

## **Adult Dance**

Our dance club concluded year 2008 on an all time high with a marvelous Christmas party dinner dance, attended by about 170, and our biggest New Years eve party ever—over 100 attended notwithstanding all of the competing attractions. The New Years eve party included a number of popular novelty dances which concluded with “the stripper” performed in mime only by one of our more outgoing lovely ladies -- she has promised more for our New Years eve party 2009.

Our dance club can now lay claim to rival the famous London night club “The Windmill” as our dance remained open on every Tuesday night through the Christmas period, including the Tuesday night before our Wednesday New Years eve party, both being well attended.

On a sad note for our club, the community and, of course, her family Dreda McCauley passed away following a back operation on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Dreda was our pocket sized sergeant major when instructing and calling the dance steps for learning a new dance or revising an old one. She was a top competition ballroom dancer in her younger days and was a very popular member of our club—she will be sorely missed. Her funeral was held at The Church of St. Patrick, Asquith, and she was obviously loved by all who knew her.

*John Turvey*

## **Golf Club**

**MUIRFIELD GOLF CLUB – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 09** - A great roll up 28 players for the Australia Day weekend game. A Grade went to Craig West on a count back from Cal Moore on 38 points. B Grade was won by Peter Rapson with 40 points from Gordon Stannard and C grade was smashed by Dennis Dempsey with 45 points from Darren Forster. Nearest the Pins winners were Cal on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Tim Brackenreg for his shot on the 9<sup>th</sup> and Rob Hunsley with a "corker" on the 15<sup>th</sup>. With a few new players to the group it was a great start to the golfing calendar year. Matchplay winners were J Thompson over B Grant 4&3, G Stannard beat R Hunsley 5 & 4 and R Shorey snuck past A Meares 2&1 to move into the next round.

**THE SPRINGS GOLF CLUB – 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 09** - 20 brave starters played in what promised to be a hot day. The early start allowed us to beat most of it with Tim Brackenreg winning A grade with 36 points. Runner up was Cal "Bullfrog" Moore on 33 points. B grade saw the "bankable" Andy McElroy scorch around the course with 44 points leaving the field, headed by runner up "Rubber gums" Barry Johnston in his wake with a very credible 39 points. Four Matchplay games were completed with wins to Alan Taylor over Gordy Stannard, "Thommo" Thompson getting Colin West on a countback, Ross "ref" Bradbury scraping over the line in another tight one against Max Bridgeman and Tim Brackenreg by a short half head to Peter Cunningham. Those still in the matchplay are urged to complete their next match before we play Warringah.

Highlights of the day included:

- A world record attempt by the club on the number of curse words heard on a single golf hole at the infamous 11<sup>th</sup>. [We fell one short after Jodie Brackenreg sunk a putt for 5/3, damn you Bundy!]
- Shade!!
- Anthony Herden's nearest to the pin on the 1<sup>st</sup> [a ripper]
- Shade and;
- Finishing!!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**KIAMA WEEKEND** - 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 settled in mid March.

**LADIES DAY** - Our next game is at Turramurra Golf Club on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 07:40am. Traditionally a big day with wives, partners and significant others having a social hit on a forgiving course alongside their partners. It is played in a teams format with every skill level participating and contributing to the teams results. The post game lunch and chat is a well-attended event and a great way for members [new and existing] to get to know the extended family of "hackers" a little better. Place your name on the sheet down stairs [new & existing members] before the 3<sup>rd</sup> for a tee time. **Tim Brackenreg**

### Pipe Band

It's hard to believe it for such a well-travelled band, but we've hardly left the Shire in the last two months. We've played three times in Hornsby Mall – Christmas (with Santa hats), Australia Day (with Aussie hats), and a Victorian Bushfire Appeal (ironically considering wearing rain hats) just this weekend. Our intention in all of these has been to raise awareness & funds, but all funds from the Bushfire Appeal (and a handsome sum it was) went directly to the Red Cross appeal.



We also performed at a wedding reception – or, rather, as pre-reception entertainment – as the Bride & Groom made their way to the reception venue. We played by the wharf outside Star City, waiting with guests for the Sydney Glass Island (a ferry with glass sides) to arrive, then escorted the happy couple to the gangway.

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**

### Rifle Club

The rifle club is ringing in the new year with some great news. Our continued effort to coach new shooters has resulted in a record four new members joining the club this month. We welcome Garry De Vries, Anders Mellquist, Jascha Woodward and Mitchell Taylor to the club and we hope that they enjoy the sport.

It should be noted that Jascha and Mitchell are both Junior members – and so they will be sure to get the best training early on in their shooting careers.

Further good news to report from last weekend. The North Shore District Rifle Association held their annual Mid-Range championships on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. Seven members from our club competed and the stand-out performance came from Alan Bowyer-Tagg, who posted an aggregate score of 148.12 out of 150 to win B-Grade. Alan also top-scored in the 500m match and the 700M match in the process.

Roland Van Soest also won a gold medal in the 600m match for C-Grade with a score of 48.3 out of 50. Congratulations.

The Hornsby RSL Rifle Team – consisting of Doug Caple, Adrian Bonanni, Bill Ballantyne and Alan Bowyer-Tagg posted a score of 390.31 out of 400 in the teams match in an effort to retain the trophy won last year. Unfortunately the team was beaten by Hornsby Rifle Club by four points – but we will try again next year.

Next week we are shooting at 800M.

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## **Swimming Club**

First of all we hope everyone had a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

On the social front, the 'Frogs' had an enjoyable Christmas morning tea at the club coffee shop on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December after our morning swim and we brought in the New Year at the home of Brian and Jeanette O'Keefe on New Years day. The weather was wonderful and it was a really good start to the year. We also continue to have several members attend the meat raffle every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February we held our summer handicap championships and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be running our open championships. When all championship events are complete we will advise the results.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> February we took part in the Western Metropolitan RSL Swimming Association's carnival. We had excellent results with our 10 person relay team taking out 1st place in the relay event, Sue Younie was 1st in the 50m handicap and Stuart McIntosh was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m handicap. We also gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place in several other events. We had 13 swimmers at the carnival and with a total of 110 swimmers taking part, we feel our results were very impressive.

We will have 12 members travelling to Albury on the 6<sup>th</sup> March to participate in the annual AIF Carnival. There will be approximately 450 swimmers at this carnival and we are once again hoping for good results.

Our AGM will be held at the club on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and we look forward to as many members as possible attending.

We also hope to have a good roll up to Castle Hill RSL Swimming Club's carnival to be held at the club's indoor pool on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Frog of the Month for January was Peter Quirke and for February it is Ric Wood.

***Jeanette O'Keefe***

## **Table Tennis**

The Hornsby RSL Table Tennis Club had 93 active members in 2008. On any given day, the Table Tennis Room with only two tables is a buzz of activity. It is used to its fullest from 9.30am to 11pm. Competitions held in 2008 comprised of the weekly handicap matches, the monthly team challenge, the closed championships and the SNDTTA inter-clubs, autumn and spring competitions. Other activities were coaching sessions and bush walks.

An end-of-year dinner was held for the first time on 19 December and 60 people participated. They all enjoyed the scrumptious buffet, lovely dance music, a game of Bingo and lucky raffle draw with attractive prizes all donated by members. This function was a great success and what a way to cap a very busy year. The Table Tennis Club has made tremendous progress in 2008, with many of its players having achieved good results in different competitions. Quite a no of players have made a huge improvement in their game thanks to the constant coaching, generous advice and training by the more experienced members of the Club.

Generally in other clubs, December to February is a low season for playing table tennis. However, this is not true for Hornsby RSL table tennis. Day and night there were members making full use of the facility for practice. This indeed is a good sign. Playing table tennis for them is a sport for health and socialization. It becomes part of their life style.

The Handicap matches for 2009 started on Tuesday, 20 January and enrolment for team challenge of SNDTTA is in mid-February. This year the Hornsby RSL Table Tennis Club is sending six teams for the autumn competition with one team in Division A, three in Division AR, one in Division B and one in Division C. We wish them the best of luck.

***Wing Kwai Chan***

## **Billiards & Snooker**

After all the Christmas celebrations were finished we had our second “Snooker Sunday” and a great day was had by all who played. The day was topped off with a BBQ outside the TAB area and was a huge success with all the players, our thanks to the Chef who did a wonderful job feeding everyone. This activity could become very popular in the future. We hope to host Canberra Billiards & Snooker in the near future. More about that later. The lists are on the Notice Board for the Handicap Snooker and over 50’s and will be drawn soon. Names also for the H.S.S Competition needed. All these events will begin soon. **Squizzy**

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

Your support is always appreciated and we always endeavour to fundraise, with heartfelt emotion for the young children in hospital. Please continue to support our Tuesday night raffle (12 lucky numbers are only \$2.00) twelve chances of winning our prize! Our prize alternates weekly between a fish tray, a meat tray and a roast tray of meat & veggies!!

Lucky winners – please be advised upon producing your ticket and claiming your tray prize and having your name and number announced over the loud speaker that your prize can only be held for 12 hours. IT MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THE MAIN BAR COOL ROOM. Prizes are perishable and uncollected would be removed and destroyed the following day.

Remember, be a good winner, collect your prize and take it home Tuesday night – Thank you **Pamela Taylor**

## **Klaverjassen**

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. Results are as follows:

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| President      | Rudy Lepelaar  |
| Vice President | Bas Van Dongen |
| Secretary      | Paul Lepelaar  |
| Treasurer      | Lieny Lepelaar |

Sporting Body Delegate      Elisabeth Van Ewijk

Committee:                      Ben Bekker, Corrie Bekker, Marco Sandman

Many thanks to the President, Mr Colin Bourke who acted as Returning Officer. Next tournament will be “THE AUTUMN DRIVE” on the 14<sup>th</sup> March. **Elisabeth**

## **Indoor Bowls**

We have been out of action the last couple of Friday nights, as well as Tuesday morning bowls, and we expect to miss a few bowling Friday nights in the next few weeks because of promotions in the Showroom. A list will be put up on the notice board in the Sports Area to notify you the availability of the Bowling area in the Showroom.

A committee meeting is to be arranged for early March which will also be placed on the notice board.

It was pleasing to see Dawn Kilkelly and young son Patrick as a spectator at last Friday night bowls, he is looking great and we expect a new player to be on the mats in the near future. To our not so well members we wish you a speedy recovery. **Mick Pearce**

## Fishing Club

Saturday at 5.00am 6 members left the wharf hoping for a good day's fishing. Five miles off Dee Why 1 ½ hours later we had our first drop, where Michael Cheng caught a big Nannygai. The weather became cold with a northeasterly blowing at 5 knots and with our first drift Keith O'Malley caught a 1.1kg snapper, then the fish started to pick up with moe's, flathead, sweep and a couple of small snapper. Total of (50) fish were caught on a cold but enjoyable day.

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Fish</b> | <b>Points</b> |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| W. Idiens   | 10          | 64.20         |
| M. Cheng    | 12          | 59.10         |
| K.O'Malley  | 5           | 41.80         |
| A. Tang     | 14          | 33.80         |
| T. Choy     | 9           | 33.60         |
| D. Orr      | Nil         |               |
|             | <hr/>       | <hr/>         |
|             | 50 total    | 232.50 points |

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| Monthly Trophy  | W. Idiens  |        |
| Biggest Fish    | T. Choy    |        |
| Biggest Snapper | K.O'Malley | 1.10kg |
| Biggest Morwong | T. Choy    | 1.50kg |
| First fish      | M. Cheng   |        |

## Darts Club

The New Year is well under way, with seven Friday nights down and approximately fourteen to go before the first championship round. Any player wishing to compete in the Jim Kenyon Trophy , which is in honour of our patron and life member, must have played ten social nights this year to qualify. So there is plenty of time left, just turn up Fridays to make sure you qualify and no complaints if you haven't played enough games by then.

There have been 28 chickens given out so far this year with 12 different players taking home the spoils. Sean Reed has the most wins with 4 chickens from 4 nights. If he draws me as a partner that might change. Sonny Phoiwi and Michael Dompedro have won a chicken every time they have played as well, with 2 out of 2 each. Other consistent winners with 3 chickens each are Ron Jones, John Blaker, Peter Wright and Michael Fitzpatrick. Mick won't win a chicken for awhile he won't be back from South America till July, he's away again on one of his great adventures. Other chicken winners have been Steve Toohey, Peter Hanna and Heather Blaker.

Hope to see people turning up regularly for our social darts night.

Keep on darting on.

**Turtle**