Doug Fleming has been a member for 20 years but it was only a week or so ago that he revealed his artistic talents when he walked into the club bearing the above picture and presented it to our **Sue Cleary**. Sue has hung it in our gallery for all to enjoy for the time being. She quite fancies it and looks forward to when **Neil Falconer** can come in to admire it.

Doug who celebrates his 90th in August this year, has been painting for 70 years. *"I had ambitions to become an painter but quickly found there was no money in it. So I expressed my artistic leanings in Architecture."*

When asked what happens to all of his many paintings over the years, Doug responded - *"There are quite a few under that one!"*

In the annals of our club, the name of Stedman is quite evocative. So when a young man turns up on a Saturday with the mission to add to his family history . . well, we became intrigued!

This is **Murray James Stedman**, a resident of Cowra. His line goes all the way back to **James Stedman** the owner of the bowl atop the famous trophy devised and donated by our colleague **Keith Stedman**, which has been the focus of the competition between KBC and KGC for the last 28 years. He has never met Keith!

There's a lot of Stedmans; or is that Stedmen?



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Edwin Burton . . .

. . Know the new laws.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

1. When the Second players come to the mat, they notice that the mat is on an old line parallel to the centre line.

What should happen?

The mat should be moved across to the same position on the centre line. Law 19.2.3

2. When the Second players come to the mat, they notice that the Skips have placed the Jack on an old line parallel to the centre line. What should happen?

No one can challenge the position of the Jack after the first to play has delivered the first bowl.

The game continues with the Jack on the wrong line. Law 22.7

3. Team A is playing first. When the Skips go to the mat, Skip B's bowl is on the mat and Skip B plays it. Skip A notices that Skip B has played out of turn. What should happen?

If the head has not been disturbed, Skip A has the option of leaving the bowl where it came to rest, and playing two bowls to restore the correct order, or having the bowl returned to be played in the correct order. If the head has been disturbed, Skip A may leave the head as disturbed and play two bowls to restore the correct order. Or Skip A may have the head restored to its original position & have Skip B's bowl returned to be played in its correct order, or declare the end dead. Law 47.1

4. Team A is playing first. When the Skips go to the mat, Skip B's bowl is on the mat & Skip B plays it. Skip A then plays. As Skip B returns to the mat it is realised that Skip B has played out of turn. What should happen?

As a bowl has been played by each team before the out of turn is noticed, Skip B forfeits the right to play the second bowl. Law 47.4.2

5. In a triples game, a Skip decides to keep the scorecard. Is this allowed?

No. In all team games the player playing second should keep the card and record the game finish time. Law 37.3

Murphy's Law of Lockers:

If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee.

Lorimer Armitage

Lorimer passed away on 2nd July. He was very good company and will be greatly missed by his wide circle of friends. He had been a very keen golfer and a member of Pymble Golf Club and, until recently, was the convenor of Golf at the Killara Probus. He was also the "Pie Man" (he bought the pies) at Probus from early Probus days up until a few years ago. Lorimer was born and brought up in the Mosman area and went to Sydney Grammar. On leaving school he commenced studies for the Architectural Diploma but these were interrupted by the War and in the Army he took part in various campaigns in the Islands.

After the War he graduated in Architecture and became registered as an Architect. He practised for the whole of his working life in the firm of Rudder Littlemore and Rudder ending up as a Partner, concentrating mainly on the industrial side and working on many big projects for well known clients.

Lorimer and his wife, **Beverley**, had one son, **Michael**, who with his wife **Laura** have twins, a boy and a girl, and these provided Lorimer with much interest and joy. Since joining KBC Lorimer had one medical problem after the other which restricted the time he could spend at the Club and this is a pity as he would have been a very good and active member.

Doug Fleming

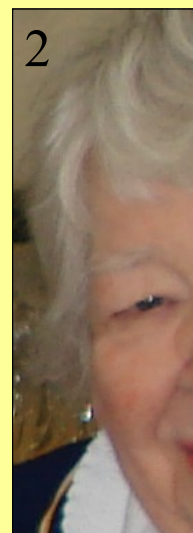
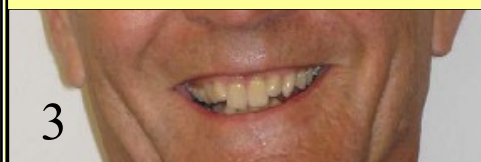
THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION

WHO ARE THEY?

Can you identify these members? First correct entry wins a bottle of red or white wine.

Using the indicated numbers, place your answers in an envelope captioned 'Who are They' and hand to Sue Cleary. Please don't forget to give your name.

First correct entry win be announced next newsletter.





ED O'DONNELL ... A few Definitions not in the Rule Book

INTENTION Means playing each bowl with a minimum of outside interference, with a definite purpose and in a state of confidence and self assurance. You are *entirely* on the mat.

CHOICE It is up to you to choose which shot to play, and then decide how you will execute that shot. Essentially there are only two types of shot in Lawn Bowls: the shot where the bowl is intended to finish at a certain spot and the shot when the bowl is intended to make contact with a bowl or the jack at a chosen speed. Stand behind the mat if you need assistance from your skip if the head has been disturbed.

VISUALISATION "To see – imagine" that you have played the perfect shot or executed the ideal delivery. This is a part of the mechanism that your mind uses to make small corrections to your physical performance. It is a natural, common mental behaviour, and when consistently applied will improve your bowling.

IMAGERY Positive thinking that you can achieve the shot you have chosen to play to convince yourself that it is attainable. Self-confidence is the thing that is required when the shot is *being played*, not before, a part of being *entirely* on the mat.

If, during a game, you become dissatisfied with your results, what is your self-analysis?

You are pointing your anchor foot in the right direction (along the grassline), taking a short step, and bending from the waist so as not to **dump** the bowl. Could it be your **grip**? How has it changed?

1. Is my middle finger on the running surface of the bowl?
2. Are the dimples of the bowl aligned with my wrist and forearm, so that the running surface is correctly positioned?
3. Is my thumb too high on the top of the bowl?
4. Is my grip comfortable?

Having checked all this, go back to your *stance*. Make sure you are choosing your grassline correctly, then concentrate on releasing the bowl smoothly with a natural follow through.



The boss needed to call one of his employees about an urgent problem, phoned the employee's home and was greeted with a child's whisper. "Hello." "Is your daddy home?" he asked. Yes," whispered the small voice. "May I talk with him?" The child whispered, "No." Surprised, the boss asked, Is your mummy there?" "Yes." "May I talk with her?" Again the small voice whispered, "No."

The boss asked, "Is anybody else there?" Yes," whispered the child, "a policeman." Concerned, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?" "No, he's busy", whispered the child. "Busy doing what?" "Talking to Daddy and Mummy and the Fireman," came the whispered answer.

Growing worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the earpiece on the phone the boss asked, "What is that noise?" "A hello-copper" answered the whispering voice. "What is going on there?" asked the boss, now truly alarmed. In an awed whispering voice the child answered, "The search team just landed the hello-copper." Now more than just a little frustrated the boss asked, "What are they searching for?" Still whispering, the young voice replied along with a muffled giggle: "ME!"



Although they only had one drink at lunch, Bill and Tom found they were not at their best in the afternoon.

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FABULOUS FOR FUNCTIONS

David Breden, grandson of the first President in 1916, died after a long illness. He was a chartered accountant and company secretary and was associated with the media both at home and abroad. David was Secretary of the Eastern Suburbs newspaper group, half owned by John Fairfax, and was a member of the Australian Publishers Bureau. He was a competent bowler and won the Club Pairs in 1990. L.S.



...from front page.

DEDICATION RECOGNISED WITH LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At 12 noon Saturday 2nd June the Clubhouse was thronged with members, family and well-wishers to vote or observe the Special General Meeting convened to consider the motion...

That Mrs. Jean D Brierley of 54/1 Yardley Ave. Waitara be elected a life member of the Killara Bowling Club Ltd

The cheerful ambience pervading the meeting left no doubt that the decision was a foregone conclusion; and indeed, the motion was carried unanimously 'on the voices' after supporting presentations by **Lea Mc Neal** and **Helen Clark**.

Jean joins a very distinguished and exclusive group of members.

The following photo record conveys better than words, the very happy occasion. . . .



Helen Clark speaking to the motion relates Jean's cycling accident that nearly took her life.



GOOD ON YA MUM!

Peter, Alison, Mary, Margie (D. in law) and David

FOR THE RECORD

Jean joined September 1982

Secretary (1 term)

Vice-President (2 terms)

Selector (3 terms)

Chairman of Selectors (2 terms)

Bowls Organiser (1 term)

Delegate to District (2 terms)

National Umpire since 1987

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Minor Singles

Major Singles (6)

Pairs (4)

Triples (4)

Fours (3)

Mixed Pairs (4)

Mixed Triples (1)

Selected to play for District (5)

Runner-Up District Level State Singles

Played State Master Singles (4)

Played Champion of Club Champions (5)



JOINING THESE KBC LEGENDS

Joan Bain, Life Member: Peter Baume, Patron: Neil Falconer, Life Member: Graham Firth, Life Member: John Warner, Life Member.



"I have a very particular interest in this nomination, as not only was Jean Brierley my coach, I was the first player she put on the green. The struggle not to let her down has continued ever since."

President **Lea McNeill**



I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those involved in my Life Membership day and for making the 2nd of June 2007 such a memorable occasion.

The presence of so many members and the multitude of good wishes will be with me always. Sincerely,

Jean Brierley



Attending, **John and Alma Linquist**, Jean's sponsors.

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The Greek way



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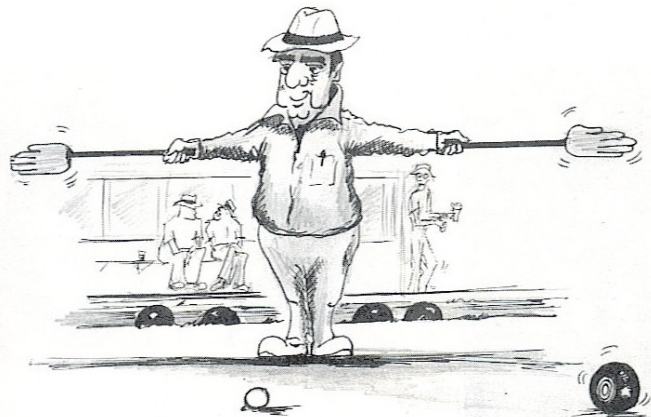
The Sydney contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well," he says. I figure the job will run \$900 . . . \$400 for materials, \$400 for labor and \$100 profit for me."

The Tasmanian contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$700 . . . \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The Greek contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the Parliament House official and whispers: "\$2,700." The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the others! How did you come up with such a high figure?" Easy," the Greek explains, "\$1,000 for you, \$1,000 for me and we hire the guy from Tasmania to do the work."



Don't complain about Castle Cove bridge ever again!



Some skippers are inclined to exaggerate a little with regard to distances, especially when asked, "How short was my bowl?"
From The Haggerty Way



QUIT COMPLAINING ABOUT YOUR JOB!

Three Irishmen and three Englishmen are traveling by train to a football match in London. At the station, the three English each buy a ticket and watch as the three Irish buy just one ticket among them. How are the three of you going to travel on only one ticket?" asks the English. Watch and learn," answers the Irish as they all board the train.

The English take their respective seats but all three Irish cram into a toilet and close the door behind them. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor arrives to collect the tickets. He knocks on the toilet door and says, "Ticket please." The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on. The English are mightily

impressed.

After the game, the English decide to copy the Irish on the return trip and save some money. When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the Irish don't buy a ticket at all! How are you going to travel without a ticket?" asks the perplexed Englishman. Watch and learn," says one Paddy. When they board the train, the three Irish cram into a toilet, and soon after, the three English pile into another nearby. The train departs. Shortly afterwards, one of the Irish leaves the toilet and sneaks across to the toilet where the English are hiding. He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket please."



This woman walks into a pharmacy and asks to buy some arsenic.

He says, "What do you want with arsenic?" She said, "I want to kill my husband because he cheats on me."

The pharmacist says, "I can't sell you arsenic so you can kill your husband lady, even if he is cheating on you."

So she reaches into her pocket and pulls out a picture of her husband with the pharmacist's wife. The pharmacist says,

"Oh, I didn't realize you had a prescription."