

Adult Dance

Our Tuesday night dances continue to be a great success. This Tuesday, 16th June, will be our special Christmas in June dinner dance in the RSL Showroom which is always one of the highlights of the year.

The annual pilgrimage to the Ulladulla Ball, organized by Rhondda and Norm Day, was held over the last weekend in May. About 34 of our members made the trip and, refusing to let the weather dampen their spirits, all had a great time. Some of the pilgrims left early morning on the Sunday to honour our club vice president, Ernie Jackson who celebrated his 85th birthday, another wonderful occasion.

Computer Club

The meeting opened at 3.00pm with a one minute silence.

The Secretaries report was presented.

Subject for the day was '**The Y2K bug myth**'. This talk was very interesting and involved the history as well as business's initial lethargic attitude to a potential problem.

The main lesson for us, even to this day, is to check the interest rate being received on investments as many calculation errors were made in the past.

The suggestion was made to change the date on your computer if a downloaded program only lasted for a short nominated period. However doing so would possibly cause problems with existing programs. An alternative would be to create a "virtual machine", which could be removed from your CPU whenever it suited you.

Main topic for the day was '**How to Ask Smart Questions**'.

When your computer crashes, don't panic, just 'freeze', then recapitulate on the most recent procedures used, to ensure correct steps were taken.

Where to get answers to problems:-

1. For definitions and facts go to Wkipedia.org.
2. For error messages – repeat exactly what was stated in the dialogue box when communicating your problem.
3. If the message is incomprehensible to you – paste error number and several key words into Google and hope.

To copy just the top dialogue box, instead of the whole screen, use the Alt./Print keys, then paste into a word processor.

Our website does not have a forum, but the committee have offered to help members with their computer problems.

Theme for the year:- What have computers done for me and to me lately?
This, coupled with a lively Q and A session, resulted in a very full meeting.

The final topic "How to write an email" is postponed till next month.

Members were invited to make suggestions as to subjects they would like to have discussed at a future meeting.

Interest was held right up until the meeting closed at 5.00pm.

President

Secretary

John Nicholls

Ted Weber

Golf Club

KIAMA – 14th June 09 Shane O’Hara Memorial Trophy

A perfect weekend of mild weather greeted the 15 players on the Saturday morning bus trip to Kiama Golf Club. With the bus arriving around lunch, the group were split 50/50 between a 9 hole warm up and the 9 race card at the TAB.

Saturday 9-hole warm up.

A reasonably flat course greeted the golf nuts with lush fairways and “glass like” greens. The highlight of the day was the 8 player “shoot out” on the 9th hole with Jeffro chipping in from off the green for the winning shot. [Jeffro also sunk his shot from off the green on the previous hole!] The crew hopped back on the bus and headed back to catch up with the punters at the TAB. Most post mortems on the way back were full of discussions about the quality of the greens and how to ensure the speed was a [nice] surprise for the punters on Sunday. In meeting up with the TAB team it was left up to Jeffro to update the rest of the group on the courses’ condition, tips, tricks and hazards. Jeffro did a fantastic job of re-counting the turns and rolls of most of his shots and left the conversation on a very positive note.

Saturday punt a’thon.

Our punters also had an excellent afternoon with many good priced winners available for the picking. Bet of the day belonged to the Vice President Gordo, a studious & passionate purveyor of thoroughbred horseflesh carefully selected “Sizzling Sally” and quietly snuck up to the window to place his wager. Happy in the knowledge he was on a good chance, Gordo headed to watch the race. Idle conversation within the group bubbled away as the race started. It was not until the last 400m that Gordo found he was not the only punter in the TAB who was cheering a fast finishing Sizzling Sally on to win! Jodie, his punting nemesis who had ruined the chance of many a good chance was whipping up a frenzy across the table. Gordo was starting to feel he had been stiffed for the second time in a week however Sizzling Sally, with a novice jockey, the hopes of it’s’ owners and the weight of expectation from these two in the TAB, duly saluted at a \$20+ price. The conversation was now a celebration! “I knew she had the form to win. Good to see you are finally starting to study the form properly” an jubilant Gordo exclaimed. “Really”? The surprised Jodie replied; “Sally was my grandmother’s name, I didn’t even look at the form guide!”

Sunday Golf – Shane O’Hara Memorial trophy

The group woke to a beautiful morning and gathered at the bus outside the very comfortable Motel ready for the “main event”. Bulldog Moore was the first to use the bus door on this occasion and after a short trip the first group were heading on their way. Two of the group took the role of course / tour guide seriously, donning bright green and gold wigs to make sure if we did not hear where they were, we could see them at almost every hole. Every group reported the “punters” in the foursome had a tough time on the first green and a look of shock was a common look after watching the “fall-out” from their first putt! With the course virtually to ourselves, most players were able to complete the 18 holes in reasonable time before returning to the clubhouse for the presentation.

The winner on the day was Max Bridgman who smashed the field with 37 points. Runner up was Andy McElroy with 31 points and it is fair to say the course and the hangovers beat the rest of the field! Max said he was proud of winning the trophy named after Shane. Many of the group felt Shane would have really enjoyed what was a great trip filled with hearty laughs & happy golf. His friends were left feeling his spirit is still a part of a club that sees golf is more than just a walk or a game. The bus was packed and we returned home celebrating what was a big weekend.

A short note of thanks goes to the Secretary Andy McElroy for organizing the weekend, with a well prepared trip, the group enjoyed the 2 days hassle free; cheers Andy.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ASQUITH – SUNDAY July 5th – 6:41

1st round of the club championships and finals of the Matchplay. List on the board this week. You must have played five rounds with the club since October 08 to qualify for the champos however both visitors, new members and past members are still welcome to play.

ASQUITH – SUNDAY July 19th – 7:23

2nd round of the club championships. The business end of the season. Only a select few will lift the trophy with many dreams shattered for another year. Expect a lot of serious faces on the first tee on this morning.

Tim Brackenreg

Swimming Club

We had 18 members travel to Queanbeyan for the Queens Legacy Carnival, which is held every long weekend in June and hosted by Hornsby Frogs. It was a wonderful weekend with 140 swimmers from all over the state taking part in the event.

On the Saturday morning the Frogs took a trip to the Tidbinbilla Deep Space Centre followed by a BBQ lunch at a nearby reserve. The weather was wonderful and it was a great trip.

On the Saturday night there was a “Meet & Greet” for all swimming clubs at Queanbeyan Bowling Club with dinner and dancing till late.

On Sunday morning we held our swimming carnival at the Australian Defence Force Academy’s pool and our club was extremely successful on the morning. We took out all three places in the 25m freestyle:-

1 st	Jeanette O’Keeffe
2 nd	Peter Quirke
3 rd	Ric Wood

Kerry Smith was 2nd in the 50m freestyle and our Hornsby team was 2nd in the 4 x 50m relay.

We had an Hawaiian theme for the Presentation Lunch with everyone attending wearing their Hawaiian gear which was a great deal of fun. The generosity of all those present was outstanding and we raised almost \$3000 for Queanbeyan Monaro Legacy over the weekend. The Hornsby Frogs are to be congratulated for their hard work in raising these funds and we are now looking forward to next year.

Our thanks also go to Mario Machado and the RSL Club, for the donation of prizes for the raffles at the fundraiser.

We will be holding our annual Presentation on Sunday 5th July at the Club after having lunch in the Bistro.

We also have three carnivals coming up in August.

Jeanette O’Keeffe - Captain

Table Tennis



The SNDTTA Autumn Tournament is near its end. All players of our six teams have experienced enjoyable and exciting matches. Things have been running smoothly in the Tournament. Hornsby Team 1 in the A Division have been struggling among stronger teams but managed to beat North Sydney Leagues and avoided coming last.

In the A Reserve Division Hornsby Team 2 is doing exceedingly well. With Tommy Mak's deadly long pimples and Geoffrey

Barrett's tricky soft balls the Team managed to beat the strong PCYC Team twice and is now ranked 4th which entitles them to enter the Semi Finals. Teams 3 and 4 of the same Division are a bit behind in positions but are gaining more experience. Hornsby Team 5 in the B Division is unbeatable and is ranked first. It will play the semi final on Thursday, 18 June.

Hornsby Team 6 of the C Division is also doing remarkably well it will play the final on the 15 June. Best of luck to all the teams and looking forward to gain some trophies for Hornsby RSL.

Latest News!! Hornsby C Grade team won the final against Harbord Diggers Team on Monday 15th June.

Wing Kwai Chan

Womens Hockey

Hornsby women's hockey have been enjoying a fairly successful part of the season, although with people off on holidays and weekends away we have only just been managing to put full teams on the fields.

Our 2nd division team is sitting in 3rd place, however there are only 3 points separating the top 3 teams and still 5 rounds to go in the season. Our two third division teams, Hornsby Gold and Hornsby Blue, are sitting in first and sixth position respectively. Hornsby Gold share the lead of the third division competition with Mirrabooka, who they are playing in the next round, so the top of the ladder will be clearer then. Again, with only 5 rounds before finals games begin, Hornsby is looking good to be there till the end of August.

Our juniors have been improving, and although not winning many games, they are a vastly different side to those who started at the beginning of their competition. We have managed to get a few extra kids along as the season has progressed, and as everyone's skills have improved, so too has their confidence and they are enjoying themselves each weekend.

Despite the cold well and truly setting in of night time nowadays, we still get a good number of people at training, both seniors and juniors. It is encouraging to see friendships being made both on and off the sporting field. We have a few social events coming up, of which we thank the RSL for providing the room space for us to use.

Thanks everyone for your ongoing support and see you next month.

Lara

Fishing Club

A very cold morning greeted 8 members and one visitor on Saturday 13th June at Huntley's Wharf 5am. We had our first drop approx. 3 miles off North Head at 6.50am where Alex Tang caught the first fish – a small snapper. A cold north-westerly was blowing at 5 knots with fishing very slow, only 45 fish in total, being moe's flathead, snapper. Terry Choy won the trophy. Alex Tang caught the biggest fish – 1.14 flathead.

Names	Fish	Points
T.Choy	9	42.74
M. Cheng	8	39.50
A. Tang	8	34.38
W. Lo	6	28.85
K. O'Malley	5	23.24
W. Idiens	4	16.50
J. Dubos	2	13.90
D. Orr	1	0.2
T. Hill (visitor)	2	17.60

W. Idiens

A.O.O.B

The 31st May 2009 was me close the books, yet again for another Annual Balance in preparation for our Audit with Bridgen & Partners. Our A.G.M is scheduled for 11am Sunday 28 June 2009 in the Showroom (stage end). All members are invited & encouraged to attend.

We Old Bastards look forward to another financial year and working hard for the many KIDS (the little children & adolescents) and we thank you all for your support, when we are out and about with our Raffle tickets. The management and staff at the RSL also has our sincere gratitude for their consideration and assistance. The hospitals too, we donated to during this last year totalling \$3550.00 are grateful.

Hornsby Ku-ring Gai Hospital (Children)	\$1,050.00
Royal Institute for Deaf & Blind Children, North Rocks	\$800.00
Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation, Randwick	\$800.00
The Children's Hospital, Westmead	<u>\$900.00</u>
	\$3,550.00

God Bless and keep smiling

Pamela Taylor

Klaverjassen

The last tournament on the 7th June was the NSW Klaverjas Federation "President Cup" at Frenchs Forest in the Neerlandia Club. No winners for Hornsby.

But Hornsby RSL Klaverjas won second place in the Jearly Club Champion.

Next tournament will be the Celuks Beker at St Mary's in the Rembrandt Club on the 12th July

Elisabeth

Indoor Bowls

The games played have not been consistent in their frequency which relates to the availability of the Showroom on a Friday night which is unfortunate for us, we take what is available.

Fortunately for our Tuesday mornings we have had better luck and have been getting good numbers for those mornings and all have enjoyed the games played.

Our Annual General Meeting was held last month and we had a good roll up of members and a few put up their hands to act on the committee which was very pleasing.

Our Life Member Thelma Durrant stepped down from the position of Vice President and now is our Patron, congratulations to Thelma on achieving this honour.

Our new Vice President Warren McPherson is our contact person on 9987 2421.

Members keep in mind the "Inter Sub Club" competition which is to be held on Sunday 20 September playing Bowls, Darts, snooker and Table Tennis, starting at 11am with a BBQ in between.

To our not so well members we wish you well and hope to see you on the mats soon.

Mick Pearce

Darts Club

It was good to see Kevin back from his trip to the old country, he gave us a show of his style first night back by pegging out with 161, great darts. He didn't have any signs of the pig flu, but he did have a sun tan which makes it a bit hard to believe he was in England. Other players to peg out from high numbers during the last month were Sonny Pohoiwi with a 157, Peter Hanna hitting 125 and Sean Reed getting 113. All good finishes fellas.

We held our first championship round since our last report, the Jim Kenyon Trophy. The honours on the night went to Sean Reed and Jason Fletcher, winning all the games they played, with Sean hitting the maximum 180 three times and showing why he is one of the best players in NSW. The runners up were Sonny Pohoiwi and myself losing only to the winners.

The finals of the Balmain competition have been played during the last month, with both our teams getting to the semis in B grade. Peter Hanna's team beat Gladesville RSL in the major semi and went straight to the grand final. Our other team captained by Brad Sutton lost in the semi to Concord, who then beat Gladesville. So our team played Concord in the grand final. This game came down to the last singles game and we ended up losing 6 games to 5. *Turtle*

Pipe Band

Although the previous few months, especially April, was a very active time for the Band, the next few months is the opposite. Engagements are traditionally down, due mainly to the weather. However, there are a few engagements pending. Apart from a request from Rotary to participate in an important event to be held in the RSL Club, the Band also anticipates being involved in the upcoming 90th Anniversary of the Hornsby RSL Sub-Branch. Both are considered very important in the Hornsby community.

We continue to use the services of our tutors, both piping & drumming, with a view to enhancing our overall ability & competing in competitions later in the year.

The War Memorial Hall, next to the RSL Club, is open from around 8pm every Wednesday for our weekly band practice. Everyone is welcomed, especially those with an urge to learn to play or are playing the pipes or drums. *Graeme Bolton*