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With Christmas drawing near it is time once again to think of our yuletide donations, we will be taking care of this at our November meeting by splitting up our available funds and writing out toques to the very special Charities that we donate to:-

The Children's Hospital at Westmead

Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation

The Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children

The Children's/Adolescence Ward Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital

Happy Birthday wishes to our Trustee John Deanne on 21 November

Please note we have stock for sale:-

Wallets @ \$40.00

Stubby Holders @ \$ 8.00

Key ring badges @ \$ 5.00

To arrange purchase please contact Pamela Taylor 9457 9534 or Bob Foody 9457 0627 / mobile 0412 446 021.

Robert Foody

Billiards & Snooker

Our last two competitions for the year are now nearing the semi-final stages. The play or forfeit rule did come into play eliminating players who should know better. However next year the players will be a bit more wary. The doubles has been all last years finalists wiped out in the early rounds but there is always next year.

Peter Pritchard and Dave Princewright eliminated K. Taylor and Dave McMahon with the vital black in the 3rd frame. Well played both players. Harry Anderson and Mathew Ward took care of Andy de Haan and Charlie Andrijtch in a tight 2 frames. Now that I am out of the singles, the competition is now wide open. There are some good matches coming up in the near future.

We are coming to the end of the second round in our Interclub Billiards competition. So far, we are unbeaten and hope to keep it that way. Our social snooker day will be held late January or early February. More about that later. Our Christmas chook night will be held on 18 December for all who "qualify".

Squizzy

Swimming Club

We have now commenced our summer season at Hornsby Pool and have encountered varied weather conditions over the past three Sunday mornings.

Our members will be travelling to Dubbo on Friday of this week (20th November) to take part in a variety of events over the weekend celebrating Dubbo Diggers Swimming Club's 50th Anniversary. We are looking forward to a great couple of days together with many RSL swimming clubs from all over the State. Since the last Sporting Bodies Meeting, the 'Frogs' have spent Melbourne Cup day at the Club which was very enjoyable and we have also attended a Thursday night meat raffle with several meat trays being won. On Sunday morning 6th December the Hornsby Pool will be closed for an all day carnival, we will therefore be swimming at Loreto Girls' School's pool (kindly arranged by our Treasurer Kerry Smith) and after the swim we will all be having a Christmas morning tea at the Club's Coffee Shop. After our morning races on Sunday 20th December, our President Brian O'Keeffe, has arranged our Christmas Party on board a Windsor paddlewheeler, where we will be cruising the Hawkesbury River and having lunch along the way.

We are very pleased to welcome Christine Croucher as a new member of our club. Christine is already a member of the RSL Womens Hockey Club and we hope she will enjoy her time in the pool with the 'Frogs'.

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Our Patron and one of our Founding Members, Stan Carroll, has just moved to Melbourne to be near his family and his wife Gay will follow shortly. Stan and Gay have been wonderful members, we will miss them and hope all goes well in the future.

Frog of the Month for November is Sue Younie.

Jeanette O'Keeffe

Klaverjas

On Sunday 8 November 2009, nine members of our Club participated in the "Kommershield" Tournament in the "Rembrandt" Club in St Mary's. Paul Lepelaar from Hornsby RSL Club finished 3rd after members of "Rembrandt" and "Neerlandia".

On Monday 7 December 2009 we will hold our Presentation Night in the Boronia room at 6pm we hope that Mr Colin Bourke and Mr John Deane with their wives will join us for dinner on that night. *Elizabeth*

Computer Club

The meeting opened at 3pm with all standing for one minute's silence in remembrance of those who have given their lives in service to our country so that we may enjoy a continued democratic society.

News:- Spyware has been found in Internet Explorer search engine, but not in Firefox. Apple computers have been found to be superior to Windows PC, but are not widely used. The new Win7 is an improvement on XP, but must use IE6 to IE8 for security reasons. Adding RAM (Random Access Memory) is one of the best ways to improve your computer's performance. Economically priced RAM is available from Pellam at Pennant Hills. Random access memory is volatile memory, meaning it loses its contents once power is cut. This is different from non-volatile memory such as hard disks and [flash memory](#), which do not require a power source to retain data. When a computer shuts down properly, all data located in random access memory is committed to permanent storage on the hard drive or flash drive. At the next boot-up, RAM begins to fill with programs automatically loaded at startup, and with files opened by the user.

Various ways to shutdown a laptop. Go to 'power management settings' and configure each of the three options below to suit your individual requirements.

1. Shutdown. All running programs are removed, but the mainboard is still 'alive'.
2. Hibernate. Copies memory to the hard drive.
3. Sleep. Opens where computer was temporarily left to keep running but not turned off.

The subject was brought up to find out how to best use battery power in laptops in the most economic form, as a new battery costs around \$180.

Specifications:-

Go to - Control Panel>System>'Task Manager' to obtain your computer's specifications.

Task Manager is also accessible by using Ctl-Alt-Del.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Ted Weber – President

Darts Club

Last report I congratulated the winners and runners up of the club championships. A few people complained to me for not putting in who won what so here they are.

Jim Kenyon Trophy - The winners Sean Reed & Jason Fletcher beat Sonny Pohoiwi & Trevor Turnbull with 5 wins.

Mens Singles – Ron Jones with 10 wins beat Sonny Pohoiwi 9.

Womens Singles – Alice Hanna won 4 games and Carol Toohey beat Heather Blaker in a play off for runner up.

Mens Doubles – Winners with 4 games were Sonny Pohoiwi and John Blaker with Ron Jones and Kevin Mitchell runners up beating Mick Fitzpatrick and Trevor Turnbull in a play off.

Womens Doubles – Winners were Alice Hanna and Carol Toohey with the runners up being Julie Scott and Meagan Beaumont.

Handicap Singles – The winner of this was Sonny Pohoiwi and the runner up was Kevin Mitchell who beat Steve Toohey and Peter Hanna in a play off.

Handicap Doubles – Sean Reed and Kevin Mitchell won this championship game with Sonny Pohoiwi and Peter Hanna beating Steve Toohey and Mick Fitzpatrick for Runners up.

Keep on Darting on - Turtle

Indoor Bowls

The drought is still upon us in not having access to the Showroom because of the steady stream of bookings for the Showroom over the past few months and I believe that the Showroom will be available on the 20th of this month so be aware and be there.

Also, keep in mind that the 'Christmas Get Together' will be held in the Showroom on Friday night 11 of November near 6.15pm.

We expect a bumper crowd of financial members to be there, to enjoy another fantastic night of a good food, a couple of beers and good company with a game of bowls to follow.

Our Tuesday morning games have also suffered from lack of availability of the Showroom fortunately, they have had a few more games than the Friday nights.

A special thanks to our Vice President Warren McPherson who has taken on the task of contacting members, supported by our Life Member Thelma Durrant both have done a mighty job keeping members informed as to what is going on, at times the Showroom bookings have come in at short notice then requiring a phone around. Many thanks to you both.

The President of the Indoor Bowls Graham Moss has retired from the workforce and has become man of leisure, though I have been informed he may take up another interest it may be swimming, golf, dancing, bushwalking, table tennis, darts, palaeontology, whatever it may be we wish him all the best in reaching his retirement and in the process enjoying it after a life time of work.

All the best to you Graham from your mates of Indoor Bowls.

To our not so well members we hope and pray you can make it on Friday 11 December for our 'Christmas Get Together'.

Mick Pearce

Pipe Band

Since the last report, your scribe has taken a short break visiting relatives in Western Australia. However, the Band functioned extremely well during my absence under the able guidance of Jim, Bruce & Brian – what a trio! Many thanks to all members.

The local 226 Cadet Unit held their annual formal dinner at the RSL Club on the night of Friday, 6th Nov. As usual, they required the services of a solo piper to parade the colours & to welcome guests. Our Pipe Sergeant, Jim Ponton, performed these duties to perfection. I was hardly missed.

Next day, Saturday 7th Nov was the annual fete held at Crowle Homes at Ryde, a centre for sufferers of Downe Syndrome. The “resident” Drum Major, Max & dressed in his Maclaime of Lochbuie tartan kilt, met the Band at the front entrance & assisted Brian in “Drum Majoring” during the morning with the Band’s performance (see photo).



Following the fete, the Band then did a quick trip to Hornsby where they performed in the Mall as part of Hornsby Council’s Music Festival. A long but very enjoyable day.

November 11th is an important day for the RSL. As always, the Band provides a lone piper to play the lament during the local ceremony at Hornsby. This year, with the usual piper away, our Pipe Corporal, Bruce Crundwell, answered the call.

Also on that day & being a Wednesday, the weekly band practice was transferred to Waitara Oval for a night parade. Many local watch the Band go through it steps.

Band practice is normally held in the Hornsby War Memorial Hall, next to the Hornsby RSL Club, every Wednesday from around 7.30pm. We invite those who have played or wish to play pipes or drums. Learners especially welcomed.

Graeme Bolton

Rifle Club

The Rifle Club welcomes four new shooting members – James Woodward, Roger Xiang, Ben Sweetnam and Huw Moore. We trust that they will enjoy developing their skills in marksmanship with the club and look forward to seeing them on the range.

The Club will be holding its Presentation Dinner on the evening of Saturday the 28th of November in the Club House on the range. Tickets are \$30.00 per head and members are asked to pay our Treasurer – Chris Sefton – by no later than Saturday the 21st of November to reserve your place.

There have been a number of club members competing in open competition recently. Adrian Bonanni posted a score of 144.9 out of 150 at the Eugowra Centenary Prize Meeting on the October Long Weekend to place 16th in A-Grade. Brian Kirkman posted a score of 115.7 to place 8th and Alan Bowyer-Tagg posted a score of 105.3 to place 18th in F-Class Standard at the Gosford District Rifle Club Open Prize Meeting. At the same competition, Adrian Bonanni posted a score of 98.9 to come 7th and Bill Ballantyne posted a score of 98.6 to come 10th in A-Grade Target Rifle.

Next week we have a delegation from the Knox Grammar School Cadet Unit attending the range to observe what we do and how we might be able to help them build a rifle team for competition.

Members who are interested in knowing more about shooting with the RSL Rifle Club can visit our website on:

www.hornsbyrslrc.com.au

See you on the Range

Table Tennis

The SNDTTA Spring Competition is approaching its end. As of 12 Nov., Hornsby RSL Team1 in Division A ranks 2nd and is doing very well. Team2 in Division AR is doing marvellously and is ahead of other teams. Team 3 ranks 5th and will have a play off in the AR Division. Team5 of the Division B has had no easy games and is at present in the 2nd or 3rd position. However, considering the coming matches it is very possible that they could reach up to the top. Team6 in the Division C shall have the match of finals on Monday, 23 Nov. Best of luck and congratulations to all the teams which have performed with excellence. Special praise is given to Scott Barrett of Hornsby RSL Team 2 who has 94.4% wins in the AR Division during this Spring Season.

The 2009 World Masters Game was held in Sydney in October. One of Hornsby RSL table tennis A Division players Stephen Tai participated in the O/50 men's table tennis team event and won a silver medal. ***Congratulations!***

The Handicap Challenge on every Tuesdays will have its last match this year on 15 December. Up to 10 November record shows that the top three players having the highest number of points are Scott Barrett (14), James C H Wong (13) and Geoffrey Scott (12) with Guy Chan and Majid Nasr both one point (11) behind. We are going to have very exciting and close matches in the coming weeks.

The Table Tennis Club will have its annual dinner on Friday, 18 December 2009 in the Acacia Room. Please refer to the poster in the TT Room for details. *Wing Kwai Chan*

Womens Hockey

With the main winter competition over and the summer comp reaching towards the end, the girls are looking forward to the Christmas break and a well earned rest. We have a team playing on a Tuesday night and one on a Thursday night at Ku-Ring-gai hockey club in the summer comp, and both teams are doing well, albeit it is a bit more of a social comp than the main winter one. We have even managed to obtain some new players with the summer teams, as it is a good way for people to get back in to hockey after time away from the game or if they have just moved to the area. We are holding our AGM on Sunday the 29th of November at the RSL Club, so look forward to wrapping up our year then. *Lara Critchley*

Golf Club

TORONTO – SUNDAY November 1st

Twenty one desperate golfing souls journeyed north to the picturesque but challenging Toronto Golf Course which has thrown up the odd challenge or two over the years. With a few of the fraternity full members at this course, the mood was mixed with some wary of the "locals" taking the advantage over the "blow ins"; perceived to not know the course as intimately.

Once the field was on the course and battling the elements, the heat, and the course it was agreed that this advantage was nullified by the generous tee locations taming some of the holes that have burnt many a round over the years. As a consequence the course was receptive to good scoring and good scoring was the order of the day with over a third of the field playing to or above their handicap.

A grade was won with a quality 41 points by Cal Moore who was able to take advantage of his "experience" to tame a hot field that included Al Taylor who had 39 points and was reported to have had the potential to have had "anything" had a putt or two more had dropped in his favour.

B Grade saw Gordo Stannard amass a quality 40 points. Seeing his handicap continuing to free fall over the past few months indicates he loves the game at the moment, and it is loving him back. It must also be noted that his relationship with the Toronto Golf Club was duly noted at the presentation ceremony when Gordo thanked the green keeper for putting the tees "where he likes" 'em, nice and close to the hole". Jeff Tutton scored a handy 39 points to claim the runner ups prize.

The biggest cheer of the day went up for the winner of C grade where "Scary" Garey accepted the accolades after a blistering 43 points to smash the entire field including Mitch Merenda with 37 points as runner up. I suspect the cheer was to acknowledge that the handicapper had finally caught up with the

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player shouldering the burden of the “most potential to win a major” tag. It will be great to see you out there with 4 less strokes to your name!!! Congrats.

Two matchplay games were also held with Tony West and Tim Brackenreg advancing to the next round.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASQUITH – Sunday November 22 6:55am

Visit to Charlestown - Weekend of the 29th of November

Glenmore Heritage Valley – Sunday December 13th 7:36am [Book your spot on the bus now.]

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2009 – 7pm

This is an important date for every member of the social club to have a say in the future and direction of the club over the coming season. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Until then, happy Gilmore golfers!

Tim Brackenreg