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NEW BANK FOR LINDFIELD NEW SPONSOR FOR KBC



Situated on the Western side of the Pacific Highway pedestrian crossing, between Lindfield Pharmacy and Westpac, is the premises of the club's new major sponsor, **Lindfield Community Bank**. Having secured the lease, they are now processing D.A's through Council. The new branch is forecast to open in three to four months.

At the latter end of January, KBC's sponsorship Committee met with LCB Directors **Bill Nevill** (club member) and **Michael Cross** (Principal, Lindfield Pharmacy) to conclude financial contributions to ongoing club activities including our Autumn Carnival. We are looking forward to a long and mutually beneficial association.



SHORT, SHARP AND SUCCESSFUL!

To assist compile a customer profile, KBC/LCB ran a promotion in the last week of January to obtain a minimum of 50 surveys. **We got 72!** Thank you participants. . Drink up!!

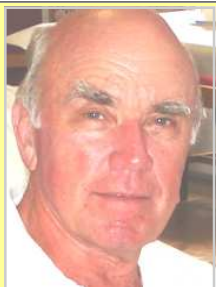
CLUB CHAMPION 2010 *Benjamin Lau*

President **Tony Hodgson**, conducted the annual Men's prize giving Saturday 29th January including Singles Winner Benjamin Lau. The full awards listing is in **John Brodie's** report on Page 10. More pictures of recipients are on page 9.





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: IAN ARMSTRONG



At our December board meeting we regretfully received the resignation of **Martin McMurray** who had been the Deputy Chairman and President for two years. We acknowledged the marvellous contribution that Martin had made to the Club over his period in office. He was replaced by **Tony**

Hodgson, the current President, who will be a valuable addition to the board.

The old poker machine area has now been renovated and a casual cane furniture setting has been added for the relaxation of members enjoying one of **Sue Cleary's** excellent sandwiches and/or a drink. In due course the area will also host some tasteful signage acknowledging the valuable support of the club's sponsors.

Members will be pleased to learn that we have admitted fourteen new members over the last three months. This is a reflection of the marvellous efforts of **Rick Edwards, Bob Bessemer, John Brodie** and all the people involved in the open day. We must also thank the coaches who have provided initial instruction to these people to enable them to proceed to membership. I stress here that we still need more coaches, especially from the women members, and ask those interested to speak to Rick Edwards.

You will all have noticed that the windows of the club house, both internally and externally have recently been repainted. Although much overdue the result is very pleasing. We are also in the process of addressing the sloping set of steps that lead up to the Graham Firth green as concern has been expressed that they may deteriorate further if something is not done.

Good Bowling

Ian Armstrong

A BAD DAY

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig. "Well, whatcha gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying." "This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had

been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my old lady in bed with the gardener, and then my dog bit me."

"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the arsenic dissolve. Then some jack-ass shows up and drinks the whole thing! But enough about me, how's your day going?"



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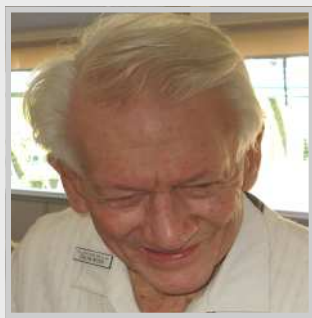


CHANGE OF ADDRESS? NEW 'PHONE NUMBER? NEW OR ALTERED EMAIL ADDRESS?

Let us know so we can redirect mail, newsletters and so on. This includes mail, magazines from our State Bodies.

All that is needed is a note in the Secretary's Box or an email to bobbess@bigpond.net.au

VALE Colin Walter Ross Aged 93



Colin, a member for 14 years passed away last November. We extend our condolences to Valmai and family.



The old poker machine area has now been renovated and a casual cane furniture setting has been added ..." see Ian Armstrong's report above.



KWBC President's Platform

Elizabeth Bold



Dear Members,
Happy New Year. I hope that everyone had a Pleasant Christmas. As all competitions had been completed and included in my final 2010 report, there is very little competition to record except for the Christmas lunch and Trophy Day, which

turned into a very happy event. We started with a Spider - won by **Julie Halliday** - and then played Bowls. Our thanks to **Sue** who prepared the enjoyable lunch of chicken salad and strawberry gateau - with wine.

Lunch was followed by the Presentation of Prizes to the Championship Winners and Runners-up.

Bowls resumed on Tuesday, 11th January, and we look forward to a good year starting with the Handicap Pairs on 18th January, and the Fours Championship on 1st February. I would like to give best wishes to the following girls, who will be representing the Club in the State Fours, which commence on the 18th February.

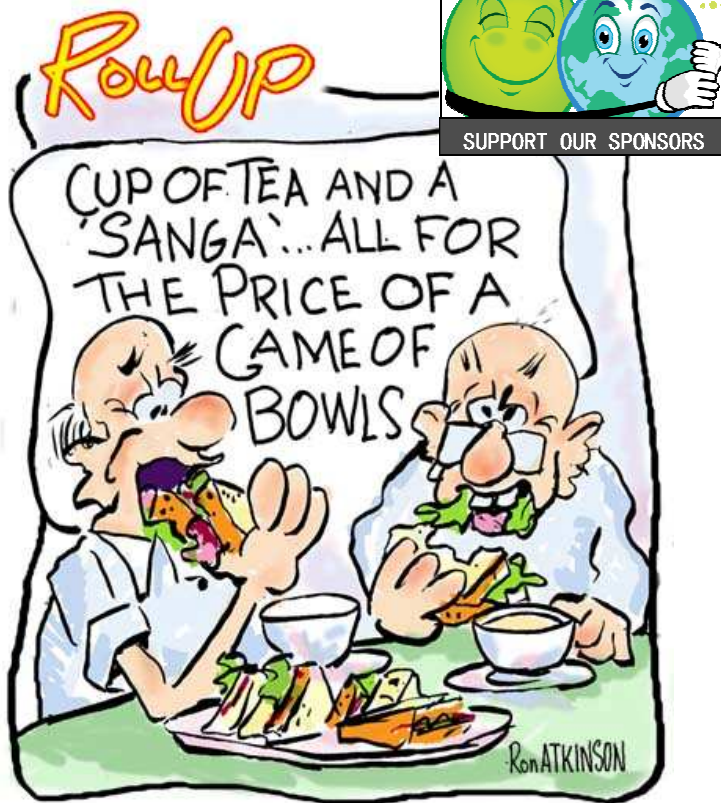
Maureen Morris, Judy McLeod, Edith Cowlishaw, Jean Brierley.

Julie Halliday, Livia Geniale, Shisuko Hashimoto, Maria Hearder.

Barbara Cotton, Robin Hey, Alice Burton, Elizabeth Dokulil.

The money from the two Spiders has been combined, made up to \$200 and forwarded to the Flood Appeal.

Elizabeth



POLITICALLY INCORRECT

Did you hear about the fat, alcoholic transvestite - All he wanted to do was eat, drink and be Mary.

Got an e-mail today from a bored local housewife, 43, who was looking for some hot action!..... So I sent her my ironing. That'll keep her busy.

I got invited to a party and was told to dress to kill.

Apparently a turban, beard and a backpack wasn't what they had in mind.

Paddy says to Mick, "Christmas is on Friday this year".

Mick said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th then."

My mate just hired an Eastern European cleaner, took her 5 hours to vacuum the house.

Turns out she was a Slovak.

Just had my water bill of \$295 drop on my mat. That's a lot.

Oxfam can supply a whole African village for just \$5 a month:

Time to change supplier I think.

A lad comes home from school and excitedly tells his dad that he had a part in the school play and he was playing a man who had been married for 25 years. The dad says, "Never mind son, maybe next year you'll get a speaking part."



INVESTOR WANTED

To manufacture and distribute a new line for Bare - foot bowling. Email twinkletoes.com.au



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KBC President's Platform : *Tony Hodgson*



Welcome back to bowls for 2011 and a happy and healthy New Year to everyone.

Isn't it great to be back playing on our No.1 Green again for the Pennant Trial Matches. Congratulations to Darren Hargreaves and his staff for a job well done. I understand the No.2 Green should come back in

February/March.

Following our successful Open Day in September, our coaches have been very busy instructing and inducting new bowlers, both men and women. The names and contact details of fourteen (14) new members, who have joined the ranks since the publication of our 2011 Member's Booklet, are printed in this newsletter. Follow the instructions to update your records.

The Annual Prize Giving and Bob Sinclair Place of Origin first match for 2011 is on Saturday 29th January. **Pat Sinclair** will be attending for the presentation and our thanks to **David Warren** our lunchtime chef supporting **Sue Cleary**.

The 40th anniversary of the Cyril South Competition is now well under way with games played against Lindfield and St Ives for a win and a loss.

2011 Pennants

The trial matches continue with the following games organized by our hardworking selectors:

Sat 5th February v

East Roseville

Sat 12th February v

Turramurra

Sat 19th February v Intra Club

Sat 26th February v Warrawee

Sat 5th March - commencement of 2011 Pennants matches (draw still to be advised)

Please check the main notice board for teams and tick your name accordingly.

Friendly Matches

Three Friendly Matches will be played during February/March, namely:

Wed 9th February v Warrawee for the Langker painting trophy

Wed 16th February v Lindfield for the Fred Salisbury painting trophy

Tues 1st March v Killara Golf Club at the Golf Club for the first of two games for the Stedman Bowl Trophy.

In closing, I am pleased to report a strengthening in our association with Linfield Community Bank. (See page 1 and page 10.ed.) **Also, our great friends at Burns and Burns Ray White have confirmed their ongoing support for 2011.**

Sponsors are vital to member's enjoyment of the club's amenities. They are reputable concerns investing in their local community. Your Board urges you to contact them when you need the services they provide.

Tony Hodgson

Every now and then we need to check our demeanour on the green. The club has an excellent 'pocket' publication which is available to all members Free of Charge! Please ask **John Brodie, Rick Edwards or **Bob Bessemer** for a copy.**

In the meantime

Umpiring

When an umpire is called during a match, all players at the end being adjudicated **must** leave and remain off the green until the decision is made.





Functions and Mixed Bowls Report . . .

Barbara Cotton

Hello and Happy New Year to everybody. The first function to report on is the St Andrew's Night which was held on 26th November.

Over eighty members sat down to a magnificent dinner prepared by **Sue**, commencing with the piping in of the Haggis. **Lachlan Garnett**, the Piper, was organised by our **Sponsors, Burns and Burns Ray White**, who were represented by **Andrew Burns**, and he spoke at the end of the meal. **Ian Cameron -Smith** organised the complimentary Athol Brose, served before the meal and also the Haggis, and our thanks to him for this, as well as the Address he gave to the Haggis. The new Chairman of the Board, **Ian Armstrong**, and the new President for KBC, **Tony Armstrong**, were introduced, together with **Alma Linguist** (one of the original Members and her husband **John**, **Suzanne Hodgson**, **Grecia Martin**, **Shirley** and **David Quessy**, guests of **Don** and **Judy Hodges**, and New Members **Lorraine** and **John Rayner**, **Stewart Elser** and **John Falconer**, who was accompanied by his wife **Margaret**. It was also the last night for Twilight Bowls for 2011, and Andrew Burns presented the prizes and lucky door. Thank you to all the people who contributed so much towards making the evening very successful and enjoyable.

Card Day on the first Monday in December was another successful day, and the proceeds from the raffle practically covered the cost of the food, so despite a slight reduction in numbers owing to ill health, it was a good re-

sult. Card Days resume on the first Monday in February. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking **Goff Bowls** for his

continued help with the table situation - very much appreciated. The Christmas Party was held on the 3rd December and from all accounts the fifty odd Members who attended really enjoyed the evening. Thank you to **Elaine Morell** for her sterling help, not only in making the sandwiches, but also throughout the evening, and to all the ladies who also kindly provided food and help. The support and help from Members at Club functions, plays a very big part towards their success and is very much appreciated by the Committee, especially by myself. Thank you all. The lists are up on the Board, for the Anniversary Day Lunch and Mixed Bowls on Wednesday, 26th January, and also for the Shirts and Skirts Match, to be held on Sunday, 6th February. This Competition has not been played for the past few years, but we are trying to bring it back into the Programme. One of our late Life Members, **Joan Bain**, who did so much for the Club during her Membership, worked a Tapestry picture, which is on the wall of the Clubhouse, and donated it as an ongoing trophy for an annual Match, between KBC and KWBC.

The response to both these Competitions is encouraging and I look forward to reporting on them in the next Bowls News. Sunday Mixed Bowls resumed on Sunday 9th January but I regret to say that to date, nobody has rung in for a game. The next events on the Programme will be the St. Patrick's Dinner and Bowls, and hopefully a visit from Members of Lindfield Bowling Club on a Sunday to be fixed.

Barbara



VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Brian Perkins (Warrawee) and **Annette Perkins** (Killara) with KWBC President **Elizabeth Bold** enjoy a chat.

It is not unique that a married couple are members of different clubs.

Picture taken March 2010.



MOVEMENT OF THE MAT

The following measurements are shown as approximate and are a guide only.

Gap is consistent when speed of green is constant.

Unbroken lines.

The ratio of distance moved up the rink to reduction of distance to the centre line is appr. 15% i.e. Move the mat forward 4.6 m. (15ft) and the mark on the bank moves inward 0.7m. (28in.)

Broken Lines.

It can be seen that as the green becomes faster so does the angle of delivery widen; the ratio, in this example, has become appr. 30%. Mat forward 4.6m (15ft) and mark on bank moves 1.4m (56in.)



As soon as they are out of uniform they seem to lose it!



A pirate walked into a bar and the bartender said, "Hey, I haven't seen you in awhile. What happened? You look terrible."

"What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel

fine."

"What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

"Well, we were in a battle and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now."

"Well, o.k., but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"

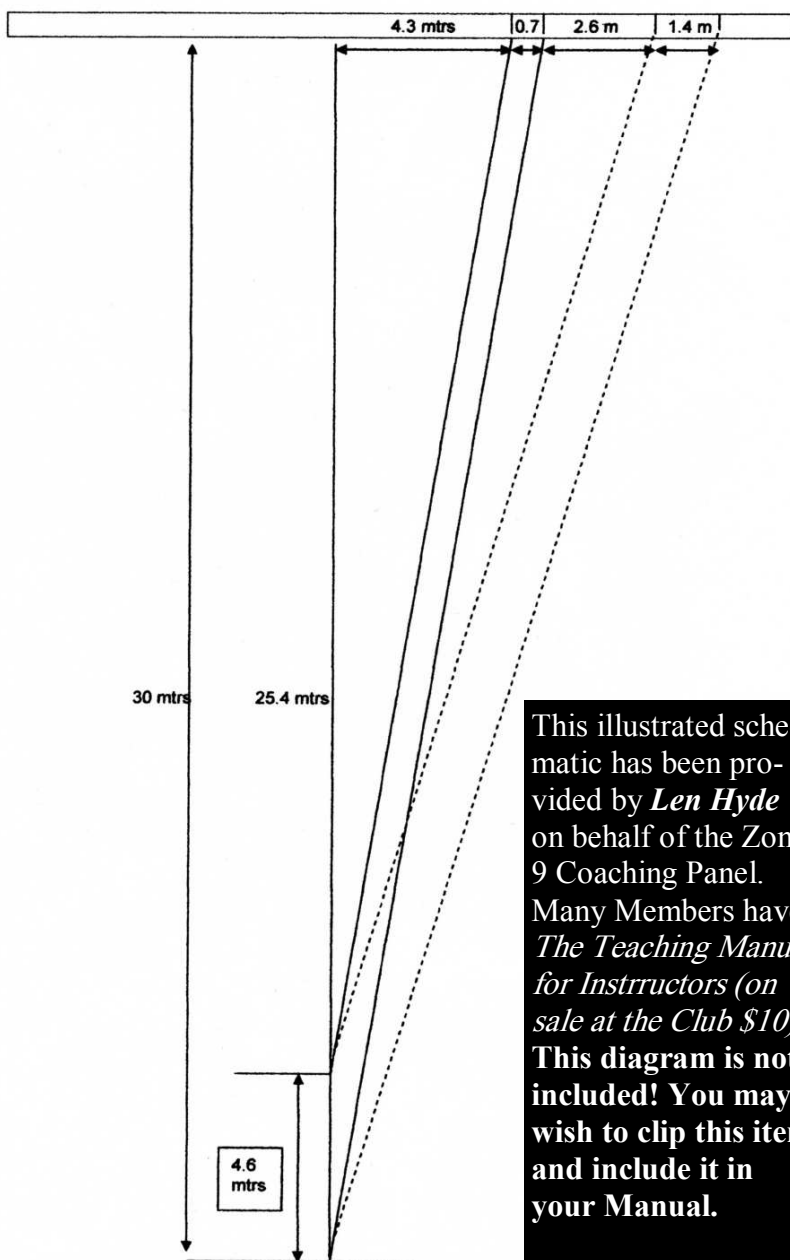
"We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine, really."

"What about that eye patch?"

"Oh, one day we were at sea and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up and one of them sh*t in my eye."

"You're kidding," said the bartender, "you couldn't lose an eye just from some bird sh*t."

"It was my first day with the hook."



This illustrated schematic has been provided by *Len Hyde* on behalf of the Zone 9 Coaching Panel. Many Members have *The Teaching Manual for Instructors* (on sale at the Club \$10). This diagram is not included! You may wish to clip this item and include it in your Manual.

Burns & Burns JACKPOT TRIPLES
Every Thursday



HEADLINES AND TV FOR REGULAR THURSDAY BOWLER

Triples treat for giant killers



AUSTRALIAN OPEN CONTENDERS: Vicky Bartrop, Di McBryde and Dafna Orbach.

TORIN CHEN

NORTH Shire lawn bowls giant-killers Vicky Bartrop, Di McBryde and Dafna Orbach hold no fears as they prepare for their maiden assault of the women's triples at next month's Australian Open.

The trio were shock runners-up in the NSW Open triples last month after upsetting teams skipped by Commonwealth Games representative Natasha Van Eldik and former Australian rep Karen Murphy.

Orbach, who will skip the team, also hopes to qualify for the singles, before teaming with Lindfield Bowling Club's Bartrop and Turrurru's McBryde in the triples.

Orbach, a former North Sydney Leagues player, said her side was brimming with confidence ahead of their first appearance at the open at Darwin International Sports Centre in Melbourne on February 13.

"I'm actually looking forward to it and I really believe that we can do it and the more I think about it, the more I think we can," she said.

"I have no fear of anyone because I believe on any day, every person is a chance to play good or bad.

"We can match anybody and we have nothing to lose."

The trio, who have only played together a few times, have been training once a week at Lindfield.

Orbach said they were still coming to grips with the publicity they created at the NSW Open after storming their way through to the final where they lost 13-3, 14-4 to a team skipped by Australian rep Lynsey Armitage.

Orbach said she had been watching replays of the game to pinpoint areas to improve.

Details: bowlsaustralia.com.au.

Dafna Orbach, a regular at our Thursday **Burns and Burns** Competition, teamed with **Vicky Bartrop** and **Di McBryde**, were Runners-up in the NSW Open Triples in December. The game was televised on ABC.

To make the final they disposed of the teams skipped by Commonwealth Games Rep. Natasha Van Eldik and Australian Rep. Karen Murphy.

Next up: The Women's Triples Titles at the Australian Open!
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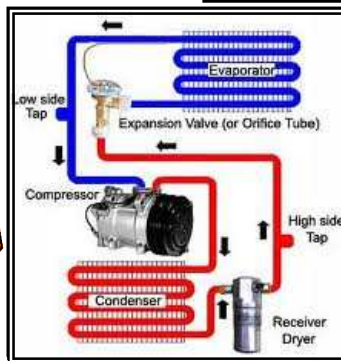


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Husband Down

A man and wife are shopping when the man picks up a case of beer and puts it in their cart. 'What do you think you're doing?' asks the wife. 'They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans he replies. 'Put them back, we can't afford them, demands the wife, and so they carry on shopping.

A few aisles further on along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket.

What do you think you're doing?' asks the husband.

'It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful,' replies the wife. Her husband retorts: 'So does 24 cans of beer and it's half the price.'

**He never knew
what hit him!**



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PRIZE GIVING



Bob Sinclair Memorial PLACE OF ORIGIN

Saturday 29th also saw the 1st match of the 13th Place of Origin series initiated by Former President Bob Sinclair.

The day went to 'The Rest' 5 games to 2 and a margin of 183/121.

BBQ Chef was *David Warren*.



We were delighted to be joined by *Pat Sinclair*.



Paddy and Mick were both laid off, so they went to the unemployment office. When asked his occupation, Paddy answered, 'Knicker Stitcher.. I sew da elastic onto ladies' knickers and thongs..'

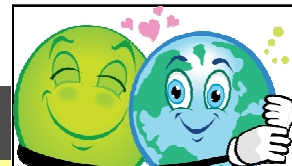
The clerk looked up Knicker Stitcher on his computer and finding it classified as unskilled labour, he gave him £80 a week unemployment pay.

Mick was next in and when asked his occupation replied, 'Diesel Fitter.' Since a diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Mick £160 a week.

When Paddy found out he was furious.. He stormed back into the office to find out why his friend and co-worker was collecting double his pay.

The clerk explained, 'Knicker Stitchers are unskilled labour and Diesel Fitters are skilled labour.'

'What skill?' yelled Paddy. 'I sew da elastic on da knickers and thongs, then Mick puts 'em over his head and says: 'Yep, diesel fitter.'



Assistant Bowls Secretary John Brodie Reports



The 2010 KBC competitions were well patronised and the results for all matches are summarised below:

The Honour Boards are currently being updated to reflect these results and the annual prize giving is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 29 January at noon.

The 2011 KBC competitions are already underway with a high level of interest shown in the Gissing Consistency competition (42 entries). The Minor Pairs competition also commences at the end of January. *John*

Competition	Winner	Runner-up
Gissing Consistency	B Bessemer	I Cameron-Smith
Minor Singles	I Armstrong	D Hunt
Major Singles	B Lau	R Edwards
Minor Pairs	D Bimson, T Hodgson	J Brodie, J Crocker
Major Pairs	R Henriks, A Krust	R Edwards, W Druce
Club Pairs	K Boyd, B Lau	G Leppinus, J Orton
Triples	M McMurray, B Bessemer, I Cameron-Smith	D Reade, B Lau, J Orton
Fours	J Brodie, R Edwards, G Bowles, W Druce	R Hill, B Bessemer, I Armstrong, D Muir

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Specified deadlines must be met

It is important for players/teams to ensure that all matches are completed in accordance with the dates specified for each round of a competition. Those dates are known well in advance of the notice of the competition and should be taken into account at the time a player is considering entering an event.

An entry into a competition should not be made where a player is aware that he will be absent for a period of time and that absence is likely to adversely affect the chance of a round in the competition being completed on time.

A player or team unable to meet his/their commitment to play by the specified date shall forfeit the match to his/their opponent.

Postponements will be granted only in exceptional circumstances

It cannot be expected that the Match Committee will grant a postponement of a match other than for inclement weather which causes closure of the greens.

A request for a postponement must be made to the Match Committee before the specified deadline.

Any postponement that is granted can be expected to be only for a few days.

In team events it is expected that teams will nominate a substitute player rather than seek a postponement.

Michael Tsolakakis
Chairman, Match Committee

A little girl ran to her Grandmother, jumped into her arms and gave her a big hug. She then ran her fingers down her wrinkled face.

"Did God make you Grandma?" she asked.

"Yes sweetheart, He made me."

She felt her own cheek and then asked "Did God make me too?"

"Yes Darling He made you too."

"Well" she shrugged "Don't you think He is doing a better job now than He used to?"



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The Story of our Car Park ... John Muirhead

For many years the Board has been aware that the reliance on street parking was an both an

inconvenience to members and a deterrent to new members. The street parking signs in Arnold and Locksley Streets permitted (and still permit) long term parking. This favours commuters who now monopolise it.

The club made approaches to the Council requesting changes to the street parking signs so that the street frontages to our property on both streets would be available for our members. We pointed out that the Club paid rates to the Council but the commuters from outside the municipality do not. The Council did not concede.

The Club had considered constructing a car park for many years; all proposals have involved the space on Locksley Street previously occupied by the old No.4 Green. One scheme included an underground park on a site incorporating part of the space under the bowling green and under a suspended slab where No 11 Locksley Street now stands. The Club owned the property at the time. The scheme was rejected by the Council because the number of parking spaces it would have provided was insufficient according to a formula used by the Council for clubs based on their membership.

At about this time, 2002, Pymble Bowling Club was having difficulties over its lease from the Water Board and was about to close down. Several Pymble members considered joining us but the lack of a car park made us less attractive than Gordon, Turramurra and St Ives and most of them went to Gordon.

However, in 2002 the KBCL Board approved the preparation of a feasibility study for the conversion of No.4 Green into a car park. It was noted that Greens 3 and 4 were very seldom needed for bowling and it revived the car park idea. I was asked to prepare a design and to submit a DA for the arrangement which now exists. The number of car parking spaces is less than the Club and Council would like but the adjacent Locksley Street property had long been sold and on this occasion the Council conceded that taking 24 cars off the streets was better than none!

The Council required us to provide four spaces for disabled drivers (0.7M wider than standard) to comply with their Code. These wider spaces do exist but are not otherwise marked except when the Roll-up Room is made aware of a requirement, so that they are generally available for normal use.

Unfortunately, the car park was too late to attract members from Pymble and some of our existing members and guests are no longer prepared to park in the streets and walk. They choose to park in the central access lane between the marked spaces where they obstruct the exit of those who have arrived in time to secure a place. Predictably, this has interrupted play and caused inconvenience to fellow members on many occasions.

Any suggestions?



As mentioned in the Chairman's and President's reports fourteen (14) new members have joined since the publication of our 2011 Members Handbook. The names and contact details for these new colleagues are printed below. Get your scissors and clip the panel and staple or paste it in the 'notes' section at the back of the Handbook. GET UP TO DATE!

Name	Initials	Preferred	Street	City	PC	Phone
Cameron	Mr. J.S.	John	15 Gerald Ave.	Roseville	2069	94167267
Esler	Mr.S.D.	Stuart	17 Stanhope Rd	Killara	2071	94998738
Hayvice	Mrs. A	Andrea	5 Marcoola Place	St. Ives	2075	9498 5797
Jenkins	Mrs.M.A.	Maxine	1 Earl St	Roseville	2069	9417 0521
Lee	Mrs.Q.	Agnes	10 Locksley St.	Killara	2071	416088816
Lee	Mr. K.S	Ben	10 Locksley St.	Killara	2071	405498229
Li	Mr.M.	Don	9 Waratah St.	Eastwood	2122	420850383
Morrell	Mr. D.	David	20 Saiala Rd.	Killara	2071	94986341
Pittar	Mrs.H.J.	Heather	69 Stanhope Rd.	Killara	2071	94162722
Pittar	Dr.G.	Graham	69 Stanhope Rd.	Killara	2071	94162722
Scanlan	Mrs. E.	Lib	1/13 Bannerman St.	Cremorne	2090	80218586
Simpson	Mrs. B.	Barbara	107A Tryon Rd.	Lindfield	2070	94169339
Vine	Mr. W.A.	Alan	24 College Crescent	St.Ives	2075	94493450
Wiltshire	Mr.M.J.H.	Mike	54 Landra Ave	Mount Colah	2079	94825476



A couple were celebrating 50 years together. Their 3 kids, all very successful, agreed to a Sunday dinner in their honour. "Happy Anniversary Mum and Dad," gushed son number one. "Sorry I'm running late. I had an emergency at the hospital, you know how it is, and I didn't have time to get you a gift."

"Not to worry," said the father. "The important thing is that we're all together today."

Son number two arrived and announced, "You and Mum look great, Dad. I just flew in and between depositions and didn't have time to shop for you."

"It's nothing," said the father. "We're glad you were able to come." Just then the daughter arrived. "Hello and happy anniversary! I'm sorry, but my boss is sending me out of town and I was really busy packing so I didn't have time to get you anything..." After they had finished dessert, the father said, "There's something your mother and I have wanted to tell you for a long time. You see, we were very poor. Despite this, we were able to send each of you to college. Throughout the years your mother and I knew that we loved each other very much, but we just never found the time to get married."

The three children gasped and all said, "You mean we're bastards?"

"Yep," said the father. "And cheap ones too."

An elderly man in Perth calls his son up in Queensland and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; 50 years of misery is enough."

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"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son

screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man replies. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Sydney and tell her," he says as he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting di-

vorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls Perth immediately, and screams at the old man, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing. DO YOU HEAR ME?" Then she hangs up.

The old man puts down the phone, turns to his wife and says. "OK, they're coming for our anniversary and paying their own airfares."

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