

Adult Dance

Attendances at our Tuesday night dances are generally still topping 100. An exception was Tuesday 31 March when the numbers fell to the 70's because of the bad storm that night coupled with a number of members being away on a cruise.

The month past has been a run of knee replacements among our Dance Club members. Those in and out of the San and Mt Wilga rehab have been, in order, Eileen Webber, Pat Curby and yours truly. Also in the wars is Elaine Svensen who had a bad fall and needed re-construction of her hip. Elaine will be in Longueville Private Hospital for 6 weeks before going on to Mt Wilga. Our very best wishes go to Elaine and also to the recipients of the new knees for their full recovery.

A.O.O.B

As the never ending need of financial help and support by Children's Charity continues so to do the efforts of the Hornsby Branch of A.O.O.B to provide that very necessary help as best we can, we will not falter in our efforts to provide whatever financial help and support we are able to forward as donations to children in need.

If you have any helpful suggestions or ideas that will help us in our endeavours to raise funds for Children's Charity would you please pass them onto us by contacting President Bob Foody or Treasurer Pamela Taylor, they will be gratefully accepted.

Happy Birthday wishes go to our faithful Old Bastard Trustee Mick Pearce who celebrated on the 15th April.

Stock for sale: wallets @ \$40.00 ea, stubby holders @ \$8.00 ea, key-rings @ \$5.00 ea. To arrange purchase please contact Pamela Taylor (9457 9534) or Bob Foody (9457 0627).

Bob Foody

Billiards & Snooker

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Acacia Room. On the following Saturday the 16th May will be our Presentation Night, also in the Acacia Room. A notice will be placed on the board for names and times. Both these nights need to be well supported as it is important to the Billiards & Snooker Club. We hosted Canberra Billiards and Snooker Association on Sunday 29th March, a great day was had by both teams although I hate to say we were beaten by a better team on the day. It's the first time the visiting team has won the day. We now look forward to our visit to Canberra next year. Our thanks to Harry Anderson for all his work to make the day a success. On Sunday 19th April we had our return match against our friendly foe Berowra RSL, another great day was had by all who travelled to Berowra. Having won the day overall the games as always were played in the right spirit. It was very important for the players from Berowra RSL to have had that day, the over 50's was won by Sash Ghersini beating Keith Taylor 3-1 in the final. The handicap snooker is now down to the semi final stage and both these matches will be played this week. Notices will be put on the notice board for our next competitions in the next day or so. The HSS competition is now underway and good luck to the Hornsby RSL sides.

Squizzy

Indoor Bowls

We have had a few weeks of not playing on our usual Friday Chook nights, we are hoping it will change, so please keep an eye on the notice board in the lower sports area for information relating to the Indoor Bowls.

Our Tuesday mornings are going along fine under the guidance of Thelma Durrant, the games start at 10.30am, we would like to see you there.

As not in previous reports the Annual General Meeting is to be held in the Showroom on the 29th May at 6.15pm.

To our not so well players, we wish you a speedy recovery, in particular Max Gibbs.

Mick Pearce

Fishing Club

There were 6 members and 3 enthusiastic visitors booked in for today's trip and all were on time at the wharf looking forward to a good day. We had a breathlessly calm and clear sky to start the day and all looked like it had the conditions needed for a good fish catch. The skipper headed straight out to sea from the heads and we stopped approximately four kilometers out and had the first drop of the day around 7am. Bernie caught the first fish of the day being a Morwong almost immediately he hit bottom and then other crew started to catch fish as well. There was very little drift and the seas were like a millpond but a continuous run of fish was coming on board all day which made the members and visitors quite happy. The visitors had a great time saying that they had never seen so many fish before. The only unfortunate thing was that with the little drift there were many tangles and the visitors, Tida and Victor, always seemed to be in the middle of the tangle 'knitting' all the lines together. As usual our Skipper Geoff was there to help untangle and get us back in the water and fishing again. The third visitor, Albert, also had a great time and seemed to be an expert on getting snagged on the bottom.

Everyone enjoyed our day out and the final results were as follows:

Name	Number of fish	Weight (kg)	Points
Bernie Crocker	11	5.85	42.75
Alex Tang	17	7.1	34.45
John Deane	12	5.2	33.8
Keith O'Malley	7	2.65	11.6
Bill Idien	8	3.1	6.2
Doug Orr	2	1	2
Visitor / Albert	9	3.45	6.9
Visitor / Tida Rivera	5	Fish not cleaned & gutted / no weigh in	
Visitor / Victor	5	Fish not cleaned & gutted / no weigh in	
Total Number of fish	76		
Total Weight	33.05		
Total Points	147.1		
Trophy Winner	Bernie Crocker		

Golf Club

Sunday 5th April a strong turnout of 26 players got a sleep in the change out of daylight saving to take part in the stableford event. A grade was won by Cal "Hazim 'El" Moore with 37 points. Be grade went to Gordon Stannard who came home with a massive 22 points on the second nine to take the prize with 39 points. C grade saw Barry Johnson successful with a popular 37 points. Rest assured these quality golfers will be rewarded for their efforts by docking at least 1 shot of each of their handicaps. The matchplay results on the day saw Max Bridgeman & John Thompson successful over their opponents and move into the next round of match ups. The pick of this round will be the family battle between Darren Forster pitting his skills against his sister Jodie with the victor getting bragging rites at all family BBQ's for the next 12 months. Expect a referee to be sent with this group to keep the peace!

Want a golfing weekend where you are chauffeured from Hornsby RSL to the golf course, hotel room, club/pub and back the next day with 20+ "like-minded" hackers? A \$50 deposit will secure a seat on the 24 seat bus & weekend trip to Kiama in June [Cost \$200 includes golf, accommodation, transport]. Treasurer Cal Moore or Secretary Andy McElroy will accept names and deposits with final numbers settling soon.

Sunday 3rd May 7.40 – a new course for the clubs itinerary. There are no carts on this flat but demanding course. Sunday 17th May 6.35am – Captains vs Presidents day is always a great day with the extra edge of a team competition to provide extra spice to the trip north.

Tim Brackenreg

Rifle Club

On the 4th of April – ten of our club members visited Kariong Rifle Range to shoot with Gosford Rifle Club at 600M. All reports are that the day was enjoyed by everyone and our hosts presented the top shooter from our club with a Badge as reward for handling the conditions best on the day. We will look to repeat this club activity next year to encourage our members to go and visit other rifle ranges and to enjoy the challenge that different ranges provide.

Last Saturday the Club held a Special General Meeting to approve the pathway to becoming an Approved Hunting Club. I am pleased to report that all Special Resolutions were passed unanimously and we now look to complete the process so that we can offer hunting related activities to our members in the new shooting year.

As we move toward the end of this shooting year – Doug Caple is showing some fine form in Fullbore shooting posting a 100.11 last Saturday at 500M to beat the field. Brian Kirkman is also continuing his good form in F-Standard posting a score of 115 in tricky conditions, and Dennis Rigby topped the F-Open shoot with a score of 157.

Next Saturday is ANZAC Day and we pause to reflect on the extreme sacrifice made by our service men and women in protecting our freedom. There will be a short memorial service on the range from midday and we will be shooting at 700M from 1 o'clock.

I look forward to seeing you on the range.

Bulls Eye

Pipe Band

It's April; it's the middle of the peak gig season. Bundanoon was a blast (as always), and we've just had commemorative Sunday, so we're all warmed up for Anzac Day. When I found that someone (Jim, I think) had taken the picture below, of us waiting for the street parade at Bundanoon, I couldn't resist thinking "Put a caption on that", and I immediately came up with "Nobody look at the guy bending over!" I usually have such proper photos of neat lines, or standing to attention while playing. Here is the reality of waiting to go on, making final adjustments, assessing when we'll be marching.



The Hornsby Commemorative Sunday Parade was a little subdued thanks to threatening weather, but we managed to make it to the cenotaph quite dry. It's good to see a wide variety of marchers from the local community, banners held high, as they formed up. Our trip to the Kirribilli Club was similarly weather affected – we waited for the downpour to pass before leading out the cadets.

Now we're only a few sleeps from Anzac Day itself. The early rise; the full number one dress; turning up at the car park when I'd rather be tucked up in bed; checking everyone else's equipment; finishing touches on plaids and cords; lining up with the long list of ex-servicemen also willing to brave the cold pre-dawn; the waiting for the parade marshal to be happy; and then we're off and marching.

And that's just the beginning of a very long day for us. We'll have breakfast with the well-wishers who've stood silently in remembrance, then bundle into the bus for the city street march. After that, the massed bands will do their own act of remembrance, and we'll wend our weary way home to the Kirribilli Club for a quick rousing of the patrons (and hopefully not much dancing) and then on back to the RSL for our final relaxation, some twelve hours or more after our initial march-on.

It's an easy day if you've managed to keep yourself fit. Of course, we're always looking for people to join us.

The band has the doors of the War Memorial Hall open from 8pm, any Wednesday you're passing by. If you've played in a band before and want to get back into it, then we'd love to hear from you.

Jax Gibb

Swimming Club

On the 17th March we held our AGM with the incoming Executive Committee being as follows:-

President	Brian O'Keeffe
Vice-President	Stuart McIntosh
Treasurer	Kerry Smith
Secretary	Sue Younie
Captain	Jeanette O'Keeffe
Handicapper	John Younie

We attended a carnival at Castle Hill RSL's pool on Sunday 22nd March and the swim was followed by a presentation lunch in the RSL Club. We were very successful at this carnival, with the 'Frogs' taking out the 10 person relay and Margaret Davey winning the brace relay.

Our annual Les Betts Trophy events were held at our last summer swim at Hornsby Pool on March 29th with Kerry Smith 1st in the Men's event and Sue Younie 1st in the Lady's. After our last swim we then attended the RSL Club's AGM.

Our first winter swim at Galston Pool was held on the 5th April and it was very pleasant to be indoors in the warm air and water. We have a number of winter carnivals coming up and we are all looking forward to a successful winter season.

On the social front, we still have a really good roll up of members at the Meat Raffle and Birthday Draw every 2nd Thursday of the month and it has become one of our major social events.



The winning team at Castle Hill Carnival

J. O'Keeffe-Captain

Darts Club

Our clubs Annual General Meeting was held on the 3rd April 2009 with the following positions being:- President - Heather Blaker . Vice President – Peter Hanna. Secretary – Andrew Hasman Treasurer – Trevor Turnbull, Committee members – John Blaker , Ron Jones & SteveToohey I am sure these people will perform the tasks that will confront them to the best of there ability.

Our patron Jim Kenyon has been in hospital lately and our darts club hope he is feeling better and we see him back at the club soon.

Our social darts on Friday nights has had very good attendance over the last month, its heartening to see a lot of people enjoying a friendly atmosphere and a competitive game of darts. The chase for the chooks has been a hard fought tussle with 9 players getting the spoils of the twelve chooks up for grabs in that period. 3 players took 2 of the frozen delicacies home, they being Kevin Mitchell , Peter Hanna & Sonny Pohoiwi.

Other winners were Ron, Andy, Alice, Johno , Shelly & Ram. Only Kevin Mitchell hit the allusive 180 in the period since last I did a report.

The Balmain B grade competition on Wednesday nights is turning into a real battle to see who will be in the first two places and get a second bite of the cherry as they say. Both our teams are fighting it out with Gladesville RSL to see who gets there. Alice Hanna is leading the Ladies highest peg at the moment with 108.

Brad Sutton has left our golden sands to travel to South America for a holiday, I wonder if he will run into our other intrepid traveller Mick Fitzpatrick and Ron Jones gnome in his travels.

Keep on darting on - Turtle

Table Tennis

The SNTTTA inter club competitions have been running for a few weeks in March. The six teams of the Hornsby RSL Table Tennis Club had been working hard in preparing for the challenge. There were tough matches and there were some easy wins but most of them were very close. As an example, on March 25 a home game of AR Division with Hornsby Team 3 Vs SUNS Team B. We played 6 singles and 3 doubles to the best of five games in each match for the night. Seven out of the total nine matches we had to reach the fifth game before deciding on the winner. At one match with Wing Kwai Chan Vs Sonny Ching of SUNS they had three deuces on the fifth game before Wing Kwai won 14:12 over Sonny. Luckily Hornsby Team3 finally beat SUNS B by 6:3. It was a long night and with only one table used for competition the Match finished at 11.30pm.

The following are some results of the Teams:

Division 1:

Among the seven teams in A grade PCYC and Willoughby are the two strongest. Hornsby Team1 had one win and three losses. But it is still ranked fourth.

Division AR:

The PCYC and Willoughby are leading among the nine teams. But they are not unbeatable. Hornsby Team 2 managed to beat PCYC by 6:3. Hornsby Team 2 had two wins and three losses. Hornsby Team3 had three wins and one loss while Hornsby Team 4 had one win and three losses.

Division B and C combined:

Hornsby Team 5 is the strongest team among all the 12 combined teams and it had four wins and no loss, ranking number one in the group. Hornsby Team 6 is of lesser experience and had two wins and two losses.

Wing Kwai Chan

Womens Hockey

Hi everyone, my name is Lara Critchley and I am the new President of the Hornsby Women's hockey Club, taking over from Kris Turner who has done a great job for the past 4 years.

Our winter hockey season started at the end of March, and this year we have fielded 5 teams in the competition – 3 women's teams in the Sunday competition, one ladies veteran's team, and one junior's team. We have changed the hockey competition that the juniors play in from that of last year, enabling them to play in a larger comp over a longer period of time. The junior's competition also enables boys to play with the girls, so we are fortunate to have a couple of young boys who were willing to join the team and increase then number of juniors playing for Hornsby Hockey.

The Women's competition has played two games, before having a break for two weeks for Easter and school holidays. We have enjoyed a mixed bag of results, with our second division team wining one game and losing the next. Kris Turner scored her first hat-trick of her life at their first game back, which was a great way for everyone to start the 2009 season. Hornsby Gold and Hornsby Blue, our two third grade teams, had a win and a loss as their first game back. Hornsby Blue is mainly comprised of new players to the club, so it will probably take a couple of weeks until they find their way round the hockey field together. Round two saw our two third grade teams play each other, Hornsby Gold coming out on top of that match.

Unfortunately round 1 saw a nasty injury to one of Hornsby Gold players, who has since had surgery on her fingers on her right hand. One of our second grade players also injured her knee in the last game, and is awaiting the outcome of an orthopaedic surgeons visit this week to assess the damage.

Despite the injuries, I am pleased to say that we have a number of new people to the Hockey Club this year and everyone seems to be enjoying themselves both at training and at the games, win or lose. We are eagerly looking forward to the rest of the season.

Interclub competition Report 20 April 2009

Since our last meeting there have been some changes.

We wanted to book the Acacia Room, but now have discovered that some organisation has already beaten us to the post. So, the new proposal is Sunday, 20 September, 2009. Time to start is 11 am. Please come back to next months meeting confirming that this is satisfactory with your sub-club.

The next change is that Teams will be made up of 2 players, made up from random members of the sports sub-clubs. The intention here is that all the members of the HRSL can have the opportunity to meet new friends and have a fun day. If any player does not wish to play a particular event, then reserves will be available. Hence, there will be no forfeits. The trophy, donated by the Swimming Club and engraved by the Hornsby RSL will have the names of the actual winners.

The games to be played will be like last year ie 4 events consisting of Darts, Indoor Bowls, Snooker and Table Tennis. The sub-clubs facilitating an event, please supply two umpires (as two games will be played eg two table tennis tables will be in use, at the same time. Plus a person who can run the scores (after each event) to the overall score keeper. , Also, can you, as some participants may not be familiar with the rules of each particular event, supply a set of rules for your event so that I can distribute them to members before the day please eMail them to me at ecConnect@live.com.au by the next meeting. Note: do not make these rules complex as the hope is for an enjoyable day.

If your sporting sub-club prefers not to use eMail then please leave your responses in the "Sports Convenor" pigeon hole.

We need to know numbers of participants for the day so a draw can be organised. Therefore, I ask each sub club to go back to their members to confirm that they can make this commitment.

Before the May meeting for the Sports Sub-Clubs:

- Your sub-club give me the numbers of intended players.
- Is the 20 September, 2009 starting at 11am, games finishing at approximately 4pm, acceptable to your sub-clubs' members?

Please eMail your sub-clubs responses to these questions (ecConnect@live.com.au) or leave your responses in the "Sports Convenor" pigeon hole.

Darts, Indoor Bowls, Snooker and Table Tennis sub-clubs only.
Before the May meeting for the Sports Sub-Clubs:

- eMail me at ecConnect@live.com.au, a set of rules for the playing of your event as a social, fun game.

Edward Caruana
Convener