



TeeBeeCee Gazette

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

FEBRUARY 2013

At its last meeting, a few nights ago, your Board made the decision to go ahead with the substantial overhaul of No. 1 Green this calendar year at a cost of around \$40,000. This means that No. 1 Green will come “out” in August and given that No. 2 Green will also need its normal, annual renovation immediately thereafter, we’ll be a 1-green club for approximately 6 months. No. 1 Green last underwent a significant overhaul more than 20 years ago.

The Board looked at ways in which this significant expenditure can be ‘cushioned’ somewhat and in doing so has taken the decision (in line with the Women’s Mid North Shore District and some other clubs) to abolish the payment of championship prize-money going forward. This decision will improve our cash holding by \$3,990 annually and will, over time, enable the Club to absorb the cost of the No. 1 Green renovation. Championship winner’s names will continue to be added to the appropriate Honour Boards. Rink prizes will remain unchanged.

There was some discussion about raising additional funds by way of a one-off levy but this proposal was rejected by the Board.

Clubs generally are going through some pretty tough times - Turramurra Bowling Club is no exception. It is worrying that at least two large bowling clubs within fairly close proximity to Turramurra have recently found it necessary to seek out other clubs with which to amalgamate. It’s a particularly strong indication of what’s happening and what will continue to happen. More such amalgamations and/or closures appear to be inevitable.

I got to thinking about a possible solution to this dilemma. I ask you please to seriously consider donating or bequeathing money to this your club. If you can look back over several (perhaps many) years of membership of this club with fondness and find yourself grateful for having been a member and for the wonderful memories and camaraderie that your involvement generated then please help the club if you can by enabling it to continue to deliver those benefits. Please consider making a direct donation to the club. You can do this with total anonymity if that is your wish or you could choose to leave a sum of money to the club when your time comes to make the next journey.

Obviously others will applaud your generosity as they too appreciate and enjoy that which the rest of us have taken for granted now for many years – we’ve been going now for more than sixty years. It’s strongly arguable that we have an obligation to preserve that which hard working and dedicated members established for our enjoyment in prior years.

Yes, it’s a sad thing to think that clubs are under siege. However, this is an option that, if well supported, will ensure that TBC is around for another sixty years and that your families and friends can continue to enjoy the wonderful game of Lawn Bowls and the excellent friendship that goes with it. Please talk to me (or any Board Member) if you’d like to make a financial contribution.

Harvey Fuller

Chairman

FINANCIAL

- ◆ P&L covering the first nine months of our 2012/13 financial year shows a loss of \$50,091 which is \$7,625 less than for the same period last year (i.e. loss \$57,717): Note however the net proceeds of \$34,667 received in May for the sale of gaming licences so our financial position is not improving. Financial Reports for the nine month period are on the main notice board for your information.
- ◆ YTD Profit before allowing for depreciation is \$16,813.
- ◆ Total current assets of \$262,521 (including cash assets \$226,580) also shows our reasonably sound financial position at date.

HOUSE

- ◆ Gaming Machine Net Clearances are **down** by \$4,847 (4%) with turnover decreasing by \$289,941 over the corresponding period last year.
- ◆ Bar sales are **down** by \$33,751 (19%) continuing a disturbing trend (not unique to TBC).
- ◆ Numbers attending on Friday nights have also been a little disappointing of late despite the provision of various specials offered to assist increase patronage. Please join in and *Wine and Dine* with your friends at most reasonable prices.

BOWLS & MEMBERSHIP (TB&MC)

- ◆ Position as @ 18/1/13 = Voting Membership 268, Social Membership 393, Total = 661.
- ◆ Welcome to new bowler Wendy Collier and our five new social members.
- ◆ The Lawn Bowler's Manual is an impressive publication compiled and edited by committee members of the Zone 9 Association of Coaches. It is available from the Bar and @ only \$5 should be a "must have" by all bowlers interested in the game &/or improving their game.

MEN'S BOWLING CLUB (TMBC)

- ◆ The pressure is on all of us to impress the selectors with the upcoming Pennant Season commencing Saturday 2nd March. Unfortunately, the Zone Match Committee have decided to allocate two sides into G5 (TMBC requested a G4 & G5) so we will have to show them by winning another flag. As sought, we will also field sides in G2 and G6 in what promises to be a season full of challenges.

BOWLS for SALE

- ◆ We have some second hand bowls (and bags) for sale: Please see me if you are interested.

BOWLS ATTIRE

◆ CLUB ATTIRE

Please see me in the Office or Sandy White if you prefer, to obtain new shirts, vests etc. Bowls Cloths, Hatbands and Caps are available from the Bar.

PRE LOVED BOWLS ATTIRE

Please see me in the Office if you are interested in purchasing any items from our stock (Blazers, Shirts and Trousers / bowls measures etc) – you will help by reducing the stock with **all proceeds going towards Charities!**

- ◆ **NAME BADGES** – please give me a note if you require a new name badge.
- ◆ **OTHER GEAR** – Bowls polish, hatbands etc may be purchased from the Bar with all bowls equipment available from Ken Wallis' TurraMurra Bowls Shop @ 1/1390 Pacific Highway, Turramurra.

WOMENS CLUB - PRESIDENT REPORT

Life has finally returned to some sort of “normal” with the holiday season behind us and hopefully everyone rearing to go for the 2013 pennant season.

Please tick your names on the “maybe” teams lists and make the selectors lives a little easier. Don't forget win, lose or draw is not as important as having fun and meeting new people as well as experiencing the hospitality of other clubs. Just enjoy

A fun day was had by all who played on Australia Day, good bowls and great food. Thanks to our fruit saladiers **Sue and Jeanette B** who did a fine job and with lamb on the BBQ. What more would one need. Thanks to all who helped with tables plates and food.

And I thought Rugby was the game they played in heaven WRONG !!!

Kate's lost bowls have been discovered underneath a CHURCH !!!!! one year after vanishing.

Sandy White President.

(See miracles do happen. ed)

MIXED BOWLS REPORT

No report at present, Bill is away.

MAHJONG AND CARD DAY

Mahjong Day is on **Monday 4th February and Monday 4th March starting at 1.30pm \$5 with tea and coffee available.**

Card day is on third Monday 18th February and 18th March starting at 10.30 am tea and coffee available and lunch \$10 and a lucky door prize. Everybody is welcome. Come and have some fun. Please phone Jeanette Staniland for more enquiries Ph; 9489 5616.

TRADING TABLE REPORT

Wonderful response from donors to the Trading Table. Thank you much appreciated. Come and help yourself to the \$1 books, we have culled all the old much used ones. Trading table is always greedy for new products, come and unload your unwanted bric-a-bracs, scarves, bowls gear etc.

A little note about our knitting program. I have stopped knitting the little jackets because I have not been getting any feedback from the deliverers even though I keep asking them. I have no idea now where they are going. Overseas yes, but where ? And are the babies receiving them...? But, if you still want to knit, go ahead, I shall keep delivering them to the San as usual but not as often. I am now knitting squares – am in the middle of making a rug. There is plenty of wool in the back room if you wish to do the same. I also have plenty of wool, just ask. Cheers and happy knitting Eva

MENS AND MIXED BOWLS PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY and HALF MARCH 2013

SAT	2	FEB	All	Sponsored Day		C.K.SMASH REPAIRS
SUN	3	FEB	M	1st Sunday Century 21 Handicap Pairs		CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
SUN	3	FEB	All	Mixed Fours Championship	MF1	
SUN	3	FEB	M	State, President's & Senior Fours	R3&4	Zone 9
WED	6	FEB	M	Sponsored Day		SOUTHERN SUN SKIN CLINIC
SAT	9	FEB	All	Sponsored Day		ASNU GROUP OF TRADES
SUN	10	FEB	All	2nd Sunday Jackpot Mixed Pairs		CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
SUN	10	FEB	M	Club Pairs Championship	P3	
WED	13	FEB	M	Sponsored Day		THE LANDINGS
SAT	16	FEB	All	Sponsored Day		CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
SUN	17	FEB	All	3rd Sunday Mufti		CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
WED	20	FEB	M	Sponsored Day		The MALE ROOM MENS HAIR
SAT	23	FEB	All	Sponsored Day		HARVEY WORLD TVL HORNSBY
SUN	24	FEB	All	4th Sunday / Mixed Fours Championship	MF2	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
WED	27	FEB	M	Sponsored Day		BRISCHETTO & FORD
SAT	2	MAR	M	State Pennants	Rd 1	Zone 9
SUN	3	MAR	M	1st Sunday Century 21 Handicap Pairs		CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
SUN	3	MAR	M	Club Pairs Championships	P4	
SUN	3	MAR	All	Mixed Fours Championship	MF3	
WED	6	MAR	M	Sponsored Day		CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
SAT	9	MAR	M	State Pennants	Rd 2	Zone 9
SUN	10	MAR	M	State, Senior, & Zone Reserve Fours	R1&2	Zone 9
SUN	10	MAR	All	Mixed Triples Championships	MT 1	
SUN	10	MAR	All	2nd Sunday Jackpot Mixed Pairs		CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
WED	13	MAR	M	Sponsored Day		Turrumurra COMMUNITY BANK
SAT	16	MAR	M	State Pennants	Rd 3	Zone 9

Ladies bowls program for February and half March 2013

Tue 5	FEB	Social bowls Pairs Final	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
Fri 8,11,12, 14 15	FEB	District Fours	
Mon 11	FEB	District Fours R2 @ Turrumurra	
Tue 12	FEB	Social Bowls	HARVEY WORLD TRAVEL HORNSBY
Sun 17- 23	FEB	Australian Open	
Tue 19	FEB	General meeting	
Tue 19	FEB	Social bowls	MCCARROLLS AUTOMOTIVE GROUP
Tue 5	MAR	Social bowls	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
Wed 6	MAR	RPO Fours	
Fri 8,11,12,	MAR	alt RPO Fours	
Tue 12	MAR	Pennants Rd 1 Social bowls	M & G AUSTRALIA WIDE REMOVALS
Thu 14	MAR	Pennants Rd 2	

WE WAS BRUNG UP PROPER !!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MY FRIENDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's & 70's
First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank Sherry while they carried us and lived in houses made of asbestos...

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, bread and dripping, raw egg products, loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer.
Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.

Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonalds , KFC, Subway or Nandos.

Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open on a Sunday, somehow we didn't starve to death!

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy Toffees, Gobstoppers and Bubble Gum.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter, milk from the cow, and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.....

WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O..K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and dens and played in river beds with matchbox cars.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo Wii , X-boxes, no video games at all, no 999 channels on SKY , no video/dvd films, or colour TV **no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!**

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no Lawsuits from these accidents.

Only girls had pierced ears!

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time....

We were given air guns and catapults for our 10th birthdays,

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet because we didn't need to keep up with the Jones's!

Not everyone made the rugby/football/cricket/netball team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! Getting into the team was based on MERIT.

Our teachers used to hit us with canes and gym shoes and throw the blackboard rubber at us if they thought we weren't concentrating ..

We can string sentences together and spell and have proper conversations because of a good, solid three R's education.

Our parents would tell us to ask a stranger to help us cross the road.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. **They actually sided with the law!**

Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade' and 'Ridge' and 'Vanilla'

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!

And YOU are one of them!

CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good And while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

HOW TO PLAY UNDER PRESSURE AND WIN

- Focus on key factors of the situation
 - Forget consequences of success/failure
 - Don't be distracted - if you get distracted, refocus straight away
 - Forget the chatter with opponents and spectators
 - Concentrate on the things that you can control
 - Play slower, be decisive, play with skill and your brain
 - Confidence is a must
 - Avoid worry, anxiety - remove tension from body
 - Switch on – switch off.....smell the flowers
 - Breathe to relax and survive!
 - Good technique – minimize body movements; smooth delivery
 - Have a practiced shot routine – and stick to it every time
 - Relax and use your senses - touch, sight & balance (reflex)
 - Remember must do's – 2 or 3 each delivery
 - Display an winning image all the time even when things look grim – remember this is what the opposition sees
 - Every good bowl is worth cheering about
 - Team work means discipline and sharing the load - No dissent
 - Trust yourself and your team
 - Simplify task – in your mind (see this, not that) visualize
 - Positive thoughts – look for opportunity
 - Stop negative thoughts – if they start
 - Expect opponent to succeed at their shot – prepare mentally
 - Pressure games are not won by spectacular shots
 - Pressure will cause mistakes by the opposition
 - Sustained pressure and performance is better than flashes of brilliance.
 - Sustained pressure will cause opponents to become desperate and disillusioned.
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- Game may not be won until the last 5 ends – be ready for extra effort
 - Be patient, be well prepared, be tough, be determined, be confident in yourself and your team.

TWBC CHAMPIONS FOR 2012





A FEW JOKES - with apologies

The Wooden Ball An old man walks into the barbershop for a shave and a haircut, but he tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age. The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells him to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin. When he's finished, the old man tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he's had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had swallowed that little ball. The barber replied, "Just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does."

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(Thank you Elizabeth Blackwell for that 'gem')

The longer you've been married, the funnier this becomes! An old married couple was at home watching TV. The husband had the remote and was switching back and forth between a fishing channel and the porn channel. The wife became more and more annoyed and finally said:

"For God's sake! Leave it on the porn channel. You already know how to fish!"

(This was from my sister in law – terrible isn't it)

I don't think I've ever heard the concept explained any better than this .



'Well you see, Norm, it's like this . . . A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the heard is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. And that, Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few beers.'

YES!!!!

Wow! I've seen this with the letters out of order, but this is the first time I've seen it with numbers.

Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this OUT LOUD you have a strong mind.

And better than that: Alzheimer's is a long, long, ways down the road before it ever gets anywhere near you.

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D0 4M4Z1NG 7H1NG5!
1MPR3551V3 7H1NG5!
1N 7H3 B3G1NN1NG
17 WA5 H4RD BU7
N0W, 0N 7H15 LIN3
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7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17,
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U C4N R34D 7H15.

To my 'selected' strange-minded friends: If you can read the following paragraph, forward it on to your friends and the person that sent it to you with 'yes' in the subject line. Only great minds can read this. This is weird, but interesting!

If you can read this, you have a strange mind, too.

Can you read this? Only 55 people out of 100 can. I don't believe that I could actually understand what I was reading. The phenomenon of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing huh? Yeah and I always thought spelling was important! If you can read this forward it.

(Thank you Cecilia Inglis for this)

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