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## NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2023

### WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the April edition of our Newsletter.



The Service will be followed by a traditional Aussie lunch, including roast lamb and pavlova.

**Cost – only \$35 per person**

Put your name on the list at the Bar  
or email Club Manager Kevin at  
[managerwbc@bigpond.com](mailto:managerwbc@bigpond.com)

Lunch will be followed by social games of  
bowls and croquet

*Brian H*

Come and Commemorate  
**ANZAC DAY at the Club**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**The Service commences at 11am**  
and will be conducted by Club Member  
**the Reverend Clive King AM**

The Speaker will be Guy Smith





## OUR ROSE GARDENS

I would like to thank the Members who came and helped with the weeding of the Rose Gardens:

- Tarek and Lydie Nashar,
- John Patten , David Russell
- Ros Elliot and Marilyn Pryor.



The gardens will soon be covered with mulch for the Autumn, and the weeds should be under control.

Thank you also to Keith Handley who looks after the watering system, and to Guy Smith who is always helping with de-heading, and weed control as well as spraying when required.

*John Bryan*

## WELCOME TO CROQUET

Welcome to the Croquet Club newsletter for April 2023.



As previously mentioned, our challenge in 2013-14 is to encourage our members' involvement and develop a culture of learning and advancement for players to improve their game and enjoyment of the sport of croquet.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Just as importantly, how can we increase our presence within Warrawee, Wahroonga and Turramurra for croquet to be seen as a growing and active sport amongst residents within our local communities?

Looking ahead, as our membership numbers move closer to 70 with 6 potential new members from **u3a** enjoying Friday afternoon coaching, I see our new focus is to switch from a successful recruitment plan to a plan that will see the Croquet Club thrive and grow in what might be the new *COVID normal* of community sport and recreation, with emphasis on enjoying the sport and having fun on the lawn while utilizing the clubs facilities to creating social opportunities for our members and guests.

## CLUB MALLETS – OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW

More good news for Club members with an opportunity to replace 4 or 5 old club mallets with a variety of modern mallets constructed from various materials varying in length and weight.

This week the Club was invited by the Federal Member for Bradfield, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP to apply for a grant under the **Stronger Communities Programme**.

*Nominated project title:* Club Coaching Mallets for Croquet.  
*Total project expenditure:* \$2,800  
*Grant amount nominated:* \$2,500  
*Equity: Club pre-approved:* \$300

Being invited to apply is the first step in the grant process and does not guarantee we will be successful.



We are required to complete a formal application for assessment by an independent Government body for eligibility and recommendation for approval to the **Department of Industry, Science and Resources with final allocation of funds undertaken by the Federal member for Bradfield.**

## A NEW CROQUET SPONSOR



*No strangers to the game of Croquet, Charlie Crane (centre) and his heavy hitting colleagues Harry and Rowan enjoying a formal Friday afternoon on the lawn after a hard-working week.*

It is with pleasure we announce The Warrawee Club's existing sponsors:

**Mr. Nice Plumbing,  
Proprietors Charlie and  
Jessy Crane,**

have offered to increase their sponsorship funding to help sponsor the Croquet Club's internal and external co-hosted tournaments and Club activities.

Hopefully this incentive will encourage participation on the lawn and assist in driving that social interaction sporting clubs strive to achieve.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: MAY 2023

### (1) Saturday 6th May 2023 Trophy Presentation Lunch.

Time for another cracker of a lunch on the balcony, organised by our Social Secretary - Marilyn Pryor and a small band of helpers, another two-course soiree is planned for the 6<sup>th</sup> May with pre dinner drinks and hors d'oeuvres followed with lunch at 1:00pm.

A great social outing with the opportunity to meet other Croquet club members over a lunch and a tap and chat beforehand.

Full details to be announced with members invitations going out post Easter holidays.



### (2) 2023 Pennants season home games – Lawn Closed:

GC Pennants Division 3. The remaining six Pennant matches are listed below. Please note your diary for when booking in that the lawn is closed for the first 4 Pennant home games. The last being on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.





<b>DATE</b>	<b>TEAMS</b>	<b>HOME/AWAY</b>
Monday 3rd April 9-30am to 3-30	Warrarwee V Mosman-Blue	Home
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 9-30am to 3-30pm	Warrarwee V Chatswood	Home
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 9-30am to 3-30pm	Warrarwee V Mosman-White	Home
Monday 1st May 9-30am to 3-30pm	Warrarwee V Mosman-Black	Home
Monday 3rd May 1-0pm to 4-30pm	Elenora CC V Warrarwee	Away
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 1-00pm to 4-30pm	Cheltenham V Warrarwee	Away.

## **WCC COMMITTEE - NEWS AND PROCEDURAL CHANGES:**

### **GC to be played on a Monday morning**

With the ever-increasing enrolment of new members wanting to participate in Golf Croquet, the WCC Committee has approved the allocation of the Monday morning session 10-00am to 12-30pm to the playing of Golf Croquet. The members on-line booking system will be amended within the week.

### **Croquet Lawn maintenance times**

With the increase in participation numbers along with the ability to play 7 days a week, restricts the times available to undertake the necessary lawn maintenance. To resolve the issue and to avoid any unnecessary inconvenience to members, our greenkeepers will be given access to the booking system so that they can book the free time needed to spray and maintain the lawn.

Under normal circumstances mowing the lawn can take an hour. Marking the lawn for competitions and general play can be undertaken within the hour. Spraying, however, may require a session as spraying can only take place when there is no rain pending. No wind as the Club has a responsibility of care to the Child Care Centre and when no members are about, again the Club has a responsibility to its members and guests.

For obvious reasons lawn maintenance, repair and servicing is essential and takes priority over croquet bookings. It's a bit like the chicken and the egg as to who comes first. However, providing Darren, James and Glen access to the booking system ensures us every endeavour will be made to provide members adequate notice to void any inconvenience and to accommodate their playing needs.

### **Change to the payment method for game fees.**

For reasons of accountability, security and insurance, the Club is seeks to introduce an alternative to the current practice of paying WCC game fees and the keeping of an unlocked cash box in the WCC office.

Commencing immediately, payment of game fees (\$8.00) is to be made at the Bar using cash or cards. For convenience, payments in advance can be made to cover multiple games, a separate receipt will be issued for each \$8 payment. Members are to place receipts in the existing tin in the WCC office and to continue to initial the players attendance sheet.

For days when the Club is closed (Sundays and Public holidays), game fees will be on an honour system with payment made by those members during their next visit to the Club.

Naturally the tea/coffee coin jar will remain and continue.



## COMPETITION RESULTS

### KilWar Croquet Competition results



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March saw the second round of the **2023 KilWar Competition**, Warrawee against Killara Croquet Club played at Warrawee. Also known as **The Friendlies** which best describes the competition and the atmosphere on the day.

#### Representing Warrawee Croquet Club:

- Golf Croquet Doubles - **Brent Fuller and Paul Dewar.**
- Singles – **Robin Evens.**
- Association Croquet Singles – **Jenny Ellwood.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Singles – **Maria Morton**

Very close games were played with Warrawee coming home the victors with a 3/1 win on the day.

### 2023 Pennants Division 3 Metropolitan

Pennant season is upon us with our first match starting this week, Keep an eye out for the scores and ladder results posted on the notice board and in the next newsletter.

That's it from me 'till next time. Happy Easter everyone, enjoy this special day with your family and friends.

*Peter*

President - Warrawee Croquet Club.

*"Croquet the thought sport"*

## BOWLS SECTION REPORT

Since our last newsletter in February, there has been much activity with bowls. To date only one day has been lost to inclement weather, a few hot days, but generally pleasant weather for bowls.

### President's Two-Bowl Triples

February saw the playing of the President's Two-Bowl Triples. We had eight teams entered so games were played over three rounds.

The final was played between teams of **Peter Crawley, Greg Tuckwell and Steve Ogden** verses **David Russell, John Douglas and Sonny Ching.**

Well done to the winners, Sonny and team. Congratulations to all who participated in the event.

Please keep supporting our internal club events which are gender-neutral. These competitive events help to improve bowling skills, satisfaction and enjoyment amongst Club members.



*The winners – Sonny Ching, David Russell, John Douglas*



## Pennants

Here are the competition ladders for our two Pennant sides.

<b>2022-23 OPEN GENDER PENNANTS ● GRADE 6 ● Section 3</b>											
POSITION	CLUB	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	BYE	FOR	AGAINST	DIFFERENCE	SCORE %	POINTS
1	WARRINGAH	6	4	2	0	0	399	290	109	137.59	39.5
2	WARRAWEE	5	4	1	0	0	336	252	84	133.33	39
3	PITTWATER	5	3	2	0	0	289	315	-26	91.75	29.5
4	ST IVES	5	3	2	0	0	272	281	-9	96.8	28.5
5	TURRAMURRA	6	1	5	0	0	280	383	-103	73.11	12.5
6	WEST PYMBLE	6	1	4	0	0	272	327	-55	83.18	11
<b>2022-23 OPEN GENDER PENNANTS ● GRADE 7 ● Sections 3 &amp; 4</b>											
POSITION	CLUB	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	BYE	FOR	AGAINST	DIFFERENCE	SCORE %	POINTS
1	WARRAWEE (Sect 4)	5	4	1	0	0	310	247	63	125.51	37.5
2	MANLY (Sect 3)	5	3	2	0	0	368	252	116	146.03	31.5
3	KILLARA (Sect 4)	5	3	2	0	0	293	244	49	120.08	31
4	SEAFORTH (Sect 4)	5	3	2	0	0	316	259	57	122.01	29.5
5	ST IVES (Sect 4)	5	3	2	0	0	284	270	14	105.19	29
6	BELROSE (Sect 3)	5	3	2	0	0	258	341	-83	75.66	28
7	TURRAMURRA (Sect 4)	5	1	4	0	0	2254	348	-123	64.66	10
8	MOSMAN (Sect 3)	5	0	5	0	0	224	317	-93	70.66	3.5

A great start for the season. Keep up the good work! Our success has been enhanced by training sessions. Thanks to our coaches.

If you wish to view the competition ladder each week, click on the **News** tab on our Club's web page and scroll down to **Zone 9 2022/23 Open Gender Pennants** for the links.

Alternatively, click on the links below.

**Grade 7** [Bowlslink: Competition - 1cbe662e-0ebe-4027-9cca-ed1efc730c6f 2 #ladder](https://www.bowlslink.com.au/competition/1cbe662e-0ebe-4027-9cca-ed1efc730c6f/2/#ladder)

**Grade 6** [Bowlslink: Competition - ec4b3791-7796-4719-ab5c-f580b3ba2b64 3 #ladder](https://www.bowlslink.com.au/competition/ec4b3791-7796-4719-ab5c-f580b3ba2b64/3/#ladder)



## Lamb-Salenger Trophy

March 15 saw the 99<sup>th</sup> running of the Lamb-Salenger Trophy (Langker Painting Trophy) at Warrawee.

This friendly contest has been played twice a year, between Warrawee and Killara, continuously since 1974. The prize is an original oil painting by renowned Australian artist Sir Erik Langker.

The winner has custody of the painting until the next contest. The loser gets to look after a smaller printed replica.

The painting was donated by Stewart Lamb and Arthur Salenger, Warrawee club members who also had ties with Killara Bowling Club.



*President Malcolm Kirby and Secretary John Berry, proudly displaying the trophy*



*Killara Chairman Brian Shirvington holding the replica*

This year, seven teams from each club competed in games of three bowl triples over 21 ends. This recent round was won by Warrawee 167 to 113.

We had forty two bowlers on D green which was great to see. Warrawee won five rinks, Killara one rink and one rink drawn.

Members of teams on each side, with the highest winning margin, won individual bottles of Scotch whisky.

Everybody enjoyed the day and Club members look forward to the next round at Killara later in the year.



*Most successful Warrawee team – Peter Loxton, Ken Li, David Russel*



*Most successful Killara team - Rod Henricks, Yvonne Taylor, Geoff Little*

## Brokenwood Challenge

The Brokenwood Challenge was played on 20<sup>th</sup> March. This had been delayed by a couple of weeks to ensure we had two greens for the day.

Just as well we did, because we had 84 players. Many helped to make this a successful day,





including *John Berry, John Douglas with cards and draw, Keith Handley for setting up, Bryan Boyd and John Madgwick for cooking the sausage sizzle.*

John Bryan arranged for our Sponsor Brokenwood to supply 48 bottles of their fine wines to support the day.

Thank you to Kevin and Cyril for your efforts and all the other helpers I have not named here. All players had an enjoyable day and many visitors inquired about future games. The next event is tentatively planned for 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Jacobs Creek Club Challenge**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Warrawee sent a team to St Ives for the Jacob's Creek Club Challenge, part of the Tapner Tournament. The day was enjoyable although rain threatened. The winning club on the day was Denistone.

### **John Waterman Trophy**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> March we sent a side of three triples teams to Mosman to take part in the John Waterman Trophy. There are nine other clubs in this competition who play against Mosman between now and May. The four clubs with the highest margin against Mosman will proceed to the final.

### **Tuesday Consistency Competition**

The February Monthly Consistency Competition for Tuesday bowlers was won by *Kerrie Lyons with 51 points* followed by *Doug Stewart on 45* and *Tarek Nashar on 32*. The March Competition was won by *Doug Stewart with 52 points*, followed up by *Ken Potter on 45* and *Graham Lightfoot on 37*.

### **Visitors**

It was great to see David Hart back at Warrawee on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Andrew Ellis on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We appreciate former members touching base with current Club members.

We even had a Welsh visitor, Terry Saunders who played a couple of games and commented on our excellent greens and Club camaraderie.

### **Greens**

Both greens are now back in play. C Green came back recently and is running well. D Green has just been fertilized and treated with insecticides and fungicides to protect against future problems.

### **Upcoming tournaments.**

Killara will be holding its first *Gala Event* of the year on *Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April*. This will be an open gender, open draw three bowl triples competition over 21 ends. Entry fee of \$75 per team with cash prizes determined on margin.

Mosman's *Alex Macpherson Carnival* will be held during school holidays when ample parking should be available. There is a choice of playing on one or two days - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Entry forms for both of these events are on the noticeboard or contact Tony Fabro for further information.

## *Committee - Bowls Section*





## LADIES SECTION REPORT

On Tuesday, 21st February, the ladies' section celebrated their 51st birthday. 1972 was the year that we were affiliated with New South Wales WBA and we celebrate that occasion each year.



*The official table*

*Leonie Nevil – Jan Simpson – Heather Bradley – Lyn Saul – Annette Renshaw – Sue O'Keefe*

The day began with a game of bowls, which was very pleasant regardless of the fact it was a bit hot.

We welcomed our sponsor, Lyn Saul from Mt Wilga Rehabilitation Hospital.

Kevin and Cyril served us a delicious rare roast beef and salads first course which was followed by a refreshing fruit salad (made by Cyril) and ice cream.

The birthday cake was made by Jan Simpson.



*Foundation Day cake*



*Rose bowl displaying flowers from the Club's gardens*



*Triples Championship Runners-up - Peg Fabro, Stephanie Nielsen, Annie Lui*



*President Heather with our Sponsor L:yn Saul*



*Heather Lovell and Heather Bradley cutting the cake*



*Triples Championship Winners – Helen Stromsmoe and Jan Simpson (Val Riley not present)*

Belrose Friendship Day was held on Friday, 24th February. Two teams of triples took part: comprising of:

- Jan Braund, Stephanie Nielsen, Peg Fabro.
- Annie Lui, Joy Bryan, Virginia Armstrong

A team comprising Annie Lui, Jan Braund, Helen Stromsmoe and Jan Simpson will participate in the Turrumurra Trophy on Monday, 3rd April.

The Brokenwood event held at Warrawee on 20<sup>th</sup> March, the following Ladies participated: Agrita Fraser, Annie Lui, Jan Braund, Peg Fabro, Moonhee Kim and Lindy Russell.

It is encouraging to see our Ladies playing in these events.

One of our long time members ( Molly Andrews) is leaving the Club next week and moving to South Australia . We wish her all the best for the future.

## *Committee - Women's Bowls Section*





## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

### JAMES ANDERSON MURDOCH

Since its inception in 1907, our Club, originally the Ku-ring-gai Recreation Club, has had some notable alumni. Many of these were highly successful people in the business world.

Having made their respective fortunes, some of these Club members also became notable philanthropists, funding worthwhile causes in our society.

The previous newsletter reported on former Club Life Member William McIlrath. Having made his fortune with a chain of grocery stores (McIlraths Ltd). William's philanthropy included, amongst many other things, the complete funding of the construction of the Greenkeeper's Cottage on our site.

In this newsletter, we will look upon the life and times of former Club Life Member James (later Sir James) Murdoch.

James was born on 10 March 1867 in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1884, at the age of seventeen, he migrated to Melbourne, later moving to Sydney in 1887.

In his early days, he worked as a shop assistant with prominent Sydney retailers such as Hordern Brothers and F.J. Palmer.

In 1893, seeking independence, he opened a men's mercery, Murdoch's in Park Street. His business prospered and by 1914, he had 400 employees. Priding himself on their welfare, James gave his employees annual bonuses. Hard working employees were offered either a cash bonus or four shilling shares in the company, which paid the same dividend as £1 shares.

As a result, he had fewer labour problems, greater efficiency and greater retention of workers.

An active participant in many sports, James was a member of the Ku-ring-gai Recreation Company in the early 1900s. In 1906, he was one of the driving forces to establish the Ku-ring-gai Recreation Club, which later became the Warrawee Bowling Club.

After World War 1 broke out in 1914, in October 1915, James volunteered for service (at his own expense) with the Australian branch of the British Red Cross Society. He served in Egypt and



*This portrait appeared on the cover of "Bowling Life", 29<sup>th</sup> August 1928*





France before moving to England in 1917 as Chief Commissioner. He was closely involved in work for prisoners of war.

Upon his return to Sydney in December 1918, his services were recognised and he was appointed CMG (Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George).

In 1919 he had joined the board of Burnside Presbyterian Orphan Homes under its founder Sir James Burns and was Chairman from 1923 to 1937. In 1922, James donated £18,000 towards the establishment of a school for the orphans. The school became known as Murdoch School.



*"DUNKELD", the third Burnside home*



*Burnside Public School*

The school is located a 1 Masons Drive, North Parramatta, a short walking distance from the Burnside Homes.

With his strong financial backing, the school included an assembly hall, gymnasium, swimming pool and a dairy and vegetable gardens.

The school is still operating today, now known as Burnside Public School, a co-educational, public primary school and is open to all. The original assembly hall is still standing.

One of the school's former students was cricketer Richie Benaud.



Murdoch's Limited in Park Street expanded rapidly after the war. In 1922, a 7-storey factory was built in Surry Hills and several adjoining properties in George Street were acquired.

In 1923, James was appointed to the NSW Legislative Council (NSW Government upper house) on which he served until 1934.

He was knighted in 1928.

James spoke with a marked Scottish accent and was seen as a small, jovial and public-spirited figure, much regarded for his honesty and integrity. It was said he could "argue with a smile".

James married local girl Isabella Binning and they established home in *Midhope*, a mansion at 60 Burns Road, Wahroonga.





He died of cardio-vascular disease on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1939 and was survived by his wife and three daughters.

His funeral service was held at St Johns Presbyterian Church, Wahroonga and he was cremated at Northern Suburbs Crematorium.

In 1951, the department store, on the corner of Park and George Streets was sold and became *Waltons*.

*Midhope* was sold and became St Edmunds College, a private, co-educational secondary school for teenagers with special needs.



*Midhope*

A fitting future for the former home of James, who cared so much for disadvantaged children.

What a wonderful legacy he leaves behind. One that our Club members should justifiably be proud of.

*Acknowledgements: The Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 10  
The Masonic Historical Society of NSW*

*Hillar*

**Secretary – Warrawe Bowling Club**

### CONCLUSION FOR THE MONTH



At long last, Moonhee and I moved into our new unit in mid-March so we are no longer watching over the Club from the cottage. We expect to see new tenants in the cottage by mid-April.

A reminder as winter gets nearer - we have a stock of all sizes of Unisex Club Jackets. Very smart with our new logo! See Brian or ask at the bar. Cost is \$85 (the Club sells them at cost with no profit at all).

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

We have also registered <https://warraweclub.au> which will also connect to our website – a necessary step to protect against anyone else taking that web address.

Happy Easter everybody!

*Brian H*



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