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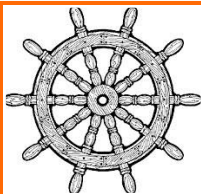
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TAKING THE WHEEL



The new stream-lined Management Committee stand at the helm: John Lockard President and Chris Fay Bowls Secretary.



VALE

Joan Hodgson

Joined 1992

Aged 98

See tribute on page 5.

Shirley Melzer

Joined 2009

Aged 85

Sadly, there was no picture of Shirley available at time of publication.



The KBC AGM was held Saturday 5th February at the clubhouse with the Annual Report (Page 3,4) delivered by outgoing President Tony Gale. The report was excellent in presentation but sobering in content reflecting the realities of the club's tenuous situation. He concluded by advising, due to ill health, he is withdrawing from club affairs. Tony has been an active and innovative President and was acknowledged by acclamation.

Despite Covid, most competitive events were completed and the Annual Prizes awarded. The winners are the gridders on page 6.

There was no election required for the management committee : John Lockard will become President and Chris Fay will continue as Secretary. A good and competent team . . . and we wish them well. Grahame South will continue as Zone Delegate.



March 10th!
Bring Family
and friends

Family
TRIVIA
Challenge

KILLARA BOWLING CLUB
Thursday 10th March 6.15pm.
Game starts 6.30pm ends 8.30pm

MEMBERS,
NEIGHBOURS,
FAMILY and KIDS
Aged 10 and over

ADULTS
\$20pp
JUNIORS^
\$5 pp

RESERVE A TABLE OF 2 to 8*
RSVP BY 7th March
SEE OVER FOR DETAILS

PRIZES
GAFORE
!!!

A FUN
NIGHT
FOR ALL!

PIZZA
AND
NIBBLES

Details now
at the club

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Member Information Session
(All Members)

Friday February 25th 2022, 5.00pm,
KBC Clubhouse,

At the information session a presentation will be made of what options the Board has explored since the March 2021 Lindfield Amalgamation Vote on 5th March 2021. There will be an opportunity for questions.

The Board is seeking your guidance to provide feedback on the options investigated and the pathway forward.

The Club's financial situation continues to decline, so your attendance at this meeting is essential.

KBC Ltd AGM
(Full Bowling Members Only)
Saturday 12th March 2022, 11.30am,
KBC Clubhouse

NSW Government COVID restrictions in place at the time of meetings will apply.

Seating will be made available outside for Members, if required.

Adrian Meredith
Secretary



A cat died and went to Heaven. God met the animal at the Pearly Gates and said, "You have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you want is yours for the asking."

The cat thought for a moment and then said, "All my life I lived on a farm and slept on hard, wooden floors... I would like a real fluffy pillow to sleep on."

God said, "Say no more." Instantly, the cat had a HUGE fluffy pillow.

A few days later, 12 mice were simultaneously killed in an accident and they all went up to Heaven together. God met the mice at the Gates of Heaven, with the exact same offer that He made to the cat.



The mice said, "Well, we have had to run all of our lives... from cats, dogs, and even from people with brooms. If we could just have some little roller-skates, we would never have to run again."

God answered, "It is done." All the mice had beautiful little roller-skates.

About a week later, God decided to check on the cat... He found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow. God gently awakened the cat and asked, "Is everything okay? How have you been

doing? Are you happy?"

The cat replied, "Oh, everything is just WONDERFUL... I've never been so happy in my life! My pillow is always fluffy and those little "Meals-on-Wheels" that You have been sending over are delicious."



PRESIDENT *Tony Gale* ***FINAL REPORT FOR 2021***

Presidents Report for Killara Bowling Club 2022 Annual General Meeting

2021 Office Bearers

The last Killara Bowling Club Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 6th February 2021. The Office Bearers elected at that meeting were:

President Tony Gale **Vice President** Alan Vine **Bowls Secretary** Chris Fay
Assistant Bowls Secretary Graham Dowle **Zone 9 Delegate** Grahame South

Joint Management Committee

The above members, plus Louise Amos President Killara Women's Bowling Club, were elected to the Joint Management Committee. On behalf of all Killara members, I would like to thank the JMC for their time and effort in successfully managing all club and inter-club bowls activities despite an often-challenging year.

Recently Deceased Members

The following members and past members passed away in 2021 and will be sadly missed:

Men's Club Jim Armitage, Peter Conde

Women's Club Joan Hodgson, Leah McNeill, Shirley Melzer.

The Effects of Covid on Killara Bowling Club

Two lengthy NSW Covid restriction periods during 2021 caused major disruptions to bowling activities and member participation at our regular bowling days, with a notable reduction in overall bowling numbers.

The graduated resumption of bowls from mid-October for fully vaccinated members and visitors was most welcomed and allowed Club Championship matches to proceed and First National Johnson Thursday Triples to re-commence. It also allowed the House Manager to proceed with a clubhouse dinner in November and a pre-Christmas cocktail party in December.

Regrettably, Covid restrictions have prevented popular Jack Attack events from proceeding over the last two years. Despite Covid impacts a number of competitions did occur.

Tapner Tournament

We participated with a 9-player side (1 x pairs, 1 x triples, 1 x fours team) on Thursday 4th March at St Ives with overall mixed results. Harbord won the tournament.

2021 Pennants

Killara entered a Grade 5 and a Grade 7 side in the 10 round Pennants Season as well as providing a 4-player team for a Grade 7 Composite side with Warrawee and Seaforth. Round 1 commenced Saturday 6th March. A total of 37 Killara members participated during the season, including 8 women bowlers.

Sectional Results:

Grade 5 5th 5 Win/5 Loss

Grade 7 3rd 6 Win/4 Loss

Composite 6th 2 Win/8 Loss

Congratulations to all who participated.

Of interest, Zone 9 commented that there was an inconsistent approach by clubs to providing food/snack to pennant players during the season. At least one club did not provide anything. Killara was viewed as one of the more generous hosts.

Zone 9 intend having a men's pennant competition commencing this August and the normal 10-round mixed pennants season commencing late February 2023.

Langker Painting

The away leg comprising 6 x triple teams per side was played at Warrawee on Wednesday 17th March. Each club won 3 rinks however Warrawee won on the 'big board' 127-113. Louise, Peter Armstrong, Ian Armstrong were the best KBC team with a +15 margin and won the whiskey.

The home leg at Killara scheduled for 15th September was cancelled due to Covid.

Waterman Trophy

Our 9-player side (3 x triple teams) went down to Mosman on Wednesday 31st March in a closely contested match.

Lindfield Rollers Friendship Day

Killara was scheduled to host Lindfield Rollers on Saturday 19th June, however adverse weather caused play to be cancelled on the day.

Roseville Shield

Killara entered a team to participate in the Roseville Shield at Lindfield BC on Saturday 27th November, however adverse weather caused play to be cancelled on the day.



2021 Club Championships

Through necessity, the JMC was required to restrict Club Championships to singles and pairs for 2021 only. Winners were:

Event	Winner
Men's Major Singles	Tony Hunt
Women's Major Singles	Anne Rands
Men's Major Pairs	Tony Gale, Rod Henriks
Women's Pairs	Ngoc Hau, Louise Amos
Men's Minor Singles	John Lockard
Mixed Pairs	Tristan Lau, Louise Amos

A special thank you to Graham Dowle for coordinating the championship schedules and draws for the last 4-5 years. Thanks also to Bob Bessemer for producing a 2021 winner & runner up poster that is displayed here in the clubhouse. Other bowling activities of interest include:

Cyril South Competition

The JMC did not proceed with a 2021 competition due to Covid considerations. This event was last hosted by Killara in 2020 and the JMC intends proceeding with 2022 event in April after the Easter long weekend and inviting 6-8 local clubs to participate.

Killara Bowling Club vs Killara Golf Club

The Steadman Trophy was not contested in 2021 due to a combination of Covid and Killara Golf Club not agreeing to our request to make this a mixed event moving forward.

First National Johnson Thursday Triples

Members should be aware that our sponsors are monitoring the business benefit of their continued sponsorship given they have not received a sales or rental opportunity from a Killara member for some time. The Johnson's have also noted the decline in overall participation numbers in the Thursday event, however accept that Covid could have played a part in this. That stated, the Johnson's have committed to continue sponsoring Killara for 2022 and will review at the end of the year.

Super Thursday Triples Event

The JMC received Board approval to replace the traditional Spring & Autumn Carnival (which were very resource intensive and achieved minimal financial in recent years) with a quarterly 'Super Thursday' triples event. For planning purposes, the inaugural quarterly event will be conducted Thursday 31st March. The intention is that each event would offer an attractive prize pool that would be awarded on the day (no rollover of a jackpot like the normal Thursday Triples event). The Johnson's have agreed to provide \$500 sponsorship for the first event and depending on its popularity may sponsor other quarterly events moving forward. The Johnson's are happy for Killara to arrange other sponsors for this event to increase the prize pool, provided they are not in real-estate.

BNSW/WBNSW Unification

BNSW & WBNSW advised in a joint communication that the two resolutions on unification were unanimously passed state-wide following the 22nd May vote and new Board appointments made to reflect the agreed unified structure. There is no further action on KBC at this time, however we can expect to see some unification initiatives coming through as the year progresses.

Closing Comments

We are about to advise the details of the Men's Club office bearers for the year ahead. As many of you are already aware, I will not be standing for re-election as President for personal reasons and wish every success those who have been nominated. I would like to thank our Selectors, Umpires and Coaches for their dedication, persistence and willingness to support the club. Finally, I thank and appreciate all those who have supported me or provided suggestions and guidance during the past year.

Tony Gale

President KBC



REMEMBERING JOAN

Joan Hodgson was a member for nearly 30 years and she resided in close proximity to our club for most of her 98 years. She may therefore be accurately portrayed as an institution at this club *and* in Killara.

She was diminutive in size but she was feisty in defending her opinions. She was always elegant in her attire; she loved bowling and was very competent . . .often surprising opponents with accurate delivery of a very small wide, wide bowl!

As her daughter, **Kathy Cowley**, observed in a message” *She was an avid bowler and a dedicated and staunch member of the Club and enjoyed her time as member of the Club immensely.*”

In March 2015, Joan contributed a most interesting article on her childhood in Killara which was published in KBN#47 (page11). This edition, like all others, is on our Website. I urge you to look it up.

Goodbye Joan. You are woven into the rich fabric of our club.

Missed but not forgotten.

Joan, second from right, was a contributor to the triumphant Pennants Team in August 2003.
As a school child in Killara, see reference above.



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Louise Amos accepted the
Trophy on behalf of
Tony Hunt





INTRODUCING . . .

*Addison Aileen
Cleary*

Our Suzie announced
the arrival of her third
grandchild in January,
and what a Darling she
is.

Born 19th, Mum and Bub are well.
And Suzen did not even know she was in
a family way. CONGRATULATIONS!



While riding my motorcycle, I swerved to avoid hitting a dog, lost control and landed in a ditch, severely banging my head. Dazed and confused, I crawled out of the ditch to the edge of

"That's nice of you," I answered, "but I don't think my wife will like me doing that!"

"Oh, come now, I'm a nurse," she insisted. "I need to see if you have any more scrapes and then treat them properly."

Well, she was really pretty and very persuasive. Being sort of shaken and weak, I agreed, but repeated, "I'm sure my wife won't like this."

We arrived at her place which was just a few miles away and, after a couple of cold beers and the bandaging, I thanked her and said, "I feel a lot better, but I know my wife is going to be really upset so I'd better go now."

"Don't be silly!" she said with a smile. "Stay for a while. She won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

"Still in the ditch, I guess."

the road when a shiny new convertible pulled up with a very beautiful woman who asked, "Are you okay?" As I looked up, I noticed she was wearing a low-cut see-through blouse ...

"I'm okay I think," I replied as I pulled myself up to the side of the car to get a closer look.

She said, "Get in and I'll take you home, so I can clean and bandage that nasty scrape on your head."

Wife - "Where the heck have you been? You said you'd be done with golf by noon"

Husband - "I'm so sorry Honey. but you probably don't want to hear the reason. "

Wife - "I want the truth, and I want it now!"

Husband - "Fine. We finished in under 4 hours, quick beer in the Clubhouse, I hopped in the car, and would have been here at 12 on the button..... On the way home, I spotted a girl half our age struggling with a flat tire.

"I changed it in a jiffy, and next she's offering me money which I refuse - then she tells me she was headed to the bar at the Sheraton - and begs me to

I make sure every newsletter has a politically improper joke. Can you tell which one it is?

stop so she can buy me a beer. She's such a sweetie, I said yes. Before you know it - one beer turned to three or four, and I guess we were looking pretty good to each other. Then she tells me she has a room

at the Sheraton less than 50 steps from our table. She suggested we get some privacy while pulling me by the hand. Now I'm in her room . . . clothes are flying . . . the talking stopped . . . and before I know it the clock says 5:30 . . . I jumped up, threw my clothes on, ran to the car, and here I am. There. You wanted the truth . . . you got it. "

Wife - "Rubbish!! You played 36 holes, didn't you!"



The local real estate market has been firing on all cylinders since the recent school holidays finished. We have almost been run off our feet launching new listings onto the market and attending to the incredibly high level of buyer enquiry. Whether you are looking to downsize or are seeking a suitable home for your children, we currently have several appealing properties available. Some of these include: an impressive 2 storey family home at St Ives, a single level luxury home at

Turramurra and a sub-penthouse apartment at St Ives.

We just sold a great 2 storey family home at St Ives, after being on the market for only 3 weeks. It sold prior to the scheduled auction, to a local family who are upsizing from a townhouse. The vendors wrote us a lovely card saying *'many thanks for all you did with selling our house. We really appreciate all the effort you put in. Thank you so much. Best wishes, Carolyn & David'*.

We will be delighted to assist you if you are thinking of selling or leasing your property this year and can provide you with a FREE market appraisal. Also we would like to offer our valued club members a special deal. We will provide FREE marketing (worth around \$5,000) and FREE partial styling (worth around \$5,000), when you Exclusively list and sell your property with First National Real Estate Johnson.

We warmly wish our friends at Killara Bowling Club a very happy and prosperous year in 2022. Onwards and upwards!

Best of health and prosperity!

Regards, Matthew and Noelene



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RUNNER-UP \$45
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