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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2024

WELCOME



Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the April edition of our Newsletter.

I hope you find it enjoyable reading as you commemorate the Easter weekend.



ANZAC DAY



Our traditional ANZAC DAY SERVICE
will be held on Thursday 25th April
commencing in the Clubhouse at 11.00am.

**The service will be led this year by
the Reverend Kevin Kim.**

**Piano playing this year will be undertaken by
Sunni Kim**

**Our keynote speaker this year will be
Peter Stamford.**

The Service will be followed by a **traditional roast lamb lunch**
Put the date in your diary and make your lunch bookings with
Kevin 9489 1092

After conducting our services so brilliantly and continually since 2006, Club member Clive King has stepped down from the role.

Also after many years as our service pianist, Leonie Nevill is retiring.

Sunni Kim is the daughter of Club member Moonhee Kim and she is a highly accomplished pianist and piano teacher.

Co-ordination of the outdoor part of the service will again be handled by Len Hyde, but Peter Crawley has agreed to shadow the process with a view to taking on the role later.



The world-renowned immersive phenomenon is currently celebrating 27 years as the world's most sought-after tribute to the BBC sitcom. Faulty Towers The Dining Experience is an unmissable highly interactive comedy spectacular, where audiences enjoy a 3-course meal alongside 5-star comedy.

Venue: The Warravee Club, 1479 Pacific Highway, Warravee NSW2074

Date: Thursday 16 May 2024

Times: Doors open 6:30pm, show starts 7:00pm

Tickets: \$99.00 pp. All tickets include a 3-course meal and 2-hour interactive show.

*** Lucky Table Prizes ***

Bookings & inquiries: 02 9489 1092

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WELCOME TO CROQUET



THE LAWN RENOVATION IS COMPLETED, AND WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

Downtime for the much-needed lawn renovation was not wasted as key committee members stepped straight into renovating the WCC club room. Thanks again to Marilyn, Paul, Scott supported by retired Master Builder and current Bowls President - Malcolm Kirby. Their approach was simple, declutter once then declutter again. Out with the old, as they added the renovation to a successful list of previous improvements and changes:

- Out with the cheque book / Bank Account – Tap & Go is the way to go.
- Out with some sixty members' access keys replaced with a coded lock for all to access.
- No longer are we using the wooden antique, wrist shattering coaching mallets. Late last year we acquired five modern spring alloy coaching mallets and hopefully five composite mallets will be added in 2024-25.
- Out with old binders, albums and records – It's all moving to the WBC archive database in cloud.
- Out with the old, worn out and clogged 1960 four-inch tennis lawn marking machine – soon to be a new fine line 3mm – 5mm line marking machine, which will also be utilized to mark out the bowling rink lines.



The Tap & Chat Club

If you are interested in joining the "Tap & Chat Club" , a group of like-minded people.

RSVP in your own time.

Some serious Croquet players say:

"If you don't have a plan get off the court."

Probably a reality in all sports, maybe a bit harsh for us social players, don't you think?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Captain has presented us with a busy 2024 calendar leaving some free dates to host carnivals, open days, corporate bookings and the occasional very popular members 'Tap & Chat' lunches.



Trophy Presentation Lunch

- Saturday 27th April. Lunch and presentation of trophies on the balcony.

GC City Metro Division 3 Pennants

- Friday 28 June – Closing date for entries for Div 2 and Div 3 Pennants
- Monday 1st July 2024 - The start of the Pennant season.
- Monday 2nd Dec. – GC Pennant Finals commence.

WCC - AGM

- Saturday 17th of August, with a pre-meeting BBQ breakfast on the Verandah.

WCC Christmas lunch

- Saturday 7 Dec – Opening Spider, Tap & Chat GC, and lunch on the balcony.



2014 COMPETITION CALENDAR

WCC CLUB COMPETITIONS 2024	Entries open	Entries close	Play starts	Play ends
AC Bronze Singles – ‘Elsie Wall Trophy’	Mon 19 Feb	Fri 1 Mar		
GC Handicap Doubles	Mon 18 Mar	Fri 29 Mar	Mon 1 Apr	Fri 26 Apr
AC Club Championship Singles- Level Play – ‘Flint Jones Trophy’	Mon 15 Apr	Fri 26 Apr	Mon 29 Apr	Fri 24 May
GC Club Championship Singles – Level Play	Mon 13 May	Fri 24 May	Mon 27 May	Fri 21 Jun
AC Doubles-Level Play – ‘Margaret Persson Memorial’	Mon 29 Jul	Fri 9 Aug	Mon 12 Aug	Fri 6 Sep
GC Club Championship Doubles – Level Play	Mon 26 Aug	Fri 6 Sep	Mon 9 Sep	Fri 4 Oct
AC Club Open Singles - Handicap ‘Joan Vincent Trophy’	Mon 23 Sep	Fri 4 Oct	Mon 7 Oct	Fri 4 Nov
GC Handicap Singles	Mon 21 Oct	Fri 1 Nov	Mon 4 Nov	Fri 29 Nov



THE TIMES THEY ARE CHANGING

For some years It has been reported: “Traditional sports that are not changing their format or not adjusting to the needs of future generations, are likely to lose share”.

For Warrawee CC having only one lawn with limited space and restricted membership capacity, it is essential for the club’s longevity that we stay relevant to today’s lifestyle and meet related changes and demands.

I understand one solution is we become motivated to change, for most of us it is a matter of staying positive and being given encouragement to be motivated, for others it is the challenge to be motivated.

No matter what, change is ongoing and becoming rapid. Yesterday it was driven by (IT) Information Technology, today (AI) Artificial Intelligence is the buzz word and in time bound to influence one’s future direction and lifestyle.

For us Senior Citizens making changes late in life is not always welcome nor easy to adapt, so there is an inclination to resist change or let it slide on by.

However, my fear is if I resist change, I won’t be accepted and may miss out on something I will truly enjoy, Worse still; I may be put in that category of ‘Stubborn old man stuck in his ways’. So, for balance I have decided on Monday, Wednesday and Friday I am joining the majority who are motivated by change, the remaining four days I’ll need to chat to a lifestyle therapist for confirmation.

Back to the point,- “Times they are changing”.

Below is a five-year-old article by World Croquet that describes Warrawee CC to a ‘T.’ In 2019 we were recognised as a small traditional Association Croquet (AC) Club with a membership of seventeen.

In March 2021 a 3-year recruitment plan was launched built around the introduction of Golf Croquet and later the reduction of Member subscriptions which provided us an added incentive to promote the sport and recruitment within our area of influence

Today, our membership consists of nine Association members, forty-seven Golf Croquet members, and three potential new GC members undergoing introductory coaching.

Recruitment of Golf Croquet (GC) players is now self-propelled through members referrals.

Regarding Association Croquet, the WCC Committee stays committed to promoting and supporting the traditional code of Association Croquet (AC)

To this end the AC members playing days remain unchanged, the Club AC competitions will continue and AC open days will be introduced. John Bartrop has offered his services to advise and support us with introductory AC coaching.

Please be assured this committee has no intention of restricting the club to one code for the sake of cohesiveness.

With the lawn open seven days a week, the ideal scenario would be our members learn to play both codes as is the case in the larger well established clubs. Now that requires motivation to change.



CROQUET WORLD ONLINE



Golf Croquet really IS taking over the lawns in clubs around the world....



When the small clubs choose just one game, for cohesiveness... it's Golf Croquet.



Golf Croquet is increasingly preferred over Association Croquet. What can be done?

Ref: Part extract from World Croquet article 2019

“Golf Croquet players are populating the courts at local clubs in ever-increasing numbers, as the older players of the more traditional games die off.

The two game codes cannot easily be double banked on the same court, so court space for Association Croquet is getting scarce in small clubs almost everywhere. In many once-traditional clubs, Golf Croquet has virtually taken over all the court space.

Seeking a practical balance between the grumbling of the veteran players and the financial imperatives of their organizations, national associations are asking themselves:

"What can we do?"

While we encourage clubs to be inclusive and try to ensure both codes are supported at the National level, it is the club's / player's choice which game they play." After deliberation, all the National Associations can do responsibly is "encourage" and "support."

FROM THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE



By the calendar we are officially in autumn although there is always a period of late summer days. The croquet lawn is in great condition following its renovation and settling period, so if you have yet to come along and have a game, I look forward to seeing you on the lawn.

You may recall my comments on 'timed' games. A great way to start that strategy is to follow the playing order of the game so that each time it is your turn to play, you are aware that you are next to play. Usually there is only 4

options to play; go for the hoop; or clear your opponent; or block your opponent; or promote your partner's ball (if playing doubles).

Be mindful that if you confer with your doubles partner, you have probably selected your preferred strategy and share that thought as opposed to a long chat about how the situation can be changed. Although croquet is a social game in which we enjoy a 'chat and tap,' enjoyment for all players in your game is made up of both the social and the focus aspects of the game.

Our Doubles Handicap event entries close on Friday 29th March and play commences on Monday 1st April and scheduled for completion by Friday 26th April. As school holidays fall during this time, it is recommended that scheduling any matches early in the month will assist a smooth completion as school holidays usually brings family commitments.

And finally thinking about nominating for Pennants in 2024, there is still time and I look forward to hearing from you on that matter. A great time to talk to me about your thoughts on that will be at the Presentation Day lunch on Saturday 27th April 2024. See you soon.

Scott Marnane
Club Captain



CLUB UNIFORM



A club shirt signals a group's identity, members become equals with a sense of belonging. A uniform fosters pride in a sport, as a team strengthens the spirit and establishes a strong reputation. WCC Club shirts are now available. If you would like to acquire a shirt, please call or text Beth Marnane - Club Secretary on Mb: 0400380253. Beth is only too happy to help you. Note: 2014 Pennant players are asked to wear their club shirt.



That's all from the Croquet hut till next time. Enjoy your game and the company of good friends.

Peter

President - Warrawee Croquet Club

" Croquet the thought sport. "

LADIES SECTION REPORT

The Ladies No. 3 Pennant Team, have played very well, however have missed out on winning a flag. They have just one more rain day game against Neutral Bay on 2nd April

Foundation Day on 19.3.24 was a little disappointing due to smaller numbers. However we bowled, played bridge, and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Leonie Piper was our sponsor for the day, and she even won a raffle.



Top table, left to right: Annette Renshaw – Heather Lovell – Heather Bradley – Leonie Piper (Sponsor) – Sue O'Keefe – Jan Simpson



During lunch we presented the various championship trophies, which are identified in the attached photos.

Our next event will be Cancer Council / Friends Day on 14.4.24 and we are hoping for large numbers .

Our Selection are busy working on our dates for our championship events.

During the International Women's Day celebrations Annette and I were invited to join Jennifer Anderson, Director of Ku-ring—gai Financial Services and Bendigo Bank who were hosting an event at the Hornsby RSL in support of KYDS Youth Development Service,

StreetWork and FunDrum - A very enjoyable evening.



Heather Lovell & Heather Bradley, cutting the cake



Winners – Club Championship Fours

Marg Stublely – Pam Dowling – June Cardilini – Pat Opie



Runners-up – Club Championship Fours

Jan Simpson – Sue O'Keefe – Helen Stromsmoe
Annette Renshaw



Winners – Club Championship Triples

Julie McIntyre – Heather Bradley – (absent: Virginia Armstrong)



Runners-up – Club Championship Triples

Annie Lui – Jan Braund – (absent: Ros Elliot)



Club Champion – Helen Stromsæ

Committee - Women's Bowls Section

BOWLING SECTION REPORT

THIS REPORT WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

It will follow as a separate document shortly.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The Quiet Achiever

Throughout its 117 year history, our Club has had its share of high achievers.

Many of these members have left a permanent mark on our society and I have reported on some of these high achievers in past newsletters.

However, every now and then, somebody comes in and flies under the radar. One such member was Neville Whiffen.

Neville joined the Club in 1960, at the age of 48 when he was in the middle of an illustrious career.

Not only did he spend some time on the Board and some sub-committees, but he demonstrated a passion for the early history of our Club.



In 1982, he produced a *Summary of Important Events in the Club, 1907-1982*. This publication was to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of our Club.

As part of his research, Neville scoured the minutes of every Board meeting he could lay his hands on, recording what he thought was every significant issue the Board had to deal with during this period.

He also perused reports and items of correspondence and presented his findings in chronological order. He became the Club's unofficial Archivist.

Editors note: I am in the process of digitising some of Neville's work which I will share with the membership when complete.

Starting off as a keen bowler, Neville switched to croquet when that sport was re-established at Warrawee in 1989.

Here is what else he did in his life:

Neville Albert Whiffen was born on 4 December 1912.

After finishing school, he studied at Sydney Technical College, graduating as a Chemical Engineer in 1929. He went on to work at the Sydney County Council until 1943.

Editors note: The Sydney Technical College had its campus in Ultimo. The College morphed into the University of NSW, relocating to Kensington.

After leaving the Sydney County Council, he went on to become the First Secretary and Scientific Attache with the Australian Embassy in Washington DC, 1943-1948

During the period of the Second World War he also worked with the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff to try and remedy environmental problems involving equipment and supplies used in the Pacific area.

In 1947 Neville was awarded the United States Medal of Freedom for this work. The Medal of Freedom is the supreme civilian decoration that can be awarded at the discretion of the US President

The citation reads:

'Mr. Neville Albert Whiffen, Australian citizen, during the period of active hostilities in World War II, rendered meritorious service in the field of scientific research. when Allied forces in the Pacific were handicapped by the rapid deterioration of equipment and supplies because of tropical conditions, he actively encouraged a flow of information among scientists working in that field, and by arranging the conduct of important successful exposure tests involving materials to be used in tropical regions, he contributed greatly to the Allied war effort.'



President Truman awarded it in 1947, but our External Affairs Minister, H.V. Evatt, refused to let him accept it on the specious ground that this would compromise his allegiance to Australia. Several later attempts failed to get the award approved.

However, with the urging of US President Bill Clinton, the Federal Government eventually allowed him to receive his medal. This medal was presented to Neville at a ceremony in Washington DC on 25 April 1996, 49 years after its awarding. All good things come to those who wait.

After his service at the Australian embassy, Neville returned to Australia, working with Associated Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd, Burnie, Tasmania 1953-1957, and as Managing Director of Berger Paints (New South Wales and Pacific Islands) 1958-1963, Amalgamated Chemicals Ltd 1963-1965, and Abbott Laboratories 1965-1978.



In 1956, he gained a Master of Science from the University of NSW

In 2002 Neville was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to chemical engineering and industrial chemistry.



Around the same time, the University of NSW awarded Neville the Alumni Award for Achievement.

In the late 1940s, Neville helped secure the site that is now UNSW's Kensington campus, the former Kensington Racecourse.

He was widely known as being instrumental in founding the UNSW Pioneers, a group of early graduates. The purpose of the Pioneers was to acknowledge and celebrate the trailblazing efforts of those early alumni who were fundamental to making UNSW what it was then.

Neville passed away on 2 January 2004.

After his passing, the University of NSW established the Neville A Whiffen Memorial Award, a scholarship to assist students with disabilities to undertake study at the university.

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PS: Many thanks to Bob Moran. Bob provided the historical clues that enabled this article to be produced.

WHEN DO WE COMMEMORATE EASTER?

Simply speaking, Easter falls on the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the autumn equinox (spring equinox in the Northern Hemisphere).

There are approximately $365\frac{1}{4}$ days in a year. We catch up with the quarter days by making every fourth year a leap year with 366 days. As a result, the autumn equinox falls on either 20th March or 21st March, depending on where in the 4-year cycle you are.

The interval between successive full moons is either 29 or 30 days, again depending on where in the four year cycle you are. After that, Sunday can be the next day or it can be seven days away.

As a result, Easter can fall anywhere between 22nd March and 25th April.

But why commemorate Easter at this time of the year. Easter has close links with the Jewish commemoration of Passover (or Pesach in Hebrew).

Jesus was raised as a Jew. As you will recall from your Sunday School studies, the Last Supper was held in the week of Passover.

Shortly after the Supper, Jesus was arrested, tried, found guilty of violating the Sabbath law (by healing on the Sabbath), threatening to destroy the Jewish Temple, practicing sorcery, exorcising people of the power of demons, and claiming to be the Messiah. He was crucified on the following Friday. His body was interred in a cave, sealed with a boulder. Three days later, on the Sunday, Jesus arose from the dead and released himself from the cave. The rest of the story you know.

Pesach starts with the first full moon after the equinox and has close ties with Easter. Both have egg symbolism, both celebrate rebirth and renewal, both are festivals of spring (in the Northern Hemisphere).



Pesach originates from the plagues in the Bible and is celebrated for the liberation of Jewish slaves from Egypt. The tenth of the plagues would call for the death of every firstborn son, including that of livestock, when the angel of death passed over the homes of those living in Egypt. The exception was that if those who followed Christ were to sacrifice a lamb to God and rub the blood of that lamb over their doorways, the angel of death would pass over their homes without killing their firstborn son. This is where the name "Passover" comes from.

Each year, Passover starts on the day of the first full moon after the equinox. As a result, the festival starts on a different day of the week each year.

The early Christians continued observing Passover, a Jewish festival, but with a new significance and understanding.

The system for choosing the day on which Easter is celebrated was established at the First Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. Similar to Passover, the starting point would be the first full moon after the equinox but falling on Sunday rather than on a different day of the week each year.

The Last Supper was on the first day of Passover, and Christ's crucifixion occurred on the second day, resulting in today's recognition of "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday". Therefore, Christians today celebrate Easter on the Sunday, the day of the resurrection.

In addition to this, the event would be celebrated every Sunday of the year, replacing the Jewish Sabbath, which took place on Saturdays.

The Jewish calendar is based on the Lunar Calendar. Because lunar months are shorter than ones calculated by the sun, the Jewish calendar adds an extra month shortly before Passover seven times in a 19-year cycle. Sometimes, this means Passover will fall out on the second full moon of the spring, not the first, and Easter will precede it by nearly a month.

In nearly all Western European languages, the name of the Easter festival is derived from the Latin *Pascha*. Italian – *Pasqua*, Spanish – *Pascua*, Portuguese -*Páscoa*, French - *Pâques*

In early English, the festival was called *Pasch* or *Pascha*. How did it become to be re-named "Easter"?

This is believed to be after Eostre, the Germanic goddess of Spring and fertility.

The equinox was celebrated by numerous pagan cultures as it represented the melting of the winter snows, new sprouts on plants and the exuberance of some animals, particularly rabbits, to procreate.

It is presumed the early Christians, particularly in England and Germany, thought it easier to re-badge an existing pagan festival, in the hope that some of the adherents would convert to Christianity.

Easter is called Ostern in German. The goddess also lent her name to the female hormone estrogen (or oestrogen as it is sometimes spelled).

In Australia, Easter is a holiday that is celebrated in many different ways. One of the most popular traditions is the Easter egg hunt, where kids search for chocolate eggs hidden by the Easter Bunny and hot cross buns, an Australian staple during Easter. Many families gather to celebrate by having a special meal on Easter Sunday. In some parts of the country, there are also parades and festivals with live music, food, and games. Overall, Easter in Australia is a time for families and communities to come together and celebrate the change of season and new beginnings.

The First Council of Nicea not only changed the day of the observance, but changed the focus, the meaning of the observance. It now became an observance and celebration of the resurrection, contrary to the Biblical admonition of *remembering* His death!



Unfortunately, merging Jesus' death and resurrection into one holy day, as Easter describes, blurs the deep profound meaning of both these events by taking away the emphasis that each so richly deserves.

This Easter, we will all undoubtedly commemorate the occasion in the way we each find appropriate.

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Secretary – Warrawee Bowling Club



CONCLUSION FOR THE MONTH

A reminder that our Club website address is:-

<https://warraweeclub.com.au>

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

Brian H



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