

Billiards & Snooker

On behalf of the Billiards & Snooker Club I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Board of Directors, Management and staff and all Sub Clubs. Thanks also for all the assistance given us during the year. The Christmas Chook night will be held on Friday 19th December for all who qualify. The Open Snooker Doubles Final were played between Andy Dehaan and Charlie Andrijch and Dave McMahon and Keith Taylor with Andy and Charlie winning for the third time. The final of the Open Singles was played between Dave McMahon and John Simpson with John winning in 5 frames. Congratulations go to Dave McMahon who for the first time in many years has finally got his name on the Open Honors Board not once but twice in the same year. See what can happen when you persevere, the results will come. Don't forget the 18th January for our next Snooker Fun Day with a different format. Good Snooker in 2009. Good win to Sasha

Squizzy

Klaverjas

On Monday 8th December 2008 we held our Presentation Night in the Boronia Room, where Mr & Mrs C. Bourke and Mr and Mrs J. Deane joined us as our guests. We had a lovely night with good food, drinks & service.

Our prize winners for the year 2008 were:

Competition: 1st Inge Lepelaar
 2nd Rudy Lepelaar
 3rd Tonny Van Gaalen

Marsen 1st Joe Brookhouse'
 2nd Liny Lepelaar
 3rd Paulus Breedveld

On Sunday 14th December 2008 14 members of our Club participated in the "Neerlandia" Tournament in Frenchs Forest. 2 of our members were among the winners.

A.O.O.B

Sincerely, we thank Hornsby RSL (CEO & Board of Directors) for their continuing support and friendship, also our great venue, as we do appreciate our home address.

I join with our committee: Julia Salisbury, Arthur Mopunter, Mick Gallagher, Margaret Messer and executives Bob Foody (**President**), Heidi Geertsema (**Vice President**) and Anthony Chad (**Secretary**) to wish one and all a very safe, peaceful and happy Christmas festive season. God Bless from Pamela Taylor (Treasurer / Public Relations).

Our next meeting in the New Year will be Tuesday 27th January 2009. We seek your encouragement and support as always!

No raffle will be run on Tuesday 23rd December 2008.

Computer Club

Meeting opened at 1515hrs by President Mr Peter Hutchison with one minutes silence

Business:

- PRESENT: As per attendance book.
- VISITORS: Maureen Nicholls
Harry Anderson was welcomed to the meeting (as returning officer for the AGM, that occurred later this evening)
- APOLOGIES: Ted Weber – John Rose
- MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING-
moved and seconded as a true and accurate record.
- TREASURER REPORT-
Balance as to November 30 was \$586.76
- GENERAL BUSINESS:
 - Peter wavered the usual attendance fees for todays meetings
 - Contact details of current members will be checked/updated ACTION- Don
 - President gave thanks to members for their attendance. Thanks to those that gave presentations during the year, especially Mike Kroon, who also gave two presentations to the Hornsby Baptist Church. Thanks to the Committee members for their commitment, which includes the extra meetings. Special thanks goes to Edward as Secretary for his commitment and his Professional contribution.
 - MOTION: The technicalities of the Special General Meeting, held in November, be dealt with by the incoming Committee. Carried

Meeting closed at 3.20 pm for the AGM.

Meeting resumed at 3.50 pm with the President elect: John Nicholls

Computer Aspects:

- Mike Kroon- an easy way to transfer a virus from computer to computer is by sharing a USB memory stick. Disable autorun by pressing SHIFT as you insert the USB, then look at the contents of the USB by windows explorer (the antivirus scan should check the files).
- Grahame Payne asked- is there any truth that the worst virus ever will hit soon.
Reply- to the best of the members' knowledge, this is not true.

The meeting closed at 1605hrs. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 14th February 2009.
Everyone is welcome.

Edward Caruana

Rifle Club

Eight members competed in the North Shore District Rifle Association Christmas Match last Saturday and five went home with the grand prize of a Christmas Turkey for posting top scores in each of their grades. Most notable was Brian Kirkman who won the F-Class Open aggregate with a score of 116 out of 121 followed by Kent Chalmers with a score of 112 out of 121. Our club is forging a reputation for generating competitive talent in F-Class.

The last few weeks has seen very tough conditions on the range with winds in excess of 16 miles an hour gusting across the range. Scores have been down across the board but all shooters are relishing the challenge. Alan Bowyer-Tagg posted a credible 97.8 at 800M two weeks ago to finish top in the club on the day which is a testimony to his improved shooting ability.

The club will continue to shoot every Saturday from 1pm on the range throughout the Christmas New Year period. We would like to wish the Board of Directors and all members of the RSL Club a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For more information go to our website at: www.hornsbyrslrc.com.au

Bulls Eye

Golf Club

DECEASED MEMBERS TROPHY DAY – Glenmore Park 7th Dec 08

A chock full bus of 24 golfers enjoyed the quick trip down the M7 & F4 to Glenmore Heritage Golf Course on Sunday the 7th of December. The annual trip is a favorite for the players who mark the day by recognizing deceased members of the club and to celebrate the end of another year of golfing fun.

While it was all laughter & jokes on the bus, the mood of the group grew quiet as they stepped out and got reacquainted with the course. Many remembering past battles, most telling hard luck stories about this picturesque but challenging course.

It took “The Banker” [& sometimes Club Secretary] to lighten the mood again with what could only be described as a “moment in history” on the first tee. Still within ear shot of a now cheering throng as he hit his fourth shot, “The Banker” managed to find the fairway and later re-count how he managed to halve the hole against his matchplay opponent. By losing to the wily “A.T” 3 & 2, The Banker was telling everyone how happy he was to be off the course and ready to return to the RSL club!

The winner of the Deceased Members Trophy was the one, the only,ME!!!! [“Boom Boom” Brackenreg] with a humbling 42 points. Winning “A” grade & my matchplay game against Doug “the Pizza Boy”, I was forced to reduce my handicap by 3 shots by order of the handicapper, [me again] and on returning to the RSL club commenced to again map out plans with “The Banker” to join the PGA tour next year.

The “B” grade winner was Jethro “Tull” who had a creditable 32 points with “C” grade being won by “Fozzie Bear” Forster, scoring a popular 34 points and stayed upright across the finish line to win on a count back from “Yes Ref” Bradbury.

We welcomed a new member, “The wild one” O’Keefe who traveled all the way from The Isle of Man to play with us [& visit his family!] Although his card was not “on fire”, he seemed happy he didn’t have to scrape snow & ice off the green before putting as he recounted he was doing just 7 days earlier!

Our next venue is Muirfield GC in Carlingford on Sunday 25th Jan 09 at 6.57 am before we head up the F3 to Green Hills on Sunday 8th February 09. The booking sheet for members is posted on the club notice board with those wishing to join us for the first time can contact the secretary, Andy McElroy on 0423 298 032.

Until then, happy Gilmore golfers! [& Merry Xmas]

Tim Brackenreg

Swimming Club

On 7th December we held our annual “Stan Willis Brace Relay” with the winners being Colin Hunter and Rob Loftus. After the swim, our Christmas party BBQ was held at the home of Doug & Lorraine Smith. Even though there was a storm, it was a very enjoyable day with everyone full of Christmas cheer. Last Thursday night (11th Dec), we had a very large table of members at the Meat Raffle and Birthday Draw. We all had a terrific night with several meat trays being won and our Social Secretary Ric Wood winning a Major Entry Key on the Pick Match & Win board. Ric will now have a chance to win the car on 23rd December. Yesterday 14th December, we held our 30m handicap event for those 60-69 years and also the 70 years & over. Ric Wood won the 60’s and John Younie was the winner of the 70’s.

Next Sunday morning after our swim, we will be having a Christmas Morning Tea in the Palms Café Coffee Shop.

On the 1st January we will be celebrating the New Year with a BBQ at Brian & Jeanette O’Keefe’s home. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

The joint winners of the December Frog of the Month were Ric Wood & Sue Younie.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the “Hornsby Frogs” to wish the Board of Directors and all staff members, Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year. *Jeanette O’Keefe*

Table Tennis Club



The Tuesday Handicaps Competitions finally came to an end for the Year 2008. The winner for the year is Geoff Barrett! The runners up are Lisa Liu and Guy Chan! Congratulations to all of them. Thanks to all the members who strongly supported this event and in particular to the officials who took charge of the event every Tuesday throughout the year.

The Table Tennis Club invited Mr. Paul Zhao, NSW State Coach Director, to come to the Club on Saturday, 12 December to give a talk and demonstration of skills and strategies in playing table tennis.

There were about 25 attendants and they were all amazed by the complexity of the combination of mini skills involved. Demonstrations were fascinating and enjoyable. The interest and commitment to improve in playing table tennis have certainly increased. Attached is a photo of Mr. Paul Zhao in action.

The response to the Year-end Dinner on Friday 19 December has been very encouraging. There will be around 55 participants. The buffet dinner will be followed by Bingo, Luck Draw and Dancing. On Saturday, 13 December a few of our members attended the SUNS Closed Championships. James C H Wong awarded a runner-up trophy for the Veteran grade of over 50. Attached is a photo of James Wong and Wing Kwai Chan after the prize presentation.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

Wing Kwai Chan



Pipe Band

There are a few gigs that we expect at this time of year, and then there's always something extraordinary.

There were two cadet units' passing out parades this year – 226 ACU at Normanhurst had its presentations at Normanhurst Boys' High School, where the troops (boys and girls) showed their skills at ambush as well as drill.

And then there was 206 ACU at North Sydney. Because it was their 90th anniversary, these cadets had their parade at Victoria Barracks, and put on quite a show of marching for their well wishers. The above picture shows us



with Keiran Wan from St Andrews Pipe Band of Hong Kong, who several of us met at Pipefest in Shanghai. He dropped by to see how we were going – he was going to lend a hand, but didn't have a uniform! Thanks also to our Band Chieftain, the indomitable Bruce Macrae, who turned up to take photos.



Bigger than a parade at Victoria Barracks, however, was the opportunity to play on stage with André Rieu. I kid you not – for anyone who got to see one of the three Sydney performances, you may have recognised amongst the one hundred players from around the state seven who looked suspiciously like the above.

The picture shows the ever-present Dutchman overlooking the finale (yes, he really is that big), with the pipes and drums arrayed on the stair cases. I'm

standing on the upper stage, just below and behind his right elbow. A treasured position, I can assure you. And it was certainly a once-in-a-lifetime experience to be a part of his showmanship and the orchestration of one hundred players in front of reportedly forty thousand people three nights running.

After that, our annual Band Christmas gathering was nothing more than a chatter-fest to fill Crosslands with laughter and music (in between the showers).

The band would generally have the doors of the War Memorial Hall open from 8pm, any Wednesday you're passing by. However, we will be in recess until the Wednesday before Australia Day.

Until then, we wish you and yours the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of Hogmanays.

Jax Gibb

Darts Club

Well the end of the year is getting close, it's nearly all over bar the shouting. Our championship rounds have been completed for the year with the following winners and runners up for each. The opening round was the Jim Kenyon Trophy, which is a doubles championship named after our patron and life member of our club. The winners were Ron Jones and Kevin Mitchell with Peter Hanna and John Blaker the runners up. The second round was the handicap singles with each player receiving a handicap according to their ability and the committees disgression. The winner was Peter Hanna and Steve Toohey the runner up. Next was the Handicap doubles , which is the same principle as the singles but the two players drawn together have their handicaps added then halved. The winners of this event were Peter Hanna & Kevin Mitchell and runners up being Heather Blaker and Trevor Turnbull. The Mens singles was won by Ron Jones and the runner up be Peter Hanna. The Ladies singles was won by Alice Hanna and runner up Heather Blaker. The final championship played was the Open Doubles and the winners were Alice Hanna & Kevin Mitchell with Andy Hasman and Sonny Pohoiwi runners up. The Highest Peg Out for the year was taken out by Michael Fitzpatrick with a peg of 114.

The Balmain Darts competition has now been completed and the winners were Gladesville RSL No. 2. Runners Up who were Hornsby RSL No.1 captained by Peter Hanna who were beaten 6-5 in the grand final. Our No. 2 team captained by John Clulee finished in fourth place after a very closely fought competiton.

Thanks every member for their participation in this years events social and competition, and hoping everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and New Year (don't drink and drive and get caught). Will see everybody on the 2nd January (got to get ten games to qualify for next years championships).

Keep on Darting On - Turtle

Indoor Bowls

It was a great Friday night on the 12th to celebrate our annual Christmas Get Together", there was a great roll up for this event with a good array of food to choose from.

The presentation of "Life Membership" badge to the Secretary Mick Pearce was carried out by the President of the Hornsby RSL Club Colin Bourke.

After the supper a game of bowls was played and enjoyed by all, it was a good night all round.

To all our members we wish you good health and a Merry Christmas, to the Board of the Club we also wish you a prosperous and a merry Christmas.

Mick Pearce