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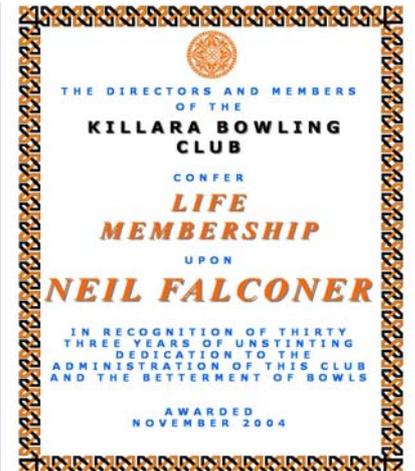
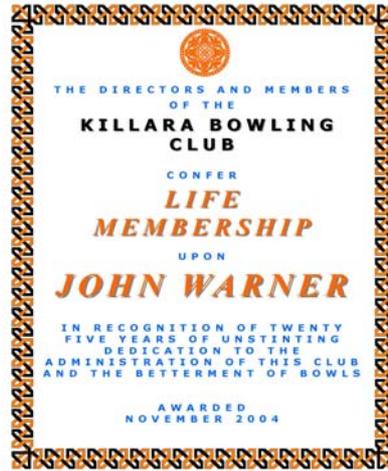
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KILLARA BOWLS

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TWO NEW LIFE MEMBERS ELECTED

Life membership is an honour which may be conferred on a member who has rendered long and conspicuous service to the Club. Nominations are made through the Board for approval by a General meeting of members. The Rules provide that there should be no more than five living Life Members at any time. Since its establishment in 1916, 25 members have been so honoured. Our present Life Members are **Graham Firth, Hazel Nettle, Joan Bain, John Warner** and **Neil Falconer**. Outstanding among earlier Life Members until his death in 1955 at the age of 93, was **George Gissing**, an original member who



was President for 11 years and Patron for 12. He lived next to the Club in Arnold St and when he could no longer play, watched from his wheel chair. **We welcome, with enthusiasm, the entry of John and Neil into these exalted ranks. In this issue we profile John. Neil's story will appear in the next edition.**

Lloyd Sommerlad

BOB TALBOT IS OUR CLUB CHAMPION!



Saturday 15 January was Prize giving Day with awards going to ten (10) categories of Club Competition. (See full results in Dec.2004 edition of KB News)

Bob Talbot had the distinction of winning all Four Senior events: Fours, Triples, Pairs and Singles! Great bowling Bob! Above, KBC President **Ian Cameron-Smith** presents the Trophy.

Is this a film star of
yesteryear
or
a regular KBC bowler?
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From the chair . . .

It is not often that the Chairman has little to report. On this occasion it is because things are generally going well.

We have had the quiet months of summer and the season when nothing important happens in Australia.

Many of our members have had holidays and things have been somewhat quieter at Killara as a result.

Our car park is working well. Commuters seem to be leaving us alone - which is

proper and welcome. The car park looks good and is seldom, if ever, full. Other Clubs are becoming aware that we have our own parking although some members from other clubs might have to be encouraged to learn to use it. Club members are abiding by the rules and all



Chairman : Peter Baume

is going well.

It is all a great credit to **John Muirhead** who did the designing and to a committee which drew up the rules. We are waiting on our builder (through **Mick Meares**) to complete the lattice fence between us and the neighbours in Locksley St. The decision to go ahead has been taken. Now what we are waiting for is action to put that decision into effect. At last report the builder had a minor but nuisance injury and will be with us as soon as he is fit enough.

You will see that the Hilarie Moore Green has been out but is expected to be back in operation at the end of February or early in March. Then it is the turn of Number Three Green to get attention. The Graham Firth Green is running beautifully - a credit to **Stephen** and to **Darren**. You might remember that Darren said, when he took the job of green keeper, that 2004 would be a "holding" year. He expected improvements to be apparent in 2005. Many people have disputed that already, saying that the improvement in our greens was immediate and marked.

We are having some interesting discussions with our neighbour to the west - the wife has not been friendly over some matters, but we are hopeful still of getting a compromise there that will satisfy everyone. Meanwhile, it is a pleasure to thank **Brian Booth** for invaluable advice he has given us on the issues that have arisen.

Congratulations to **Bob McComas** who was awarded an AM in the recent honours list. We are so pleased for him - I actually wrote to him from Lord Howe Island to say congratulations. A 'thumb-nail' of Bob's illustrious career appears on the following page.

We have lost several good and long serving members recently. **Ross Clark**, **Errol Bode** (both life members) and **Norman Bersten** died recently - I know that many members attended funerals and more would have paid tribute to Norman Bersten had there been time.

Several members have been off ill and we wish them all a speedy recovery and a rapid return to bowling. On the Masthead of this edition we record the election of **John Warner** (25 years) and **Neil Falconer** (23 years) to honorary life membership. I congratulate them both!

Pennants starts again for the men early in March. We have two men's teams and we wish them well - certainly they have started well in trials and we expect an improvement this year.

Members might be interested to know that attention has been given to the almost full honour boards. Space has been found for all outstanding men's entries (**Hector McDonald's** entry is now, at last, complete) and the women's board will be full soon enough. I am looking forward to enjoying bowls and fellowship with you all in 2005.

Peter Baume



THE RIGHT MEDICINE

Spring had forgotten to send a great deal of its early sunshine and Bill was still wearing his "woollies". But one day the fickle weather changed unexpectedly, and

the temperature really soared.

Bill had been enjoying himself, but as the game proceeded he became more and more overheated until finally he collapsed on the green.

Immediately his mates gathered round and began to offer suggestions.

'Nip in and get him a drink of whisky,' said old Harry.

"Take off his tie," said Tom.

"Get him a drink of whisky," said old Harry.

"Ring up the doctor," suggested Peter.

"Get him a drink of whisky," said old Harry.

"Better get him to hospital," said Fred.

Bill raised himself on to an elbow and shouted, "**Will all you blokes shut up and listen to old Harry!**"

From The Haggerty Way



KBC TREASURER RECEIVES AM IN AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Adding to a distinguished career, Bob McComas was recognised with membership in the **Order of Australia** on January 26th.

The Citation reads *“For service to business and commerce in the field of competition and corporate law through the Trade Practices Commission.”*

The following extract from WHO’S WHO IN AUSTRALIA 2005 illustrates how active he has been in his notable professional life.

Bob, your colleagues salute you.

McCOMAS William Robert; LLB; Solicitor; s. of: W McComas; b. Nov. 5, 1925; ed. Nth Syd. B H Schl Univ. Syd.; career: Consult. Clayton Utz 2000-03, SnrPtnr (rtd) 1994-2000, Ptnr 1988-2000, Chrmn Dirs WD & HO Wills Holdings Ltd 1992-96, Aust. Eagle Ins. Co Ltd. 1989-92, Non-Exec. Dir Coca-Cola Atnatil Ltd 1988-98 and 1975-85, Exec. Dir 1963-75, Dir James Hardie Inds Ltd 1988-92, Solr Supreme Crt NSW since 1988, Barr Supreme Crt NSW 1983, Barr and Solr Supreme Crt Vic. 1961, ACT 1976, Solr 1953; currently Memb. Trade Pracs Cttee

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CAR PARK USAGE RULES

The following rules of **car park usage** on the clubs property, entrance via Locksley Street are set out for the benefit of Killara Bowling Club members.

The purposes of the car park are to provide members and their guests off street parking facilities whilst using the club for bowls, club business, attending meetings and/or functions.

The car park facilities are only for use by members and/or their guests to park their vehicles while they are present at the Killara Bowling Club location.

Outside bodies such as Rotary, Probus and where the club facilities are hired for the purpose of conducting a function then the use of the car park is permitted by those attending such functions providing it is not at a time during the day when the club is being used for organised bowls.

No individual member has the authority to approve the use of the car parking facilities to a non member unless that person being granted permission of use is participating in bowls and/or attending a function conducted by the Bowling Club.

When parking vehicles ensure nose is to kerb minimizing car exhaust fumes exposure to neighbouring houses.

Members and guests using car park facilities should minimize vehicle noise and light glare at all times.

Neighbouring residents and/or clubs are not granted permission to use the parking facilities regardless of use at the time.

Approval to grant permission for use outside of members and their guests are restricted their nominee.

The parking facilities are not available to the public at any time. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD 11.12.2004

VALE

Norman Benjamin Bersten

We mark the passing, on February 7th, of a popular member and competent bowler after 13 years at our Club. He is survived by his wife, *Audrey*; sons *Howard* and *Malcolm* and grandchildren *Amy* and *Nick*.

When Norman let colleagues know of his terminal condition it was without pathos or dramatics. He continued to visit the Club socially and share his dry wit and incisive observations on humankind; ever a good companion, Norman always left us smiling.

We will miss you mate.

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Presidents' Platform



.2004 ended on a high note with forty-eight bowlers playing on Christmas Break-up Day and many others joining us for lunch. The Club was honoured to have SIX Past Presidents in attendance. **Mabs White** donated four beautiful hand-made Christmas wreaths for the day's competition winners, and **Alice Burton** provided jars of delicious brandy butter for the runners up. After our exotic "bring a plate" lunch, the year's awards were presented – a good time being had by all.



KWBC President
Lea McNeill

2005 has begun quietly, with hot days and wet days affecting player numbers. However, it was pleasing to have thirty-three members at KWBC'S half-yearly meeting, most having come especially for it, as the forecast was for HOT! Indeed it was; 36°C was the recorded maximum.

Several inter-club matches will be underway shortly; the Artarmon Bluebird Shield, Turramurra Trophy, Belrose Friendship Day, Top Ten at Gordon, and Warrawee Painting Exchange. All these, and Pennants starting on 31st March, have kept the Selectors very occupied. Sometimes it seems like a chess game! We look forward to Killara making some winning scores. Tribute must be paid to KWBC'S Social Committee of **Brenda Fox, Margaret Shirley** (ably assisted by **Graham**) and **Judy Wall** – just three, who have rallied without complaint, and often at short notice, to provide morning tea for District competitions. Killara has become the Club of choice when Friday play-offs are necessary..

As we get into full swing for 2005, I wish you all good fellowship and good bowling at whatever level you choose to participate.

Lea McNeill.

with the expected fast greens on the Peninsular, where we are playing most of our games this year.

I would like to thank our coaches, **Edwin Burton** and **Ed O'Donnell**, for their time in coaching the many players who will represent the Club this year. As I write this, we are in the midst of Pennant trials and with the heavy green, it is evident we will need to really apply ourselves in the coming months to beat the "professionals" who play for the clubs on the Peninsular. I am delighted, and it is encouraging to see so many members, relatively new to the sport, getting involved in the game and playing competitively.

With our reversion this year in the Cyril South competition to playing teams unrestricted by Pennant grading, we have to date had a minor loss on margin to Warrawee and suffered a major loss on margin to St Ives. As the Selectors stated, we are attempting to include a wide number of Club players in our side to give experience to as many as possible.

We are saddened by our loss of **Norm Bersten** to cancer early in February. Norm will be remembered by his quick comments, repartee and *jeu d'esprit*. We pass our condolences to **Audrey** and their family and our thoughts are with them.

With many of our members finding the heat of summer difficult to bear when playing, I remind members that they may request a half-game when they ring in. Matching two "half-gamers" in the one game with each playing in one direction only usually accommodates this.

The annual Christmas Party was well attended by members and their guests with virtually unlimited Australian "champagne" being served during the evening. **Sue's mother** kindly provided a delicious Christmas cake to the Club in thanks for the members' thoughtfulness to Sue during the year.

Please note the coming Autumn Carnival to be held on the weekend of 14-16 May. The new Composite format held on the Sunday replacing the Mixed day has been well accepted and supported. So please, make up a team in any shape or description you like and put an entry in for that event.

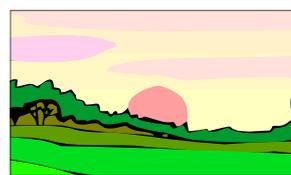
Good bowling during 2005 **Ian Cameron-Smith**



KBC President
Ian Cameron-Smith

We are well into the New Year and have high aspirations for 2005. The "engine room" of the Club, the Management Committee, is planning some special events and attractions in an effort to encourage bowlers back to the Club and to entice some new members into the Club. Now we have such a magnificent new car park, we are very keen to make full use of it to the benefit of members and visitors.

With the good rains we enjoyed in January and the application of fertilizers by the greenkeepers, the greens are returning to their former glory. As we move into the Pennant season we hope we will be able to increase the speed of the greens sufficiently to enable us to cope



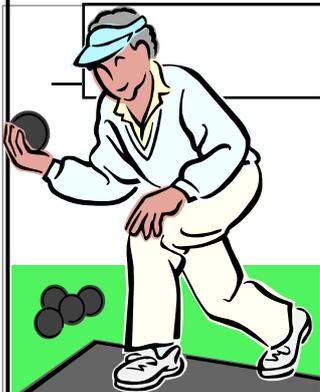
TWILIGHT BOWLS AND FRIDAY DINE-INS

There is still opportunity to enjoy Friday afternoon bowls (mixed) and /or an excellent following meal. The Twilight calendar for this Summer finishes on Friday 25th March.

However, Friday dine-ins are scheduled for May 20th and June 17th. Consult the detailed schedule in your Booklet.



Beside you on the Green... .KBC Profiles



At Killara we share a love of our great game and our tradition for equality, friendliness and conviviality. There is no place for elitism from a social point-of-view.

Whether you earn a living from the sweat of your brow or oratory in high places, the 'level of the mat' is the same for all!

Even so, there are many interesting individual stories within our membership which I feel we should discover and share. Space limitations will make these but "thumbnails" however, it is hoped you find them interesting.

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H.C.Treloar

Howard with his wife Patricia joined KBC in 1984, and although he served on several committees in the subsequent 20 years, he was perhaps best known as "Old Green Fingers", a gardener who helped maintain our long tradition of having one of the best bowling club gardens on the North Shore. Regrettably the numbers on the ageing garden committee slowly declined until only George Stanbridge and Howard were left – and when George and Sheila moved up the coast, Howard managed to keep the weeds at bay for a few more years before handing in his trowel. In between harassing weeds and pampering petunias he took part in many club championships and was a winner of all but the major singles and the club pairs.



A flight of 100 Squadron aircrews returning from a strike. Taken at Tadjji, September 1944. Only four in this photo survived the war. Howard is indicated by the arrow on the left.

Howard was born in Manly in 1923 and spent his so-called formative years in Chatswood and Pymble. He attended North Sydney Boys' High School, where he played third grade cricket and developed a reasonable proficiency in English, history and languages, although things seriously mathematical still remain a mystery. To leave high school in 1941 meant that only two occupations beckoned – university or the armed forces. When World War II started in 1939, North Sydney High decided to form a cadet corps, and Howard was one of several lads chosen to learn the rudiments of

things military, finishing with the exalted rank of corporal and highly skilled in the use of the Boer War Martini-Henry rifle. He believes this is where he derived a liking for Martini cocktails, but doubts whether Veterans Affairs would accept this as a war-caused disability!

Enlisting in the RAAF as aircrew, he joined about 100 other trainee wireless operator-air gunners and was one of six promoted to Pilot Officer on the completion of their course. The remainder were shipped off to England and many took part in the 1,000 bomber raids on Germany, which was a decidedly unhealthy occupation. To their chagrin the six who were commissioned all remained in Australia, and most ended up as part of a four-man crew in the wholly Australian-made Beaufort Torpedo bombers which replaced the ageing English Vickers Wildebeests the RAF had sent

to defend Malaya. Howard now proceeded to wax somewhat lyrical about the Beaufort, which sadly got a very bad reputation with aircrew, due to numerous fatal crashes which were generally attributed to carbon monoxide entering the cabin. The actual culprit turned out to be the use of "mild" steel instead of high tensile steel in the production of washers used in the elevator trim tabs. Once this was rectified the 700 Australian-made Beauforts performed as expected and were widely used in the ten RAAF squadrons throughout the southwest Pacific.



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Howard served with 100 Squadron and 7 Squadron, initially on Goodenough Island (a genuine gold-plated tropical paradise), then at Nadzab (inland from Lae) and finally at Aitape (about 100km west of Wewak), where



A 9 Bristol Beaufort

the remnants of Japanese General Adachi's 18th Army were being contained by the AIF. One flight in Howard's logbook shows it took just 20 minutes between take-off and landing to drop their bombs – no wonder a clipping in the book, cut from a Sydney newspaper of that day, stated that the crew had set a light bomber record for the S-W Pacific.

Howard is convinced that luck played a major part in this feat, as the crew's arrival in New Guinea more or less coincided with an RAAF Command decision to cease attacks on Japanese shipping in Rabaul Harbour, because of high losses and unimpressive results due to faulty torpedoes. The Beauforts thereafter concentrated on army support, making low level bombing and strafing attacks, although this too had its hazards, as illustrated by the fact that of the 12 aircrew in the Department of Air photograph released in mid-1944 only four airmen survived the war (Howard is second front left).

His good luck continued when he returned home and he finished the war in some comfort, being posted to No 1 Communications Unit at Essendon as a wireless operator on DC3s. He still has the front page from a Smith's Weekly which expressed outrage at the fact that the latest DC3 imported for use by PM Ben Chifley and other VIPs had carpet on the floor, as well as a small refrigerator!

Post-war, Howard joined Swift and Company, a well-known Australian merchant-importer where in one fell swoop he moved from Flight Lieutenant to one rank above office boy. On retirement 35 years later, he notes with some satisfaction that his chemicals division had overtaken the group's more glamorous wine and spirits subsidiary as a source of company profit.

It was at Swift that Howard met an extremely attractive young customs clerk, and he and Patricia married in

1948, producing twin girls (Susan and Caroline) in 1950 and a son (Craig) in 1958. After a period as Vice-President, and then acting President, Pat went on to become President of KWBC, but during her first and only year in this role it became evident that all was not well, and now sadly she is in a nursing home with Alzheimer's Disease.

This situation reinforced Howard's decision to resign from Sydney Legacy, where for over 30 years he had helped to care for widows and children in the Canterbury District. Although not bowling as regularly as was his wont, Howard still likes to meet his bowling friends old and new on licensed premises at 6 Arnold Street, Killara, where he notes with some satisfaction that the garden seems to be on the way back.

MADE IN AUSTRALIA

In 1939, the Australian government decided to produce Beaufort aircraft for the RAAF, using the British Bristol Beaufort as a model. This was a tremendous step for the Australian industry, as prior to this, aircraft manufacture was only done on a small scale with relatively simple aircraft. The Department of Aircraft Production was established and the Beaufort project was set up with the first Australian Beaufort flying in August 1941. The Australian made Beaufort was an improved type on the British Beaufort, having more powerful engines, a taller tail fin and slightly wider fuselage. At the peak of production in 1943, one aircraft was coming off the assembly line each day. This was achieved by employing women in this kind of for the first time and 35% of the workforce that built the Beaufort was female. 700 Beaufort aircraft were manufactured in Australia, the last one taking to the air in August 1944,



This aircraft holds a pivotal position in Australian aviation history. In 1941, it was the heaviest, most powerful and complex aircraft ever built in this country. The split assembly design of the Beaufort was well suited for Australia's limited aircraft production facilities. Some 39,000 components were required for each aircraft and these were manufactured by hundreds of sub-contractors throughout Australia for delivery to the two final assembly plants at Fisherman's Bend, Victoria and Mascot, NSW. The single most important sub-contractor was General Motors Holden. Ltd who produced some 13,600 individual pressed-metal parts for each aircraft at its Woodville SA plant.

The Beaufort was the workhorse of the RAAF in the South-West Pacific where it proved to be very adaptable, being used for torpedo attack, bombing, strafing and coastal surveillance. Noted aviation historian, William Green has said about the Beaufort bomber "Its part in the defeat of the Japanese forces in the South-West Pacific Area was probably of greater significance than any other single aircraft type in the RAAF."

Excerpt from beaufortrestoration.com.au



**Beside you on the Green...
A new Life Member**

J. McV. Warner



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The name of John McV. Warner appears on our Honour Boards as many as 25 times. He was President of the Club for 3 years and over a period of 20 years won the Major Singles and every Club bowls competition including Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships (several times) as well as the Minor Singles and Pairs, all Handicap events and Mixed Pairs and Triples. John was a skip in our top Pennant teams. He also served as a director on the Board, on numerous Committees, organized the Carnival and for many years was a Selector.

John Warner was born and educated in Melbourne and started work as a draughtsman at 25 shillings a week. He went to night school to study architecture leading to a degree course at Melbourne University where he graduated in 1956. In later years he was also a licensed builder. He spent 36 years in the construction industry and was transferred to Sydney in 1977 as CEO of Associated Insulation, a company with branches in various States and some 600 employees. He also had a small private practice in architecture. He had two study trips around the world looking at construction design and new materials. He represented the Institute of Architects on the Standards Panel.

He was a versatile sportsman, playing tennis, hockey and golf and as a sailor, was Rear Commodore of McCrae Yacht Club at the time of his transfer to Sydney. John's wife **Judith** is a keen tennis player and when a member of Killara Tennis Club encouraged him to try bowls at the Club next door which he did in 1981. John and Judith, who was an art teacher, have just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Philately was his main hobby and he had a very large collection of stamps including every Australian issue. He also painted until prevented by his failing eyesight. At bowls, however, John has remained competitive and his skill on the green is still remarkable for one who cannot see the jack. **Lloyd Sommerlad**



Members must remember that Judith was responsible for causing John to take up bowls; and thence inflicting so many painful defeats on his peers.

LIKE A GREENKEEPER

"You're playing like a greenkeeper," remarked a captain to his third as they crossed over.

"What do you mean by that?" asked the puzzled team-mate.

"You're cutting the grass," was the laconic reply.

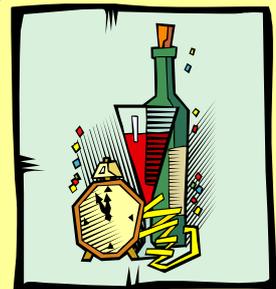
From The Haggerty Way



John's 'complete' Australian collection includes these issued before the first fleet.

New Wine For Seniors

Victorian vintners in the Yarra Valley which primarily produces Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic. It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night.



The new wine will be marketed as **Pino More**.



Bowling Tips!

Ed O'Donnell On . . . FAQ DELIVERY

Why is it that my bowls end up spread across the rink? Why am I in the ditch; short; long? What am I doing?

In order to improve your bowling and increase your enjoyment you need to bring **consistency** into your game.

First you must *groove your delivery*, i.e., do the same things, in the same order, every time you step onto the mat. Erratic bowls are the result of errors made on the mat. Do not hurry, just relax and deliver the bowl smoothly along the path you wish your bowl to follow. The ideal delivery will be a flowing movement, from a perfect stance with absolute economy of motion.

*"The greatest mistake that the club social bowler makes is believing the manufacturers advertising that he possesses the narrowest bowls on the market. He immediately assumes that he does not have to take grass and so **consistently** bowls on a **narrow** delivery line."*

"... When delivering bowls down a chute the aiming line is not changed and different makes of bowls are despatched along the same delivery line."

*"The results show that while bowls may take a **different track** to the jack they all require approximately the same aiming line. Some will take a wider line than others but they all start out on the **same track**."*

(Rick Dickson –*Lawn Bowls Coaching*.

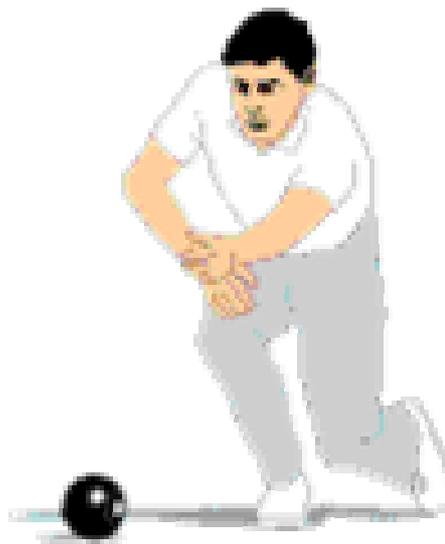
<http://coaching.onlinebowler.com> – 2004)

In your delivery practice session using the "Margin of Error", make sure that your chosen delivery line does not allow your bowls to cross the centre line. This will give you a mental picture of the track your bowl will follow. It is important that you carry this picture in your mind, of the path your bowl will traverse to reach a position on the green.

When your bowls are spread across the rink, the problem usually is some change in your delivery: what you are doing on the mat. It could be one or more of a number of errors and the person to spot these is the club coach. These errors may be:-

- Not stepping along the grassline.
- Not placing your aiming foot in the same position.
- Not keeping your eye on your aiming point.
- Turning your hand on delivery, or on your follow through.
- Dropping your delivery arm shoulder.

Problems causing inconsistencies in length can be:-



- Changing the height of the bowl at the start of the swing.
- Changing the length of step. *Dumping* (not down low enough).
- Changing the speed of the pendulum swing.
- Lifting at the back of the swing.
- Flicking the wrist or bending the elbow, at the moment of releasing the bowl. (Remember to *take your change*).
- Poor co-ordination of step and swing. (Stepping too late).

You play bowls for enjoyment, so you may not want to train just to play social bowls. If you use your roll-up each week as a practice session, you will find that you will enjoy your chosen sport. The coach is there to show how simple it is to make adjustments to your delivery and make your endeavours more satisfying.



**AUTUMN
CARNIVAL**
KBC members and visitors are invited to participate in our popular 3 day carnival. Form a team and reserve the following days in your calendar:-

Friday 13 May—Ladies' Triples
Sunday 15 May— Composite Pairs
Monday 16 May— Men's Triples

Luncheon is included



CONDITIONS TOO HARSH

Many a sportsman on reaching the thirties, or even when he is younger, finds that football, cricket or tennis is rather more vigorous than his present physique enjoys. Accordingly he thinks about taking up some other sport with less risk to life and limb, and many these days, that sport is bowls.

And one such, still unmarried, took the game really to heart. He practiced long and diligently, had his fair share of successes, and even nurtured ambitions of reaching the "top of the ladder".

But one springtime he allowed his thoughts to turn to the matter of settling down with the girl that had caught his fancy.

She at first seemed delighted with his proposal, but then, by way of after-thoughts, began to lay down certain conditions before giving her total consent.

"You must give up chasing after other girls," she said.

"Well, of course", he agreed.

"You will have to give up drinking beer." He sighed. "I suppose I could."

"You will have to give up smoking, too." Another sigh. "Well, I can try."

"And another thing, you will have to give up going to that bowling club." "Oh, no! Do you really mean that?"

"Yes, I do. Indeed I do. And what else are you thinking of giving up?"

"Well, I think I've just about given up the idea of getting married." From The Haggerty Way

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Tom Takahashi shares his holiday experience. modern history

My wife, Yumiko, and I like autumn in Japan. Traditionally the sky is crystal clear; the air cool and fresh and filled with smell of chrysanthemum; trees are ablaze with massive red and yellow leaves; Mt.Fuji is majestic crowned with virgin snow. These fascinations induced us to plan our holiday in Japan starting from 3rd October last year for seven weeks.

However our expectations were shattered from the day we arrived in Japan. It was raining heavily with strong gusty wind apparently influenced by the approaching typhoon. During the next four weeks two strong typhoons directly hit the area where we stayed causing huge damage to many houses. Then tragic successive earthquakes with magnitude 6.8, 6.2, 5.9 violently hit Chuetu area (Niigata Pref.) 200km northwest of Tokyo destroying thousands of homes forcing 50000 refugees to live jammed in the public shelters.

Not surprisingly, Japan has a notorious history full of natural disasters caused by volcanic eruptions, typhoons, earthquakes and tsunami etc. The Great Hanshin (Osaka/Kobe) Earthquake in 1995(M7.2)is our recent memory but the Great Kanto Tokyo /Yokohama) Earthquake in 1923(M7.9~8.2) was the most tragic in

which destroyed or burned by subsequent fire 700,000 houses with 140,000 people perished and 100,000 injured.

But not everything was bad. Back in 1274 mighty and aggressive Khubilai Khan's Mongolian fleet of 1,000 boats attacked Japan intending to make it a part of their empire but suddenly a very powerful typhoon came and blew them away; and seven years later in 1281 they returned but miraculously this time again typhoon hit and wiped them out. People rejoiced and thanked God(s) for it's divine wind thence the word Kami(God)Kaze(Wind) became the household name in Japan.

Anyhow I am very happy now to be back in paradise, here in Sydney, Australia. I look forward to bowling with you. Perhaps my wife and I can convince ourselves to revisit Japan in the coming Autumn?



Tom Takahashi



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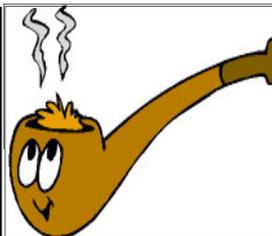
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Lead: “What on earth is that smell, I thought John O was bowling away today?” **Second:** “Darren has just manured the garden.” **Lead :** “Oh, ok same mixture I suppose.”

Bowls Secretary John Orton

The month of January appears to have gone AWOL. Should anyone know of it's whereabouts, please return it to it's usual place on the calendar.

Believe it or not, as I write, it's the 11th of February although I still have the taste of turkey on my palate. We are now in the middle of one of our busiest periods; Pre-Pennant trials, Cyril South Trophy, painting trophies, golf club trophy, not to mention internal competitions all cluttering up our diaries. I was pleased to see that, so far, everyone has played their Gissing Consistency matches by the required cut-off date. Well done, everyone ! Hopefully we can keep this record up throughout the season.

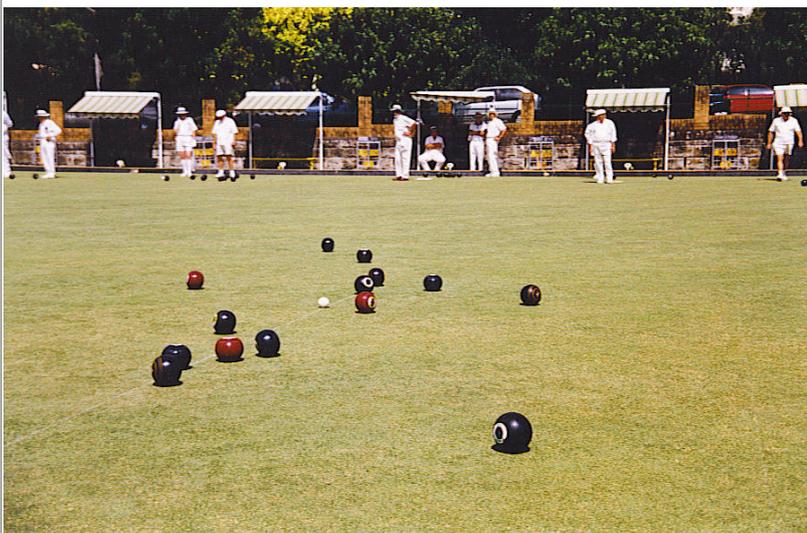
The Cyril South Trophy got underway with a pleasing win for Killara over Lindfield by a margin of 5. The following week we took on a full-strength Warrawee side and gave them a bit of a fright. We were all square

on 53 all with only 5 ends to go before succumbing 67-55. So, an encouraging start but we came crashing back to earth the following week being on the receiving end of a right-royal thrashing at the hands of St Ives who beat us by no less than 52 shots. I haven't checked the files but could be some sort of record.

Tomorrow we play Turrumurra in a pre-pennant trial in both 5's and 7's with further trials to follow against Chatswood and Lindfield. I believe the selectors are trying to keep teams together as far as practicable which sounds to me as good policy following our revolutionary "bonding" (or is it "bondage" ?) sessions in January. The Pennants themselves start in earnest on March 5 and the 5's in particular will be trying their best to get back to 4's at the first attempt. Good luck to everyone and enjoy the competition.

Painting trophy matches against Warrawee and Lindfield are due this month, followed by a visit to Killara Golf Club for the Killara Trophy. I was very gratified to see the number of people who signified their wish to play in these matches which enables us to field a full side of 6 pairs of triples. Love and Peace

John O



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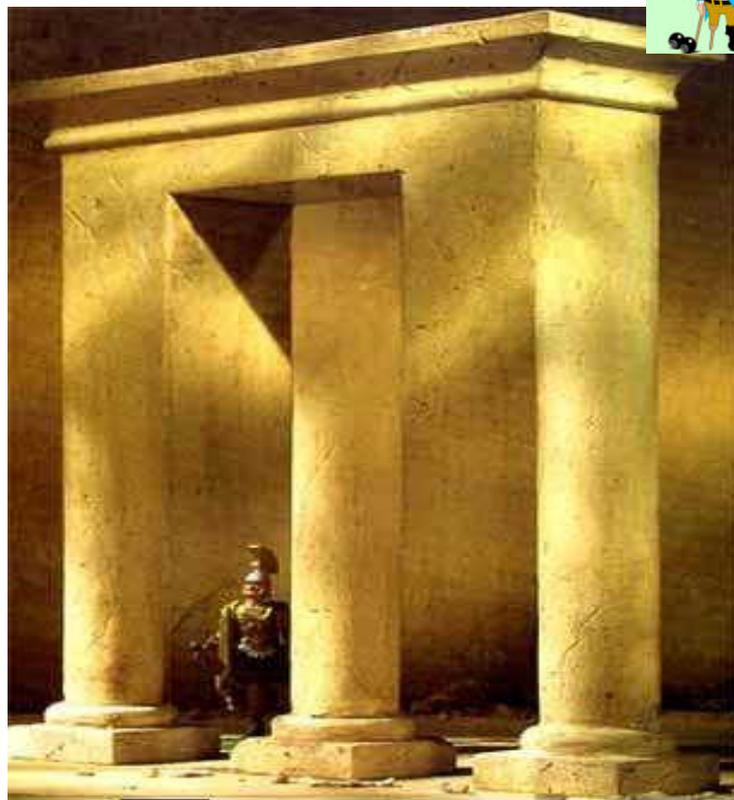
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Now here is an historical fact which will surprise and impress you. The premises at 316 Pacific Highway, Lindfield have operated as a pharmacy for **100 years this year!** Yes, our staunchest supporter of Killara Bowls News, *Michael Cross' Soul Pattinson*, will have a Centenary celebration in the coming weeks with many enticing specials! Make sure you look in.

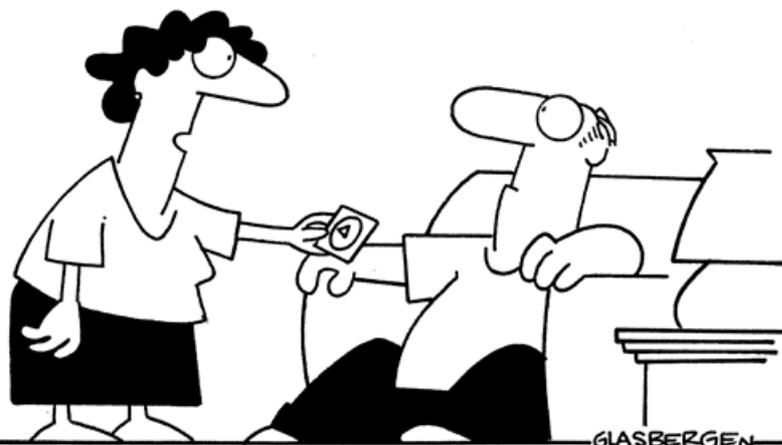
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