

## **A.O.O.B**

We are off to a good start with our new financial year. Raffles on Tuesday evenings continue and we are pleased with our proceeds. For the record, please know, if all the tickets are sold we can only ever bring in \$60.00. The prize tray costs us \$40.00 each time. As you realise we only have one book of 100 tickets to sell @ \$1.00 each. SIX NUMBERS FOR A DOLLAR, WHAT A BARGAIN!!

Remember please, your support and consideration to purchase tickets is always appreciated. The Committee joins with me and says thankyou but more importantly the children whom we care for and donate to the hospitals they are in, say a BIGGER THANK YOU.

Congratulations to CEO Mario Machado for his 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary at the helm of Hornsby RSL Club Limited.

God bless and keep smiling.

*Pamela Taylor*

## **Darts Club**

Due to a silly mistake on my behalf last months report was not sent to the RSL, I sent last years July report . So this is a combined report for both months.

The Ladies and Mens Singles championships were held during the last 2 months. The Ladies Singles was won by Alice and a play off for second saw Carol beat Heather . The Mens Singles was a pretty huge night with a round robin being played with 12 members participating. Ron won on the night winning ten out of the eleven games he played. Sonny came in second with nine wins and Peter H came in third with eight wins.

We have also held the Mens and Ladies Doubles championships in the past month. The winners of the Ladies doubles were Alice and Carol with Megan and Julie coming runners up. Mens doubles saw Johno and Sonny winning quite comfortably and Ron and Kevin overcoming Mick & Trevor in a play off for runners up.

The battle for the frozen chooks has seen a good attendance over the last 2 months so keep on supporting the darts on Friday nights.

The Balmain Darts competition has commenced on Wednesday nights again. We have only one team in B grade this time. We have played 3 games, as of this report, winning 2 and losing 1. It would be good to see the team win this competition, the dart teams in the local area are fairly strong, with teams also participating from Hornsby Bowling Club and Asquith Leagues Club, so a win would be good to see.

*Keep on darting on, Turtle*

## **Golf Club**

### **TOUKLEY – SUNDAY August 9<sup>th</sup>**

We have just completed our annual halfway game with Adamstown RSL at the enjoyable Toukley Golf Club. This annual “grudge match” is a favourite for both clubs and a strong turnout from both clubs saw a day filled with laughter from the 1s to the 19<sup>th</sup>, new friendships formed and many old mates catching up on friendships forged through this social event. Two players from each club were sent out together to do battle for the halfway trophy where 20 final scores were randomly chosen at the end of the day from both sides to determine the winners. Anyone’s’ score could be drawn from the hat, so with every score and shot counting, everyone was playing to win!!

Hornsby runs an internal competition within the day with A Grade won by Tim Brackenreg with 38 points from Brain Macpherson who flew in from Townsville for the game to post a respectable 33 points. B Grade was awarded to Peter “irons only” Rapson scoring a popular 33 points from Darren Forster who was runner up after the countback system had to be invoked. C Grade was taken out by Barry Johnston on you guessed it: 33 points! The runner up was Terry Mclean who must have missed the memo by only scoring 32 points.

All eyes however were fixed on the halfway trophy. Hornsby cards were selected first and tallied and announced as a respectable 587 points. The celebration of this hard earned result was however short lived with an un-named Hornsby representative selecting the 20 [random] Adamstown cards. These cards where tallied under the scrutiny of committee members from both sides before it was announced that Adamstown had retained the trophy with a healthy 646 points. The lively and good natured banter, sledging and challenges ensued from members of both clubs who were now relaxing at the 19<sup>th</sup>. It was quickly agreed that the annual event should reconvene at the same venue, same week, next year!! A great way to spend a Sunday.

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

#### **WAKEHURST – Sunday September 13 6:50am**

This is our patron’s day and is the last of the golfing calendars year. A great course where every club in the bag usually gets out of the bag for a shot at some point. [I usually find the sand wedge gets an extra work out in my bag however!!]

#### **PRESENTATION NIGHT – SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 – 7pm**

The annual dinner, drinks and dancing extravaganza is not far away!! If you are a member and have not been to a presentation night then I am sure you have been told how much fun we have every year. The golfers get a chance to dust off the mantle; golf widows’ swap and confirm stories or rumours of their husbands Sunday exploits and the band plays [it seems] until dawn. Book your spot on the sheet in the sports lounge soon!

*Tim Brackenreg*

## **Rifle Club**

We are now into the second month of the shooting year and I am pleased to report that we are experiencing record attendances on the range. The rifle club is regularly seeing 18-20 shooters turn up for Saturday afternoon.

Our healthy attendances have been helped by the number of visitors we are receiving. At the moment the rifle club has 9 temporary members and we hope that these members go onto to become full shooting members of our club and new members for the RSL Club.

Our club has been duty club for the past six weeks and all members have been working to put on a good Saturday afternoon shoot for our fellow clubs. With two weeks to go – we are all looking forward to going back to regular shooting without the extra duties. Never-the-less the shooting competition has been good.

It is very early in the shooting year but so far Brian Kirkman has opened up a lead on the F-Class Standard championship race. The same goes for Adrian Bonanni in the Fullbore Target Rifle Championship. Michael Prosser has been a regular attendee knocking in top scores for the F-Class Open category with the firm intention of challenging for the title. Justin Gray will have to work hard to retain his crown this year.

Next week we are shooting at 400M. Members who are interested in knowing more about shooting with the RSL Rifle Club can visit our website on:

[www.hornsbyrslrc.com.au](http://www.hornsbyrslrc.com.au)

## **Table Tennis**

The period from Mid-July to Mid-August is a break for table tennis competitions. However, the weekly handicap night on Tuesday continues to generate excitement and fun. On Saturdays, 22 and 29 August, 2009 from 1 to 10pm the Club shall run its annual closed championships. This year we are having four categories of events- singles in Division1, Division2, Division3 and Veterans of over 50's. More than 25 members registered to participate in the Championships. Keen competitions are anticipated.

The SNTTTA Spring Competitions will begin on the week starting 31August. The Hornsby Table Tennis Club is sending six teams with the following members:

Team A: James C H Wong, Stephen Tai, Wilson Chu

Teams AR:

1. Geoffrey Barrett, Tommy Mak, Feijia Zhu, Scott Barrett
2. Wing Kwai Chan, Lisa Liu, Chris Lo, Michael Choi, An Xi Zhou
3. Zareer Reporter, Edward Caruana, Raymond Huang, Sharon Wai Han Ho, Esfand Sangsari

Team B: Majid Nasr, Shine Liu, Yin Qin, James Yao

Team C: Victor Chu, Guy Chan, Sarah Chin, Borzou Maghbool

**BEST OF LUCK TO ALL THE TEAMS!!**

*Wing Kwai Chan*

## **Womens Hockey**

Living up to their name, the Hornsby Gold team finished minor premiers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> division of the North Shore Women's Hockey Association competition. It was an exciting round 15 game for the Gold team, going down 0-1 to Mirrabooka, who ended up being second on the ladder behind them. The Minor Premiership was cause for celebration, with champagne flowing back at the RSL after the game, and the girls proudly wearing their hockey uniform in and around the club!

The semi finals were played on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August, with the Gold team having an 8am game. Unfortunately things weren't as sparkly that morning, and the team ended up losing 0-2 to Mirrabooka. As the team were minor premiers, they get a second chance in the finals, and will play Barker in the next semi final game on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August. All of the Hornsby RSL Womens Hockey Club are behind the girls as they are the sole team to survive this far in the season!

Hornsby Blue finished in sixth in the third division competition, not too far behind Gordon in 5<sup>th</sup>. The team was comprised mainly of new girls to the club and finished the season strongly after a slow start. We are hoping everyone is back next year to the club to play together and start the season as strong competition to the Gold team!

Hornsby 1 finished third on the ladder in the second division competition, only a few points behind Gordon in second. The semi final game against Barker was not the teams best performance, however with 3 regular players out sick with the flu, and 2 sidelined with knee injuries for most of the season, they had to beg, borrow and steal players from the Hornsby Blue team to get enough players on the field. The final score was 0-2, which spelt an end to the season for the team.

The juniors had their final game on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, and although not winners in the game, they are a vastly different team to the one that started the year. As the season progressed the team attracted more players, so we are hoping they are all back next year to play again for us.

We have our presentation night on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September at the RSL club, and it promises to be a night full of fun, laughter, and perhaps a few awards. This year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Women's Hockey Club, and so the theme for the presentation night is a "cocktail". All past and present players are invited, and we are hoping to have a slide show and story telling of past teams and players!

That's about it for August, hopefully next month I will be telling you about our third division premiership win by our Gold team.

*Lara Critchley*

## **Klaverjas**

On August 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 6 members of our Club attended a Klaverjas tournament at D.A.S.I (Dutch Australian Society Illawarra) where 56 members from around Sydney were present.

Our members were not among the winners.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 our members will represent our Card Club at a Card Tournament from the Federation to be held at the Rembrandt Club at St Mary's.

*Elisabeth*

## **Billiards & Snooker**

The Grand Final of the H.S.S Competition will be played at Hornsby RSL on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> August starting at 7.30pm between Hornsby RSL and Ryde. We expect quite a turnout of fans and players from other Clubs to enjoy the snooker and hopefully see history made with a victory to Hornsby RSL followed by the presentations of both the H.S.S and Scottish Cups and a few nibbles and drinks. Our next two competitions are the Open Billiards and the minor Snooker and as usual play or forfeit will apply so organise your matches and play them early. Chook nights are OK but more players would be most welcome.

## **Pipe Band**

The Band holds the view that we should promote ourselves in the local community. To this end, we have, on several occasions in the past, played at the Westfield Shopping Centre near Council's fountain. As such, when Hornsby Council again offered us a chance to perform, we quickly accepted. Thus, on the morning of Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, the Band paraded several times for the benefit of the shoppers. From all indications, the audience, which included several members of the RSL Club, appreciated the entertainment presented. I must thank Bruce Crundwell for taking on the duties of Pipe Major on the day.

The Central Coast is home to many Vietnam veterans & as such, a number of memorials. One such location is at Ettalong where a service is held every year to commemorate the Central Coast Vietnam Vets Memorial Day (Long Tan Day). This involves a short march from Ettalong RSL to a memorial, virtually on the water's edge.

This event was, in the past, supported by local pipe bands at Ettalong and more recently from Toukley. However, when Toukley Pipe Band advised that they were unable to attend, a call went out to Hornsby RSL for a band. As such, on the afternoon of Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, we led the march to the memorial. During the service, one of our pipers, John Shaw, played the lament, a duty he has been doing from his time in Ettalong Pipe Band. Our side drummers, playing on their new drum skins sounded ominous. We also thank our tenor drummer for playing despite her recovering from an ankle injury. Following the service, the Band marched back to the Ettalong RSL where refreshments etc were provided. Overall, it was a good day and it seems that we may be invited back next year.

The Band conduct weekly band practice in the War Memorial Hall, next to the RSL Club, beginning from around 8pm every Wednesday. All are welcomed, especially those with an urge to learn to play or are playing the pipes or drums.

*Graeme Bolton*

## **Swimming Club**

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, we attended our annual carnival against Maroubra Diggers at Maroubra and the swim was followed by a great lunch at Maroubra RSL Club. We all had a very enjoyable day and once again we succeeded in winning the "Tiger O'Neill" 10 person relay trophy.

We then travelled to South Sydney Junior Leagues Club on Thursday evening 13<sup>th</sup> August to take part in South's swimming club's carnival at their indoor pool. This was followed by dinner in the auditorium and although we had no success in the pool, the food and company were great.

The AGM of the Western Metropolitan RSL Swimming Association (consisting of seven RSL swimming clubs) was held in the Acacia Room on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Brian O'Keeffe was voted in as President and also Carnival Director of the Association for the next 12 months with Jeanette O'Keeffe continuing as the Honorary Secretary. The club supplied supper for this meeting and the food was excellent.

We will be holding a special race plus morning tea for the fathers on "Fathers Day" and we are looking forward to taking part in the combined Sporting Bodies Day at the club on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Frog of the month for August is Nic Roditis.

*Jeanette O'Keeffe*