A.O.O.B

Christmas is drawing near with five weeks to go and it is time for us to make our usual donations, this year we have $2,000.00 to divide between our special charities:-

The Children's Hospital at Westmead
Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick
The Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children North Rocks
The Children's / Adolescence Ward Hornsby Ku Ring Gai Hospital

Congratulations to that Great Old Bastard Norm Bakker for a truly great and enjoyable show last Saturday night 15th November.

Happy Birthday wishes to our A.O.O.B trustee John Deane who shares his birthday with Michelle Bakker on 21st November.

Congratulations to Old Bastards Leslie Donaldson & Terry Hope on the birth of a grandson.

Stock for sale: Wallets @ $40.00 each, stubby holders @ $8.00 each, key ring badges @ $5.00 each. To arrange purchase please contact Pamela Taylor (9457 9534) or Bob Foody (9457 0627)

Bob Foody

Adult Dance

Attendance at last Tuesday's regular dance was 123, so the numbers are possibly seeing an upturn with the advent of the warmer weather.

Our annual Ball was held on 28th October in the RSL Showroom and was a huge success in all respects, including the food and waitering service by the RSL, the improved condition of the floor for dancing, the music by organ maestro Pat Walsh, the ambience of the Showroom and the dress, enthusiasm and fellowship of those who attended. The evening was graced by the presence of RSL President Col Burke and his wife Vonnie, Dance Club Patron Mick Pearce and wife Lily, and the dance club Presidents Ray O'Brien and Edmund Marr of Forestville RSL, and Manly Warringah Leagues clubs, and their partners Betty and Anna.

A great outing was held by 57 members and friends of our dance club at the Berowra Waters Waterview Restaurant last Thursday. The theme was An Aussie Bush Christmas Luncheon, with entertainment by Pat Drummond, singer – songwriter of humorous Australian Ballads, including the "Sayo Song" (of Macca's Australia All Over fame), with much hilarious audience participation in singing, acting and dancing. Our special thanks go to our dance club secretary Doreen Turvey for organizing the outing.

We wish Lily Pearce, Dance Club member and co-delegate to these meetings, a successful outcome to the current series of tests she is under-going for Arithmia. Likewise for Ronnie Schock under-going shoulder tests with a further operation likely. Our best wishes also to Norm Day, committee member, for a speedy recovery from his recent operation. ***John Turvey***

Computer Club

Meeting opened at 1525hrs by President Mr Peter Hutchison.

Business:

- PRESENT: As per attendance book.
- VISITORS: Nil
- APOLOGIES: Edward Caruana – Noel Reed, Jan Garland – Ron Cox – Isa Cox
- MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING- read by Peter Hutchison moved and seconded as a true and accurate record.

General computer questions addressed: facilitated by Mike Kroon

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The Special General Meeting

Motion: Annual membership fee will be determined by the committee.

Proposer: Mike Kroon **Seconder**: John Rose **Carried**

General discussion regarding constitution issues continued without further amendments.

The meeting closed at 1639hrs. The next meeting will be the last one for the year so will contain the AGM as well as the Christmas function. To be held on Saturday, 13th November 2008, commencing at 3pm. Everyone is welcome. ***Edward Caruana***

Golf Club

A good sized field made the trip to Toronto G.C. Sunday 2/11 on beautiful Lake Macquarie. Three of our members are actually full golf members of this course. Friendly positioned social tees made for some good scores with no better than Peter Cunningham & Tony West blitzing the course with 41 pts each. Alas, there can only be 1 winner with Peter nudging out Tony on countback. Peter was the epitomy of humbleness & & modesty in accepting his maiden victory - not. Peter could be seen & heard across Lake Macquarie celebrating his win by all & sundry. Craig West was far less vocal in taking out 'A' grade.

NEXT VENUES
Asquith G.C. 23/11 6.30am
AGM 25/11 7pm
Glenmore Heritage Valley G.C. 7.04am (bus trip - first 24 get a seat) ***Andrew McElroy***

Fishing Club

There were 6 fisherfolk today. It was overcast with a northerly wind as we passed under the Bridge, signaling a strong current out to sea. The skipper decided to head south, so we started fishing about 4 miles off north Bondi.

There were fish in plenty, but they were only tiny leatherjackets - the skipper calls them the "grasshoppers of the sea". Winnie managed to catch one big enough to keep and so won the first fish of the day. These little buggers constantly frustrated us throughout the morning as they kept pinching the bait. There were so many about, that they would get snagged on our hooks - too small to keep. We moved on to get out of this "plague" of leatherjackets and on the third drop we started to catch some keepers - leatherjackets and flatheads.

Billy has the hard luck award finally catching a flathead about 1 kg. Billy stunned it and put in his bucket but about 3 minutes later; it woke up, looked around, said I want to go home and jumped out of the bucket, slid down the deck and back to the briny. Michael was the winner of the day catching 9 fish plus the biggest fish of the day being a 1.2kg Flathead.

Looking south about midday at the black clouds rolling up the coast, the skipper was anxious to get back to the harbour and as we entering the heads the rain stated to pelt down.

Despite the weather and the "grasshoppers", we enjoyed our day out and the final results were as follows:

Name	**Number of fish**	**Weight (kg)**	**Points**
Michael Cheng	9	4.52	49.72
Winnie Lo	8	3.6	39.6
Fred Mayer	6	3	33
Terry Choy	6	2.74	27.44
Bill Idien	5	2.88	24.66
Keith O'Malley	3	1.1	12.1
Total Number of fish	39		
Total Weight	17.84		
Total Points	186.52		
Trophy Winner	Michael Cheng		

Dart Club

I would like to apologise for last months report, I stated that the championship game that was played was the open singles. That was an error on my part and I would like to correct my mistake. In actual fact it was the men's single and the ladies singles. I have already mentioned the men's singles (luckily I got that part right) , so the winner of the ladies singles was Alice Hanna with the runner up being Heather Blaker. I am very sorry for this omission. The Open Doubles championship round was held during the last month with the winners being Alice Hanna with Kevin Mitchell and the runners up being Andrew Hasman with Sonny Pohoiwi. Congratulations to both these pairs of players.

The Balmain B Grade darts competition is getting down to the nitty gritty end of the season with one round to play and both our teams are still in contention. Our No.1 team is vying to be minor premiers with Gladesville RSL no.2 team on 20 points each with Asquith Leagues Club a close third on 18 points.

Our No 2 team is back on 14 points in fourth with Gladesville No 1 team on 12 points. Our No.2 team needs to win 2 games in the last round to make certain of a spot in the semis, that's if Gladesville No.1 team beat our No. 1 team 11 nil in the last game. ***Keep on Darting on***

Pipe Band

We've had some big events in the last few weeks. Locally, the Knox Grammar Tattoo proved to be another amazing event that we were proud to be a part of. The organisation involved in getting that much entertainment on and off the field as quickly as they do continues to astound me – and with such a level of amateur excellence! If you didn't get tickets, then plan ahead for next time.

Also, our annual visit to Crowle Homes stirred up the residents to dance and join in – even on a wet and miserable day. Our usual apprentice Drum Major – Max – joined us and helped to lead the band.

In quick succession, we've had the Australian Pipe Band Championships, and the State Solo Championships. The Pipe Band entered the fourth grade competition with high hopes of acquitting ourselves well after a long absence from full band competition. Although we had a few hiccoughs, the result was not too disappointing in a field of some twenty four bands. Interestingly, we placed sixth overall for dress – thanks mostly to grants provided by the Club over recent years that have allowed us to look a lot better when performing.

About a week later, the State Solo Championships saw our young (seven year old) learner, Sean, achieve a close third place in the Practice Chanter Competition – just behind one of our ex-learners. Also there, Bill Hart (ex-Pipe Major) had success in the Seniors competition.

Coming up, we have the end-of-year round of Cadet passing out parades – notably at Normanhurst and North Sydney (actually at Victoria Barracks due to their anniversary).

The band has the doors of the War Memorial Hall open from 8pm, any Wednesday you're passing by. Drop in and listen, have a chat, think about learning; beginner or returning to the clan, we welcome all.

Jax Gibb

Swimming Club

The results of our end of winter season championships were as follows:-

1st 100m Handicap	Ric Wood
1st 75m Handicap	Rob Loftus
1st 50m Handicap	Jeanette O'Keeffe
1st 25m Handicap	Brian O'Keeffe
1st 25m Formstroke H/C	Mick Pearce
1st Frank Gill Brace Relay	Stuart McIntosh and John Younie

We commenced our summer season at Hornsby Pool on 2nd November and so far the weather has been a mixed bag of hot and cold Sunday mornings. We are all looking forward to warmer weather in the very near future.

Last Thursday night (13th November) we had about 15 'Frogs' turn up for dinner plus the meat raffle at the club. It was decided by our members to make this a monthly event on the 2nd Thursday night of each month to coincide with the birthday draw and it seems like it is a great success. We all really enjoyed the evening and to make it even better, nearly everyone won a meat tray.

We must congratulate one of our members Brian Engert on receiving the "Paul Harris Fellow Award" from Berowra Rotary. The award was for his outstanding contribution to the community over the past 30 years, a wonderful achievement and well deserved by Brian.

Also Margaret Davey who celebrated her 81st birthday on the 7th of this month, attended the Pan Pacific Games in Queensland last week and won 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals for various swimming events. Congratulations Margaret.

After our morning swim on the 7th December, we will be having our Christmas celebration at the home of Doug and Lorraine Smith and we are looking forward to a very enjoyable afternoon.

Frog of the Month for November is Bruce Scott who is a new member and has been swimming with us for about 4 weeks. Welcome Bruce. ***Jeanette O'Keeffe***

Womens Hockey

Not a lot to report this month, except to say that summer competition is proving to be enjoyable for the two Women's teams we entered – the girls have enjoyed a few wins and a few losses, but are keeping up their fitness levels ready for 2009!

The AGM is scheduled for Sunday 30th November in the Boronia room at the RSL club. A request is officially submitted with this report for a Returning Officer and the Room (Booking has been confirmed with the functions team). ***Kris Turner***

Table Tennis

The Sydney Northern District Table Tennis Teams Competitions have commenced for ten weeks. Up to date results of the Hornsby Teams are as follows: Team A in Div 1 ranks fourth. The strength of the team is weakened because a player has to pull out for the rest of the season due to a medical surgery. Team B and Team C in Div AR rank third and eighth respectively. Team D in Div 2 came fourth while Team E in Div 3 came third.

The cumulative results situation of the weekly "chook" nights is that Geoffrey Barrett is leading with 16 points with Tommy Mak and Eric Luk following closely behind with 13 points. The last Tuesday "chook night" of the year 2008 will be on 16 Dec and will recommence on Tuesday, 20 January 2009.

A year-end buffet dinner is being organized on Friday 19 Dec 2008 and the Annual General Meeting of the Table Tennis Club will be held on Tuesday 17 Feb 2009 at 8pm. A bush walk and an evening of skill training are underway in Nov/Dec. Notices will be posted on the board shortly.

Attached photo is a classic backhand return by Wing Kwai Chan at the 2008 Australian Veterans Table Tennis Championships in Oct at Perth. There were 313 players registered in the Tournament. Wing Kwai was in the over 60 NSW Men's Team B. NSW Men's Team A of over 60 got gold. The 2009 Australian Veteran Table Tennis Championships will be held in Sydney.

Wing Kwai Chan

Billiards & Snooker

The open Snooker Singles and Doubles competitions are now underway with the Doubles out to Semi Final stage and as is usual with Doubles some unexpected results. The Singles are a little behind the Doubles but progressing well. We have a lot of things happening in the next few months starting with our Christmas Chook Night to be held on Friday 19th December (rules apply). Then on Sunday 18th January the second of our Snookers Fun Days will be held. (Subject to request) and then we will be hosting Canberra Billiards and Snooker Team sometime in March. Hopefully sometime in between we will have the Berowra RSL Day.

Squizzy

Indoor Bowls

We have had a bit of continuity of late with a few games being played on a Friday night in the Showroom. As well as the Tuesday mornings have been going along getting a few games in.

Members keep in mind the forth coming Christmas get together to be held in the Showroom:-

When: **Friday 12th December 2008-11-21**

Time: **6.15pm**

Note: **Financial members of the indoor bowls welcome to the 'Get Together'**

After the supper we intend to hold a game of bowls, all welcome.

To our not so well members Marcia and Max Gibbs we hope you have a speedy recovery and looking forward to seeing you on the mat. ***Mick Pearce***

Klaverjas

The last tournament was "The Ans Kommer Shield" in the Rembrandt Club. 11 members from Hornsby RSL Klaverjas took part. No winners this time.

Next tournament is the "Christmas Drive" on the 14th December in the Neerlandia Club at Frenchs Forest.

Hornsby RSL Klaverjas Presentation Night is on the 8th December. ***Elisabeth***