

## **A.O.O.B**

Our Tuesday night raffles continue on as usual with the profits helping to build our bank account in readiness for the forth coming Christmas donations to our special Children's charities, we only wish it could be 4 more, much more! But alas, our efforts are unfortunately limited and we can do only what we can and therefore donate only as much as we are able to. As usual our thanks must go to those wonderful members and their guests who support our cause by purchasing our raffle tickets, God Bless them. Birthday wishes go to our Vice President Heidi Geertsema who celebrated on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September also to Mick Gallager, we do hope you never had too much trouble blowing out the candles you older Bastards. Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to our Committee person Julia Salisbury after her recent surgery.

We still have stock for sale:-  
Key-ring badges @ \$5.00 each  
Stubby holders @ \$8.00 each  
Wallets @ \$40.00 each

To arrange purchase please contact Pamela Taylor (9457 9534) or Bob Foody (9457 0627).

*Bob Foody – President*

## **Adult Dance**

The Dance Club Tuesday night dance popularity remains high, with attendances regularly exceeding 100. Our annual ball will be held in the RSL Club Showroom on 13<sup>th</sup> October and promises to be a grand affair as usual. On this occasion we will be without organ maestro Pat Walsh due to a clash of dates. However our members and visitors will not be disappointed by the regular CD music prepared for us by Ray O'Brien which is always of high quality.

Nine of our members participated in the second annual mixed Sporting Clubs sports day yesterday (Sunday). All of the participants thoroughly enjoyed the friendly competition as well as the barbeque and drinks at the completion of the games. A huge vote of thanks to the organizers. One of our members suggested that the event could be held monthly but it is unlikely that the organizers would look kindly on that.

Our best wishes go to Pat Curby who has been having back and muscular problems following her second knee replacement but who, we hope, has turned the corner now.

## **Swimming Club**

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August we attended the bi-annual carnival held by Harbord Diggers Swimming Club. The swim was held in the club's pool and was followed by lunch in one of their function rooms. Jeanette O'Keeffe was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 25m Breast Stroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Brace relay. We all had a wonderful day. On 6<sup>th</sup> September, a Fathers Day morning tea was held at the home of Brian and Jeanette O'Keeffe after the swim at Galston pool. The Fathers Day race was won by John Younie and we hope all the fathers had an enjoyable morning.

Yesterday was the Sporting Bodies Day at the Club. All of our members present had a great day playing the four sports and ending the day with a very enjoyable BBQ lunch. Best of all, our President Brian O'Keeffe and his partner Sharon Ho of the Table Tennis Club, received the trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> place on the day. We would like to thank Edward Caruana and all his helpers for their great work and the Club Management and Board of Directors for the drinks and lunch. We are definitely looking forward to next year.

Our next social function will be watching the Grand Final at the O'Keeffe's.

On the swimming front, our winter championships will be held late in October.

Frog of the Month for September is Alvin Hartley.

*Jeanette O'Keeffe – Captain*

## **Fishing Club**

Jeff picked us up on time at 5 am at the wharf. He got his mate, Adrian, as deck hand to assist him. I nearly thought I got on the wrong boat because I saw a lot of new faces. Since Keith pulled out in the last minute, we only had 8 fishos.

The early morning wasn't that cold and a fine day was expected. While we were on our way, I tossed into the water a skirting lure hoping to catch a tuna or bonito for a feed. I wasn't disappointed. As we approached the Heads, my line started screaming. I asked Michael to tell Jeff to stop the boat so that I could reel the fish in but Jeff just kept going. A bit later, he stopped the boat and I asked Steve to reel in the fish for me and it was a big tailor. After that, I put aside my trolling rod at Jeff's request.

We first fished off manly at 30 fathom deep and Steve caught the first Morwie. The bite wasn't good and Jeff suggested moving out to 50 fathom. He was right; we caught tons of leather jackets over there. Everyone was happy even the ladies had a satisfying catch.

We finished a bit early at 12 noon. All together, we caught 97 fish weighing 42 kg. Guess what, I beat Michael just by 2.16 points to claim the trophy at 103.62 and Michael at 101.46. My right arm is still sore.

*Terry Choy*

## **Rifle Club**

With our time as duty club now over until May 2010, our Saturday afternoon shoots are a little less hectic. Thankyou to all club members who carried out their duties as allocated – and especially those who covered for other members who were not able to perform their duties on the days allocated.

As per the range programme – the first Saturday of September saw our club hold the Visitor Try Shooting Day. We welcomed six visitors to the club and in particular Clara Park and her son Choi who are now temporary members of the club. The next visitor try shooting day is fast approaching (October long weekend), places are limited to six visitors on the day so please get in quick and secure your place.

We are in need of a couple of markers for our weekend shooting. This is a paid position and requires 4.5 hours work on Saturday afternoon. It is a perfect job for a school or uni student wanting to earn some extra cash. If anyone is interested or knows someone who is interested, please phone Adrian – our club secretary on 0400 055 101.

Last weekend was the NSW State Rifle Championships at Malabar with only one of our club members – Adrian Bonanni – competing. Adrian came 102 in the championships with an aggregate score of 435.33 out of 450. The highlight of Adrian's tournament was shooting a possible 75 with 7 centres at the 800M match on Saturday afternoon. We look to more shooters from RSL participating in the Championships next year.

Next week we have the second stage of the Arnold Hammond Teams match at 500M. All team members are requested to meet in the clubhouse at 12:30pm for a pre-match meeting.

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

[www.hornsbyrslrc.com.au](http://www.hornsbyrslrc.com.au)

See you on the range.

## Pipe Band

Since the last report, the Band has had a small number of engagements. Of these, the two that stood out were the Scottish Gatherings, the first being the "Gathering of the Clans" at Toukley & followed by the "Nelson Bay Scottish Gathering". Both events are similar to that held at Bundanoon each year but not quite as big. On each day, activities started with a street march by the various Bands & Clan groups to the local oval. Here, during the course of the day, various "Scottish" activities are held, such as the Tossing the Caber. Also, each Band is allow time to present a display to the viewing public. At Toukley, 9 pipe bands were present whereas at Nelson bay, only 6 pipe bands were able to attend. Both days concluded with a massed band of all pipe bands present and of course, the Lone Piper. By all accounts, two very good days were had by all.

Coming engagements including the St Patrick's' Church School Fete at Asquith & Baulkham Hills Council's Orange Blossom Festival at Kenthurst.

Our weekly band practice is held in the Hornsby War Memorial Hall, next to the Hornsby RSL Club, beginning from around 7.30pm every Wednesday. We invite any one who is interested in playing the pipes or drums. Learners especially welcomed.

*Graeme Bolton*

## Table Tennis

Hornsby RSL Table Tennis Championship 2009 was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August. Results were as follows:

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner up</u>
A Grade	James C H Wong	Chris Lo
B Grade	Henry Fung	Daniel Yung
C Grade	Guy Chan	Victor Chu
Veterans (over 50)	James C H Wong	Geoffrey Barrett

SNDTTA 2009 Championship was held on 15 August. Scott Barrett of Hornsby RSL came second in the A Reserve Grade as well as in the B Grade. In the Veterans of over 50 Wing Kwai Chan and Tommy Mak won the men's double, while Chris Lo and Tommy Mak got the runner up in the men's double of the A Reserve Grade. In the SNDTTA top five challenge of the Autumn Season, Scott Barrett won the B grade challenge while Victor Chu got the runner up in the C Grade. Congratulations to all the above winners!

A Bush Walk was held on Sunday, 13 Sept for TT Club members and guests. The walk was in the Ku-ring-gai National Park of 7 Km from North Wahroonga to Bobbin Head. There were 14 participants. The weather was beautiful and we all had a very enjoyable day, thanks to Barry Davies who organized it.

*Wing Kwai Chan*



## Womens Hockey

*We are the champions, we are the champions, no time for losers.....*

The chant could be heard through the streets of Hornsby, including the corridors of Hornsby RSL, long after the siren went and sun went down on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2009. Hornsby Team Gold lived up to their name and won the Third Division of the North Shore Women's hockey competition 1-0 after a hard fought battle with Mirrabooka. Mirra came out hard and fast in the second half of the game with Hornsby scoring in the first 10 minutes, and were continuously pressuring within the circle, but Hornsby's grit and determination held out, and Suzie's first goal of the season ended up being the only goal she needed to score! The game was a great team effort and an enormous tribute to the effort that Coach and Captain – Barty and Angela – had put in during the year and we are all very thankful for that. The trophy is now proudly displayed in the trophy cabinet at the RSL club.

We had our presentation night on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, and it was not only a celebration of season 2009, but for all seasons preceding it, as it was the club's 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary. Players from all years past came along to join the fun, and there were even examples of all of the past uniforms for everyone to have a laugh at. A big thank you to Mick and Lilly Pearce for coming along on the night and enjoying the festivities with everyone, and thanks to Mick for presenting the girls with the major awards. Christine Croucher, in her first year at the club, received the Robyn Morgan Encouragement award, and Jayme-Ann Demeny took out the Frank Gill award. Jane Hall received life membership of the Hornsby RSL Women's hockey club, and it was an honour to have the only other 2 life members there on the night as well.

We had plenty of personal milestones throughout the year, so let's start with the injury list. Astrid and her hand operation and myself and Julie Z with knee reconstructions all within the first month of the season. Weddings included Adrienne, April, Bec Kirk and Christie Brown. Lisa Mitchell had a baby boy at the beginning of the season, and Liz announced her pregnancy in the last month of the season. So congratulations to everyone for these occasions.

I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone on the committee for the work and effort put in before, during and after the hockey season. Steph as Vice-President and the never ending North Shore Association meetings, Kris as Treasurer and trying to get those damn books to balance after chasing everyone for payments, and Dallas as secretary, who is the energizer bunny of the committee, keeping us all on our toes and the club in the know with her tireless running around, Selina for keeping us all updated with all things email and internet, and to Croucher for organising the umpires each week, possibly the hardest task of them all! Thanks to Jane Hall for lending a hand where-ever and whenever it was needed.

And I would like to say a big thank you to the Hornsby RSL Club for their ongoing support of the Women's Hockey Club. The funding we receive goes towards training, equipment and enables us to keep our fees to some of the lowest among the hockey clubs on the north shore.

So the winter season draws to a close, some of the girls will play in the summer competition which runs from October to December, some will take a break (including the committee for a short little while) before planning for season 2010 begins!

*Lara Critchley – President*

## **Klaverjas**

On Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 ten of our members participated in the Couples Tournament held in the Rembrandt Club in St Mary's. No member finished among the winner.

On Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 we will hold our Spring Tournament in the RSL Club and we hope for a good attendance.  
*Elisabeth*

## **Indoor Bowls**

We have had a very quiet August and September for our Friday night games, though we were able to get quite a few games in on our Tuesday mornings where we have been lucky to pick up a few new players.

Last Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> many of our members attended the Annual Sub Clubs competition where they played in a team to compete in four sports, Darts, Table Tennis, Indoor Bowls and Snooker.

It was a lot of fun for those who participated in the competition, Sharon Ho represented the Table Tennis, demonstrated great skill across the four sports played, supported by Brian O'Keeffe representing Swimming, well done to both for taking our the shield as winners.

To the Board, we thank you for the support you gave to make it a great success and to the committee for organising the day. To our not so well bowlers, we hope to see you on the mats soon.  
*Mick Pearce*

## **Snooker & Billiards**

We have entered a team in the Western Districts Billiards Competition for the first time. After four rounds we remain unbeaten.

The Open Billiards Championship has reached the final stages with Andy de Haan to play Keith Taylor. The minor snooker handicap event is down to the last four.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September we nominated players to compete in the Combined Sporting Bodies Day. We played Snooker, Darts, Indoor Bowls and Table Tennis. It was a very enjoyable day and our thanks and appreciation for the organising committee and look forward to next year.

Lists for those members wishing to participate in the last two competitions for the year are now on the Board. These competitions are the Open Singles Snooker and the Open Doubles Snooker. You select your own partner for the doubles.