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WELCOME OUR NEW SPONSOR . . .

Escape Travel LINDFIELD



Joining our established supporters, *Burns and Burns Real Estate* and *Lourdes Retirement Village*, *Escape Travel Lindfield* are sponsoring our Spring Carnival (September 18 to 21st). Pictured is Principal *Warwick Ombler* (foreground) with his colleagues— *Ian Meyer* and *Rod Lees*— *Michelle Emmen* was on holidays.

See their advertisement on page 3.

On display at East Killara Shopping centre
by courtesy of Rick “Banners” Edwards.
Great job Rick!



Two new members share a game and a name: Welcome *Elizabeth Tomlinson* and *Elizabeth Calnan*.



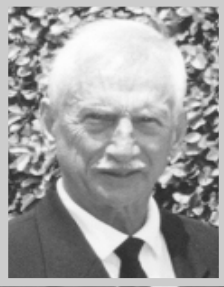
We introduce Killara High School Students to bowling.

In March, *Rick Edwards* and *Ed O'Donnell* met with *Adam Bruckshaw*, the Sports Master at KHS to ascertain if the school would be interested in using one of our greens for school sport on an afternoon during the week. *The story and pictures are on page 10.*

***This edition salutes
our airmen
in WWII Europe***



From the chair Warwick Druce



Our new members have settled in well and are making a valuable contribution to the club in both bowling and social activities. The additional numbers have enabled us to enter for the first time, three teams in the C

Grade, Zone 9 Mid week Triples competition.

Another Open Day is being planned for September 27th and we hope all our members will get behind this and make it as successful as last year.

In the last Newsletter, I quoted from a letter from **Michael Beaumont**, Sports Development Officer of the Royal congratulating us on the success of our last open Day. In reply, I thanked him for his and his Department's valuable help in planning the day. My letter was subsequently published in Bowls NSW, which came as a surprise to me. That they chose to publish it, made me reflect - do we take too much for granted, do we expect the Royal to come to our rescue and provide advice, assistance and counsel only when in distress. By letting them know what we need and making use of their expertise makes both the Clubs and the Association stronger. Praise, when deserved, in any situation makes for a more fulfilling relationship.

Both **Lea McNeill** and **Beryl Stephens** are still in hospital after lengthy stays. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

George Stanbridge recently passed away. Older members will remember him as a member from 1971-1996 when he and his wife **Sheila**, a past Patron of KWBC, moved to the Central Coast. We send our condolences

to Sheila, who is still a member.

The trial bowls activity, organised by **Ed O'Donnell** and **Rick Edwards** with Killara High School students has almost come to an end. The School has indicated it would like to continue with the programme. If we agree to this, we will definitely require another six of our members to assist for 2 hours in supervising on a Thursday afternoon. Volunteers, please!!

Our 2009 Financial results are now to hand and are showing a disappointing loss of approximately \$15,000, an increase of \$1500 compared to last year. The Board had to make the hard decision of increasing Green Fees, including afternoon tea, to \$12.00. Increases in bar and canteen prices are also likely to follow when final figures are available.

Poker Machine usage has continued to decline and the Board is looking at the possible sale and disposal of all our machines. The proceeds if invested would return a similar income but without the constant work involved in handling and counting the machines.

Martin McMurray has recently introduced a weekly Jackpot prize to the Burns & Burns Thursday Triples Competition as an additional incentive. We hope this will attract more players from outside the Club and regain the popularity it had some years ago.

Both **Richard** and **Julia Burns** are reducing their workload and involvement in their Real Estate business and are handing over the reins to son **Andrew**.

We wish them both well in semi-retirement and hope our association will remain as strong as it has been over the past fifteen years. If any of our members are planning a move, please give Burns & Burns a call!!!!

Until next we meet,

Warwick

A truck driver is cruising along when he spots a little yellow man standing in the middle of the road, crying. He brings the truck to a standstill, rolls down the window, and asks the little man what's wrong.

"I'm yellow, I'm from Venus, I'm gay and I'm hungry," sobs the man.

"Well," says the trucker, "I can offer you a cheese sandwich, but that's as much as I can do."

So he passes a sandwich to the little man and drives off.

A bit later he has to stop again, because there's a little red man in the middle of the road, crying. So he comes to a halt, rolls down the window and a bit more impatiently - asks the little man what the matter is.

"I'm red, I'm from Mars, I'm gay and I'm thirsty," the little man bawls.

So the trucker says, "I can offer you a can of Coke, but that's as much as I can do." He hands a tin of Coke down to the little man and drives off.

A little further on, the trucker spots a little blue man in the middle of the road. Really annoyed now, he stops, rolls down the window and snaps, "Yes," you silly little blue queer, what bloody planet are you from and what do you want?"

And he answers, "Your driver's license, please..."



September 18th
September 20th
September 21st

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KWBC President's Platform



KWBC President
Jean Brierley

Since my last report there has been much activity in the Women's Club. The first item of note was the KBC Autumn Carnival. Our Women's day was unfortunately marred by rain in the afternoon, but sufficient ends were played to enable us to obtain a result. As usual, the women organised raffles on all three days, also a trading table on the Friday, with the very heartening result of returning nearly \$1500. Well done, girls. Congratulations also to

David Martin and his team for their fantastic organisation. (Before we know it, the Spring Carnival will be upon us.) The Pennant season concluded with Killara about mid-stream, but hoping to do better next year. Numbers limited us to fielding just the No. 2 Grade, but hopefully another grade could be possible next year.

Club competitions have continued with those already completed being the Major Singles with **Shizuko Hashimoto** the winner and **Jean Brierley** runner-up and the Pairs Championship with winners **Livia Geniale** and **Robin Hey**, and runners-up **Barbara Cotton** and **Maria Hearder**. The Minor Singles are now due to commence. Many thanks go to those men umpires from the Club who have so kindly and willingly given of their time to assist us in this regard.

We have also had members competing in the Singles, Pairs and Triples events in the District sections of State competitions. We have had mixed results, but it is great to be involved and wonderful experience. I am very proud of our girls.

We had a happy day at Warrawee for our Painting Exchange, when it was our turn to hand over the lovely painting, but we will look forward to the return visit at Killara next year. As usual, Warrawee gave us superb hospitality and we really enjoyed the day. We also had the pleasure of entertaining at Killara fellow bowlers from other Clubs for our Friends' Day - always a special occasion.

Unfortunately we have had several members on the "sick list", being **Beryl Stephens**, **Lea McNeill**, **Mabs White**, **Brenda Fox** and **Alison Calder**. Our thoughts are constantly with them and we hope to have them back in our midst before too long.

We held a function with the aim to appeal to others besides Club members. This came about in the form of an Antiques Appraisal Day when we were very kindly offered the services of **Adam Mude**, an accredited valuer, from **Edith Elizabeth Antiques** at St. Ives Shopping Centre. The girls worked hard to create the right atmosphere, with tea and coffee and home made delicacies available over the three-hour period. Adam gave very generously of his time with many and varied items coming under his very professional scrutiny. It was altogether a great day.

We have just celebrated our special occasion of President's Day, with representatives from State level, District level, all other Clubs in our District and, of course colleagues from K.B.C.

This is a day requiring great organisation and my heartfelt thanks -

go to all those who helped to make it such a fantastic success. Proof of this lies in all the letters and phone calls which I have received.

The Clubhouse had to look "perfect", so many thanks go also to those men stalwarts who assisted so willingly with furniture removal etc. namely **Edwin Burton**, **Gof Bowles**, **Graham Shirley** and **Ian Armstrong**. They were amazing. Just a great big THANK YOU to everyone on that day. Of course, President's Day heralds the end of my two-year term as President which concludes officially with our A.G.M. on 11th August, I will very proudly be handing over the reins to **Elizabeth Bold** who will, I know, be a very worthy holder of this office and will receive your wonderful support.

As this will be my last report for Bowls News, may I take this opportunity of thanking all those men and women of our splendid Killara Bowling Club who have supported me in every way over the past two years. It has been an honour and a heart lifting experience, but I will still to be found to be here. As usual, Good Bowling and Good Health. **Jean**



Mixed Bowling Report

Sadly, there is no column from our social organiser and reporter in this edition as **Beryl Stephens** is in hospital.

Beryl! We hope to see you back at the club soon!



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to Warwick Ombler and team**

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KBC President's Platform : *Martin McMurray*



Martin McMurray

With an unusually wet Autumn and Winter to date, we have experienced many delays and several cancellations of our bowling activities which regrettably also lead to loss of income for the Club.

A recent highlight for me was to be invited to the President's Day of KWBC. I should not have been surprised by the excellent planning and execution of the day by the ladies honouring *Jean Bri-erley's* term of presidency. Congratulations and thanks to President Jean are due from all our Members and was recognised by all administrative levels from the State down. A clear-cut example of the perfect planning of the day was that we had six toasts over lunch, which had I known I would have gone into training!

The Women, with a little help from the Men, presented a delightful "Christmas in July" dinner. Yet another well attended event in the Club's social agenda and again a "thank you" to the organisers.

To promote and to re-energise our Burns & Burns Thursday Competition the Club is providing a small Jackpot Prize in addition to existing prizes. The weekly Jackpot Prize will be \$30 which will be won by a draw of the winning margin between 0 and 30. If not won the prize will jackpot by \$30 per week to a cap of \$500. All Members are encouraged to support this new initiative and especially promoting it to other Clubs and players.

The Club needs a volunteer(s) to champion our Sunday Mixed Bowls. This weekly event has dwindled in popularity in recent years and could be well resuscitated with renewed enthusiasm. Do we have a taker?!

Likewise with the Men's Competition Ladder. This has been dormant for at least the last three years, and again, needs someone to take up the cause and investigate whether we should re-introduce the event.

Bob Hill, ably assisted by *Rick Edwards*, has been successful in maintaining our key existing sponsors and bringing in a new one, namely, Escape Travel in Lindfield. It may appear needless to say, but we remind Members that such income for the Club is not a "donation", but a "sponsorship", with an expectation of Members using their services! Whilst on the subject, if you know of a possible sponsor or have a suggestion, please contact Bob.

Under the auspices of Rick Edwards, our 2009 Open Day is planned for Sunday 27 September. With the wealth of experience gained from last year's Open Day we wish Rick and his team great success again.

After another greatly successful Autumn Carnival, *David Martin* has generously agreed to convene, yet

again, our Spring Carnival between 18 and 21 September. David has most professionally carried out this role for many years with the assistance of Bob Hill and the "KBC army" of helpers! Please be ready to volunteer if called upon, or better still, offer your services in advance!

Michael Tsolakis continues to provide a major service to the Club and its Members as Chairman of Selectors and equally importantly producing the never ending paper trail and follow-ups to get our Members to Pen-nants, Cyril South, Mid-Week Triples as well as many other Club events.

Good Bowling!

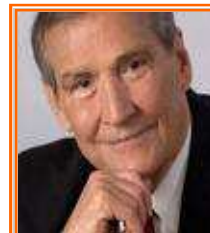


John Brodie Reports . . . Men's Club Competitions

The 2009 program of Men's Club Competitions is well advanced and several competitions have been completed. All competitions have been strongly supported.

The Major Singles Competition saw *Warwick Druce* successfully defend his Club Champion title overcoming *David Martin* in the final. In the final of the Major Pairs, *Ken Shelley-Jones* and *Ian Cameron-Smith* narrowly defeated *Rick Edwards* and *Ed O'Donnell*, the final score being 26 to 25. The Gissing Consistency Singles attracted a strong field of 34 members and *Don Cousens* ran out the winner defeating *Martin McMurray* in the final. In the Minor Pairs Competition, *Bob Hill* and *Arthur Krust* were successful in overcoming *Tony Hodgson* and *John Crocker* in the final.

At the time of going to print the Club Triples and Minor Singles were underway and entries are being taken for the Club Pairs.



"You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."

You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.

When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation.

You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."

A quote by the late Dr. Adrian Rogers, 1931-2005



THE MOST DANGEROUS CAKE RECIPE EVER : 5 MINUTE CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE

4 tablespoons flour; 4 tablespoons sugar;
 2 tablespoons cocoa; 1 egg;
 3 tablespoons milk; 3 tablespoons oil;
 3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)

A small splash of vanilla extract; 1 large coffee mug

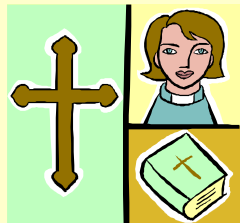
Add dry ingredients to mug, and mix well. Add the egg and mix thoroughly. Pour in the milk and oil and mix well. Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla extract, and mix again.

Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts (high). The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed! Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate if desired. EAT! (this can serve 2 if you want to feel slightly more virtuous). And why is this the most dangerous cake recipe in the world? Because now we are all only 5 minutes away from chocolate cake at any time of the day or night!



AMEN

A young boy had just gotten his learner permit. He asked his father, who was a Minister, if they could discuss his use of the family car. His father took him into his study and said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study the Bible a little, get your hair cut and then we'll talk about it."



After about a month, the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

They again went into the father's study where the father said, "Son, I've been very proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied the Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut."

The young man waited a moment and then replied, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair." The Minister said, "Yes, and everywhere they went, they walked."



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An Inspirational Story



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"Heck - I could win this!"



Quit worrying about your health.

...It'll go away.

PROFILE **RON JACOBS**



Ron Jacobs is a welcome new member to the Club and as a former No.1 grade pennant player, it was not long before we experienced his prowess on the green. But few members are aware that he has a proud record as an airman in the RAAF who earned a Distinguished Flying Cross in the war.

He spent 18 months in Army camps in Australia before being released to join the RAAF in July 1942. After elementary training he was classified as Air Bomber Navigation and undertook advanced training in Canada in bombing, gunnery, aircraft and ship recognition and at an Air Observer School. Posted to Bomber Command in England, he trained on Wellington, Halifax and Lancaster aircraft and then completed 17 operations over Europe with Squadron 625. The experienced crew then transferred to an elite Pathfinder Squadron and Ron received further training in the operation of radar equipment. The Pathfinders led bombing missions, pin-pointing targets for following aircraft. Ron says: "I completed another 32 operations as Radar Navigator, where my

duty was to continuously plot our flight to ensure that the aircraft was on track and on time to reach the target as scheduled. The co-operation of the Navigator was also vital for the Pathfinders to accomplish their mission as well as for our survival. On our 23rd operation, we had a frightening experience when we were met with a barrage of flack over Gelsenkerken. A fragment had pierced the fuselage, narrowly missing the Wireless Operator, and the pilot ordered that our bombs be released immediately and then nosedived to gain speed and depart the area. We avoided being shot down and brought the aircraft back to base, where it was found to be extensively damaged.

"After my 49th operation, a daylight trip to Essen when once again we were targeted with anti-aircraft fire, and having completed two operational tours, I thought my chances of survival were diminishing, and I accepted the option of retiring from operational duties." He was awarded the Pathfinder Force Badge and presented with the DFC by the Duke of Gloucester (Governor-General of Australia) with the following citation "Pilot Officer Jacobs has completed numerous operations against the enemy, in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty". He was promoted to Flying Officer before his discharge.



RON'S MEDALS
DFC on the left of picture accompanies service medals. The coveted Pathfinder Badge in the centre of ribbons.

With pre-war experience in accounting, Ron was appointed Accountant with Swift and Co. Trading Pty Ltd where the sales manager at that time was our member Howard Treloar.

He took up bowls in 1979 on retirement and was Finance Director on the Board of Chatswood Bowling Club. He held other positions on Club Committees and as well as playing No.1 Pennants, won numerous Club competitions. He was a representative player for the Upper North Shore and won his section in the District Singles.



Saluting our Airmen in Europe

The plains of eastern England are one of the few parts of that crowded island that can look a little familiar to Australian eyes. Something about the wide horizons of the Fenlands that stretch from Lincolnshire to Norfolk can recall a broader southern view to a nostalgic Australian on a pilgrimage. It might have been of some comfort to thousands of young Australians who came here, many years ago now, to do an appallingly dangerous job. For the last of the survivors and the few more who know about them, this broad landscape is every bit as hallowed a place as Gallipoli or Kokoda. It's not a battlefield but, for 3417 Australian airmen, this was journey's end, the last place where their feet touched the ground in this life.

The battles took place in the cold dark skies over European cities - Gelsenkirchen, Karlsruhe, Dusseldorf, Berlin - the targets of Royal Air Force Bomber Command.

Australian airmen served over Europe as part of the Empire Air Training scheme, an international operation set up to train as many pilots, navigators, bomb aimers, radio operators and gunners as the British Empire could supply. They signed up in Australia as bank clerks, university students and farm hands. After extensive training in Australia, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), or Canada, they went to Britain as the most thoroughly trained servicemen Australia had ever sent abroad.

The first Australians to arrive went to British RAF squadrons, a practice that continued even after the RAAF formed its own British-based squadrons, as had been agreed in the terms of the training scheme. There were also many British airmen in the Australian bomber squadrons.

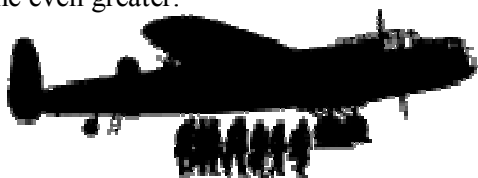
There were five main RAAF squadrons in England, numbered 460, 462, 463, 466 and 467. Two of them, 462 and 466 flew Handley Page Halifax Bombers, the others flew the more well regarded Avro Lancaster.

The Lancaster G for George that occupies pride of place in the Australian War memorial flew with 460 squadron. George was a survivor, completing 90 missions when the average life of a bomber and its crew was 14 trips. The odds facing Australian airmen in Britain were grim. Just over half were killed in action with another 9% killed in flying accidents, bringing the death rate to about 60%. Another 12 % became prisoners of war with 3% seriously injured in crashes or battles, leaving just under one in four to come through the experience unscathed. In 460 squadron alone, more Australians were killed than died in the whole of the Korean War. In its three years of operations, totaling 368 raids, 460 lost more men - 1018, including 589 Australians - than the Australian Defense Force has lost in all conflicts since World War II.

The 2% of Australian servicemen who joined Bomber Command represent 20% of Australian deaths in action in World War II.

While they may not have fought directly to defend Australia, they risked and often lost their lives to fight against totalitarian horror in Europe. Soon the living stories of what they did will fade away like the last rumblings of a Lancaster as it drones across the North Sea, heading for its destiny.

A Lancaster crew numbered seven - the pilot, flight engineer, navigator, wireless (radio) operator, bomb aimer/front gunner, mid-upper gunner, and rear gunner. Behind the pilot and flight engineer, the navigator worked in a curtained off compartment so that the lights he required would not give away the position of the Lancaster to enemy fighters. Few navigators had the time, or the inclination, to leave their station during a raid. They were constantly plotting the aircraft's course and making adjustments for wind and other factors. As electronic navigational aids developed during the war the navigator's work load became even greater.



Invariably all were very young. They were of different ranks, came from all walks of life, and often from more than one country. However, they quickly bonded together to form a very special, tightly-knit group. This camaraderie was crucial to maintaining morale and efficiency in the air. Most felt that their crew was one of the best in Bomber Command.



THE PATHFINDERS

In the early stages of the war the estimated percentage of bombs hitting the target was 20%. In 1942 the first Pathfinder unit was formed, commanded by an Australian navigator, Donald Bennett from Queensland, (later Air Vice Marshal). They identified and illuminated the targets, resulting in heavier concentration and destruction by the bombers.

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Ron has been married twice and had two sons. Both wives and an adult son have pre-deceased him. Now aged 91, he lived and bowled for a period at Burleigh Heads and two years ago moved to Lourdes Retirement Village.

Ron has appreciated his welcome to Killara Bowling Club which he has found most enjoyable. **L.S.**

Blonde!



Two blondes were doing some carpenter work on a community house. Carol, who was nailing down house siding, would reach into her nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over her shoulder or nail it in.

Donna, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, 'Why are you throwing those nails away?'

Carol explained, 'When I pull a nail out of my pouch, about half of them have the head on the wrong end and I throw them away.'

Donna got completely upset and yelled, 'You moron! Those nails aren't defective! They're for the other side of the house'

Did you hear about the two blondes who froze to death in a drive-in movie? They had gone to see 'Closed for the Winter.'

A blonde was driving home after a game and got caught in a really bad hailstorm. Her car was covered with dents, so the next day she took it to a petrol station where the attendant told her to go home and blow into the tail pipe really hard, and all the dents would pop out.

So, the blonde went home, got down on her hands and knees and started blowing into her tailpipe

Nothing happened. So she blew a little harder, and still nothing happened. Her blonde roommate saw her and asked, 'What are you doing?' The first blonde told her how the repairman had instructed her to blow into the tail pipe in order to get all the dents to pop out.

The roommate rolled her eyes and said, 'Uh, like hello! You need to roll up the windows first.'

A blonde goes into work one morning crying her eyes out. Her boss asked sympathetically, 'What's the matter?'

The blonde replies, 'Early this morning I got a phone call saying that my mother had passed away.'

The boss, feeling sorry for her, says, 'Why don't you go home for the day? Take the day off to relax and rest.'

'Thanks, but I'd be better off here. I need to keep my mind off it and I have the best chance of doing that here.'

The boss agrees and allows the blonde to work as usual. A couple of hours pass and the boss decides to check on the blonde.. He looks out from his office and sees the blonde crying hysterically. 'What's so bad now? Are you gonna be okay?' he asks. 'No!' exclaims the blonde. 'I just received a horrible call from my sister. Her mother died, too!'

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BOWLING SHORT - Is 90% of your weight on the front foot when you deliver your bowl and are you staying down to "collect your change" as you follow through?

NARROW BOWLS - Did you place your anchor foot in the direction of your grassline and step along this line? Are you stationary in front of the mat as you complete your follow through?

BOWLING TOO LONG - Take a shorter pace in your delivery. Bring your 'stare point' closer to the mat on your grassline. This should reduce the amplitude of your pendulum swing and eliminate 'overbowling'.

WOBBLED BOWL - Check your grip on the bowl. The tip of the second finger should be on the middle of the running surface and the bowl grassed about 10 cm in front of your leading foot, without a bump.

LOSS OF BALANCE - So that your breastbone is stationary at the moment of releasing your bowl, place your non bowling hand on, or across, the knee. This should enable you to be absolutely steady when your bowling arm reaches the bottom of your swing having taken a short step and bending from the waist.

A FOLLOWING WIND - Try playing the extremes : **LONG** ends **INTO** the wind, **SHORT** ends **WITH** the wind.

A DIAGONAL WIND - Bowl on the hand that has your bowl *finishing* parallel to the direction of the wind.

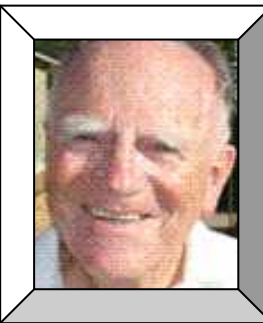
OFF COURSE BOWL - When you step onto the mat have your bowl in one hand and aim it along the grassline to your "stare point". Let the pendulum swing in the plane of your grassline, under the weight of the bowl. If you hold the bowl in both hands in front of you then your hand will not come straight back along your desired line – hence off course.

AVOIDING A BOWL ON YOUR INTENDED PATH – Visualize a jack at a position in the head, jack high, to the side that gives you an unobstructed path. Your skip, knowing the run of your bowls, could stand in such a position and ask you to draw to his feet. Of course when you have delivered your bowl the skip moves immediately out of the head.

KNEES ACHE: HIP SORE - If you take a long step or go down on your knee then you will be putting unnecessary stress on these parts. Try a short pace and bend from the waist so that you roll your bowl over the 'stare point', or maybe try a 'fixed stance'.

Notice that the suggested remedies of these situations rests with the person on the mat. When you step onto the mat you must be entirely in the present, focused on your delivery. The result is some fifteen seconds into the future.

Problems! NO problems, only solutions! Happy bowling.



**Michael Tsolakis
CHAIRMAN SELECTORS**

39th Cvril South Competition.

The competition is conducted annually and KBC is the host and controlling body. Ten local Clubs are invited to play Killara at Killara. The four Clubs which defeat Killara by the greatest margins play off in semi-finals and then the winners play a final for the trophy. **Note:** Killara cannot win the competition.

As at completion of the tenth and final round of competition the ladder standings were: Asquith (+ 45), Hornsby (+ 40); Warrawee (+ 29); St. Ives (+ 28); Belrose (+16); Gordon (+7); Turramurra (+1); Lindfield (0); Balgowlah (-1); West Pymble (-8). **Semi Final:** St. Ives defeated Asquith 67 - 49, Warrawee defeated Hornsby 84 - 48. **Final:** Warrawee defeated St. Ives 76 - 54.

Congratulations are extended to the Warrawee. Commiseration to the Balgowlah who were endeavouring to make it a hat trick having been the winners in 2007 and 2008.

2009 Pennants Competition.

The tenth and final round of sectional play was played on Saturday 16th May. The following is an overall summary:-

KBC (Grade 6) Team finished third in its section. Forestville RSL 44; Asquith 40.5; **Killara** 30; Pittwater Memorial 26; St. Ives 20.5; Lane Cove 19.

KBC (Grade 7) Team finished fourth in its section. Dee Why (2) 46; Gordon 41.5; Warrawee 28.5; **Killara** 24.5; Manly 23.5; Belrose (1) 16. The results for the KBC teams in the 2009 competition has been positive.

Unfortunately the number of players available for selection during the 2009 competition had an undesirable impact on the stabilization of teams and resulted in some patches of inconsistency during the competition.

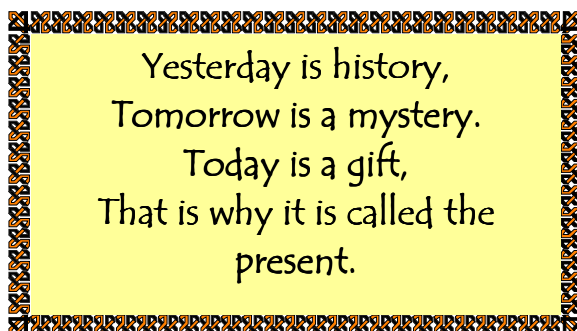
However the number of new members expressing their interest in the 2010 competition is heartening and provides a positive impetus for the committee in their forward planning.

2009 Mid Week Triples Competition.

It was encouraging to see thirty five including four new members from the 19th October Open Day register their availability to play in some or all matches in this year's competition. This positive response justified the selectors' recommendation that three teams (3) be entered in "C" Grade competition. The competition extends over six consecutive weeks from 15th July - 9th August.

Friendly Matches.

In the three friendly return matches to be played later in the year, KBC face the challenge having lost in the first round to Warrawee (Langker Painting Trophy), Lindfield (Fred Salisbury Trophy) and Killara Golf Club (Stedman Bowl Trophy). We look forward to these matches and the challenge presented.





From front page . . .

The Board put a proposal to the School that four rinks on green three would be available on Thursday afternoon between 1.15pm and 2.45pm. Twenty pupils from years 9, 10 and 11, commenced on 7th May for Term 2 Sport.

Maria Hearder, Alison Calder and Robin Hey have assisted Rick, Gof Bowles and Ed in presenting our game to an enthusiastic group of teenagers. Several showed an aptitude and interest in the sport. A few used it as a means of avoiding serious physical activity for sports afternoon. Most enjoyed the experience. The School has approached the Club to retain the current relationship for the next season of school sport from August 20th to November 19th, 2009.

The Club derives a modest fee to defray wear and tear on facilities.

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Girls and boys come out to play



Cyril South Competition

This year we had ten teams competing for the Cyril South Trophy. Killara Bowling Club had wins against West Pymble and Balgowlah (last year's winners) and a draw against Lindfield. Weather wreaked havoc this year with a couple of the matches postponed and thus forcing us to field two teams on the last available day.

The eventual semi-finalists were; St Ives 67 Asquith 49 Warrawee 84 Hornsby 48 The winners were Warrawee winning 76-54.

Once again we thank the selectors for the time and effort put into drawing up the teams. **Josef Zazulak**



TRUE STORY:

Outside Bristol Zoo there is a car park for 150 cars and 8 coaches.

There also used to be a very pleasant attendant with a ticket machine charging cars £1 and coaches £5. This parking attendant worked there for all of 25 years, then one day just didn't turn up for work...

"Ho hum", said Bristol Zoo Management - "better phone up the City Council and get them to send a new parking attendant"

"Err no", said the Council, "that car park is your responsibility"

"Err no", said Bristol Zoo Management, "the attendant was employed by the City Council, wasn't he?"

"Err NO!"

Sitting in his villa in Spain is a bloke who had been taking the daily car park fees amounting to an estimated £400 per day at Bristol Zoo for the last 25 years...



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**The May Autumn Carnival
Carnival Convenor
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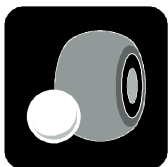
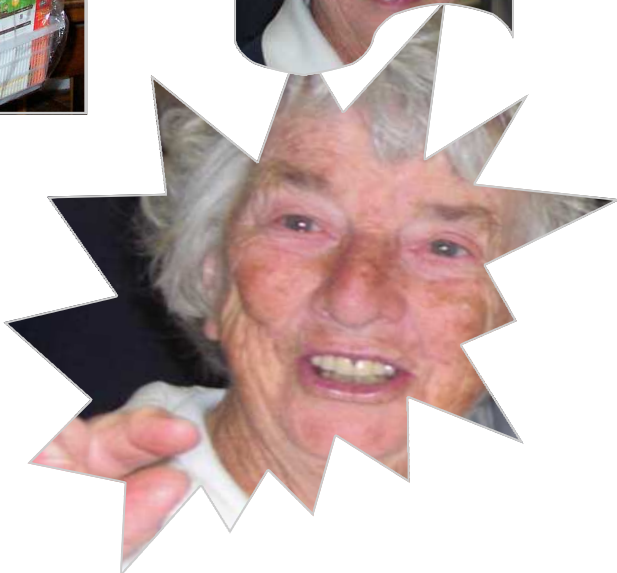
With 80 teams, 210 players, this event was most successful. Over the traditional three days, only the ladies day was curtailed in the afternoon by rain. Greens were in good shape; Administration efficient (with special mention to *Ed O'Donnell*); Catering excellent and *numerous volunteers* made all events run smoothly. Also notable was the very high standard of bowling. Total prize money was \$2,160. Following usual practice, each day has AM and PM winners and overall winner and runner up. The principal winners are

shown below. *D.M*

AUTUMN CARNIVAL	Ladies Triples	Composite Pairs	Men's Triples
CLUB	ST. IVES	N. SYDNEY	COMPOSITE
Lead	P. Caganoff	A. Coleman	K. Stein
Second	J. Lonsdale	—	O. Richards
Skip	E. Cossill	S. Coleman	R. Lawrence



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The Battle of Britain was won by the RAF's Fighter Command and the air war then taken to the Nazis by Bomber Command. None of this would have been possible without one common factor -the Merlin, an engine that is said to have won the war. Of the 160,000 Merlin's manufactured, 60,000 were produced by Packard in the USA.

The Merlin's first flight was also that of the Hawker Hurricane. The engine went on to power the Spitfire, Mustang, Whitley, Lancaster, Mosquito, Halifax, and many others.



An Aussie truckie walks into an outback cafe' with a full-grown emu behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders. The truckie says, 'A hamburger, chips and a coke,' and turns to the emu, 'What's yours?' 'I'll have the same,' says the emu.

A short time later the waitress returns with the order 'That will be \$9.40 please,' and he reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the emu come again and he says, 'A hamburger, chips and a coke.' The emu says, 'I'll have the same.' Again the truckie reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change. This becomes routine until the two enter again. 'The usual?' asks the waitress. 'No, it's Friday night, so I'll have a steak, baked potato and a salad,' says the man. 'Same,' says the emu. Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, 'That will be \$32.62.' Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table. The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. 'Excuse me, mate, how do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?'

'Well, love' says the truckie, 'a few years ago, I was cleaning out the back shed, and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.'

'That's brilliant!' says the waitress. 'Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!'

'That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there,' says the man.

The waitress asks, 'What's with the bloody emu?'

The truckie sighs, pauses, and answers, 'My second wish was for a tall chick with a big bum and long legs, who agrees with everything I say.'



A man with a bald head and a wooden leg is invited to a fancy dress party. He doesn't know what to wear to hide his head and his wooden leg so he writes to a fancy dress company to explain his problem. A few days later he receives a parcel with a note:

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a pirate's outfit. The spotted handkerchief will cover your bald head and with your wooden leg you will be just right as a Pirate.

The man thinks this is terrible because they emphasised his disability, so he writes a letter of complaint. A week passes and he received another parcel.

Dear Sir,

Sorry about the previous parcel. Please find a monk's habit. The long robe will cover your wooden leg and with your bald head you will really look the part.

The man is extremely furious now, because the company has gone from emphasising his wooden leg to drawing attention to his bald head. So he writes a really rude letter of complaint. A few days later he gets a very small parcel from the company with an accompanying letter:

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a tin of Golden Syrup. Pour the tin of Golden Syrup over your bald head, sit on your wooden leg and go as a bloody toffee apple!'

