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# KILLARA BOWLS NEWS : AUTUMN 2009

## KRUSTY GETS A GONG!



### MEDAL IN THE GENERAL DIVISION (OAM)

*“Arthur McKee  
KRUST, Killara,  
NSW. For service  
to the building and  
construction indus-  
try, and to the  
community  
through church  
and service groups.”*



We are delighted to welcome yet another member to the ranks of those citizens honoured by the Federal Government for distinguished service. Arthur joins . . .

**Peter Baume AO AC**  
**Jim Davidson AO**  
**Harvey Cooper AM** and  
**Frank Lang OAM**

Our heartiest congratulations on behalf of all at KBC!

**GOOD NEWS !**  
KBC Board has decided sub-  
scriptions for 2009/2010 will  
remain unchanged. Page 2

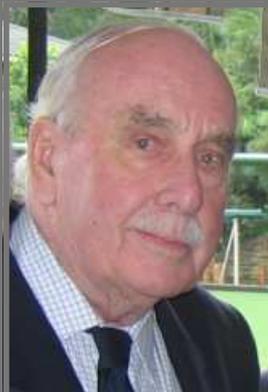


## LLOYD SOMMERLAD PASSES 90 AND ON THE WAY TO HIS NEXT DECADE . . .

Lloyd, consummate bowler and great clubman for 27 years, celebrated his 90th birthday 12th April to the acclamation of his colleagues and affection of his family and friends. Lloyd says he is slowing down but those who meet up with him on the green know he is a very astute and accurate bowler with a wicked ‘on-shot’!

Although he has relinquished his duties as historian, Lloyd still assists the Editor with profiles and features. *Many Happy Returns!*

### VALE George Bligh Wall 1924 - 2009 Member 26 years



Tribute on Page 9.



**SUPPORT OUR AUTUMN CARNIVAL**  
May 22 Ladies' Triples,  
May 24 Mixed Pairs  
May 25 Men's Triples

*Lest we forget . . .*

### ANZAC PHOTO REPORT

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## From the chair . . . ... Warwick Druce



It is very pleasing to see a large number of our new members, both men and women now playing regularly and becoming actively involved in the Club. Some have entered Club competitions and several are playing in Pennant Teams. Their enthusiasm is infectious and is an incentive and a reminder to

those of us whose enthusiasm may have waned a little over the years.

Sadly we have recently farewelled **Alison Lockley** and **George Wall**, both members of over 20 years who contributed greatly to our club. They will be sadly missed. We welcome back **Doug Fleming** and **Mabs White** to our playing ranks after long absences.

**Lea McNeill**, **Hector McDonald** and **Roy Wagland** are still on the sick list after prolonged illnesses, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

The Board recently had a professional valuation of the Clubhouse property for insurance purposes. The amount was \$2,200,000.

Members will have noticed new white crockery in the dining room. This together with new cutlery and other kitchen items have been kindly donated by **Christine and Ed Nuffield**. Many thanks to them both! The old crockery was given to the Killara Tennis Club, who have been very helpful in saving us from several awkward situations, by allowing us use of their Clubhouse. Talks of amalgamating our Clubhouses have not proceeded, but both Clubs propose to have continued friendly contact on a regular basis.

**Ed O'Donnell** and **Rick Edwards** have organised with Killara High School a bowls activity for up to 24 students for 11 weeks starting from 11<sup>th</sup> May, on Thursday afternoons. We look forward with interest to the success of this program.

The kitchen and bar have had a spruce-up lately. New member **Brian Shirvington** has a property maintenance

company and quoted for the job. He offers a commission to the Club for any new work sourced through Club Members.

Killara Golf Club have suggested a tournament similar to the Men's Club Stedman Bowl, but to be a mixed competition played on Sundays twice a year, home and away. Due to the approach of winter now, it has been decided that one game this year only will be played at the Golf Club on a date to be decided in September.

The Board has recently received a letter from the Royal NSW Bowling Association from **Michael Beaumont**, Sports Development Officer. He made three visits to our Club to help us with matters relating to our Open Day and merger talks with the Golf Club. He is very knowledgeable and capable, and one of the reasons why the Royal is now becoming more relevant and responsive to the needs of Clubs like ours. I quote from his letter

*"Congratulations on the success of the recruitment campaign you ran late last year. There was no-one happier than myself when I heard you had been so successful. Buoyed with the success of 2008 and with many new members to assist, now is the time to press on and involve your bevy of new members to engage others and energetically push for more growth. Please do not sit back and wait for another slump. Now is the time to push ON"*

My comment is – Inspirational Stuff – Please act on it !!! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Profit and Loss is disappointing – a loss of \$1000 compared to the profit last year of \$3,000, largely due to a big drop in investment income and a large increase in water rates. Our loss to date has increased by \$4,000 to \$6,500. Costly renovations to Hilary Moore Green have yet to be included, so our full year result is expected to show no improvement.

Although subscriptions will remain unchanged, the Board is currently reviewing other charges with expectation that some increases will be decided. Never-the-less, our beloved game will remain, by far, the least expensive of any sport!

*Be happy, play plenty of bowls – at least most of us don't have to worry about losing our jobs!!*

**Good Bowling! Warwick**



### Introducing John Brodie.

John joined KBC last year following our successful Membership Drive, and is already contributing to management as **Assistant Bowls Secretary**. John made this request:-

*"Since assuming this responsibility I have noticed that some members are*

*sometimes forgetful when it comes to paying entry fees and green fees for club competitions. The means that I then have to send reminder notices to those who haven't paid – not exactly a move that will win friends and influence people. Naturally I would prefer not to have to chase people for unpaid fees."*

*"Do you think that it would be appropriate to put a reminder in the newsletter asking members to ensure prompt payment of entry fees and green fees."*

Reply:- Yes, very appropriate. Members, take note!

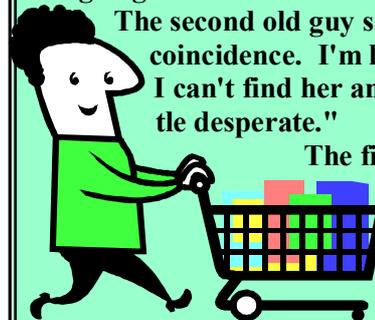
**Two old guys are pushing their carts around Woolworths when they collide. The first old guy says to the second guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."**

**The second old guy says, "That's OK, it's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate."**

**The first old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her, What does she look like?"**

**The second old guy says, "Well, she is 27 yrs old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, long legs, big busted, and is wearing short-shorts and a halter top. What does YOUR wife look like?"**

**"Doesn't matter," said the first old man. "Let's look for yours."**





## KWBC President's Platform



KWBC President  
Jean Brierley

Our return to Bowls in January brought with it the very sad news of the sudden death of our much loved and esteemed Life Member, Secretary and friend, **Joan Bain**. (A 'late news' tribute to Joan was in our last newsletter.) We then also experienced the sadness of losing another much loved member in **Alison Lockley**. We miss them both very much. A report of

Joan's memorial and a tribute to Alison are below. In the first week of returning to Bowls, Killara was the venue for the first round of the District section of the James Wall Shield, with 6 rinks. This seemed all right, but reality struck the night before when we realized the Clubhouse would be occupied by the visiting Bridge Club at lunchtime, as usual every Friday. Panic Stations! But sanity restored when the Tennis Club came to the rescue, making their premises available to the visiting bowlers at lunchtime. The morning tea session was no problem in our clubhouse. A fantastic effort was accomplished by **Barbara Cotton, Christine Burke** and others (also Sue the evening before) in transporting trolleys of "Tea Making Facilities" etc. between the two Clubs. A Big Thank You.

Great to see some new faces as a result of our very successful Open Day and coaching programme. The weather was very hot and we shall hope to see greater numbers in the Autumn.

With the passing of Joan Bain, the Women's Club was desperately in need of a new Secretary and these are not easy to find. However, an approach was made to our relatively new member, Christine Burke (Mrs. Edward Nuffield) who immediately

agreed that she would be happy to fill this position. We were just delighted and Christine is filling this role to perfection. Thank you, Christine.

Our first competition for the year was the Fours Championship with an excellent final. The successful team comprised **Alison Calder, Shizuko Hashimoto, Robin Hey** and **Alice Burton**, with the runners-up being **Christine Burke, Elizabeth Bold, Barbara Cotton** and **Maria Hearder**.

We competed in the Top Ten Competition at Gordon, always an interesting day, with Gordon coming out the winners.

We also had teams competing in the District section of the State Fours.

Time was fast approaching towards the Pennant season. As previously reported, we were able to field only one grade this year, being No. 2. We had two good days of practice with the Men's Pennant teams, making up for the rain-affected days last year. So far, we are about mid-field, but still have some games to play. It has been an interesting contest.

We have been glad to be able to accommodate some Men's matches on Tuesdays and really appreciate their courtesy when requesting rinks.

Our sympathy goes to Vice-President, **Helen Clark**, on the loss of her brother, **George Wall**. A tribute is on page 9.

We have also felt for our Past President **Lea McNeill** who has been suffering from back problems for some months and is now facing surgery, so we do wish her well. She has also found it necessary to resign from the Board and we do thank her so much for representing us so capably in that capacity.

We now have the Autumn Carnival fast approaching and look forward to three successful days.

**Good bowling and good health.**



On Monday 23rd February, nearly 100 people were present in the Clubhouse for an informal morning tea in memory of our late esteemed and much loved Life Member, Joan Bain. It was the wish of her family to hold the occasion in this manner and to incorporate all the people who had been part of Joan's life. Principal among these were many members of the CSIRO, both past and present, as most of Joan's working life had been with them. There were neighbours and friends from Artarmon, from as far back as childhood days, members of Golf Club, Tennis Club, Probus Club and, of course, many of our own members. It was a fitting tribute to Joan and greatly appreciated by the immediate family who had come from Victoria, Adelaide and Mackay, with many others also from far afield. She will never be forgotten. Warm thanks have been extended by the family to all those who made this such a special day.



### ALISON LOCKLEY.

A charming and elegant lady, Alison was a dedicated twenty year member of the Club who occupied positions as Secretary, Chairman of selectors and as a willing helper at any time.

She was a very capable bowler with many titles to her name despite significant physical handicaps

Alison had a warm and friendly manner and a genuine concern for colleagues. Whilst we will miss her greatly, we are also better for having known her. We will remember her with affection.



## KBC President's Platform : *Martin McMurray*



Martin McMurray

The first quarter of the year at the Club leaves you somewhat breathless with the planning and execution of so many events – Pennants, Cyril South, "Paintings", Gissing and Major and Minor Club Championships. We are lucky to have such hardworking teams behind the scene to make these events happen.

The highlight in the first quarter was the most successful Bob Sinclair Memorial Place of Origin Match preceded by our Annual Prize Giving and lunch. We were particularly privileged to have Pat Sinclair and three of her daughters and families in attendance.

St Patrick's Day twilight bowls and dinner was well attended enjoyed by Members and guests. It would be particularly rewarding to the organisers that a new Member commented most favourably on the fellowship and happiness of the evening – hopefully not spoilt by the wanabe singers!

We have appointed and welcomed **John Brodie** to the Committee as Assistant Bowls Secretary. Notwithstanding the fact that John is a new Member he is quickly grasping the role with great enthusiasm and dedication. With the near completion of a personal major project, our Bowls Secretary **Jozef Zazulak** will be fully on deck shortly thus allowing our long serving and no doubt long suffering Immediate Past Bowls Secretary, **Robin Hearder**, to take a well earned rest.

The preparation for our 2009 May Autumn Carnival is well advanced and we are most fortunate in that once again we have **David Martin** as Convenor and Officer-in-Charge (OIC) and **Bob Hill** as 2OIC. This is a monumental task and we ask Members to continue to provide their generous assistance as in the past. Further, Members are asked to promote the event at every opportunity, eg, at Pennants and Cyril South matches.

Likewise, with our annual Anzac Day remembrance ceremony along with lunch and mixed bowls. Kindly place your name on the list provided for lunch and/or bowls.

We are all well aware of the current economic situation, so it is particularly gratifying to report the continuing sponsorship in 2009 by Julia and Richard Burns of **Burns & Burns Real Estate**. Again we encourage Members to use the services of all our Sponsors in recognition of their generous contribution to our Club.

*See you on the Green!*



**Quit worrying about your health.  
It will go away . . .**



## Mixed Bowling *Beryl Stephens*

St Patrick's Day was, as usual, a great success. There were a total of 59 members for dinner, of whom 34 played Bowls. The dinner and entertainment was or-

ganised by **Barbara Cotton**, and catered by our wonderful **Sue Cleary**. A first class job ladies! In the morning Barbara and I arranged the seating and sorted the cutlery and crockery, and **Ailsa Daniel** placed all the serviettes in the wine glasses, a great help. Barbara arranged the Raffle, won by me, but too large for me, so a second draw was won by **Graham Shirley**. Our pianist, **Joan Young**, played the piano and our chorus was enhanced by some of our new members who helped us with the "Irish Ditties". A jolly evening enjoyed by all.

On Sunday, 5th April, we had a match between Killara and Warrawee for the Painting Trophy. Numerous ladies brought a plate, which was much appreciated. Warrawee proved the stronger team. There were 24 players from each Club. We only won 3 rinks to their 5. We always enjoy our matches against Warrawee. It was "Farewell" to the Painting, so, we shall have to improve later in the year at Warrawee return match.

On Easter Monday we had 28 players including 8 new members, who are improving all the time.

*Beryl*

### Importance of Walking

Walking can add to your life. This enables you, at 85 years old, to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$5000 per month.



My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. Now she's 97 years old and we don't know where the hell she is.

The only reason I would take up exercising is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there. I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

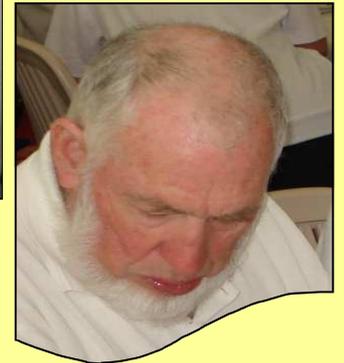
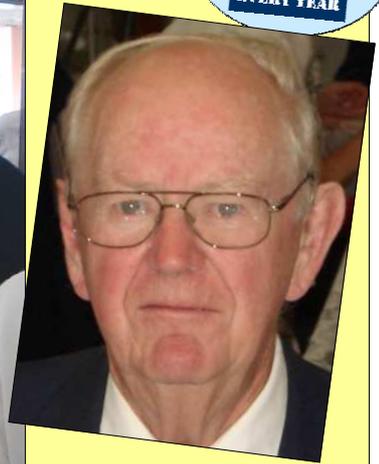
I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

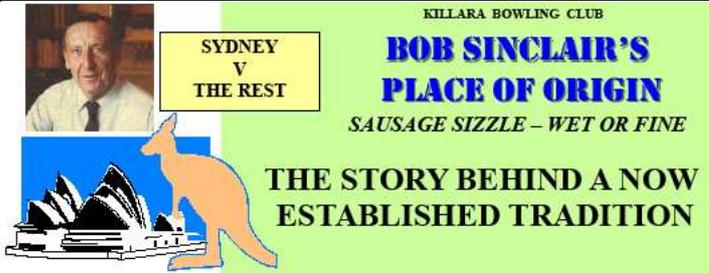
25 New MEMBERS EVERY YEAR



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ANZAC 2009



### *Pat Sinclair reminisces . . .*

In December 1996, the Place of Origin matches were conceived and instituted by then President Bob Sinclair. A suitable trophy for this competition was sought, and a search made of North Shore galleries to find a Sydneyside painting typical of our area, preferably one depicting the lovely bays and inlets on this side of the harbour. "Longueville" by Werner Filipich was donated to the Club by Bob. The painting is presented to the winners at the end of the series each year and it hangs on the walls of the clubhouse.



At the time of institution of the competition, KBC members were asked to indicate whether they were born in Sydney, elsewhere in NSW or outside NSW. The number born in Sydney was approximately the same as the total of the other two groups, and the protagonists were accordingly defined as "Sydney" and "The Rest".

Three matches are played to determine the side which is to "hold" the trophy for the ensuing year. In the 1996-7 Club year, the Filipich painting was presented to Graham Firth for the Sydney side which won two of the three matches. In the 1997-8 year, The Rest won all three matches and Norman Winckle accepted the trophy on behalf of that side. Notes of the time indicate that by 1999 the competition had become firmly established, helped on its way by many willing supporters. Personal invitations to non-playing members and prospective members were sent out for the luncheon. A sausage sizzle barbecue was prepared and cooked by the men members providing a change and adding interest to the event. Match dates were selected carefully to avoid clashes with other Club activities. In May 1999, the second match of the Third Series at-

tracted strong support, with 10 rinks for triples and five additional non-playing members joining the players for luncheon. The last series of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was won by The Rest, two matches to one. "A glorious afternoon and excellent greens enhanced the opportunity for enjoyable bowls and good fellowship with lunch by the barbecue experts."

Comments and results of each match appear in the Killara Bowls News. Overall results from Series 1 - 12 (1997 - 2008) are as follows: The Rest won Series 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 and Sydney won Series 1, 7, 8 (a draw) and 12. Series 8 called for serious deliberations. Three options were set out and discussed (see Place of Origin - A Drawn Match - in Club Archives September 2004 - RKS). Detailed records of each event since inception are held in the archives of the KBC and the result of each series is recorded



*Pat Sinclair*

on the back of the painting. Many matches have been closely contested. The second match of Tenth Series Sydney won by 2 shots. Support and help in organising the day has been given enthusiastically by many members over the past 12 years, ensuring its success. "Time marches on and the "Place of Origin Matches" have become established as one of the traditions in the Men's Club, not only because of the pleasure of bowling but because of the social opportunity afforded by the luncheon which precedes each game." (KBC News).

Bob would regard the recent naming of the competition "The Bob Sinclair Memorial Place of Origin Competition" as a very high honour indeed.

Paddy was working at the fish plant in Cork when he accidentally cut off all 10 of his fingers. He went to the emergency room in Cork 's hospital. The doctor looked at Paddy and said, 'Lets be avin' da fingers and I'll see what oi can do'.

Paddy said, 'Oi haven't got da fingers.' 'Whadda ya mean you haven't got da fingers? You Tunderin' idiot it's 2009! We's got micro-surgery and all kinds of incredible techniques. I could have put dem back on and made you like new! Why didn't ya bring da fingers?!?'

And Paddy said, ' How da xxxx was I 'spose to pick them up !!!





**KBC CLUB COMPETITIONS 2008/2009**

	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
<b>MAJOR SINGLES</b>	W. Druce	B. Parsons
<b>MINOR SINGLES</b>	M. McMurray	R. Kerr
<b>GISSING</b>	R. Edwards	I. Cameron-Smith
<b>MAJOR PAIRS</b>	J. Zazulak	R. Edwards
	J. Orton	W. Druce
<b>MINOR PAIRS</b>	J. Taylor	D. Bimson
	D. Cozens	B. Parsons
<b>CLUB PAIRS</b>	D. Cathels	M. McMurray
	B. Parsons	J. Muirhead
<b>TRIPLES C'SHIP</b>	T. Takahashi	P. Baume
	R. Edwards	D. Cozens
	E. O'Donnell	L. Sommerlad
<b>FOURS C'SHIP</b>	J. Bleach	D. Martin
	J. Zazulak	R. Kerr
	R. Edwards	P. Baume
	E. O'Donnell	L. Sommerlad

**MORAL DILEMMA**

This test will only take one minute and only has one question, but it's a very important one.

By giving an honest answer, you will discover where you stand morally

**THE SITUATION:**

You are in Brisbane. There is chaos all around you caused by a cyclone, with severe flooding.

You are a photo-journalist working for a major newspaper, and you're caught in the middle of this epic disaster. The situation is nearly hopeless. You're trying to shoot career-making photos.

There are houses and people swirling around you, some disappearing into the water. Nature is unleashing all of its destructive fury.

**THE TEST:**

Suddenly, you see a man in the water.

He is fighting for his life, trying not to be taken down with the debris.

You move closer... Somehow, the man looks familiar... You suddenly realize who it is...

It's **Kevin Rudd!**

You notice that the raging waters are about to take him under forever.

**You have two options:**

1. You can save his life; or
2. You can shoot a dramatic Pulitzer Prize winning photo, documenting the death of one of the country's most powerful men!

**THE QUESTION:**

Here's the question, and please give an honest answer...

Would you select high contrast colour film, or would you go with the classic simplicity of black and white. . . .



# Live at Lourdes It's only a bowl's roll away

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Lourdes offers stylish and beautifully refurbished 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments for those who choose to live independently, serviced apartments for those who need some extra assistance, respite care, a low care hostel and a high care nursing home. All within a supportive, friendly and active active community. We have a large central clubhouse with its own coffee shop as well as dining room, lounge, billiards room, hairdressing salon, library, heated swimming pool and spa, Chapel and a wide range of social activities and outings.

If you're not ready to move now, put your name on our priority waiting list, so you don't miss out. Or contact us to be invited to our next Information Session (morning tea & lunch included free of charge). Call Jill on **0421 279 288** or **8467 4500**. We're as close as a 'resting touch'.



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**PROFILE  
CYRIL  
VAHTRICK**



Cyril Vahtrick has been a prominent member of the Club since he joined in 1992 and has served it well both on and off the green. He has served in many Executive capacities including President; and has won both the Minor and Major Pairs.

An unassuming man, he has a distinguished record professionally and in the Services, of which few members will be aware. We appreciate his co-operation in compiling this interesting Profile.

Cyril was born in Tallinn, the Capital of Estonia in 1923. With his parents, he migrated to Australia in 1926, landing in Brisbane, where he spent three weeks in measles quarantine without his parents. This was a terrifying time, as he had no knowledge of English. The family moved

on to the North Queensland town of Tully where Cyril started school at age five. In 1930, they moved to Sydney where in due course Cyril completed his Leaving Certificate at Fort Street Boys' High School and entered Sydney University in 1940 to study for a Science Degree.

At the end of 1941, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and moved rapidly down through South East Asia. The bombing of Darwin convinced Cyril, at the age of 18 that he should quit his studies and apply to enlist in the RAAF – to fly planes, of course! The recruiting officer had other ideas and so with his strong study background in mathematics and physics Cyril found himself, in 1942, on training courses leading to qualifications in the then highly secret Radar. In the RAAF, he worked in the Radar headquarters in Sydney and from there he went on assignment to Darwin, where he was engaged in installing new equipment at various Radar sites.

Cyril still vividly remembers the occasion when he was sent to do an installation at the Radar station on North Goulburn Island in the Arafura Sea just off Arnhem Land. He was flown to a small airstrip located on an adjacent island, South Goulburn Island. This was home to an Aboriginal mission station and an Aborigine crew transported Radar personnel to the North Island by boat or canoe. While Cyril was waiting for the boat to be readied, the new missionary told him that, a few weeks earlier the previous missionary was out in the boat with some of the Aborigines when a Japanese sea plane landed and took him off at gunpoint. At the time, there was no news of his fate.

After the war, the gruesome news was reported that the missionary had been beheaded by the Japanese. From information we had at the time, it seemed probable that the Japanese were by then aware of the existence of most of our Radar stations. The Japanese pilot no doubt assumed that, as the only non-black person in a boat nearby, the Missionary was involved. One can imagine the torture of this totally innocent man to seek information about something of which he had no knowl-

edge. Towards the end of the war, Cyril was put through further training in the very latest Radar techniques using microwave frequencies and then he was posted to a Catalina squadron to work on this equipment.

Cyril resumed his university, studies after the war and graduated with a B.Sc, majoring in mathematics and physics. With this experience, he sought a career in electronics. And after a short stint with AWA, he joined the Civil Aviation department and was responsible for the installation of communication and navigation aids for air routes throughout NSW. In 1954, Cyril joined the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (OTC) as a project engineer in charge of constructing short wave radio transmission and reception facilities which had to be ready for the additional international communication load expected from the 1956 Olympic Games to be held in Melbourne.

In 1959, he was posted to London to join a team planning and designing the first coaxial submarine cable across the Pacific. This cable, for the first time, provided proper quality telephone service from Australia to the rest of the world. (Up to then, telephone service was only by scratchy short wave radio) The cable connected across Canada with a similar cable across the Atlantic to UK and was formally opened in 1963 by a call from the Queen to our Governor General.

By this time, the alternative concept of relaying high quality international telephone communications via Satellite was also fast emerging and Cyril found himself nominated as the Australian representative on international negotiations to establish a commercial international satellite communications system. An organization calling itself INTELSAT was formed and Cyril was a foundation member of a Board which first met in Washington in August 1964 and continued to meet on a regular basis to plan the system.

In 1965, INTELSAT launched an experimental/operational satellite which provided high quality telephone communications links across the Atlantic. It could also provide television relay. In February, 1967, the first fully commercial global telecommunications satellite was placed into final orbit over the Pacific, activated by signals from an OTC satellite earth station installed by Cyril's team at Carnarvon, W.A. In addition to providing commercial telephone and television links, this system supported the Apollo Moon Landing program and featured in the epic event of the first moon landing. After this, INTELSAT quickly moved to consolidate itself as a major global telecommunications infrastructure provider.

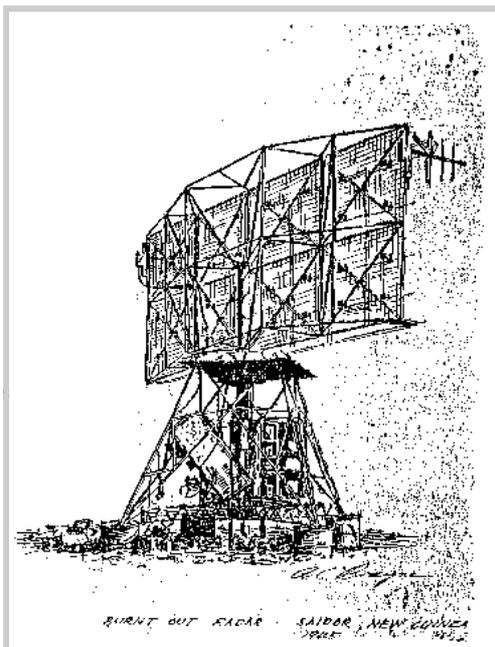
In later years, Cyril went on to chair an international Organizational Panel which worked over a couple of years to set up INMARSAT, the global maritime telecommunications organization with headquarters in London. INMARSAT is responsible for the present situation where maritime communications and satellite navigation systems are pretty well universal for the smallest up to the largest vessels.

In 1983, at age 60, Cyril decided to retire from the very heavy burden of overseas travel which had been his lot. Instead, he started up a consultancy company and found himself with assignments in USA, UK, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea,

Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. (Not much rest from air travel!) He fully retired in 1991 when a heart by-pass operation sent him a message.

In April 1949 he married **Maie McInnes** and they have a daughter **Ann**, a son **Richard** and four grandchildren. On retirement, Cyril and Maie moved to Killara and Cyril took up bowls. As well as Cyril's important contribution to the Club's administration, he and Maie have been strong supporters of its social programme.

**L.S**





## ED O'DONNELL PENNANTS

The 2009 Pennants season has recently started and it is very pleasing to consider that we have new members in our teams and players who have not played Pennants before.

The Pennants Competition is determined on the number of Points won by the three rinks comprising the side. One point is awarded to the winners on each of the three rinks and 3 points for the side with the highest aggregate score. The maximum possible points score is thus 6.

It is quite feasible for a side to win the match by 4 points to 2 even if it wins only one rink and loses on two, by having the greater aggregate.

All players should therefore aim to score as many shots as possible in order to add to the aggregate, even if it is losing the rink.

This makes it important for each rink to aim for the highest possible shots score on each end. Even if losing, games can be turned around very quickly. In this context players should avoid playing bowls into the ditch. Bowls on the bank cannot score.

The "30 cm on shot" should be in the repertoire of all aspiring measurers, so that the Skip does not go to the mat down multiple shots and the bowl remains in the head. *The* bowls of the lead and second should not be *short and* should not cross the centre line as these invariably provide a hindrance when the Jack is displaced

Skips must carefully consider the chances of improving the score by drawing to the Jack or promoting a team bowl or displacing an opposing bowl as against their chances of a successful drive with either of their two bowls, whatever the target.

It is called choosing the "percentage" shot.

**... avoid playing bowls into the ditch.  
Bowls on the bank cannot score."**

### THE SKIP

ENCOURAGES HIS TEAM;  
IS CAUTIOUS IN HIS BODY LANGUAGE;  
DISLIKES SHORT BOWLS AND BOWLS THAT CROSS THE HEAD;  
EXPECTS YOU TO CONCENTRATE ON THE GAME AND FOLLOW THROUGH. FINAL BOWL IS PREFERABLY A DRAW.

### THE LEAD.

DELIVERS THE JACK AT LEAST 23 m; DELIVERS HIS BOWLS CLOSE TO THE JACK, NOT JACK HIGH, ONE IN FRONT AND ONE BEHIND, FOR PREFERENCE, AND NEVER SHORT.

### THE SCORER

INTRODUCES MEMBERS TO THEIR OPPONENTS. DRAWS TO WHERE THE SKIP ASKS. DOES NOT CROSS THE HEAD AND PUTS PRESSURE ON THE OPPOSITION

### THE MEASURER

KNOWS THE SCORE AND INDICATES BY HAND ANY DISTURBANCE TO THE HEAD: DOES NOT SAY ANYTHING UNLESS ASKED. HAS EXCELLENT HEARING. CAPABLE OF AN ON SHOT TO PUT THE JACK IN THE DITCH.



From front page . . .

## Helen Clark remembers her brother . . .

George Bligh Wall was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 1924 in Randwick to Dr Arthur Percy and Vera

Somerville Wall. Tragedy struck early in George's life when his father died of complications of rheumatic fever in 1929, leaving Vera to raise him and sister Helen on her own.

At the age of 8 years old he commenced studies at Trinity Grammar. He was a keen sportsman and represented the school in the first fifteen for two seasons. He remained a passionate Trinity old boy throughout his life, and in 1999 was proud to make the Anzac Day address.

In 1942 George enlisted one week after his 18th birthday to serve with the Australian Army in World War II. After training he joined the 51<sup>st</sup> Mobile Searchlight Unit and served as a corporal for two years.

At the end of the war, he returned to Sydney and eventually settled into a position at Thomas C Brown, an import agent specialising in fine tools from Sheffield. George worked his way up to Senior Sales Manager, travelling to Europe and expanding the business across Australia.

It was during this era of his life that George met Judith Cantor. They fell in love and married in 1954 at St Thomas' Church in North Sydney. George was 30. Eldest daughter Tina was born in 1957, Kate followed a year later and son David completed the family in 1962. Being a husband, father and grandfather was always at the core of George's life.

Finally in retirement he was able to fulfil his academic ambitions, and enrolled at Sydney University successfully completing a Masters in Australian History.

George was a committed member of Killara Bowling Club, serving on the committee as well as being involved in Killara Probus and the Royal United Serviceman's Institute.



What is so different about the 8th of July this year? Well, this is very interesting. School teachers write this on your boards. Kids will be amazed... They may not learn anything else that

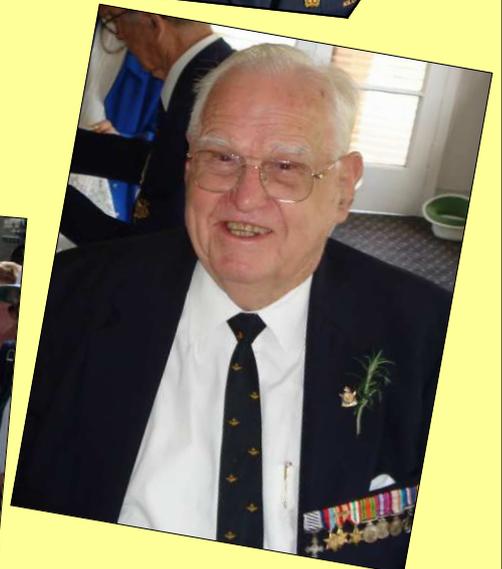
day, but you can bet they won't forget this.

The 8th Of July??

At five minutes and six seconds after 4 AM on the 8th of July this year, the time and date will be 04:05:06 07/08/09. This will never happen again!

# ANZAC 2009

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A Vietnamese doctor says 'Medicine in my country is so advanced that we can take a kidney out of one man, put it in another, and have him looking for work in six weeks.'

A German doctor says 'That is nothing, we can take a lung out of one person, put it in another, and have him looking for work in four weeks.'

A Russian doctor says 'In my country, medicine is so advanced that we can take half a heart out of one person, put it in another, and have them both looking for work in two weeks.'

The Australian doctor, not to be outdone, says 'You guys are way behind. We recently took a man with no brains out of Queensland, put him into Canberra for three years, and now half the country is looking for work.'

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Jake is struggling through a station with two huge and obviously heavy suitcases when a stranger walks up to him and asks "Have you got the time?"

Jake sighs, puts down the suitcases and glances at his wrist. "It's a quarter to six," he says. "Hey, that's a pretty fancy watch!" exclaims the stranger.

Jake brightens a little. "Yeah, it's not bad. Check this out" - and he shows him a time zone display not just for every time zone in the world, but for the 86 largest cities. He hits a few buttons and from somewhere on the watch a voice says "The time is eleven 'til six" in a Texan accent. A few more buttons and the same voice says something in Japanese. The display is unbelievably high quality and the voices are simply astounding. The stranger is amazed. "That's not all", says Jake. He pushes a few more buttons and a tiny but very high-resolution map of New York City appears on the display. "The flashing dot shows our location by satellite positioning," explains Jake. "Same for the 86 cities."

"I want to buy this watch!" says the stranger. "Oh, no, it's not ready for sale yet; I'm still working out the bugs", says the inventor. "But look at this", and he proceeds to demonstrate that the watch is also a very creditable little FM radio receiver with a digital tuner, a sonar device that can measure distances up to 125 meters, a pager with thermal paper printout and, most impressive of all, the capacity for voice recordings of up to 300 standard-size books, "though I only have 32 of my favorites in there so far" says Jake.

"I've got to have this watch!", says the stranger. "No, you don't understand; it's not ready -"

"I'll give you \$5000 for it!"

"Oh, no, I've already spent more than -"

"I'll give you \$15000 for it!"

"But it's just not -"

"I'll give you \$50,000 for it!" And the stranger pulls out a cheque book.

Jake stops to think.

"Here it is, ready to hand to you right here and now. \$50,000. Take it or leave it."

Jake abruptly makes his decision. "OK", he says, and peels off the watch. They make the exchange and the stranger starts happily away. "Hey, wait a minute", calls Jake to the stranger, who turns around warily. Jake points to the two suitcases he'd been trying to wrestle through the bus station. "Don't forget your batteries."



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# LATE NEWS

## MARGARET BROWN WRIGHT Deceased 21.04.09 Aged 98



Peg Wright, one of the last of KWBC's Foundation Members died just short of her 99th birthday; Her passing being advised at our ANZAC Day function.

Peg was an important member of the cadre that established and nurtured KWBC through viability to maturity. Possessed of drive and exceptional organisational ability, Peg was none-the-less much admired and loved by her colleagues.

When war broke out, Peg was in the first 16 women to join the Australian Women's Army Services where she rose to the rank of Captain and C.O of her Company. In peacetime she was a dedicated and competent bowler; and an ardent bridge player. Indeed she was a regular at bridge until she reached 97.

*Compiled from reports from Helen Clark and Jean Brierley.*

*Apologies: the picture above only one available prior deadline.*

### Why, Why, Why

- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
- Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?
- Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?
- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
- If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
- Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?
- Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?
- Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?
- How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?
- Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?
- How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?
- And my FAVOURITE.....

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