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Welcome to the latest edition of the Harbord Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd’s newsletter “THE SHOT”.

Bowls and 2-up proved a great success on Anzac Day. The day started with the Anzac Day Ceremony held at midday followed by a game of bowls which saw many of our bowlers tipping a glass in memory of our fallen Diggers.

The club soon filled with patrons who were all keen to get in and try their luck at 2-up. The Club raised over \$300.00 on the night which was donated to charity.

Another Pennant season is over. Although not the best year the Club has had, we did get the No 2 side into the playoffs only to be beaten by a very strong Mona Vale side in the final.

The Club received nothing but praise for the way it was presented during the Zone Pennant Play-offs, this could not have been achieved without the many volunteer’s who gave their time to come down and assist wherever possible, and our very positive and friendly staff.

This years Club triples winners are Craig Redwood, Phil Carroll and Steve Smith who defeated Terry Warder, Michael Sparozvich and John Malone in a close fought final 26-22. This is Craig’s first Club

Championship win, and by the looks of it, won’t be his last.



The annual Great Northern Supercrisp Lager Harbord Open Triples was held over the June long weekend. Unfortunately, 6 teams pulled out of the event just days before which left 42 teams taking battle for the \$8000.00 Prize Money. Luckily the rain held off and the Tournament went ahead with no delays. The final winners were:

- A Grade: S Smith, Slowe & M Alexander
- B Grade: M Sparozvich, L Shankland & T Warder
- C Grade: D Murphy, J Murphy & G Hartman

Commencing on Sunday 30th July “SUPER SUNDAY” 3 bowl pairs. See full article on page 10 of this issue

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- 26th/27th Aug – Rookies Pairs
- 22nd Sept – Closing Date Club Mixed Pairs
- 2nd Sept – Hamilton Funeral Major/Minor pairs
- 6th Oct – Closing Date Club Handi-cap Pairs
- 18th Nov – Club Presentation Day



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Presidents Report



Welcome to the winter edition of "The Shot" Members' Newsletter.

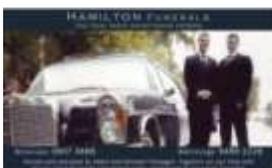
There has been a lot happening in and around the club and within this edition, I will provide an update on some of the initiatives your Board and Management has been working on.

Your Board and CEO, Mark Slattery, have been busy implementing the agreed Strategic Business Plan and findings of the Hospitality Management Australia (HLA) operational review.

Some of these initiatives include:

- We have implemented a new "chart of accounts" for the club's financials and from July 1 contracted with a new account management reporting service to provide HBC with a greater level of management and financial accounting reporting. This initiative will give us a greater level of information and transparency in the financial management of the club. It will also enable us to benchmark our club's performance against other similar clubs.
- There have been some positive changes implemented to the gaming area during the quarter including modifications to the layout of the gaming room, the addition of ducted air conditioning and heat extraction system and the introduction of four (4) new machines. This brings the total number of new machines introduced to the club over the past year to six (6)
- We have upgraded the bar area adding in new glass chillers and glass racks. These upgrades will enable us to install a chilled water tap into the bar, to replace the orange containers we are currently using, during the next quarter.
- We have upgraded the club's computer systems to improve the club's security, processes and productivity of both our information systems and connectivity. A positive output of this initiative will be that we will be able to offer free Wi-Fi to our members and guests in the next few months.
- This upgrade will also enable the club to introduce a new "tap and go" payment system for bar purchases during the next quarter.
- We have also made alterations to the HBC coffee machine to supply coffees and cakes at club events. The first trial was at the Zone 9 pennant finals and the Great Northern triples events. These proved to be a great success and were well supported by members and guests.
- As indicated in the last edition we have introduced a new monthly financial report for members showing our actual EBITDA (Earning Before Income Tax, Depreciation and Abnormals) financial performance before applying the abnormal depreciation charge resulting from the increased land and buildings valuations. This style of reporting will be made available after each monthly Board meeting.

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- We will place the 16/17 financial performance on the notice board once the accounts have been finalised, audited and signed off by the Board.
- We commenced a review of the future design of the club and issued a request for information (RFI) to a number of architects and builders. This review will provide HBC with design concepts, staging and expected development costs, for the future development of the club. We will present these concepts to members when they are at a stage where we can outline the ideas and concept plans. To assist the Board we have commissioned GroupN Architects to prepare design concepts, costings and staging plans for the future development of the club. GroupN have an established relationship within the club industry.
- As we are in the very early stages in the development of these concepts, we will provide updates to members as we progress and have information to share.
- As part of this process we will also prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) to investigate the current market and evaluate interest in development of a child care facility, as was previously being considered by the Board. We will update members on the status of this as we progress and when more information is available.
- To increase the clubs revenue, Mark and his team have been actively increasing the number of functions using the club for special occasions and events. As part of this HBC has commenced hosting a Texas Hold-em Poker tournament each Monday night.
- We have established two club committees to assist the board in its implementation of its strategic imperatives i.e.,
 - *Initiative 1: Improve the financial performance of the club*
 - *Initiative 2: Improve Member club house facilities*
 - *Initiative 3: Improve operational performance of club and Bowls*
 - *Initiative 4: Improve governance and compliance*
- To develop the traditional and social game of bowls. The representatives on the bowls future planning committee are:
 - Forrest Craig, Terry Warder, Steve Smith, Dennis Taylor, Steve Nugent.
- To review the structure and requirements of a new club constitution. The representatives on the Club Constitution review committee are:
 - Gerry Parlieviet, Steve Alcorn, Alan Franklin, Ray Jackson, Toby Williams, Gary Belling, Mark Slattery and Steve Nugent. This committee will also seek input from other members as required as required.

There has been a number of bowling activities that have taken place over the past quarter which I would like to highlight the following:

Club Championships:

Congratulations to Steve Smith, Phil Carroll and Craig Redwood who are our 2107 Triples Champions.

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Pennants 2017

First up I would like to thank the selectors for their contribution and efforts during the pennants season. 2017 is now completed and it was a year where the HBC men sides, unfortunately, did not win a zone flag. Congratulations to our grade 2 side who made the play offs and went down in a hard fought match to a competitive Mona Vale side. Congratulations to the Grade 1 ladies team who won the Grade 1 flag and will now represent the club in the state playoffs within the Central Coast in August.

ZONE 9 Sponsorship:

As part of our sponsorship we have hosted rounds and finals of the Zone 9 singles events and the senior inter-zone trial matches. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have made these events successful.

Zone 9 Pennant Finals:

As part of our sponsorship we again successfully hosted the Zone 9 pennants play offs. It was a great weekend for the club and was a credit to the organisers, staff and the volunteers who coordinated the car-parking, cooked the BBQ, picked up glasses, prepared the greens to be in a wonderful playing condition, arranged the flags, hosted the additional bar area, made the coffees, arranged the food and to those just being at the club to watch some wonderful games of bowls. You all really made the weekend a huge success and contributed to HBC being a well regarded organisation, in its ability to host these types of events. Congratulations to Mark and his team, Phil Never and his green staff and all the volunteers involved in making this a great weekend.

Great Northern - Harbord Open Two Bowl Triples.

This was a major event in our bowling calendar, successfully held over the June long weekend. Congratulations to the organising committee, staff and volunteers who made the weekend a great success for HBC. We have been using the BBQ facilities to a great effect during a number on the club events noted above. Special thanks go to Peter Gledhill and his merry band of volunteers who have helped make this successful for the club.

Some events members should look out for over the coming months are:

Friday Night Raffles:

We would like to welcome all members to join us for the raffles each Friday night where 25 meat trays are on offer to be won.

Hamilton Funerals Major Minor 3 Bowls Pairs:

We would like to thank Hamilton Funerals for their generosity and continued support of the club and this event. The event will be held on 2 September 2017. Entries close on the 28th August. Please get your teams together to make this day a huge success.

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Great Northern classic: Watch the notice board for details of our second great northern sponsored event, which is being planned to be held in November 2017.

Zone 9 Sponsored events:

We are currently hosting the Zone 9 pairs. The Inter-zone games against Zone 10 and Zone 15 will be hosted by HBC over the next month.

Club championship events:

The minor singles, handicapped pairs and mixed pairs will be played during the next quarter.

Zone 9 Mid Week Challenge:

This inter-zone competition for A, B and C grade will be held from 16/8/17 until 11/10/17. Nominations close on 15/7/17.

2018 NSW State Pennant play offs:

HBC will be lodging an application to be a host club for the 2018 NSW state pennant playoffs. We will keep members informed of the success or otherwise of our application.

In closing, I would like to thank the board and all our staff for their efforts and contribution during the past quarter. I would also like to recognise and thank ALL of our volunteers within the club whose contribution to the success of the club often goes under the radar. Your efforts and support are greatly appreciated by all members and the board.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members for their support of HBRC.

Regards

Steve Nugent

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Madam Presidents Report



The ladies pennant season was another success. The No. 3 Blue took out the District Flag. Mary Rogers, Sue McGinness, Jenny Gepp and Yvonne Edwards and Norina Sacco, Sue Hollier, Lesley McLean and Pauline Jones had a close fought season with Manly. Unfortunately Pauline had to bow out due to a shoulder problem and Lesley moved to skip and Rana Wingrove slotted into third more than capably.

At the Regional's a composite Lindfield/Killara were just too good on the day so the ladies won't be going to State.

For the fifth year the No. 1 Flag was won by Harbord. Lorraine Belling, Robyn Kennedy, Jan Newell and Chris Gordon and Masaka Sato, Gwen Dessaix, Susan Laidlaw and Virginia Longfellow made up the successful side with Grace Costanza playing five games as reserve. The ladies went on to win the regional play-off against their long time rivals Neutral Bay in nail biting finish.

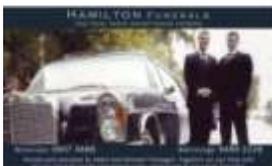


The State play-offs will be held at the Entrance from August for five days so it's only a short hop for anyone who wants to come along and give them some well earned support.

Regards

Jan Sutherland

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CEO Report



The end of the financial year is always a busy time. It is a good time to reflect on some of the things that have been achieved during the year. It also a good opportunity to focus on the year ahead and some of the things we have set down as our goals for the upcoming year.

There have been a number of positive changes with a number of planned changes still to be implemented. These include:

1. Gaming – There have been some changes to the layout of the gaming room, improvements to the its environment and air flow along with some much needed new and exciting games. Some planned changes for the upcoming year include the introduction of a paging system so members can receive tray service and an ongoing program of game improvement. We have also signed a new contract for machine service which should ensure that your favourite games will be available when you want them.
2. Bar – There have been some simple changes to help staff improve service along with the introduction of member reward points. Expected in the next few weeks will be the introduction of ‘Cash on Card’ where members will be able to store cash on their member card and ‘tap and go’ eftpos at each till.
3. Accounting Systems – As part of the review into the club it was identified that the clubs computer systems were not integrated. During the year a number of changes were made and the clubs systems including an upgrade to the Point of Sale system, new integrated rostering and payroll system and a change to a new accounting package. The result of these changes is that the clubs main systems and databases, membership, payroll, Point of Sale and accounting are now able to integrate and share information.
4. Computer System Upgrades – In the past two months the clubs computer network has been worked on and our computer security upgraded. Part of these upgrades was the introduction of a new and upgraded business internet service. In the coming weeks it is expected that the club will be introducing free Wi-Fi for our members and guests.
5. Membership – There have been some positive changes in membership with the club now offering 3 year social memberships. Membership renewals for social memberships are now also based on a full 1yr or 3yr from when you join.

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Other changes include the integration of our member’s database with an SMS service enabling us to send out messages to our members.

6. Functions and Food – Over the last few months the club has opened a temporary coffee shop when we have had events at the club. This has proved successful. Based on this success, we are looking at options to provide this service on a more permanent basis. Over the last six months we have also had some negative feedback in relation to the lack of catering options for functions. This has even led to functions not being booked and held at other venues. The club is looking to change this perception by changing the way we manage and cater for functions. During the last month we have had a number of events where outside caterers were used for functions. In one case we had a ‘Food Truck’ provide catering to a function. Increasing catering options available for functions should hopefully lead to an increase in the use of the club as a function venue.

These are just some of the changes that we have implemented and a few of the improvements we are looking to implement over the coming months. All this, along with the current reviews into the clubs design, the constitution and the development of a bowls improvement plan, I’m sure will keep me busy well into the new financial year and beyond.

Lastly, I would like to thank the staff, the board, our volunteers and the members for their ongoing support, it is greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

Cheers

Mark Slattery

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Selectors Report



HBC entered 6 grades in the 2017 Pennant season, grade 2 to Grade 7. The results were overall quite disappointing with Grade 2 our sole team to reach the play-offs. On the day, HBC was outplayed by Mona Vale who will now contest the State Finals. Grades 3 & 4 were not too far away whilst Grades 5,6 & 7 results varied more or less on a weekly basis.

The Selection Committee constantly had to make positional changes to teams due to last minute withdrawals and unavailability for many varying reasons. The Pennant season normally runs only 10 weeks and it is difficult to understand the continued failure of players to commit to this. It was so bad that on 2 occasions a grade had to play with only 3 players in a team due to late withdrawal and there being no reserves let to fill the position. This is hardly a healthy situation as I am sure everyone would agree.

This is a very disappointing trend and becomes more evident as the season progresses. We can only urge players to consider this and make a commitment to represent and not leave their team mates “High & Dry”. A continuation of this could lead to fewer grades being nominated as the penalty for failure to play as required is quite onerous, so this is in your hands and future grades depend on your playing the full season.

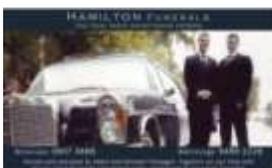
Next year 2018 is the Commonwealth Games Year on the Gold Coast and significant changes to Pennant play dates have been made. Please familiarise yourselves with these changes and endeavour to be available for the entire season. Check the notice board as the changes are clearly set out. If you have any doubts, please contact the Bowls Secretary or Myself.

It is your game, so please support it otherwise it may be lost to you

Jim Dowd
Chairman

Selection Committee

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“Super Sunday” 3 Bowls Pairs

Commencing on Sunday 30th July, and being played every Sunday, the Club is introducing a new and exciting short version of the game of Lawn Bowls.

- 12 Noon start
- Single names
- Only \$5.00 entry fee
- Open to everyone, members and their guests
- Prizes for winners and losers. Jackpot will roll over if not won
- Mufti dress

Players will be graded A or B grade to keep teams even. Teams will be picked out of a hat, with each team consisting of 1 A Grade player and 1 B Grade player.

Each team will play 2 games of 2 sets; each set will be 5 ends with a 1 end tie-breaker if needed.

Get in early and put your name up on the list on the main notice board in the Club.

Around the Clubs

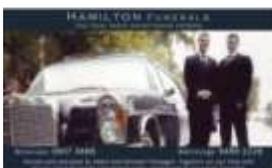
Harbord Bowling Club Cricket Club



Last season saw the Cricket Club make history by setting the record of the most consecutive appearances in a row in the A grade finals. This year made it 8 in a row with 6 wins in total. Unfortunately due to the weather the game had to be called off which handed the title to Long Reef who had finished first in the rounds.

In May the cricket club held its annual presentation night with our special guest for the evening, Trevor Chappell. Some 75 players and family joined a very enjoyable evening to celebrate what was a great year for the club. As we enter the 29th year in association with the Harbord Bowling Club, we look forward to another successful year in season 2017/18.

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Warringah Softball Club



Warringah Softball Club 2017/2018 season is about to begin with registrations opening on July 1. The club is running a free “come and try” day on July 7 to encourage new membership and give young girls a chance to see how much fun softball and tee ball can be.

Recently the NSW Under 17 and Under 19 State Championships were held at Blacktown. Our club had strong numbers representing in both age groups. The U17 MWSA team were crowned State Champions and the U19 team runners up. In September the U15 State Championships will be held and WSC has 8 girls selected into this team.

This season the club is bringing back a pitching and catching clinic to be run by our State players, to enhance the skills of the juniors to make the games more fun and to help the girls get more interaction out of their sport. We are hoping to encourage more juniors to sign up this season, to encourage the growth of our sport, since its re introduction into the Olympic arena. We are hoping to get some of our coaches to Level 2 status throughout the season in conjunction with MWSA and Softball NSW and a few to go onto Level 3 status.

Bree Trim selected into the Australian U19 team heads off to Clearwater, Florida for the Softball Junior World Championships on July 14. Over 26 countries will be taking part. We wish her and the Australian team all the best as they tackle heavyweights USA and Japan in the attempt to bring home gold.

Kind regards
Kim Trim
Warringah Softball Club.

HARBORD FISH BOWL



The fishing club annual outing to Greenwell point was a great success. Attendance was at record levels, the weather was great and the fish were biting.

The three newest members attended and surprised the older members by catching some excellent fish. Aidan O’Brian managed a very decent Whiting which was the envy of his fellow beach fishermen.

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He was joined by Pete Jones who also caught a couple of very nice whiting. Rudy and Ty took to the high seas for a great bag of Flathead.

The fish cleaning area is always a great attraction to the local Pelicans and seagulls and they were well fed this weekend.



Just about everyone wet a line and caught something but as it was not a competition the results were not recorded.

In May we had the interclub competition between Harbord Fish Bowl, Narrabeen Sands and Warringah Anglers. This year the weigh in was held at Harbord Bowling club and there was a lot of fish to be weighed. All together 55 anglers weighed in their catch. With many others jostling to see the fish. Competition was fierce with Harbord Bowling Club Fishing Club having a great turnout and some handsome catches. Unfortunately we were not good enough to defeat Warringah Anglers. Charlie Hamilton was runner up Rock and Beach, Peter Jones runner up Estuary, Sue Martin runner up Ladies Champion and our newest Junior Marco Guermandi was awarded most meritorious catch. John Holmes caught a decent Pearl Perch which is a rare catch and the Blue board has been updated to record this. The fishing club laid on a feed and some free beers to those that weighed in.

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This is a good opportunity to thank those who assisted at the weigh in. Pip & Doug on the BBQ, Geoff selling raffle tickets, the ladies auxiliary with the salads & rolls and the weigh-in crew. Well done all.

The AGM was held at the Bowling club on Thursday 22nd June and turn out of members was very good, it's great to see the membership taking an active part in the running of the club. After 2 hours of active and lively discussion the President shouted a couple of bears to each of the attendees which rounded out the night nicely.

The next financial year see's the fishing club in a good position with a strong membership and some new faces. We are all looking forward to next year's catch.

Tight Lines.

Bill Davies
Secretary Harbord Bowling Club Fishing Club.

Manly Masters Swimming Club



With the closure of Harbord Diggers pool two years ago, Manly Masters swimming has now settled into the Manly Aquatic Centre as our training pool. We are able to host regular adult squads for all swimming abilities, with a professional coach. As a 'winter break' we are currently enjoying indoor squads.

The new venue has proved successful, as our membership has been revitalized.

Masters swimming promotes "fitness, friendship and fun" for adults, and somewhere in that mix we fit in competition. Tony Goodwin and Barry Seymour have continued their world and state record breaking swims, respectively. Jeff Brewer, Fiona Mulcahy and Abel Bornstein are still leading the club with an impressive list of personal bests.

At the Masters Swimming New South Wales Annual General Meeting, Manly Masters Swimming was jointly awarded the Brian Hird Trophy. We share this award with Warringah Masters Swimming Club, who equaled our point score over the 3 weekend carnivals held in 2016.

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On June 25 2017, we held our annual carnival at Abbotsleigh Private Girls School pool. We had an impressive 226 registrations from clubs around Sydney and surrounds. Outstanding swimming was on show, with 8 state/national/world records being broken. Tony Goodwin’s breaststroke swims were spectacular to watch. Consistent performances by nearly 40 Manly Masters Swimming members ensured we were the highest point scoring team. Local rival team Warringah, were awarded the Visitor’s point score. Social Secretary, Katherine Woodburn, lead a team of food production that is unrivalled on the masters swimming meet calendar. Kilos of homemade sausage rolls, loaves and loaves of sandwiches, homemade quiche, slices, and fruit were happily devoured by many hungry swimmers. The ‘feast’ is a relaxing time, after the swimming has finished. There is lots of chit chat between club mates and friends in other clubs before the drive home.

We look forward to the July "Farewell to Budapest", our sendoff for swimmers Dawn Gledhill, Stephen Lamy and Tony Goodwin who will attend FINA world championships in August. JC’s is Cafe is the perfect, family friendly, venue for this.

For more details about our club, go to <http://www.manly-masters-swimming.org.au/Home.aspx>. New members are always welcome.



Kind regards

Marie Taylor

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HARBORD FRIGID FROGS WINTER SWIMMING CLUB



Our season kicked off in late April when the weather & the water temperature was more acceptable than it is currently, particularly for those that like to dive in & swim a few laps. A few Sundays recently have definitely been “ice-cream headache” ones!



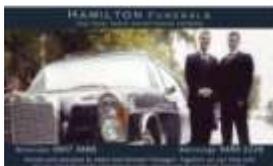
On May 11th we invited local surf clubs to join us in celebrating the memory & contribution of Harry & Shirley Ryan to the club & also to the wider sporting community on the Northern Beaches. Harry & Shirley were custodians of The Steyne Hotel in Manly for many years & were keen supporters of the Frogs. Both were made patrons of the club in this time. Today, this memory & legacy continues through the support of their son – Ross, who is also the current patron.

To celebrate their memory we held a 10-person handicap relay in the South Curly rock pool. This year the team from Freshwater Surf Club – the “Freshie Fighters”, was victorious in a keenly contested event.

Memorial days have also been held for Ken McMinn & John McDiarmid this year.

In September, the club will be sending a team to the Australian Winter Swimming Championships at Southport on the Gold Coast. Last year the Frogs were successful in winning the overall points score for the titles. This year the competition will be much stronger due to the increased presence of clubs from the Gold Coast region. The swimmers representing the Frogs will have to dig deep to defend their title from not only swimmers from Queensland but also from the other NSW & WA clubs.

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HBC Mission, Vision & Values

Mission Statement:

To be financially viable in order to provide excellent bowling and club facilities for the benefit of our members, guests and staff. To be the focal point of our local community, in providing a safe and family friendly atmosphere of harmony and belonging

Vision Statement:

We are dedicated to the game of bowls in the local community. We will provide the best facilities available, to instill a passion and pride in the club, that others will want to be part of. We are committed to a bold vision for the delivery of high quality customer service, club facilities, great food, beverage, gaming, entertainment and recreational services for our members, their guests and our local community, without losing the heritage of the club.

Values:

Community Focus - We treat our customers as we would like to be treated

Community - We value our Community in which we operate

Integrity - We are open, honest and transparent, we communicate and help others to do the same.

Respect - We celebrate our differences and treat others as equals.

Quality - What we do, we do well.

Personal Accountability - We own it, commit to it and deliver it.

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Just for a Laugh

The club's top bowler, a guy who had won every club championship numerous times, was known for carrying a little black book which regularly consulted during games. Whenever he stood on the mat, with a particularly difficult situation, he would take out this little book and then make a brilliant shot. Eventually he died and there was great interest in this book. Many of the club's members approached the man's widow asking what she was planning to do with this legendary book. As a shrewd woman who was also in need of funds, she decided to auction the book off to the highest bidder. The auction was held at the club and after some very spirited bidding a member, who had often finished second to the now deceased champion, took possession of the much sought after and now quite expensive book. He could scarcely wait to take the book home and peruse its pages at leisure. He sat himself down in his study and began to leaf through the pages - and he found that the pages were blank! He finally came to a single page that had one sentence on it. It said;

"Little circle on the inside."

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