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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2022

WELCOME

Welcome to the April edition of our Newsletter.

The plentiful rains of the last month have severely curtailed our sporting days so we are looking forward to some dryer weather so that we can get back on the greens.

Work is now well underway with installation of plumbing and new floors for the new unisex accessible toilet and the new ladies' toilet facilities at the south end of the building.

COVID-19

The following will apply:

- There is no longer any restriction on entry.
- There is no requirement for QR code check-in.
- There are no longer any spacing rules (but your Club will continue to space furniture out to provide 1.5m spacing between patrons).
- Patrons are no longer required to wear masks indoors (but may continue to wear them as a matter of personal choice).

We still recommend the following:

- Do not visit the Club if you are displaying COVID-like symptoms or are required to self-isolate.
- If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 outside of your household, please assess your risk using the table at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/people-exposed-to-covid#toc-how-will-i-know-if-i-have-been-exposed-to-covid-19>
- Use the hand sanitiser available throughout the Club.
- Maintain 1.5m spacing between people, both indoors and outside.
- Disinfect jacks, mats and croquet equipment, before and after each game.
- Do not handle other people's sports equipment.
- Sanitise cards, mah-jong tiles and associated items using wipes / sanitiser provided on tables.



With the co-operation of our members, your Club has managed to remain TOTALLY free of the COVID virus transmission for the two-year duration of the pandemic.

The proposed relaxation of COVID restrictions are in line with guidelines published by both Bowls Australia (<https://www.bowls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Covid-19-Return-to-Bowls-Plan-Final.pdf>) and Croquet NSW (<https://www.croquet-nsw.org/news/220330-CNSW-COVID-Guidelines.pdf>),

If you are uneasy about the current circumstances, it is up to you to take whatever personal precautions you think are necessary.

ANZAC DAY

The Club will hold its traditional ANZAC Day Service on Monday 25th April commencing at 11am.

Members are warmly invited to attend and to bring family and friends along as well. There will be a roast lamb lunch following the service.

If you wish to attend the lunch, please put names on the list at the bar or email the Club Manager at manager@warraweeclub.com.au. The cost is \$35 per person.

Brian H

WELCOME TO CROQUET

Welcome to the Warrawee Croquet Club Newsletter for April 2022!

The Drone.

Our move into IT started out in mid 2021 with the establishment of a website, then the installation of an automated booking system.

This was followed with member's access to the booking calendar via their mobile phone, now in 2022 we are exploring the use of a video drone to bring to you footage of activity on the lawn and around the club.



As amateurs we consider our first attempt to be a good start; resulting in a 37 second video of a typical Saturday morning social "Tap & Chat" game of GC **staring** Marilyn, Lyn, Di and Sue playing doubles with Patricia looking on. Playing singles were Robert and Warwick, just not sure of the identity of the lawn invader wearing a club shirt doing what appears to be high impact exercises with a mallet overhead.

The next step is to add visual effects, commentary and sound. The video is best viewed by double right click on this link then left click on "open Hyperlink" <https://youtu.be/K80TbeEneYU> . Many thanks to the Lambert family for arranging the Drone.

Have a look; it's new and something different with loads of potential to provide footage of club Championship matches and to market the sporting sections of "The Warrawee Club". Your feedback is more than welcome!



KilWar Croquet Competition:

Wednesday the 23rd March saw the third round of the 2022 KilWar competition against Killara Croquet Club played at Warrawee. Also known to us locals as 'The friendlies' which best describes the competition, the atmosphere and ambience on the day.



Results: Golf Croquet:

Doubles: Alfa Naughton & Ron Bradner (KCC) 8 hoops. -V- Brenton Fuller & Paul Dewar (WCBC) 14 hoops. Games: 0:2 to WCC.

Singles : Douglas Greening (KCC) 19 hoops -V- Robert Woog 19 hoops, Games: 1:2 to (WCC)

Results : Association Croquet :

Doubles: Mary Lambert & Ron Bradner (KCC) 13 Hoops. – V – Maria Morton & Jenny Ellwood (WCC) 10 Hoops Game : 2:0 to KCC

Singles: Frances Garrick 8 hoops -V- Warwick Nassif (WCC) 14 hoops. Game : 0:2 to WCC

Another great outing on a day when the sun was shining and the enthusiasm was at its peak.

As always our thanks to the Tournament organisers Ron Bradner from Killara and Maria Morton from Warrawee for without their dedication this tournament would not eventuate.

To the players thank you for your ongoing participation and let's get together next month for more of the same.

Australian Croquet Championships – Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th and Monday 14th March.



There is not much more to say than what an enjoyable experience for us to co-host in a small way some of the preliminary and plate rounds of the 2022 Australian Croquet Championships - Men's Singles Association Croquet. An International ranked tournament presented by Croquet Australia, and this year hosted by Croquet NSW, contested by many of Australia's best croquet players.

A Tournament that comes to Sydney once every 6 years, and we take this opportunity to thank Croquet NSW, It was indeed an honour and a privilege to be involved and provide our facilities and services to the competitors.

We thank our Tournament Management Team: Robert as Venue Manager, Maria as Co-Umpire and Marilyn for the catering. Not forgetting our green keepers, Darren and James for the extra time and work in restoring our flooded lawn to a Championship standard within 4 days.

A feedback email 16.3.22 from John Bartrop (WCC dual member) who participated in the Australian Open AC Singles. John played at The Royal Australian Golf CC, and Crooke River CC. Tempe - Croquet NSW HQ. John was a finalist in the Men's Singles Plate.

"Unfortunately, I wasn't able to play in the AO at Warrawee but those who did were most complimentary. They particularly noted the friendliness, catering and going out of the way to help with lifts to the station and shoe repairs!"



Cocktail PARTY

Some 56 attended the annual WMBC and WCC trophy presentations during a cocktail party on Friday the 4th March. A new approach by the Board to encourage members back to club nights as they move to work the club out of 2 years of Covid19 and related issues.

A very casual affair that attracted some 18 croquet members and partners along for a chat and sip amongst fellow members and friends while being entertained with live background Jazz played by saxophonist David Pryor.

The feedback from our member is best summarised as - The price was right, the food good, the music terrific, the company excellent and the conversations hilarious at times.



Maria receiving the 2021 Volunteer of the Year award



Jenny and Maria receiving the 2021 Margaret Persson, Handicap Doubles Alternate Strokes award



Brett receiving the inaugural 2021 Golf Singles Championship trophy



Marilyn receiving the 2021 Most Improved Player of the Year shield

The concept of the club holding Croquet, jazz and wine evenings during spring/summer had some appeal and support. Naturally, the conversation and enthusiasm for the idea gathered momentum by the end of the night.

Our thanks and gratitude to David Pryor for spending his night performing for us.



Dates for your Diary

(1) WCC – Club Golf Croquet Handicap Doubles

First round: 4/4/2228/3/22. Finals round 6/5/22. An inaugural round robin completion. Players please refer to “Conditions of play” posted on the noticeboard.

(2) Division 3 Pennants

Our first match is on the 7th April. Team Selections will be advised this week. Again we will be playing at Manly, Mosman and Chatswood and. Cammeray

(3) 28th April – KilWar Competition. Playing at Killara CC.

The competition consists of teams playing Association & Golf Croquet. Team selections will be advised shortly

(4) Wahroonga Village WBC/WCC Promotional/Recruitment Street walk.

Thanks to the Wednesday Bowlers steered by Ted the tote bags are packed and ready to be handed out to shoppers and café patrons.

This promotional campaign has been deferred to after the rains when the skies are clear and residents are back enjoying the village buzz.



Rain and more rain.

The Australian rainfall and temperature patterns during La Niña have been devastating all along the east coast and have affected almost everyone to various degrees.

For the WCC, the Croquet lawn has been closed for the rest of the week hopefully and subject to the weather improving it will reopening on Saturday 2nd April.

In the meantime, I ask that players be patient and mindful of the lawn which has had 2 months of heavy play while being saturated and remains very soft under foot. The lawn cannot be treated or serviced while wet and as winter approaches the lawn becomes dormant with no growth; accordingly any wear, existing or new damage to the lawn will remain for the rest of the season.

Plased be assured with only one lawn available the care and attention it receives now will ensure its survival through winter and excellent playing standards when needed.

Darren and/or James will keep us informed and hopefully the interruption will be short.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Progressive membership numbers as at March: 56. Plus one pending approval. Well that it for now – Keep the head down and follow through till next time.

Peter

President – Warrawee Croquet Club



LADIES SECTION REPORT

The continual rain this month has meant there was not a lot of bowls!

On Monday 21st March, a team of Moonhee Kim, Julie McIntyre, Virginia Armstrong and Agrita Fraser played in the **Turramurra Trophy**.

They lost their match in the morning but had a very good win in the afternoon which resulted in them winning the afternoon session.

Well done girls!



Julie (second) – Moonhee (lead) – Virginia (third) – Agrita (skip)

A couple of our ladies are having health problems and we all wish them well in their recoveries.

A date for your diary! - We are holding our annual **Friends Day** in aid of the **Cancer Council** on Tuesday 31st May. We would like you to invite a friend.

Committee - Warrawee Women's Bowls

MEN'S BOWLS REPORT

Mid-week Challenge

The Zone 9 Mid week Challenge has had its fair share of challenges this year with bad weather cancelling two of the scheduled days.

Our C Grade team finished a creditable third in its section behind Seaforth. The post-sectional games are as follows:

- Semi-final 1 – Belrose v. Seaforth
- Semi-final 2 – Mosman v. Newport
- Final – Winner of Semi-final 1 v. Winner of Semi-final 2

Our D Grade team finished equal FIRST with St Ives in Section 2 but lost on the shots difference by 5 shots, 34 to 29.

In our two games against St Ives we were crushed 18 points to nil in round 2 (85 shots to 44) but came back in round 5 with a 16.5 to 1.5 victory (69 shots to 35). If only!

The Semi-final will be – St Ives v. Avalon Beach.

Check out the final standings on <https://zone9.bowls.com.au/mid-week-challenge-final-results-standings-post-sectional-finals-matches/>



2022 Club Competitions

Starting this year, all competitions organised by Men's Bowls will be **Open Gender** events.

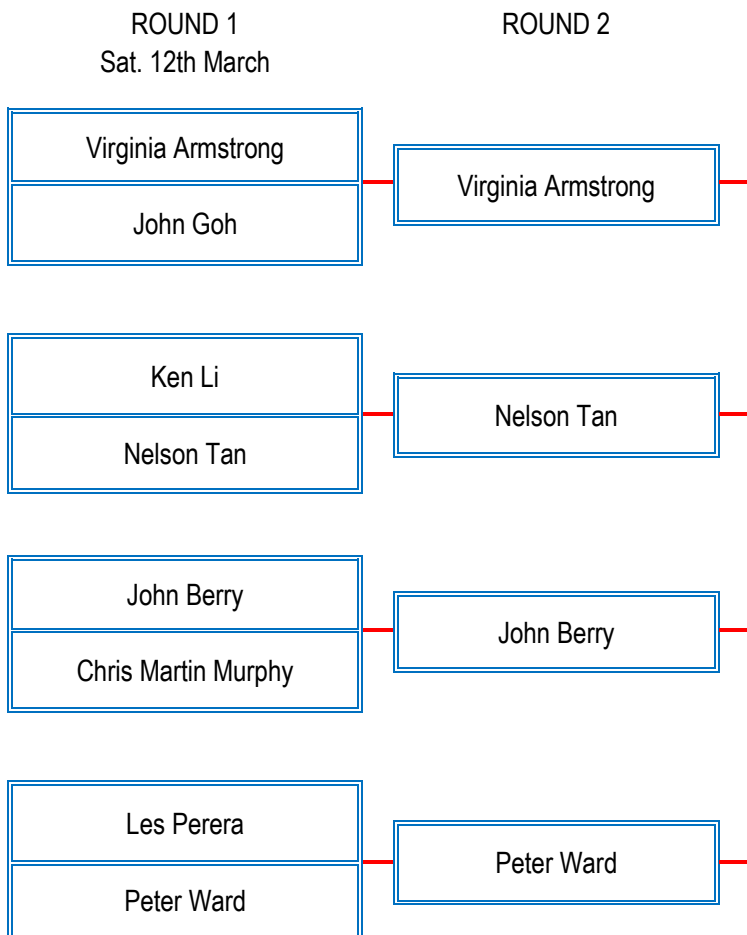
Thus both Men and Women members are invited to enter – with the caveat that for Association Events (Club Championships), women members must choose either the Women's or the Open Gender event – but not both.

There will not be any designated, mixed competitions.

Club - Open Minor Singles

After a four year break, the Minor Singles was re-introduced last year and is currently underway again.

The results after the first round are set out below. If you would like to keep up with progress on this or other Club competitions, have a look at our Warrabee home page at <https://warrabeeclub.com.au/> and click on the "Bowls" tab.



Veteran Handicap Pairs

Single entries are now on the board for the *Veteran Handicap Pairs*. This is an **open gender** competition played on Wednesday afternoons.

Teams are formed at random and handicapped by the Selectors. By agreement between the skips, this game can be played in the traditional format of 2-2-2-2 or as the 2-4-2 format popular on Tuesday afternoons.

The only eligibility requirement is that each entrant must be 70 years or over by the Closing Date of Wednesday 30th March.



Playing Schedule: Round 1 – Wed. 13th April, Round 2 – Wed. 20th April, Round 3 – Wed. 27th April, Round 4 – Wed. 4th May, Round 5 – Wed. 11th May, Final – Wed. 18th May.

Club Championship Triples

Entries are invited for the *Club Championship Triples*. This is an **open gender Association Event**, conducted under the Conditions of Play of Bowls NSW.

Both team entries and single entries are welcome. Entries close Saturday 23rd April.

Playing Schedule: Round 1 – Sat. 30th April, Round 2 – Sat. 7th May, Round 3 – Sat. 14th May, Round 4 – Sat. 21st May, Final – Sat. 28th May.

Other events

Our 2021 Club Champion, Sonny Ching will be representing Warrawee Bowling Club at the upcoming *Champion of Club Champions (CoCC) Singles* event.

He is scheduled to play at Belrose Bowling Club on Saturday April 2nd at 1pm. We wish him well on the day so he can progress to the next round a week later. Good luck Sonny!

Sorry Tuesday bowlers, yet another interrupted month of rain. Let's hope we will see some fine days and the completion of the April Consistency Competition.

Committee - Warrawee Men's Bowls

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

A MERCIFUL JOURNEY...

I am pleased to advise that, on 26th March, long-serving and highly respected Club member, Marsden Hordern reached the magical age of 100 years. Let me tell you about some of the exploits and achievements of this remarkable man.

Marsden Carr Hordern was born in the Sydney suburb of Rose Bay, to father Frederick, an Anglican clergyman and his wife Iris.

As a young boy, Marsden moved around a bit as his father was posted from parish to parish, eventually arriving in Wahroonga.

Thereupon, Marsden attended Knox Grammar School leaving school in 1939, about 8 weeks after World War II was declared.

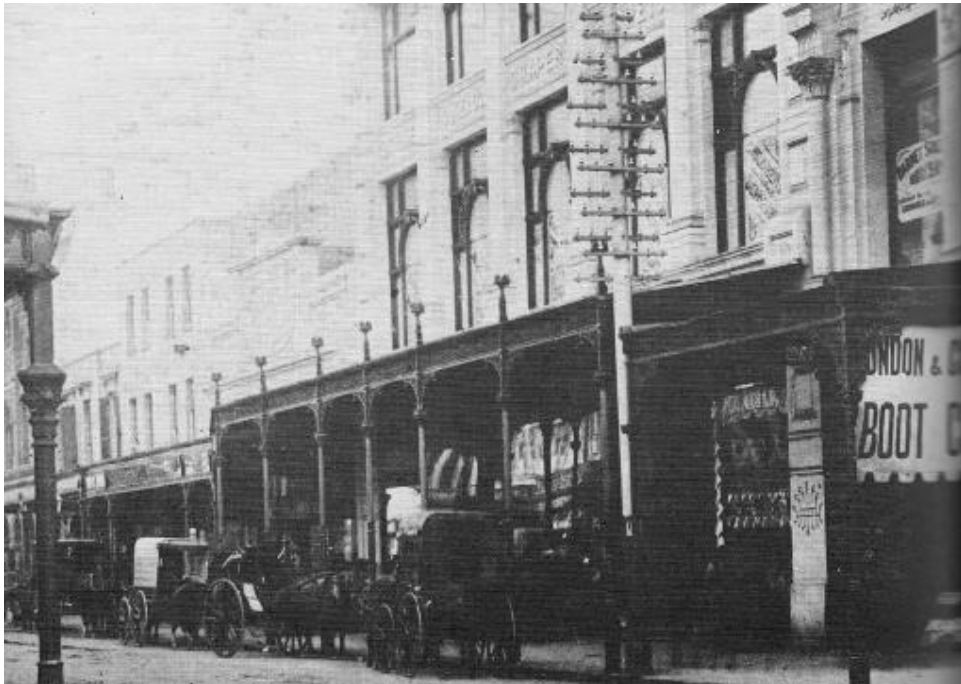
After leaving school, Marsden joined the Army Reserve, later moving to the Navy. He became a Sub-Lieutenant and saw action in 1942. He was given command of a patrol boat which operated in the Pacific theatre for the duration of the war.

While serving in the Navy, Marsden studied part time, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts from Sydney University. He retired from the Navy in 1947 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Marsden is part of the Hordern retailing family. In 1879, his grandfather Edwin Kerr Hordern, together with two of his brothers set up a department store called Hordern Brothers, spanning from George Street to Pitt Street, Sydney. At one stage, the company employed 750 people.

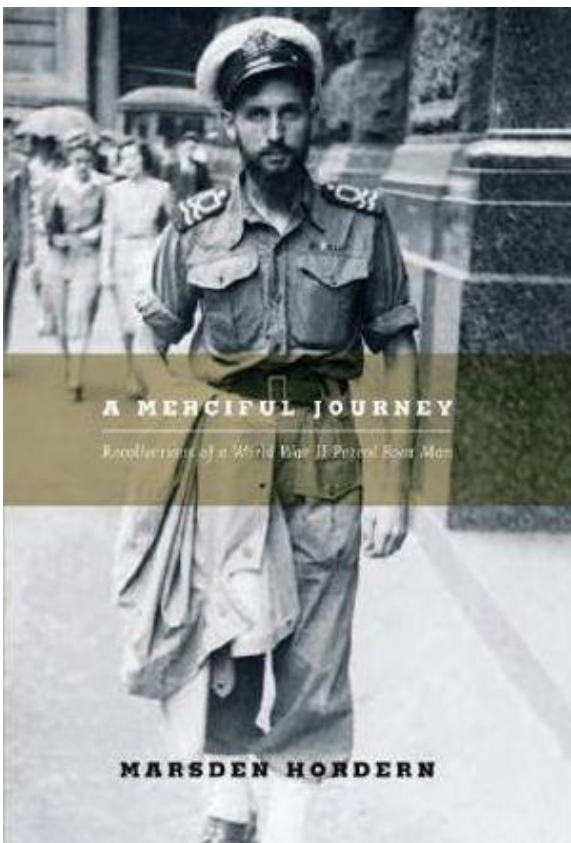
The family also traces its origins back to the Reverend Samuel Marsden, a Church of England minister from the convict era in Australia.

After leaving the Navy, Marsden never lost his love of the water and competed in several Sydney to Hobart yacht races, as well as other classic, blue water sailing events.



Hordern Brothers Department Store at 211 Pitt St in 1880

Marsden spent some time in the family's retail business but it did not keep his interest. He had a passion for fine arts and established and operated a fine art print gallery (Hilton Hordern) from 1958 to 1996. At the same time, he was a member of the board of directors of the Hydro Majestic Hotel at Medlow Bath. He then retired to write books.



His books include *Mariners are Warned...*(1989), *King of the Australian Coast...*(1997), *A Merciful Journey...*(2005). These are still available through Amazon.

In 2004, Marsden received an honorary Doctor of Letters from Sydney University.

In 2009, he received the Order of Australia Medal for "Services to the recording of Australian maritime history, particularly early exploration and naval history during World War Two".

Marsden had joined Warrawee Bowling Club in the early 2000s, enthusiastically embracing the sports of lawn bowls and croquet. He retired from active play only recently and remains a Social member of the Club.

We look forward to enjoying Marsden's company for many more years.



YOUNG BILL

While on the subject of durable bowlers, I must mention our inimitable Bill Purdy.

Bill turned 93 in October last year and has been competing in the Mid-Week Challenge, as the skipper of one of our Grade D teams.

A few weeks ago, when we were playing at Mosman, it caused some confusion when the cards were called. Mosman also has a "Bill Purdy" and it was initially thought that a mistake has been made. The situation was quickly sorted out.

Mosman's Bill Purdy was not playing but was there as a spectator. After the game, the two Bills had a long and very amicable chat. It turns out that Mosman's Bill will be turning 99 in a couple of weeks on the 16th of April.

After learning that, our Bill became known as "the young Bill Purdy".

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Secretary – Warrawee Bowling Club

CONCLUSION FOR THE MONTH

A reminder that our Club website address is <https://warraweeclub.com.au>

Stay safe and stay well. Keep your chin up, the rain will end soon.

Brian H



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