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NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2023

WELCOME

Hello Everyone

With our Chair Brian, enjoying a Summer Holiday in Korea, I am looking after the Newsletter this time around.

Let me start by saying that, sitting in my office at home, I am looking out at a glorious day weatherwise, with blue skies all around. With weather like this, we should be out there, playing more bowls and croquet.

Having endured more than two years of on-and-off COVID lockdown, we were then faced with a year of record rainfall, washing out numerous games.

Both these events had a serious impact on playing numbers and hence our Club's finances.

I recall reading a Club newsletter from the 1980s, when we had a number of poker machines. The Board did not regret rained out days at all, as the poker machine takings far exceeded anything that could have been collected in playing fees. Bar sales were also up. However, this is not the case these days and we rely on feet on the greens.

Fortunately, the Bureau of Meteorology is predicting below average rainfall in the coming months.

Couple this with the fact that statistically, the "middle" of winter occurs around July 19-20. We can expect the weather to start warming up any time now. So let us get out there and enjoy.



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BOWLS SECTION REPORT

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

THE WARRAWEE CLUB

INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VERY FRIENDLY AND SOCIAL

BROKENWOOD CHALLENGE

MONDAY 28th AUGUST

CARDS CALLED AT 11:30AM FOR A 12 NOON GAME START

OPEN GENDER 3 BOWL TRIPLES OVER 21 ENDS

RESTRICTED ENTRY

TEAM PLAYER GRADINGS MUST AMOUNT TO AT LEAST 16

e.g - Grade 3 + Grade 6 + Grade 7 (sum 16) - Grade 4 + Grade 6 + Grade 6 (sum 16)

Grade 5 + Grade 5 + Grade 6 (sum 16)

ENTRY FEE ONLY \$60 PER TEAM

START THE DAY WITH A FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 11 AM

ENJOY THE ANTIPASTO PLATTERS AFTER THE GAME

PRIZES GALORE – WINE FOR WINNING TEAM MEMBERS

MYSTERY PRIZES – HUGE CLUB RAFFLE

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 25th AUGUST

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ENJOY GREAT WINE
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Team and individual entries can be added to the list on the notice boards at the northern and southern end of the clubhouse.

Teams can be made up of players from a single club or a mixture of clubs.

WOMEN'S PENNANTS GRADE	Grading for the BROKENWOOD
1	4
2	5
3	6
4	7



LADIES SECTION REPORT

A fairly quiet month

The final of the Singles Championship was played on 18th July between Peg Fabro and Helen Stromsmoe.

We were all geared up to witness a great game. However not the case, after just 2 ends Peg had to retire due to a shoulder injury. As a result, Helen is now our Singles Champion.

Congratulations go to Helen and commiserations to Peg

Our next Championship will be the Fours in September, and we are hoping for a number of teams to enter.

We are also in the process of running an event styled "Rose Cup" on 14th August, inviting all clubs in the North Shore District WBA and Warringah District WBA to enter a team .

Hopefully we will have 2 greens full.

Our **AGM** was held on 25th July, 2023 at which the following Members were elected:

<u>President:</u>	Mrs Heather Bradley 4 Beaufort Close, North Turramurra 2074	9488 5307
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mrs Sue O'Keefe 63/2-8 Kitchener St., St Ives. 2075	0402 282 990
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mrs Annette Renshaw 13/9 Curagul Rd., North Turramurra 2074	0411 457 893
<u>Match/Selection/Chair:</u>	Mrs Peg Fabro Mrs Stephanie Nielsen Mrs Fiona Vatiliotis Mrs Jan Braund	0412 215 272 0417 476 976 8959 8555 9498 2797
<u>Chair of Social</u>	Mrs Jan Simpson	9499 8750
<u>General Committee:</u>	Val Riley Julie McIntyre Pam Potter	0409 766 438 0412 621 771 9487 8688
<u>Delegate to NSDWBA:</u>	TBA	

Committee - Women's Bowls Section



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

FOUNDATION MEMBER – WILLIAM CLARK PENFOLD

When our Club was founded in 1907, as the Ku-ring-gai Recreation Club, one of the founding members was **William Clark Penfold**, a prominent and successful printer and stationer.

William was born on 23 June 1864 and the family lived at Burwood. William completed his education at Sydney Grammar School.

After leaving school, in June 1880 Penfold was indentured for five years to Turner & Henderson, booksellers and stationers, of Hunter Street, Sydney.

Printing started early in our fledgling colony. Having been sentenced to seven years transportation in 1823 for stealing tea, a young book-binder named William Moffitt arrived in Sydney in 1827. In 1830 he started a small stationery business.

After completing his indentureship with Turner & Henderson, young William Penfold found himself working in this company and in 1886, with £2000 borrowed from his father, he bought the stock and goodwill of William Moffitt's printing and stationery firm at 88 Pitt Street which he renamed W. C. Penfold & Co.

His father's loan at 6 per cent continued to be important in financing the business for some years.

In 1887 the company acquired a stone flat-bed lithographic printing machine. At the time it was noted that:

"From 1887 with the addition of a stone flat-bed lithographic printing machine, Penfold quickly modernised his plant, beginning the tradition of regularly updating equipment to compete with such rivals as John Sands and Edwards, Dunlop & Co. Ltd. In 1898 the first Linotype machine was installed..."

The Linotype machine was described by Thomas Edison as 'the eighth wonder of the world,' as it drastically reduced the time it took to get printed communications into people's hands and minds. For Penfold to start installing them only a few years since the first one in New York was progress indeed.

Early books printed by Penfold on this machine included C. J. Dennis's *The Sentimental Bloke* (1914) and Norman Lindsay's *The Magic Pudding* (1918).

Conservative in both his business and personal life, Penfold was even tempered and his punctilious routine played an important part in his life. His daily walk through the factory kept him in touch with his employees and helped to maintain efficiency; his personal interest in his staff was rewarded by loyalty, dedication and a tradition of long service within the firm.

As well as being a very successful businessman, William enjoyed both bowls and golf. He was a philanthropist and a director of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales. As well as being a foundation member of our Club, he was also a foundation member of the Killara and Avondale Golf Clubs.



William Clark Penfold



Having helped in the setting up our Club, he became its first Treasurer, in 1907 and 1908.

Survived by his wife, a son and two daughters, Penfold died at his Turramurra home on 15 November 1945 and was cremated with Presbyterian forms. He had been the active chairman of directors in his company until a week before his death.

A familiar sight in the Sydney CBD was Penfold's famous horse and carts. These carts were on the road since 1887, running deliveries for the famous stationery company around the streets of Sydney for decades.



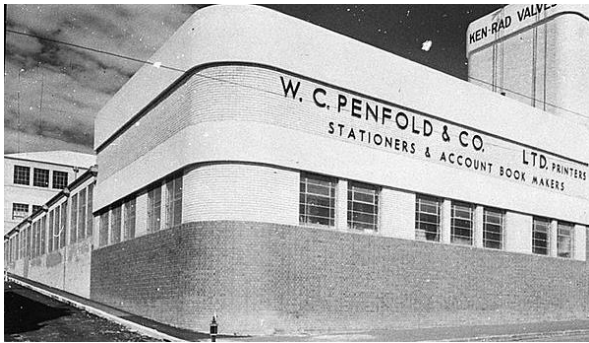
This 19th Century, horse drawn, 2 wheel delivery cart was retired in 1946 along with horse "Dolly" to make way for the 4 wheel carts pulled by Clydesdales.





These carts remained in service until the late 1980s.

Our Club has certainly had its share of high achievers throughout its 116 year history.



W. C. Penfold factory in Surry Hills



W. C. Penfold promotional material

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A PROUD MUM

We may not be able to personally climb all the mountains of life that we are faced with.

However, we can still derive a great deal of pleasure from the achievements of those who are near and dear to us.

Club member Annette Renshaw found herself in this delightful situation with her sons Matthew and Stephen

Matthew represented Australia in swimming, competing in three Commonwealth Games and two World Championships.

His first Commonwealth Games was in Brisbane in 1982 when he was still at school.

He followed this up with Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 1985 and Auckland in 1990.

Matthew also competed in World Championships in Madrid in 1986 and Perth in 1991.

Fans of swimming will remember the ***Mean Machine***.

Along with teammates Mark Stockwell, Neil Brooks and Greg Fasala, Matthew was part of the Australian 4 x 100 metre, freestyle swimming team which won gold in Edinburgh and Auckland and were dubbed the Mean Machine.



The mean Machine – Matthew Renshaw, Mark Stockwell, Neil Brooks and Greg Fasala



After retiring from competitive swimming, Matthew became a swimming teacher and coach



Matthew on deck at North Sydney Olympic Pool

Meanwhile, for many years, landlubber Stephen played first grade Rugby Union for the highly successful Gordon Rugby Club. He was part of the team that won the Shute Shield in 1993 and 1995.



Stephen (top-right) with Gordon teammates Mark Hartill and Kevin O'Kane

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THE BOWLS SHOW

We can have some magnificent weather during winter in Sydney, but we can have some very ordinary days as well.

When you are faced with a very ordinary, winter Sunday in future, can I recommend watching **The Bowls Show** on channel **7two** at 3pm.

This show has started up again and features a mix of highlights with segments on coaching, clubs and social bowls and features some of the biggest names in the game.

CONCLUSION FOR THE MONTH

Well that's all for now.

Thank you to all the contributors to this newsletter, please keep them coming. Thanks this month to Annette, for sharing with us the achievements of her sons.

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

Stay safe and stay well.

With the worst of COVID behind us the next challenge we are facing is influenza. This can be particularly severe for mature age people which we all undoubtedly are.

If you are experiencing symptoms, please seek medical advice and stay at home.

As a precautionary measure, vaccines are available and these are free for persons over the age of 65.

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Secretary – Warrawee Bowling Club



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