

Adult Dance

Attendances at our Tuesday night dances are holding up, notwithstanding the colder weather, with the numbers regularly in excess of 100.

The knee brigade, Eileen, Part and John, are all doing well and Eileen and John hope to be back to dancing this week. Pat Curby is still troubled by her other knee and may not be able to take to the dance floor just yet.

We will soon be gearing up for our Christmas in June dinner dance and Doreen Turvey has already been working on some new decorations.

John Turvey

Computer Club

The meeting opened at 3.10 pm with one minutes silence in remembrance of our fallen heroes.

Apologies from Peter Hutchison and Hugh Oliver.

Nicole read minutes of April meeting.

Don presented Treasures report for April.

News:-

1. John read an excerpt from the April, 2009 Monthly Chronicle re Warning – Phishing page looks like a bank website.
2. To block Pop-Ups in Internet Explorer go to IE > Tools > Options > Internet then tick “Block pop ups” box
3. Ubuntu operating operating system requires 700MB of disk space compared to about 2.1 GB for Windows Vista.
4. The free Commander program is comparable to Windows Explorer.

Comments:-

Comments, questions and answers: What have computers done for me and to me lately? Several members offered their past month’s experiences which prompted various responses. Whilst one member maintained that a USB port gave a better connection to the internet than the Ethernet port, another member maintained the opposite view.

The President then brought the meetings attention to the programmed topics for the day.

- 1. How to set access privileges in Windows XP.**
- 2. How to check download speed.**
- 3. How to check the vulnerability of your computer on the Internet.**

For details of each of these subjects please see the Computer Club website at <http://hrslcc.angelfire.com> or the Sport Sub-clubs in RSL website www.hornsbyrsl.com.au .

A secure password may be obtained from Shields Up at www.grc.com

One member expressed his dismay with passwords as a small Russian program ‘cracked’/found a forgotten password “in a matter of seconds”.

Happy computing till next month.

Ted Weber

Swimming Club

Our winter season is now well under way at Galston Pool.

On Mothers Day, the Mothers Day race was won by Sue Younie and a special morning tea was held in the club room after the swim for all the mums.

We are looking forward to our Queens Legacy Carnival held at Queanbeyan over the long weekend in June and we are keenly practicing the act, which we will be performing at the Carnival's Presentation Lunch. A full dress rehearsal will be held in the Boronia Room on Monday June 1st at 7pm and all performers' spouses and members not taking part in the act, will be our audience.

Frog of the Month for May is Colin Hunter.

Jeanette O'Keefe

Womens Hockey

Hi everyone,

Well we are well on the way though the hockey season, with the Women's Open Competition up to round 7 this weekend, the ladies Veterans round 6 and the juniors the 4th round.

We have had a variety of results, with our second division team sitting in 3rd place, one of our third division teams in second place and the other in 6th place. The Juniors are in 6th place as well, however it seems each week we have a new recruit for the juniors team and everyone is improving as they go. We had over 11 juniors at training last week, so that is the most encouraging sign for us. The juniors' competition is played on a Friday night or Saturday morning, with Cintra at Concord the furthest field, so it is great we are getting encouraging results from them.

We have had no major injuries in the last couple of weeks, so hopefully they are all behind us for the season! There will be two players going in to have knee reconstructions in the next couple of weeks, so we will be wishing them a good and speedy recovery and back on our beloved hockey field (next year) as they are sorely missed.

Our social Committee have been busy the last couple of weeks organising some events, looking at 2 mid-season functions and the end-of year presentation night. We are thinking of a treasure hunt sort of activity mid July so we can have hockey players and parents of all ages along for the fun, and a cocktail party mid June for the older players.

That's about it for this month, thanks for your ongoing support and see you in June.

Lara Critchley

Darts Club

Friday night social darts has had good attendance over the last 4 weeks since my last report with over sixty players for the period. It's good to see new faces enjoying the game of darts. We have decided to make the draw for partners a bit more equal rather than just drawing each player straight out of the hat as it goes. From the results so far this year each player has a percentage from their performances, on the night the number of players is divided in two with the highest in one group and the lower percentages in the other. Each team is picked from the two groups. Hopefully this system will give everybody a chance of taking home one of the frozen delicacies. Speaking of which the winners for this month have been:-

Sonny topping the list with 3, players who have taken two of the chooks home are Ron, Jason F, Jason D and Peter H. Single winners are Daniel Carol T, Peter W and Heather.

Wednesday night competition has had a big turn around with Brad being overseas his team lost a few games and will now finish in fourth place.

Peter Hanna's team still have a chance at finishing 2nd or 3rd depending on the game against Concord on the 20th May. Gladesville RSL will be in 1st place by the look of it. Good luck to both our teams in the semis, as we all know it comes down to how each player is throwing on the night.

Turtle

Golf Club

WYONG – 17th May 09 Captain Vs Presidents

A beautiful morning greeted the players in the car park of Wyong Golf Club. After a howling gale the previous day everyone was pleased to welcome this brisk but calm morning with a clear sky and calm morning. This serene picture quickly gave way to a good turn out of 24 members and 2 new members yelling & screaming at their own little white golf ball for the next 4 hours!! To say the course was in good condition was an understatement. A few players were heard to mumble “he has to make this to win the masters” under their breath and with greens as slick and true as Augusta itself, you could almost believe they were.

El' Capitan Dennis Dempsey guided his team to a decisive victory over the slightly depleted Presidents team lead in style by Vice Pres, “Gordo” Stannard. Dave “Obama” Knudsen has been ill of late and could not play, but ventured up the freeway to make the presentations and commiserate the vanquished. We look forward to a speedy recovery from David in time for our weekend trip and his '09 assault on the club championships in July at Asquith.

The winners on the day were:

A grade – Andy McElroy who played to his handicap for 36 points with Gordon Stannard just shy of the trophy with 35 points. The banker seems to have taken a liking to this course and I suspect the locals may see him fine tune his game for the “champos” away from prying eyes.

B Grade – Tony “Wild” West won with a strong 35 points shading out Anthony Herden who had another great round of golf scoring 33 points. “The grapevine” [I heard it on the.....] was a winner at Warringah and had 3 shots deducted from his handicap, making this effort especially creditable.

C Grade - Darren Forster won on a countback of 36 points from Peter Cunningham who could not match the 22 points Darren scored on the 2nd nine holes. The Australian Institute of Sport has sent a team to investigate the properties of the meat pies sold to Darren at half way with a view to putting our next Olympic team on a regime of meat pies and diet coke. Picture Thorpie with a 4 & 20 grin; including tomato sauce and you get a sense of what Darren's opponents were up against!!

The matchplay semi finals were also decided with Max “build ‘em” Bridgman defeating “Thommo” and Darren beating the author 2 & 1 I a “ding dong” affair. Good luck to both players who have had to beat some quality golfers on the way to this finals matchup.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KIAMA WEEKEND

Only a few weeks away. Make sure you pay your \$200 to “Bulldog” before we board the bus. This is always a great weekend of good food, drink, company and to be brutally honest; average golf scores! Don't be the only one to miss out on Thommos' 2009 “Stand up - On the Buses” spectacular; its' a must see for all discerning members.

ASQUITH – SUNDAY July 5th – 6:41

1st round of the club champoinships.

ASQUITH – SUNDAY July 19th – 7:23

2nd round of the club champoinships.

Until then, happy Gilmore golfers, Tim Brackenreg

A.O.O.B

Our financial year will again be over with our books closing for audit on the 31st May with our Treasurer Pamela Taylor once again endeavoring to find time along with her never ending family duties as a wife and mother and grandmother to complete her self audit of the books before forwarding them to our Auditors Brigden & Partners.

The Australasian Order of Old Bastards have had the very great honour of receiving a certificate from the Children's Hospital at Westmead (*Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children*) appointing us a Founder with all the rights and privileges that the hospital confers, which was presented to our President, Ian Hollindale and Vice President Frank Gould by Dr Antonio Penna at a function at Government House Sydney held for this prestigious occasion.

We are indeed proud to know that the donations we make to our chosen Children's Charities do most certainly have such an ongoing impact and have been such a very great help to those to whom we donate.

Congratulations must go to a wonderful Old Bastard Danny Elliot who became a father of a beautiful son born Friday 8th May, a little brother for Crystal and Nikita.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 28th June at 11.00am hopefully in the Waratah Lounge, the booking is still to be made at this point in time.
Robert Foody – President

Indoor Bowls

The number of games played over the last few weeks have improved greatly in the Showroom, and we have been greatly pleased with this turn around and hopefully it will continue.

The games played on our Friday nights have been all close battles and have been enjoyed by those in attendance great fun being had by all.

Our Tuesday mornings under the tutelage of our Vice President Thelma Durrant have been going along great with increased numbers turning up on those mornings.

We thank the management for the work being done re-marking the mats and to improve the lighting on the mats.

An important reminder that our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 29th May in the Acacia Room at 6.15pm, to hear the Financial Report on how well we are going.

To our not so well members we wish you all the best, in particular Max Gibbs one of our best supporters over the years, we hope to see you at the AGM Max.
Mick Pearce

Klaverjassen

Last tournament was "MOTHERS DAY TOURNAMENT" in the Rembrandt Club at St Mary's on the 3rd of May. 12 members from Hornsby RSL Klaverjas took part. Hornsby RSL came third. Poul Lepelaar had the third most points.

Next tournament will be "The NSW Klaverjas Federation Presidents Cup" in the Neerlandia Club at Frenchs Forest on the 7th June.
Elisabeth

Billiards & Snooker

We had our AGM on Monday 11th May with a total of 17 members in attendance which is a few more than usual. Our patron is Don Huxtable, President Allen Taylor, Vice Presidents Keith Taylor & Harry Anderson, Secretary Bob Morse, Treasurer Dave McMahon, Publicity Keith Taylor, Committee Tony Elton, Sasha Ghersini, John Weightman, Dave Princewright, Danny Joukhadar. Our thanks to the Returning Officer Mick Pearce for a job well done.

On Saturday the 16th May was our Presentation Night and for all who attended a great night was had by all. Good food, drinks and music to suit all ages and may thanks to "Davo" who supplied the music. The last disc was a gem. Thanks again.

The handicap snooker singles was won by Peter Hundal beating Dennis Dempsey. Now the lists are on the Notice Board for the handicap snooker doubles and the handicap Billiards, be early and get your names in. It would be nice to actually have members read what is on the Notice Board and not wait to be told. Both H.S.S teams are performing well with good results. Keep it up.

Our thanks to the Board for their ongoing support for the Snooker Club. Thanks also to the Management and Staff who catered for our Presentation Night which went off without a hitch. Squizzy

Rifle Club

The Rifle Club has had a good number of shooters turning up each week for the final weeks of shooting in the 2008/09 competition year. Scores have been mixed but there have been some noticeable improvements among our ranks that are worth mentioning.

On the 2nd of May at 300M, Roland Van Soest came 2nd in Target Rifle with a score of 95 out of 100 – a great result.

On the 9th of May at 800M, Chris Sefton came 3rd in Target Rifle with a score of 94 out of 100.

On the 16th of May at 300M, Justin Gray came 1st in F-Class open with a score of 182 out of 200.

It is good to see improvement across the board as we enter the home stretch for the shooting year.

One of our Life Members – Billy May – has been missing on Saturday due to ill health. Bill is recovering from an operation and is slowly getting back to being mobile. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Next weekend we are shooting at 800M again – 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

Pipe Band

Since the last report, the main activity for the Band was on Anzac Day, a long day for us, beginning with the Dawn Service at Hornsby. After a hearty breakfast at the RSL Club, we then travelled via our bus into the City for the main Anzac March in the city. By all accounts, we were “featured” in the TV coverage that day. Following this march, we then participated in the usual Scottish Act of Remembrance as part of the largest massed band, marching from the Town Hall back to Martin Place for the laying of Wreaths. Following a suggestion by our DM, we then march back to our bus, playing. However, we were followed by another pipe band, the Sri Dasmesh Pipes & Drums, a Sikh pipe band visiting from Malaysia. After some interaction with this Band, we were invited to play a few brackets of tunes with them. All band members



appreciated the chance to further international co-operation.

Our friends from Malaysia

After all this, we called into the Kirribilli Club for a late lunch & a few tunes for the members present, as is our home club for a bit more playing where we play a variety of Australian tunes. All indications were that it was greatly appreciated by the club. Again, a very long but enjoyable day for all.



A second important activity that occurred this month was the Band's AGM held on Wednesday, 13th May in the RSL Club. Apart from band members, our patron, Bruce McRae & Director Harry Anderson were present. The main item to report was the election of committee members for the coming year. These were as follow:

President – Brian Thompson
Treasurer – Jim Ponton
Secretary – Ian Bests

Pipe major & Committee Member – Graeme Bolton
Committee Member – Bruce Crundwell

It is appropriate that the previous committee be thanked for their work over the past year. Following the meeting, a light supper was provided by the Club. The Band would like to thank Hornsby RSL Club (Director, Management, Staff & of course members) for the support over the preceding year. In particular, we do thank Harry Anderson for again acting as returning officer.

Practice is still held in the War Memorial Hall from 8pm every Wednesday. If you're interested, please call in.

Graeme Bolton