



Turrumurra Bowling Club



GAZETTE - DECEMBER 2014

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS CAPERS WITH SHAUN & DINNER

7.00 for 7.30

SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER

\$35.00 a head payable to the bar or Sue Hamilton



Put the date in your diaries numbers limited



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

Christmas Warning

With Christmas upon us I would like to share a personal experience with my friends about drinking and driving. As you may know some of us have been known to have brushes with the authorities from time to time on the way home after a "social session" out with friends. Well two days ago I was out for an evening with friends and had several cocktails followed by some rather nice red wine.

Feeling jolly I still had the sense to know that I may be slightly over the limit. That's when I did something that I've never done before - I took a cab home.

Sure enough on the way home there was a police roadblock but since it was a cab they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident.

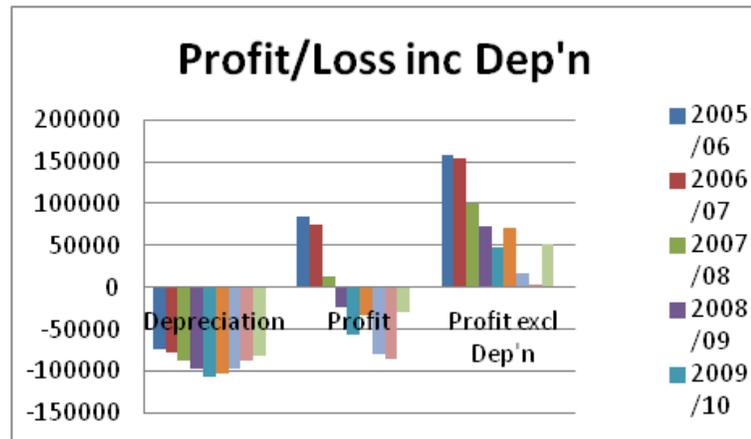
This was a real surprise, as I had never driven a cab before, I don't know where I got it and now that it's in my garage I don't know what to do with it.

Thanks Sandy.

HAMO'S TeeBeeCee REPORT

FINANCIAL

- ◆ P&L covering the first seven months of our 2014/15 financial year shows a loss of \$1,058 which is \$17,336 better than for the same period last year (i.e. loss of \$18,394).
- ◆ YTD Profit before allowing for depreciation is \$47,316.
- ◆ Total current assets of \$295,215 (\$259,766: 2013) includes cash assets \$257,064 (\$220,272: 2013) providing us with a sound financial base.



HOUSE

- ◆ Gaming Machine Net Clearances are up by \$25,831 (24%) with turnover increasing by \$115,178 over the same period last year. Return to player YTD is 88.50%.
- ◆ Two new games are being installed on Friday 28th November to refresh our Gaming Room i.e. Eureka Gold Mine 2 and Paws Galore replacing Cats Hats Bats and Miss Kitty respectively.

BOWLS & MEMBERSHIP (TB&MC)

Position as @ 20/11/14 = Voting Membership 246, Social Membership 389: Total = 635. Welcome to our two (2) new social members.

MEN'S BOWLING CLUB (TMBC)



The Final of the 2014 Club Fours Championship was won by Adam Calvi, Roy Gregory, George Appleby & Dugald Braithwaite 24/17 against. Peter Abdallah, Bob Southam, Geoff Cooper & Bob Abdallah. After a promising start by Bob's team, the so called Junior Development Team played the majority of "big bowls" and led comfortably until Bob's boys picked up a six on the 18th end. Congratulations to all eight players.

Congratulations to Luka Simunovic, Chris Bergman & Ced Lewis on winning the long awaited final of the Club Triples Championship for 2014 by four shots over Cec Thomson, Simon Fowler & Geoff Hamilton. Scores were close throughout the hard fought two bowl triples contest but Ced's team proved stronger over the final three ends picking up the final 5 shots to win 22/18. Well done guys.



What do they say about some lady singing: must relate to bowls as most of us have experienced along the way. Al Cox and Marty Mitchelson led the 2014 Men's Handicap Pairs Final 23 to 8 after 14 ends despite giving away a one shot start. However Sonny Ching and Bill McMurdy charged home scoring seventeen unanswered shots over the final seven ends which also included a six on the final end to win the event by two shots. A most exciting final few ends with the standard of play hopefully not missed by the selectors when they give out the handicaps next year! Congratulations to all four players.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT LADIES CLUB

The year has flown by with only two social games before our Christmas lunch.

The merger with Lower North Shore and Mid North Shore will be made official on Monday 8th December with the new district being called North Shore.

Don't forget to get your names down for the ladies lunch and the **Saturday night Christmas Dinner on Saturday 13th December**. We are collecting gifts for any age / sex for the Salvation Army. There is also a collection to make hampers that will be raffled by the club. All donations can be left on the stage near the Christmas Tree.

It is good to hear Beth is doing well now and Val has gone home, we hope these ladies continue to improve.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry and Safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all on the green in January 2015.

MIXED BOWLS REPORT

The new season is not far away! The first Mixed Event will be the Mixed Fours Championship so lets have as many entrants as possible. Look for the Entry List on the notice board soon.

The Friday afternoon bowls hosted by Dorothy McDermott is a fun event with no pressure . . . just enjoy the afternoon. All bowlers are welcome.

Dorothy really does put on a good afternoon tea. Card call 12.45p.m.

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MAHJONG AND CARD DAY

Wishing all ladies a very Merry Christmas and a grand and Happy New Year.

The first card day in the New Year will be Monday 19th January, 2015. The first Mahjong afternoon will be Monday February 2nd. Same price, same place, see you there.

For further enquiries please ring Jeanette Staniland Ph; 9489 5616.

(I would like to wish all members a wonderful Christmas and a Happy, prosperous and healthy New Year – and good bowling. Thank you also to all those members who contributed to these pages- long live the computer forwards. Ed)

(Last word of wisdom) – “My mind says ‘wine and chocolate’ but my heart says ‘get a grip woman, for God’s sake eat a salad!’

MENS AND MIXED BOWLS PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

WED	3	DEC	M	Sponsored Day	GUARDIAN FUNERALS
SAT	6	DEC	All	Sponsored Day	McCARROLL'S AUTO GROUP
SUN	7	DEC	All	1st Sunday Century 21 Handicap Pairs	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
WED	10	DEC	M	Sponsored Day	Turramurra COMMUNITY BANK
SAT	13	DEC	All	Sponsored Day	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
SUN	14	DEC	All	Volunteers Day	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
WED	17	DEC	M	Sponsored Day	SOUTHERN SUN SKIN CLINIC
SAT	20	DEC	All		
SUN	21	DEC	All	3rd Sunday Mufti	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
THU	25	DEC	~	CHRISTMAS DAY / CLUB CLOSED	
FRI	26	DEC	All	Boxing Day	
SAT	27	DEC	All		
SUN	28	DEC	All	4th Sunday	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
WED	31	DEC	All	New Year's Eve	

LADIES BOWLS PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER

Tue	2	DEC		Social bowls	CENTURY 21 Cordeau Marshall
Tue	9	DEC		Championship photos	
		DEC		Social bowls	
Tue	16	DEC		Christmas lunch	
Tue	23	DEC		NO BOWLS	
Tue	30	DEC		NO BOWLS	

“Complete” or “Finished”?

No dictionary has ever been able to satisfactorily define the difference between “complete” and “finished.”

However, during a recent linguistic conference, held in London and attended by some of the best linguists in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese linguist, was the presenter when he was asked to make that very distinction.

The question put to him by a colleague in the erudite audience was this: “Some say there is no difference between ‘complete’ and ‘finished.’ Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand.”

Mr. Balgobin’s response: “When you marry the right woman, you are ‘complete.’ If you marry the wrong woman, you are ‘finished.’ And, if the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are ‘completely finished.’”

His answer received a five minute standing ovation.



Christmas cheer shouldn't be just background noise?

For many of us Christmas is the season where it's hard to find, 1. The right gift, 2. A park and 3. a restaurant where you can hear people from across the table.

What a shame. Because if all the places we sit and have fun with our friends and family had carpet on the floor and heavy drapes on the windows we wouldn't all suffer from what's known as : The Cocktail Party effect (in more layman's terms: 'can't hear a thing')

Hard surfaces in restaurants mean the sounds of conversation and laughter are bouncing around and creating a complex web of noise. And of course the more Christmas cheer the louder those places can get.

For those of you with hearing aids you'll know how difficult it can be to reduce that background noise and focus on someone speaking to you. The good news is that hearing aids are becoming more and more sophisticated when it comes to getting the background noise down to a minimum.

This last month Siemens released a new hearing product called Binax, which some of you might have seen on National Nine News. The technology in this aid is specifically designed to reduce background noise and studies in the US have shown it actually provides you with so much background noise reduction that it is better than normal hearing in a noisy room! Binax stands for Binaural experience. It means two aids are working in conjunction with one another. One side of your head will be picking up the noise and reducing it if someone is talking on the other side. Also, the hearing aid facing the person you're talking to will send their signal over to the other ear. Effectively it means eight microphones are reducing what you don't want (noise) and increasing what you do want to focus on (speech). These recent breakthroughs in hearing technology are enabled by powerful micro chips which read and modulate millions of sound signals in real time. Complex algorithms programmed into the hearing aids do the job of turning down out the unwanted background noise and enhancing the spoken word.

At **Pinnacle Hearing** we have been fitting Binax aids on our clients who struggle greatly in background noise and they've been a bit of a magic bullet for some people in greater need. The aids' narrow focus on the person talking means that these clients are suddenly able to engage in conversation in environments where previously they would have had real difficulty.

For those of you who want to chat about new innovations, which also includes being able to stream smart phones and use them as remote controls with your hearing aids, then please call and make an appointment. At Christmas time it might also be a good time to check your hearing or to fine tune some existing aids to cope with background noise.

Failing that – my Christmas noisy room tip – sit with your back to the wall! It won't solve all your problems but it may make things a little bit easier as that champagne takes effect in the room.

Have a safe and happy Christmas

Melissa Franks,



At the end of Bobbin Head Rd on the Highway , 94409091

This is an article submitted to a 1999 Louisville Sentinel contest to find out who had the wildest Christmas dinners. It won first prize.

Christmas With Louise

As a joke, my brother Jay used to hang a pair of panty hose over his fireplace before Christmas. He said all he wanted was for Santa to fill them.

What they say about Santa checking the list twice must be true because every Christmas morning, although Jay's kids' stockings overflowed, his poor pantyhose hung sadly empty.

One year I decided to make his dream come true. I put on sunglasses and went in search of an inflatable love doll. They don't sell those things at Wal-Mart. I had to go to an adult bookstore downtown.

If you've never been in an X-rated store, don't go. You'll only confuse yourself. I was there an hour saying things like, "What does this do?" "You're kidding me!" "Who would buy that?" Finally, I made it to the inflatable doll section.

I wanted to buy a standard, uncomplicated doll that could also substitute as a passenger in my truck so I could use the car pool lane during rush hour.

Finding what I wanted was difficult. "Love Dolls" come in many different models. The top of the line, according to the side of the box, could do things I'd never heard of. I settled for "Lovable Louise." She was at the bottom of the price scale.

To call Louise a "doll" took a huge leap of imagination.

On Christmas Eve and with the help of an old bicycle pump, Louise came to life.

My sister-in-law was in on the plan and let me in during the wee morning hours. Long after Santa had come and gone, I filled the dangling pantyhose with Louise's pliant legs and bottom. I also ate some cookies and drank what remained of a glass of milk on a nearby tray. I went home, and giggled for a couple of hours.

The next morning my brother called to say that Santa had been to his house and left a present that had made him VERY happy but had left the dog confused. She would bark, start to walk away, then come back and bark some more.

We all agreed that Louise should remain in her panty hose so the rest of the family could admire her when they came over for the traditional Christmas dinner.

My grandmother noticed Louise the moment she walked in the door. "What in the hell is that?" she asked.

My brother quickly explained, "It's a doll." "Who would play with something like that?" Granny snapped.

I kept my mouth shut. "Where are her clothes?" Granny continued. "Boy, that turkey sure smells nice, Gran," Jay said, to steer her into dining room.

But Granny was relentless. "Why doesn't she have any teeth?"

Again, I could have answered, but why would I? It was Christmas and no one wanted to ride in the back of the ambulance saying, "Hang on Granny, hang on!"

My grandfather, a delightful old man with poor eyesight, sidled up to me and said, “ Hey, who’s the naked gal by the fireplace?”

I told him she was Jay’s friend.

A few minutes later I noticed Grandpa by the mantel, talking to Louise. Not just talking, but actually flirting. It was then that we realized this might be Grandpa’s last Christmas at home.

The dinner went well. We made the usual small talk about who had died, who was dying, and who should be killed, when suddenly Louise made a noise like my father in the bathroom in the morning. Then she lurched from the mantel, flew around the room twice, and fell in a heap in front of the sofa. The cat screamed. I passed cranberry sauce through my nose, and Grandpa ran across the room, fell to his knees, and began administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

My brother fell back over his chair and wet his pants.

Granny threw down her napkin, stomped out of the room, and sat in the car.

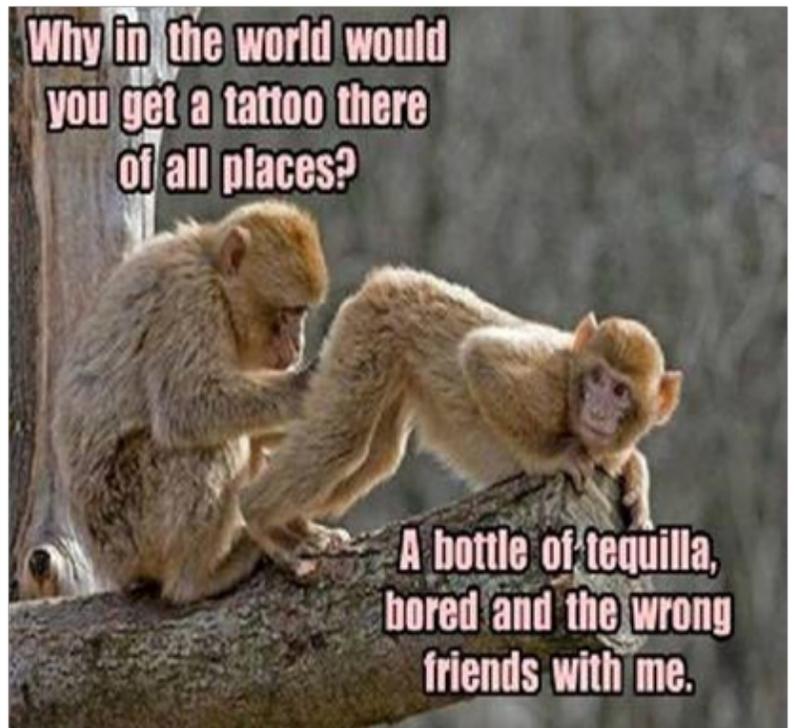
It was indeed a Christmas to treasure and remember.

Later in my brother’s garage, we conducted a thorough examination to decide the cause of Louise’s collapse. We discovered that Louise had suffered from a hot ember to the back of her right thigh.

Fortunately, thanks to a wonder drug called duct tape, we restored her to perfect health.

I can’t wait until next Christmas.

(Only in America! This story is thanks to David Walcot – all comments go to him please, I am only the messenger, but I hope it raised a smile. Ed Eva)



This is a Hungarian Komondor dog (Mop dog). It has a natural guardian instinct for livestock and property. It is a National treasure. (Not suitable as a lap dog) (Google for more info.)



HOT PROPERTY REPORT

summer 2014

After peak price increases in late 2013, Sydney's property market has continually moderated throughout 2014, with home prices continuing to rise, but at a more stable level.

Strong home loan activity and auction clearance rates point to continued solid buyer activity throughout 2014, all of which has been fuelled by consistent low interest rates, restored and rising confidence and record levels of investor activity.

The Upper North Shore has been the leading performer in property growth over the last 12 months, also joining the million-dollar club, with median prices above \$1 million.

Since July 2013 we've experienced major increases - with prices upwards of 20-30% higher in all price ranges.

More properties sold for over 3 million dollars on the North Shore than ever before.

The new unit market this year has also been the strongest in the last 12 months after a few years of struggling. Due to this increase in new development the second-hand unit market prices have increased.

Century 21 Cordeau Marshall Group Principal, Craig Marshall, revealed that "During late 2013 and early 2014 buyers were paying over and above owners expectations, however buyers are beginning to resist, causing us to move into a more balanced market".

If you would like to find out what your home might be worth, call the team at Century 21 Cordeau Marshall today for your complimentary market appraisal.

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