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## KOOKABURRA NEWSLETTER

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### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – ERNIE BILLET

We have finally found our new editor – Jenny Hepburn “Thanks Jenny”

Our club is surviving the hard economic times. We are not making huge profits but we have been able to meet our commitments each month

Congratulations to our Ladies No. 3 Pennant team for winning the Mid North Shore Pennant and then the Zone play-offs and wish them all the best of luck in the State finals to be played at Woolgoolga (just north of Coffs Harbour) starting on July 26<sup>th</sup>. We are conducting several fund raising activities to assist with expenses and these include raffles, trading tables and a comedy lunch to be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at midday. The cost is \$25 each – please bring friends along for a delicious BBQ lunch and fabulous entertainment. We are only selling 100 tickets and they're going fast so get in now. Come and tell your favourite or funniest joke – the best laugh wins a prize

We welcome John Boyle Real Estate as the new sponsor of WPBC. John is very active in sponsoring sports in the West Pymble locality. If you have been down to the club on Fridays around 6pm you'll see John, maybe his wife Janet or another team member selling tickets for the meat tray raffle (donated by John). These raffles have been a great source of income over the past months. Please remember to contact John if you are considering selling your home or moving to a different style of living as he has contact in many areas. How about a holiday home on the mid north coast???? John has all styles of property in the Port Stephens, Foster and Central Coast areas

Our thanks go to Ian Trantor and all the volunteers for running a very successful Kookaburra Carnival recently. Even though the weather was against us a good time was had by all who participated. Our greenkeeper Ray Pymble did a great job making sure the greens ran well with all the rain we had.

Please help our club through the tough times by using the facilities available or by introducing potential new members

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – Ross Johnson**

ANNUAL FEES – As you are aware the Board has elected to increase the membership fees for the 2009/10 year. This increase has been kept to a minimum and I'm glad to hear that some members have read the explanation of where fees go and how much actually goes to help cover the ever increasing costs of running your club

JL BOYLE – A big thank you to our new sponsor for his efforts with our Friday night raffle which for the first 5 months of the year has raised some \$2600 for the club

JACOB'S CREEK – My thanks to bowling member Peter Sullivan who has once again persuaded his company, Pernod Rickard, to sponsor our Jacob's Creek Carnival with prize money of \$2500 up for grabs. At the time of writing I believe that there are only 4 spots left for this great day

RESTAURANT IN THE PARK – A warm welcome to our new caterer Brian Thompson who is settling in well with a complete new menu which he plans to rotate every 4 weeks or so. If you haven't visited the restaurant please come and sample it for only \$26 any 2 courses. Exceptional value and superb food.

CLUB SIGNAGE – We have been successful in being granted development approval from Ku-Ring-Gai Council (no mean feat) for the erection of a new illuminated sign at the entrance to the club to make people aware of our existence. The cost for the sign is \$7000 and all expenses in supply and installation will be covered by our sign sponsor Fosters Aust. I am sure most of you have sampled their products from the bar.

I am glad in these difficult times that we can report some good news for the club

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – Ron Joseph**

For the 10 m/e to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 your club has made a loss of \$20688 after taking in depreciation of \$25000. This compares with a loss of \$1913 for the corresponding period last year – an adverse difference of \$18755. The main difference was in poker machine net takings which were down \$21370 on the same period last year. Bar profit of \$15697 compares to a profit of \$22800 last year, a fall of \$7183. Total overhead costs including wages were down by \$2318

The month of April was a poor trading month with a loss of \$9204 being incurred compared to a last April's loss of \$7841. Obviously, like a lot of other clubs, this is not an ideal position to be in. As I said in my last report on the noticeboard, our future lies in the continuing support of members and the hire of the club's facilities to outside bodies. The last thing we want to have to do is raise a levy on all bowling members

Members are reminded that the donations appeal in respect of the outside viewing area has been extended for a further 5 years. Tax deductible donations payable to the Australian Sports Foundation can be made and these donations are then fully refunded to the club. Forms are available through Ross Johnson or myself. It is not too late for the current Y/E 30 June 2009

Members – it is getting harder and harder to run a small club these days (in fact any club). Please remember this and thank the volunteers who help to keep your club going

## **MEN'S CLUB MEANDERINGS – Ian Trantor**

Well that's the Kookaburra Carnival over for another year! Although the weather was not the best weren't we lucky to get on the greens on Sunday then survive through the showers on Monday? A great effort by all involved and a special thanks to Ray Pymble for his efforts in getting the greens clear of water and ready for play on Sunday. Particular mention must be made of the ladies who helped over the 3 days and did such a great job on the raffle table and preparing the club each day for the next wave of competitors. A calculation of the income and expenses show that the club profited by \$4038.43 plus bar sales. Part of the raffle income included \$247.75 from a special meat tray raffle donated by Arthur Foy to benefit the ladies going to Woolgoolga. For the benefit of the men – take note – our ladies won the Zone No. 3 play-offs. Let's see if we can bring one home next year. Thanks again to those who helped and of course to those who participated

Incidentally Ric, the bowls were won by Colleen Blenkinship of St Ives who is a regular participant in the Carnival but your support and that of all who purchased tickets is greatly appreciated.

Now we look forward to the Jacob's Creek Carnival on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Places are filling fast so be quick to get your entries in

Whilst on the subject of carnivals I would take this opportunity to ask all our members to bear in mind that in order to get other clubs to support our events we must also support theirs and I can assure you that our presence or otherwise is noted by clubs so please keep up with invitations we receive and put a team together. It would be great if we could have even one team representing our club at more of these events. I can assure you that they are all great days out and most enjoyable. We also have the JL Boyle mixed triples coming up on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We will be running this jointly with Gordon Bowling Club and it will be held alternately at each club on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

Another interesting development is the introduction of a Wednesday jackpot. The idea is to attract more of our own members and members from other clubs to come and play. There will be a jackpot of \$30 accumulating each week until it is won. It will mount up each week over a period of 2 months when it goes off, unless won previously

Now to finish on a lighter note : Did you know that history recorded that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers?? However, all league records were lost in a fire, therefore, (wait for it.....) posterity will never know for whom the Tells bowled!!!

## **WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS – Shirley Ruxton**

Since the start of the year the ladies have been busy. We are only a small club in numbers but have entered all available competitions. In February we competed in the Belrose Trophy and Turramurra Day where we gained valuable experience in preparation for the coming Pennant season. We fielded a No.3 and No. 4 Team with the help of several reserves. This was only possible with the great effort of Ailsa Faulkner our chair of selectors. As you've seen elsewhere in this newsletter our No. 3 girls won the Mid North Shore Pennant and then were successful in the Zone playoffs against Manly Central at Mosman Park. Woolgoolga – here we come!!!!

A morning tea was held at the club where Jeanette Brown (district president) accompanied by Sue O'Keefe (District secretary) presented the winners with the District Pennant which now flies proudly from our flagpole. The rest of the club are now working very hard to raise money to send the team to Woolgoolga and the Board have kindly donated \$2000 to our fund. Members of the team were Nancye Prendergast, Jenny Hepburn Shirley Ashton, Shirley Holmes, Betty White, Deidre Syme, Marlene Hurst and Betty Lumsden

At the Quarterly meeting in February a vote was held to enable our club championships to be held on flexible days – Thursdays, Saturdays etc so that the girls who work are able to compete. This vote was overwhelmingly carried

The major singles was won by Shirley Holmes against Deidre Syme in a very close match and the minor singles final was played last Saturday between Jenny Hepburn and Karen Psaltis – won by Jenny

Our West Pymble Shield was held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June with 12 teams participating. We had 94 women on the greens and were very lucky with the weather. Congratulations to St Ives who were the winners on the day.

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

The idea behind this newsletter is communication – too many people saying they don't know what's happening at the club. So here is our first edition in over 15 months.

We're hoping to make this newsletter a regular occurrence so letters to the editor are encouraged as are any snippets that you'd like to see included.

Rookies : For all you new bowlers or those who have been registered for under 30 months. Get an entry form and try your luck against others in the district. You never know – you might be the next champ. Entries close soon and the games are played in August.

Results : The ladies results for this year have been included in Shirley's report  
For the men – the minor singles was won by Mike Taunt who defeated David Hepburn.  
The Major Pairs was won by Doug Buckland and Ian O'Brien  
The Club 4's was won by Ray Kent, Wes Taylor, Colin Orr and Michael Macourt  
Mixed Triples was won by Craig Burrough, David & Jenny Hepburn in one of the best games all year. It was 22 each at the end of 21 ends and Ian Trantor, Arthur Foy & Glenda Wehrle were gallant in defeat after the extra end was played. What a pity there weren't more spectators to watch

When it comes to the Mixed pairs lets see if we can get more than 4 teams competing. I know its not till October but that'll come around quickly – why don't you start asking around for a partner. Maybe the place to find one will be at the Comedy Lunch on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Come and support your club and the ladies going to the State Finals. Find a partner for the mixed games. Lets intermingle a bit more. Guess what fellas – a few weeks back one game bloke was actually to be seen playing with the ladies!!!!!! And we all know that ladies are most welcome on Saturdays

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The old man placed his order for one hamburger, French fries and a drink. He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife. He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering. Obviously they were thinking, 'That poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them.' As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said, they were just fine - they were used to sharing everything. People closer to the table noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink. Again, the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said 'No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything.' Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked 'What is it you are waiting for?'

She answered: 'THE TEETH'