

## Darts Club

Well here we are back again for another month of exciting dart extravaganza. First off , I want to apologize to Kevin Mitchell for not including his highest peg of 120 and also to Peter Hanna for not mentioning his 180 he hit in last months report. We held our Open Singles championships in the last month with the Ladies winner being Julie Scott and runner up was Carol Toohey. The Mens title went to Steve Toohey with Peter Hanna the runner up.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June we held a Wild Turkey darts competition, the attendance left a lot to be desired , but the winner on the day was Sonny Pohoiwi who now progresses on to the regional championship. Good luck Sonny, there should be some good players to give you a run for your money, I hope you can win 5 rounds and make it to Queensland.

The sports day is approaching again, it will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September and any member wishing to participate should contact Carol Toohey.

The Balmain B grade Darts competition gets underway on the 28<sup>th</sup> July with a good turn out from the Hornsby district. Out of the 6 teams entered 3 are from our area, the RSL ,Hornsby Bowling Club and Asquith Leagues Club. Asquith also has a team in the A grade competition. Our team came third last competition , I hope we can improve this time round. **Keep on darting - Turtle**

## Fishing Club

Six members attended this trip and boarded the boat around 6am at the Woolwich Wharf. The skipper was young Adam and he said that he needed to return the boat early and we would need to finish at 12.30 pm.

Terry suggested we should head north to avoid the leather jacket and Adam agreed to take us to fish Long Reef. It was quite windy and choppy in the early morning. We first fished off Long Reef about 50m deep. Michael Cheng caught the first sergeant baker followed by Terry Choy with a little nannyguy. Terry soon caught a flatty but unfortunately came off the hook from Adam's helping hand. Majid was a quiet achiever and secretly landed two good size morwong. Mike Johnson and Michael Cheng also landed one snapper each. As we were approaching noon, the weather had calmed down a fair bit. Adam suggested taking us to Long Reef Wide for a few drifts for snapper. He was right; Terry, Doug, and the two Mikes all caught one snapper each in the last drifts.

In the end, Michael Cheng was the trophy winner and Majid caught the biggest fish, a 1.3 kg Mowie. In this trip, we had achieved a rarity nowadays and that was: none of us caught a leathery.

The final results in order are as follow:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Number of fish</b>	<b>Weight (kg)</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Michael Cheng</b>	10	4.73	38.29
<b>Majid Nasr</b>	11	5.42	30.46
<b>Terry Choy</b>	8	3.56	27.58
<b>Mike Johnstone</b>	4	1.87	18.74
<b>Doug Orr</b>	3	1.28	14.05
<b>John Dubos</b>	4	1.28	5.31
<b>Total Number of fish</b>	<b>40</b>		
<b>Total Weight</b>	<b>18.12</b>		
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>134.43</b>		
<b>Trophy Winner</b>	<b>Michael cheng</b>		

## **Golf Club**

The 2010 annual stroke club championship held over 2 rounds commenced on 4th July at Asquith Golf Club on a fresh but dry day. An eager field waited with their tee off groups watching those before them hit off on the 10th to start the occasion. Plenty of hard luck stories were told during drinks at the Golf Club before heading back to the RSL for lunch. You can't win your grade on the first round but you can certainly lose it with a poor round as 1 wise poor performing hacker was heard to say later in the day.

Darren Forster left the field in his wake with a scintalating first round to comfortably with the Frank Gill Trophy being the best net score on the day.

Round 2 is scheduled for 1st August at Asquith again with a 7.25am start. This is an hour later than round 1 so a few might have warmed up a tad for their round.

We see our mates from Adamstown Social Golf Club at the annual halfway challenge cup match at Toukley 15th August commencing 7.45am. Adamstown are the current holders but we are keen for revenge.  
*Andrew McElroy*

## **Klaverjas**

On 11 July there was card tournament the "Geluks Beker" in the Rembrandt Club in St Marys. Nine of our Members participated, but were not among the winners. There were 66 players present and many were dressed in orange because of the upcoming World Soccer Cup Final between the Netherlands and Spain. It was a very enjoyable day.

On 15 August 2010 there will be a card tournament in the BASI Club in Woonona and we hope some of our Members will be present because some are on holidays.  
*Elisabeth*

## **Swimming Club**

On the June long weekend we had eleven RSL Swimming Clubs from all over the State travel to Queanbeyan for our annual fund raising carnival for Legacy. This weekend carnival was hosted by the Hornsby Frogs and we had 20 of our members attend. There were many events and functions organised for the three days by Brian and Jeanette O'Keeffe, starting with morning tea at Goulburn on the way to Queanbeyan on Friday followed by a BBQ lunch and a rehearsal at the Bowling club in the afternoon. Breakfast was also at the Queanbeyan Bowling Club on Saturday morning for all the clubs attending the weekend. On Saturday afternoon many of the visitors played lawn bowls and in the evening we had a Meet & Greet followed by dinner and dancing. On Sunday morning was our swimming carnival at the A.D.F.A. heated pool and the Presentation plus fund raising lunch was held in the afternoon at the Bowling Club. All members of the Hornsby Frogs worked extremely hard throughout the weekend to successfully help raise approximately \$2600 for Queanbeyan Monaro Legacy and thanks must also go to the attending clubs for their generosity. Thanks also is extended to Mario our CEO for the donation of gifts for our raffles. We all had a wonderful time and we can't wait for next year.

We held our annual Presentation at the club on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July after having lunch in the Bistro. Once again our top trophy winner was Colin Hunter and Peter Quirke was voted in as "Clubman of the Year". Congratulations to both Colin and Peter.

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July we will be attending a carnival arranged by the Maroubra RSL Winter Weakies Club, to celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we are all looking forward to a great day.

Frog of the Month for June was Christine Croucher and for July it is Doug Smith.

*Jeanette O'Keeffe - Captain*

## Pipe Band

The main event to report on this month (if not this year) was the Band's ***Whisky Tasting Night*** held at the RSL Club on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010. In attendance were some 150 people, eager to sample some of Scotland's "finest". Our good friend from Newcastle, David Moncur was MC for the night including who not only introduced each of the five whiskeys presented during the night but gave a fine rendition of the "Address to the Haggis". Other highlights were the performances of the Purple Heather dancers under Amy Quirk's direction & Barry Gray, the Band's tutor & a piper of great talent. The Selkirk Grace was given by good friend & RSL Club Director, Harry Anderson. Of course, typical Scottish food was served, beginning with Scotch Broth, then Haggis with potatoes & turnips & ending with "Spotted Dick" pudding. Two appearances by the Band rounded off the evening. By all indications, a good time was had by all.

For this event to succeed, it needed the input of many people as well as the Band members. To begin with, many thanks to the ladies (Bev, Viv, Monty & Cathy) who attended to a range of duties including reception as well as the hard working "Whisky Tasting Committee" (Bruce, Chris, Jim & especially Brian who really put his heart & soul into the night). Thanks are also owed to David Moncur & Amy Quirk for their hard work on the night. Special thanks also to the various Sponsors who thought fit to assist with donations – without these people, the night would have been a lot harder. Finally, the Band would like to thank the Directors, Management & Staff of Hornsby RSL Club, in particular the Events Manager, Jo Gilbert & her staff for the fine effort they extended in making this event happen.



**The Ladies (Bev, Viv, Monty & Cathy)**



**Our MC David Moncur**



**The Band after it was over - we really needed a Whiskey then!**

Coming events in the next few months include Long Tan Vietnam Remembrance Ceremony on the Central Coast & Scottish Gatherings at Toukley & Nelson Bay. More on these events next month.

Band practice is held every Wednesday night in the Hornsby War Memorial Hall, located next to the Hornsby RSL Club, from around 7.30pm. Experienced pipers or drummers are invited with any learners especially welcomed.

**Graeme Bolton**

### **Table Tennis**

In the SNDTTA Autumn Competitions early this year the Hornsby RSL table tennis teams were a bit unlucky in match results. Three out of the six teams reached the semi finals but were not able to enter the grand finals. Next season will begin in mid August and there are some regroupings of players. Hopefully better results can be attained.

The latest news from SNDTTA is that the A-Reserve Division will be split into two, AR1 and AR2, in competitions. Together with A, B and C Divisions there will be five divisions preferably with eight teams in each division.

On Friday 9 July the Table Tennis Club, at a very short notice to members, held a farewell lunch to our member and visiting friend, Christophe Jarlaud. Christophe had to go back to France urgently to take up a post as a University lecturer in physical training in racquet sports. During his short stay Christophe played for the Hornsby RSL A-grade table tennis team and has been very helpful in training our social/competitive members. Being friendly and approachable Christophe has stimulated much interest in table tennis among members and is loved by all. We wish him all the best in his future endeavour. Attached is a group photo of the farewell party.

On Sunday 18 July Wing Kwai Chan participated in the 2010 NSW Veterans Open Championships and attained runners up in the Over 70 Men's Singles. Good work for Wing Kwai but he was asked to submit age verification afterwards!

**Wing Kwai Chan**



## **Womens Hockey**

### **JUNE 2010 update**

The winter hockey season is heading into the last couple of months of games, and the competition is hotting up for most of the Hornsby RSL Women's teams.

Team Red is sitting atop the Second grade competition ladder, with team Gold sitting in fourth spot. The competition is a tight one, with new club - Barker Old Girls – proving stiff opposition to everyone. There are only 5 games left before the semi finals, so the top teams are doing their utmost to finish in one of the top two positions – this guarantees a second chance in the first week of the finals should they lose to one of the lower ranked teams. The first week in July will be the local derby game for both of the Hornsby clubs in the second grade competition, so watch this space for the victors.

Team Blue are bringing up the rear of the third grade competition, and improving as each week goes on. The girls are thoroughly enjoying playing together and managing to have a laugh or two during the game – generally at the expense of one of their teammates. Team Gold relies on someone from team Blue or Red to play goalie each week, which is not always an easy task to get a volunteer!

The juniors are improving in leaps and bounds, and with more than 11 of them turning up to training each week, their enthusiasm is only getting stronger as the season goes on. The defense during games is as strong as ever and now we are working on the forwards getting the ball into the back of the net! A big thank you to all the parents for bringing the kids out to Friday night or Saturday morning games, rain hail or shine – without with the support and taxi services of the parents we wouldn't have such a fun, outgoing juniors team.

We have booked in the Presentation night for the 11 of September, so the Fundraising Committee will start to get all the finer details organized in the next couple of months. Watch out for the invitations.

That's about it for June from Hornsby RSL Women's Hockey Club, thanks once again to the RSL for their ongoing support.

### **JULY 2010 update**

With less than 4 games left in the regular winter competition, the heat is turning up for all of the Hornsby RSL Women's hockey teams.

The Veteran's team is sitting in equal 4<sup>th</sup> spot on the ladder with Mirrabooka, our arch rivals, on the same number of points. It may come down to goal difference to decide who gets to go through to the semi finals, and so we are hoping Jules and co. have their shooting shoes on for their next games against Manly and Warringah, with a bye in the final round of matches. Mosman appear to be run away leaders at the top of the table, but things can easily change once the finals get underway.

Hornsby Red are still sitting atop the ladder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade competition and Hornsby Gold sitting in 4<sup>th</sup> spot, with both teams due to make the semi finals. Both teams have been improving week to week, and with team Gold losing several players to pregnancies (one of the perils of playing womens sport!) , it has sometimes been a bit of a challenge getting a full team on to the field. The captains and coaches of all the teams have been putting in a lot of effort at both training and game days to ensure each of teams are full of enthusiastic players.

Team Blue are developing as both a team and as individuals, with some great displays of team work in the last couple of games. Coach Dallas can be heard on the sideline of each game screaming out encouragement to all the players.

The Junior competition has been split into 2 smaller divisions – Under 13B and U13C, based on game result from the first half of the season. Our team will be playing in the U13C competition for the remainder of the year. It has been great to have more than 10 juniors at training each and every week, no matter what the temperature is outside! The girls and boys are always eager to learn a new skill or try a new training drill, or to simply whack the ball up the other end of the field and chase after it.

Plans are underway for the organization of our Presentation Night on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, with the Committee to finalize a theme for the night in the forthcoming week. We are in the final stages of our fundraising by selling chocolates, so will be able to report on funds made in the next months update.

Mick Pearce has been down to watch a few of the Sunday afternoon games, and his bellowing voice can be heard with Coach Dallas' on the sideline. The support and encouragement are really appreciated by the girls and the Club.

That's about it for July from the Hornsby RSL Women's hockey Club.

*Lara Critchley*

### **Billiards & Snooker**

1. The checking of the cue lockers is now underway and a clean out of old and unused cues will result in more lockers for use by members.
2. The last round of the HSS competition will be played on Tuesday 20 July and then it's into the finals. It looks like Hornsby I will be playing for the HSS trophy and Hornsby II will be playing in the finals for the Scottish Cup.
3. The Interclub Billiards will be starting in about a month's time and we will be fielding a team in that competition.
4. Our next two competitions are the Open Billiards and the Minor Snooker Singles, the lists are on the notice board for names. Don't forget the play or forfeit rule will apply.
5. The Handicap Snooker Doubles was won by David McMahon and Remko Duursma, the runners up were David Prince-Wright and Fred Aropio. The Handicap Billiards was won by Andy deHaan, the runner up was Harry Anderson.

*Squizzly*

### **Rifle Club**

The Rifle Club has had a good number of shooters turning up for the first 3 weeks of the new shooting year. In particular the weekend of the 17 July 2010 with 3 new shooters coming along to try out the sport. Scores have been mixed with some trying conditions and difficult mirage which has tested even our more experienced shooters at the Hornsby Range.

As a club we are looking to further develop and improve our scores in the new shooting year, with the wealth of experience in our club we can tap into different approaches to re-loading, wind reading expertise and the correct shooting position on the firing point, all aimed (*pardon the pun*) at ensuring best practice is shared with all members.

Next weekend we are shooting at 700M, with F Class medals up for grabs for the highest score recorded at this distance. The competition in the club will be fierce with a number of the Full Bore Shooters also participating in the F Class discipline – so please make sure your sights are adjusted correctly and your ammo is tuned! I look forward to seeing you on the range.

*Bulls Eye*

A friendly reminder that all reports need to be e-mailed to me at [jmcandrew@hornsbyrsl.com.au](mailto:jmcandrew@hornsbyrsl.com.au) ***no later than the Wednesday*** afternoon following the meeting on the Monday evening.

