



TeeBeeCee Gazette

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

DECEMBER 2013

SPONSORSHIP

A big “thank you” to Herbie Brenner for taking on the role of Sponsorship Manager following the departure of Roger Bromley. Roger is now Chairman of Warrawee Bowling Club and could not be expected to wear two hats.

THE BIG TV

Sponsorship is becoming harder and harder to achieve and yet most clubs rely heavily on sponsor’s support. In recognising this, your Board decided that the presence of a large TV (effectively an infinitely changeable notice board) would assist us in raising awareness amongst our members and remind them of just who our sponsors are. Obviously the sponsors like it. So we can think of it as a large hi-tech notice board that, when necessary, can also display television! The tapestry that used to hang on that wall has found a new home in the lower lounge.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

On Sunday, 8th December all of our volunteers and their partners are warmly invited to join in a free game of bowls followed by a finger-food lunch. Bowls to commence at 10.00am and lunch to commence at 12.30pm This is the Board’s way of saying “thank you” to our many volunteers for the countless hours that they give to the club. There’s a nomination sheet for this purpose on the bench.

eMail ADDRESSES

In line with other clubs and similar organisations we believe we can provide an improved level of communication by utilising eMail to distribute news, reminders and perhaps even an electronic version of the TeeBeeCee Gazette. In order for us to do this we obviously need (if you have one) your eMail address. If you haven’t already provided us with your eMail address or if you’re not sure whether or not you have at some time in the past, could you please send an eMail to Sherrie Ashton, in the office, advising her of your eMail address. Perhaps your eMail address has changed? Another good reason to fire off the new one to Sherrie please. Sherrie’s eMail address is secretary@clubturramurra.com.au Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated – ultimately it makes your club more efficient and cost-effective. Be assured that your eMail address will not be used for other than TBC related purposes.

SPORT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

A sincere thank you to those members who have made a donation to date. Please note that the last date for donations to be included in the current project – No 1 Green Refurbishment – will close on 18th December. Donations through this Incentive Program are tax deductible.

CHRISTMAS DINNER at TBC

If you’ve not already done so, please don’t forget to book for our buffet Christmas Dinner on 14/12 – 7:00pm

May I wish you and your families a safe and joyous Christmas.

Harvey Fuller

Chairman

Check out our new website www.clubturramurra.com.au . Some further fine tuning is planned prior to further development in conjunction with IMG STG & Bowls Australia.

FINANCIAL

- ◆ P&L covering the first seven months of our 2013/14 financial year shows a loss of \$18,394 which is \$7,071 less than for the same period last year (i.e. loss of \$25,465 but this also included net proceeds of \$34,667 for sale of four gaming machine licences).
- ◆ YTD Profit before allowing for depreciation is \$28,752.
- ◆ Total current assets of \$259,766 (including cash assets \$220,272) shows our reasonably sound financial position at date.

HOUSE

- ◆ Gaming Machine Net Clearances are **up** by \$12,751 (13%) with turnover **increasing** by \$248,453 over the corresponding period last year. A new game, Cheeky Lil' Devil, was installed on 1/11/13.
- ◆ Numbers attending on Friday nights have noticeably improved this year, a pleasing trend that we need to continue. Please join in and **Wine and Dine** with your friends at most reasonable prices: two delicious entrees are now available in addition to various specials offered most nights.

BOWLS & MEMBERSHIP (TB&MC)

- ◆ Position as @ 12/11/13 = Voting Membership 265, Social Membership 365: Total = 630.
- ◆ Welcome to new bowling member, Susan Stockwell plus our nine new social members approved by the Board on 25th November.

MEN'S BOWLING CLUB (TMBC)

- ◆ Men's Club Fours Championship: Congratulations to Warwick Bridge, George Lee, Francis Buttle & Ken Wallis on becoming 2013 Champions defeating Peter Heal, Bob Southam, Bob Hawtree & Bob Abdallah 18/13 in a hard fought tussle.
- ◆ Men's Handicap Pairs Finals: Geoff Cooper & Ken Wallis defeated Warwick Bridge & Bryan Popplewell 26/22 in another tight match. Congratulations.
- ◆ Les Wadham Shield winners for 2013 are Greg Tysoe, John Craske & Aaron Jarosz following their 18/13 win over Ian Allan (sub for Keith Galloway), Ron Joseph & Andrew Alexander in the final
- ◆ Repeat article: Recent participation in the Century 21 Men's Handicap Pairs has been disappointing. This game is ideal for the newer bowlers in that games may be played against higher graded bowlers with the handicap system evening things out: a sausage sizzle follows providing reasonable numbers are in attendance. Please join in ~ 1st Sunday morning of each month with prize money generously provided by our Major Sponsors: Century 21 Cordeau Marshall Group.

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!*

A Big Year for Sue Hamilton

Our dedicated Social & Special Events Director, Coach, Umpire, Mixed Bowls Match Committee, TWBC Match Committee Chairman and Past President, etc., etc. was recently awarded for another of her passions at the 2012/2013 Softball NSW Awards Dinner held in September.

The following extract was taken from the Softball NSW website:

“North Shore Life Member and Wahroonga stalwart Sue Hamilton was doubly honoured with a Service to Softball Award from Softball Australia and Softball NSW. Sue's only comment after the shock wore off was to say that she was truly humbled. The popular event on the softball calendar was held at the Rooty Hill RSL Club. Softball NSW members from all areas of the state enjoyed an evening of celebration and recognition of great achievement by affiliates during the 2012/13 season.”



Sue being presented with the Softball NSW Service Award (above) and the Softball Australia Service Award (right)

Sue has now been nominated by Softball NSW to receive an award in the category “Distinguished Long Service” at the NSW Sports Federation Awards Dinner to be held in the Grand Ballroom at Allphones Arena on Thursday 28th November. Sue is one of 20 high quality finalists from a variety of sports disciplines. We wish her the very best of luck for the evening: Congratulations Sue.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- LADIES CLUB

November weather caused one cancelled Tuesday but was great for the bush fires, new green and gardens so no complaints about missing one day of bowls.

Talking of bush fires, thanks to everyone who popped gold coins and notes into the money boxes around the club we raised \$400 and it was banked with Coles as they were matching \$ for \$ so our \$400 ended up \$800 **well done!**

Thank you to those who contributed to our reverse Christmas tree for the Salvos and the goodies for our hamper raffles. Don't forget to buy those tickets. Great prizes ...bowls and hams as well as the hampers.

With our Christmas Dinner rapidly approaching please get your names down early to make life a little easier for catering.

Reminder for the day.

Be on the green ready to bowl with the bowl in your hand when it's your turn and not sitting on the seat on the bank keeping your fellow bowlers waiting. Bearing in mind the skip STANDS the whole game and waiting time does add a lot, even a minute adds 20 minutes or more to the length of the game.

I wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year with family and friends, a time when we should think about others less fortunate and reflect on how lucky we are to live in a safe country like ours.

Sandy White President.

MIXED BOWLS REPORT

The Final event of 2013 concluded with the Final of the Open Handicap Pairs. **Keith Stratton and Roger Bromley** defeated **Di and Bob Hawtree** (last year's winners) in a close game.

Keith returned all the way from his new home in Bundanoon to play in this Final and our best wishes go with him.

The new year will see the first round of the Mixed Fours Championship on Sunday the 2nd February card call 12.45p.m. Bowlers are encouraged to play in this event or it just may fade away. **WP**

MAHJONG AND CARD DAY

There is no Mahjong or Card Day this month. January's card day will be Monday 20th January 2014. Come and enjoy the new year in our cool rooms with friends. Still the same price, \$10 with a lucky door prize, lunch and coffee and tea. **Phone Jeanette Staniland for any enquiries Ph; 9489 5616.**

Cooking Corner - Try this delicious desert; Gluten Free - Cherry and Almond Clafouti

Ingredients = Melted butter to grease - 350 grams pitted cherries - ¾ cup (175mm) milk - 2 eggs - ¼ tsp almond extract - 1tsp orange liqueur (optional) 40grams Almond Meal - 140 grams brown sugar, - icing sugar for dusting, whipped cream or ice-cream or both - why not!

Directions; Preheat the oven to 180C

Grease a 20cm pie dish with a little butter or oil. Arrange pitted cherries evenly in the dish. Whisk together the milk, eggs, almond extract and liqueur - if you are using it. Whisk in the almond meal and sugar until well combined. Carefully pour this mixture over the cherries and bake for 30 minutes, or until just set. The clafouti should shudder, just a little like custard. Allow to cool to room temperature before dusting with icing sugar. Serve with cream or icecream Note; Leaving the cherries unpitted makes for a prettier dish, pitted they will bleed their juices into the batter. Any berries can be substituted for the fruit.

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I wish every member a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**O give me a green where the bowling is keen, and the old and young bowlers play,
Where never is heard an unsportsmanlike word, and the skips do encourage all day.
Bowl, bowl on the green, where the old and young bowlers play,
Where friendships are made and trouble fast fade, and the skies are not cloudy all day.**

(sung to the tune of "Home on the range". With kindest regards from your editor Eva Morris)

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS DINNER

@ Turramurra Bowling Club
7.00 for 7.30

SATURDAY 14th

DECEMBER

\$30.00 a head payable to the bar or Sue Hamilton



Dinner will be a buffet including fresh seafood and ham followed by Christmas Desserts.



REVERSE CHRISTMAS TREE

WE ARE COLLECTING NEW GIFTS THAT WILL BE DONATED TO THE SALVATION ARMY.

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.

GIFTS CAN BE LEFT AT THE CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE STAGE.

GIFTS SUITABLE FOR ANY AGE

CHILD TO ADULT, MALE OR FEMALE - *Thank you very much.*



OK, brace yourselves ----- Have you heard this one? Probably.....

A Christmas Divorce

An elderly man in Perth calls his son in Sydney and says "I hate to ruin your Christmas, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are getting divorced; 40 years of misery is enough!"

"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer" the old man says, "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so call your sister in England and tell her!" and he hangs up.

In a panic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced!" she shouts, "I'll take care of this". She calls her dad immediately, and screams at the old man. "You are NOT getting divorced! Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there on Friday. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up and turns to his wife

"Okay," he says, "they're coming for Christmas and paying their own air fares".

Your horoscope for December – Sagittarius – Nov 22- Dec 21 – A Happy-go-lucky one.

Good –natured optimist. Doesn't want to grow up (Peter Pan Syndrome). Indulges self. Boastful. Likes luxuries and gambling. Social and outgoing. Doesn't like responsibilities. Often fantasizes. Impatient....Fun to be around. Having lots of friends. Flirtatious. Doesn't like rules. Sometimes hypocritical. Dislikes being confined – tight spaces or even tight clothes. Doesn't like being doubted. Beautiful inside and out.

Some words of wisdom

**If you think you're outclassed, you are
You have to think high to rise
You've got to be sure of yourself before
you ever can win a prize
Life's battles don't always go
to the stronger or faster man
for sooner or later the man who wins
is the man who thinks he can.**

Q: What is a hippy?

A: Something that holds your leggy on.

THOUGHTS (Hang in there – this won't hurt – it's Christmas you know)

My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.

It is easier to get forgiveness than permission

Eat well, stay fit, die anyway. (Just remember how lucky you were to get a free trip around the sun)

(that's enough, Any more, might give you a headache, besides you already heard about the chocolate in each hand....)

Just for a laugh

Someone sent me an article that said the way to achieve inner peace is to finish things you've started. It is definitely working for me. I'm making a point of always finishing what I start, and think I am well on my way to finding inner peace. Because I care for you, I am passing this information on to you.

Here are the things I have finished today: Two bags of potato chips, a strawberry cheesecake, a packet of Tim Tams, a packet of cigarettes, a bottle of wine, a small box of chocolates, and a bottle of Baileys. I think this REALLY works because I feel better already!

(I told a little lie – I did not finish the packet of cigarettes – I don't smoke) (and wait there is more....)

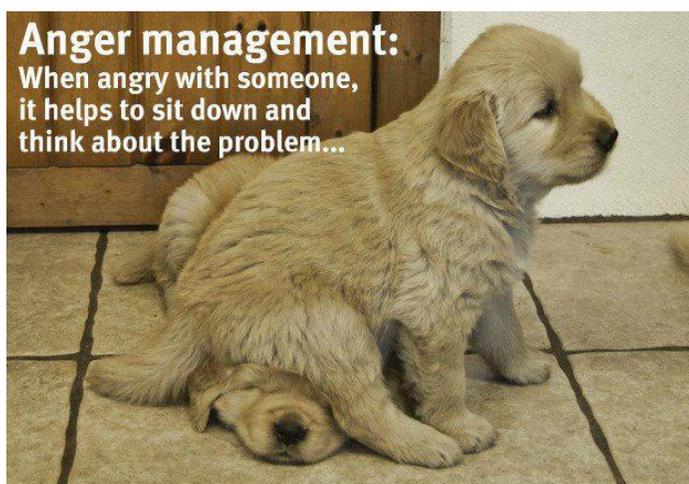
MENS AND MIXED BOWLS PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER 2013

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| SUN | 1 | DEC | M | 1st Sunday Century 21 Handicap Pairs | | CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall |
| WED | 4 | DEC | M | Sponsored Day | | GUARDIAN FUNERALS |
| SAT | 7 | DEC | All | Sponsored Day | | McCARROLL'S AUTO GROUP |
| SUN | 8 | DEC | All | 2nd Sunday Jackpot Mixed Pairs | | CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall |
| WED | 11 | DEC | M | Sponsored Day | | Turramurra COMMUNITY BANK |
| SAT | 14 | DEC | All | Sponsored Day | | CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall |
| SUN | 15 | DEC | All | 3rd Sunday Mufti | | CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall |
| WED | 18 | DEC | M | Sponsored Day | | SOUTHERN SUN SKIN CLINIC |
| SAT | 21 | DEC | All | | | |
| SUN | 22 | DEC | All | 4th Sunday | | CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall |
| WED | 25 | DEC | ~ | CHRISTMAS DAY / CLUB CLOSED | | |
| THU | 26 | DEC | All | Boxing Day | | |
| SAT | 28 | DEC | All | | | |
| SUN | 29 | DEC | All | 5th Sunday Special Day | Double | CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall |
| TUE | 31 | DEC | All | New Year's Eve | S | |

LADIES BOWLS PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER 2013

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| Tue 3 | DEC | Major / Minor Pairs | |
| Tue 10 | DEC | Social bowls | CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall |
| | | Championship photos | |
| Tue 17 | DEC | Christmas Lunch | |
| Tue 24 | DEC | Christmas Eve no bowls | |
| Tue 31 | DEC | New Years Eve no bowls | |

Bowls programmes for 2014 to be announced.



10 things that will disappear in this lifetime : more confronting than humorous .

Whether these changes are good or bad depends in part on how we adapt to them. But, ready or not, here they come;

- 1. The Post Office** Get ready to imagine a world without the post office. They are so deeply in financial trouble there is probably no way to sustain it long term. Email, Fed Ex, and UPS have just about wiped out the minimum revenue needed to keep the post office alive. Most of your mail every day is junk mail and bills.
- 2. The Cheque** Britain is already laying the groundwork to do away with cheques by 2018. It costs the financial system billions of dollars a year to process cheques. Plastic cards and online transactions will lead to the eventual demise of the cheque. This plays right into the death of the post office. If you never paid your bills by mail and never received them by mail, the post office would absolutely go out of business.
- 3. The Newspaper** The younger generation simply doesn't read the newspaper. They certainly don't subscribe to a daily delivered print edition. It will go the way of the milkman and the laundry man. As for reading the paper online, get ready to pay for it. The rise in mobile Internet devices and e-readers has caused all the newspaper and magazine publishers to form an alliance. They have met with Apple, Amazon, and the major cell phone companies to develop a model for paid subscription services.
- 4. The Book** You can browse a bookstore online and even read a preview chapter before you buy. You say you will never give up the physical book you hold in your hand and turn the literal pages. I said the same thing about downloading music from iTunes. I wanted my hard copy CD. But I quickly changed my mind when I discovered I could get albums for half the price without ever leaving home to get the latest music. The same thing will happen with books. And the price is less than half of a real book. And think of the convenience! Once you start flicking your fingers on the screen instead of the book, you find you are lost in the story, can't wait to see what happens next, and you forget you're holding a gadget instead of a book.
- 5. The Land Line Telephone** Unless you have a large family and make a lot of local calls, you don't need it anymore. Most people keep it simply because they've always had it. But you are paying double charges for the extra service. All the cell phone companies will let you call customers using the same cell provider for no charge against your minutes .
- 6. Music** This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It's the lack of innovative new music being given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it. Greed and corruption is the problem. The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is "catalogue items," meaning traditional music the public is familiar with, older established artists. This is also true on the live concert circuit. To explore this fascinating and disturbing topic further, check out the book, "Appetite for Self-Destruction" by Steve Knopper, and the video documentary, "Before the Music Dies.
- 7. Television** Revenues to the networks are down dramatically. Not just because of the economy. People are watching TV and movies streamed from their computers. And they're playing games and doing lots of other things to take up the time usually spent watching TV. Prime time shows have degenerated down to lower than the lowest common denominator. Cable rates are skyrocketing and commercials run about every 4 minutes and 30 seconds. I say good riddance to most of it. It's time for the cable companies to be put out of our misery. Let the people choose what they want to watch online and through Netflix.
- 8. The "Things" You Own.** Many of the very possessions we used to own are still in our lives, but we may not actually own them in the future. They may simply reside in "the cloud." Today your computer has a hard drive and you store your pictures, music, movies, and documents. Your software is on a CD or DVD, and you can always re-install it if need be. But all of this is changing. Apple, Microsoft, and Google are all finishing up their latest "cloud services." It means when you turn on a computer, the Internet will be built into the operating system. So, Windows, Google, and the Mac OS will be tied straight into the Internet. If you click an icon, it will open something in the Internet cloud. If you save something, it will be saved to the cloud. And you may pay a monthly subscription fee to the cloud provider. In this virtual world, you can access your music or your books, or your whatever from any laptop or handheld device. This is the good news. But, will you actually own any of this "stuff" or will it all be able to disappear at any moment in a big "Poof?" Will most of the things in our lives be disposable and whimsical? It makes you want to run to the closet and pull out a photo album, grab a book from the shelf, or open up a CD case and pull out the insert.
- 9. Joined Handwriting** Already gone in some schools who no longer teach "joined handwriting" because nearly everything is done now on computers or keyboards of some type (pun not intended)
- 10. Privacy** If there ever was a concept we can look back on nostalgically, it would be privacy. It's gone. It's been gone for a long time anyway.. There are cameras on the street, in most of the buildings, and even built into your computer and cell phone. But you can be sure 24/7, "They" know who you are and where you are, right down to the GPS coordinates, and the Google Street View. The TV show "Person of Interest" isn't as far out as you may think. If you buy something, your habit is put into a zillion profiles, and your ads will change to reflect those habits.. "They" will try to get you to buy something else. Again and again.
All we will have left with, and can't be changed, are "Memories"
I am not a Pundit, but I have predicted most of these ten things for years, young people are not interested in reading or writing so there goes the books, newspapers, good informative tv shows.
And the music for the last several years is "beyond the pale", just awful loud screeching voices.
The world just worships new gadgets which do become obsolete in a hurry. Many, many jobs will be lost and we will only have the rich and the poor along with the ignorant. I am glad that I am old!

(David Walcot sent me this. I thought I would share it with you , Some thoughts to ponder on. Eva Ed)

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Denice Kelly, Senior Branch Manager of our local Turrumurra Community Bank, has been given special discretionary powers to offer the following to our bowling club members:

Special Offer Term Deposits 3.75% p.a. for 12 months from \$5,000 until 31st January, 2014.

Please contact her if interested and ensure you mention that you are a TBC Member.

**Turrumurra
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Senior Drivers No Longer Need Driver's license



My neighbour was working in his front garden when he was startled by a late model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up in his front lawn. He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair. He said with excitement, "You appear quite elderly to be driving." "Well, yes, I am," she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don't even need a driver's license anymore." "You don't need a driver's license anymore?!?" That's right! The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's license. I told him 'yes' and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the license into pieces, and threw them in the waste basket, saying, 'You won't need this anymore'. So I thanked him and left!"



"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."

(That's truly it, I had to fill 12 pages, so I thought I would try and raise a smile. It's Christmas after all. Have a happy one. Eva)

CENTURY 21 Cordeau
Marshall Group wishes
The Turrumurra Bowling
Club a safe Christmas
and a wonderful

2014

*Merry
Christmas
and a happy new year*

For all your needs contact us today.

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