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NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2022



WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the December edition of our Newsletter.

After two years with minimal functions over the lead up to Christmas, it is very pleasing to see numerous large bookings again.

Many of these include barefoot bowling (and some croquet introduction) which makes good money for the Club – but that needs volunteers

to assist with showing newcomers how to play as well as maintaining safety and protecting the greens from damage.

We have a small number of regular helpers, but a few more volunteers would be particularly welcome over the upcoming busy period. It is not onerous but just needs your time! If you are willing to assist, please notify Kevin as well as your section president.

Some of the barefoot bowling groups have had upwards of 50 participants which needs a volunteer per rink!!

For anyone who has not seen them already, we advise that the new unisex, accessible toilet and the new ladies' toilet facilities at the south end of the Clubhouse are completed and fully operational. We will hold over further building works until the new year.

Renovation of D Green is nearing completion and should be back in play by mid-December. See the Greenkeeper's report.

Brian H





CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Hi everyone and thanks for all the encouragement and great support with Barefoot Bowls and the numerous functions I have been coordinating recently.

This Silly Season, we have had approximately 40 functions or groups booked, with about 19 more before our last one on Monday 19th December.

I am happy to announce the booking of our very first **Matt Hollywood Master Illusionist Show** and Dinner, now confirmed for on the **Thursday 23rd of March**.

Matt has been performing the Illusions Magic Show every weekend at Sanctuary Cove on the Gold Coast, for coming up to 10 years. He's performed at countless events across the globe, countless television appearances, theme parks, special functions and more with his multi award winning magic act that is described as one that must be seen to be believed.



Having awards under his belt such as Magician of the Year, International Merlin Award winner for Illusionist of the Year and Australian Entertainer of the Year, you're in for a delectable serve of side splitting comedy and magic that you will want to sample again and again. Tickets will be on sale shortly but if you wish to be the first cab-off-the-rank, please respond via email to manager@warraveeclub.com.au and I will let you know personally when I have tickets ready.

And now that is announced, I am also very pleased to let you know that our next **Faulty Towers Dinner and Show** is booked for a little later in the year, **Thursday May 11th**.



This gives time to have the tickets sell organically with less expense spent on advertising. Please tell your neighbours and friends, if you have already seen the show and promote it!

Please let me know if you have any ideas for marketing and would like to help support the promotion of the Club and the Function Centre. I am open to exploring new events that will attract one and all as we are also **Here For The Next Generation**. If I don't catch up with you before Christmas, please have a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break.

All the best wishes from myself and the current Catering Team (Cyril, Olivia, Annabelle, Charlotte, Sabine, Jemma and Chef Sam)

Kind regards

Kevin



GREENKEEPER'S REPORT

C (Alison Dawkins) Green

This green has been playing well recently. However, it is in need of its annual renovation, which is approaching. We have managed the green daily, rotating playing areas and rink wear to ensure the best conditions possible for members. The green has been sprayed with algae and moss herbicides to keep the turf clean in preparation for renovation. The moss and algae is a consequence to the persistent wet weather and cooler than typical temperatures for this time of year.

The green has been fertilised regularly to maintain sustenance and nutrition. Insecticide treatments have also been applied to protect the green from damage.

It has been groomed to reduce runners, remove thatch and to ensure a fine leaf on the turf.

The recent high winds have required the green to be irrigated to ensure the turf remains hydrated.

We are planning to take out C green after the Christmas bowls events.

D Green

This green has been under renovation that is progressing well however is slightly behind schedule due to the cold temperatures for this time of year. The cooler nights have seen lower soil temperatures than typical for this time of year.

The green has had consistent fertiliser applications to ensure sufficient levels of nutrients throughout the renovation processes. Additional dry fertilisers, soil amendments to adjust pH levels, organics and soil adjuvants have been applied also.

Additional insecticide treatments have been applied due to persistent pest emergence. Interestingly the pest infestations have been more prevalent on the Eastern side of green. We observed late one night that the bright lights from the roadworks being conducted on the widening of the Pacific Highway have been

shining on that half of the green which draws the pests to the surface putting more pressure on the turf on this half of the green.

The green has been scarified thoroughly to reduce mat and thatch. The thoroughly surface was cleaned of excess vegetative matter with the power broom to open the sward for new growth and chemistry penetration.

The green was then cored with half-inch, hollow tines and the plugs arranged for removal with the windrow. The plugs were removed from the surface with scoops to ensure fresh, enriched soil was added to the profile.

The green has been laser-levelled with kiln dried, sand and loam soil mix, custom-blended for this green's requirements.

The turf has been progressing well albeit slowly. However, we have noticed the green has really started to grow and close-up in the last week. The green is almost ready for its next top-dress that is scheduled for next week (dependent on weather etc.). We hope to have green back late December. Unless the weather patterns become more consistent and warmer conditions prevail I cannot promise any earlier.

The recent high winds have been drying the surface out requiring diligent irrigation to ensure the





delicate new growth remains hydrated.

Croquet Lawn

The croquet lawn has been cut and groomed regularly and marked out ready for play. This surface has been managed daily from wear and tear during the wet weather we have been experiencing.

The green has had several herbicide treatments to treat broadleaf, creeping oxalis, star weed and moss/algae infestations.

The lawn has been fertilised to ensure consistent growth and to maintain turf health.

The lawn will need an annual renovation as discussed at the last, green's meeting. We are set for the 19th December to commence renovations.

The Cottage

The cottage lawns have been mowed, edged and blown clean regularly. Regular sprays of Roundup and hand weeding. Trees and hedges are being maintained.

Club Surrounds

All grassed areas such as nature strips and banks have been edged and mowed regularly. All paths have been blown clean.

Weeds have been sprayed along paths and garden beds throughout the Club regularly.

We have been trimming and hedging around the Club completing the Leighton Green conifers, Murray's, Ficus and Sasanquas. We will continue trimming and hedging as the season progresses.

Darren Hargreaves

Principal - Sportsturf Specialist

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WELCOME TO CROQUET

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CROQUET CLUB
NEWSLETTER FOR
DECEMBER 2022



GALA DAY – 1st OCTOBER '22

Our first **Gala Day** for many years and with regards to the weather, we couldn't have been any luckier, the rain stopped and the clouds slightly parted just in time for the arrival of our members and guests for a morning session on the lawn. Then followed a casual and enjoyable BBQ lunch before returning to the lawn for a very social game of revolving 'tap and chat' game of GC. For some of us it may have developed into an even more social 'tap, sip and chat' at the 13th hoop (yes golfers, a standard game of croquet finishes at the 13th hoop, although I admit it's not as good as a golfer's 19th).

The activities opened with our traditional Knock-out - Croquet Spider with the closest to the "Centered White jack" being Rosemary Stevens winning the Brokenwood followed by Debra Heagney and Paul Dewar in second and third place taking home the chocolates.

The WCC Raffle was well supported not only by the partygoers but also by the Saturday morning bowlers with the three prizes going to Christina Wilkinson winning the Christmas basket, Warwick Davis (Men's Bowls) winning the party basket and Rosemary Stevens taking home the Courvoisier and chocolates.

Many thanks to Keith Handley (Men's Bowls), our master BBQ lunchtime Turner & Burner, Marilyn for the catering, flyers and organisation, Debra for undertaking raffle sales, Peter for lunch sales and everyone who assisted in the background doing all those little discrete things that made the day such a success.

A special welcome back to our dual member Patsy McCaskie, who travelled down from the Entrance Club (EDSACC) to join us.

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Members enjoying lunch on the verandah



Finalists gathering around for the results of the spider

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1. 2022 AC & GC CLUB COMPETITIONS

Just a gentle reminder to all competitors that the 2022 club competitions must be completed during December before the lawn is taken out for renovation on the 19th. December. Whilst 2022 has been a very difficult year with the reduced number of playing days, matches must be completed before the restart of the 2023 competition season. Regrettably, failure to complete can only lead to a forfeit of your match.

2. ANNUAL TROPHY PRESENTATION

We are at loss as what to do for our 2022 trophy presentation event. I am confident our committee will think of something

creative and exciting that will attract all members of the WBC, so stay tuned. This one will be incredibly good and a red ticket event be it a lunch, a dinner, a Live Jazz afternoon on the balcony or a cocktail party. The date for your diary is Friday the 10th March 2023.

3. 2022 PRESIDENT'S DAY/CHRISTMAS LUNCH:



Our President's Day/Christmas lunch is booked in for **Saturday 10th December.**

Invitations to members, partners and friend are out there and we have Marilyn our Social Secretary supported by a troop of connoisseurs busy planning the lunch and activities.

You can be assured of another enjoyable and fun outing leading into the festive season and summer holidays.



RECRUITMENT CONTINUES ON IN 2023

With a request from Marilyn Pryor, President of **u3a** Upper North District, our WCC free Friday afternoon GC coaching class has been included in their 2023 Course Book due for release on the 15/1/23.

This voluntary group, **u3a** (You in the 3rd age) was formally known as U3A, University of the Third Age.

Hopefully some of their 450 members will be tempted to try their hand at Croquet and spread the word.



CORPORATE FUNCTION BOOKINGS

This year we joined the Men's Bowls in supporting the Club by providing the Croquet Club's facilities, and services to co-host the Function Centre's – Corporate Barefoot Bowling and Croquet program.

Corporate Function bookings peak at this time of the year and are extremely important to the club. Our involvement cannot be undertaken without the support of our close-knit team of volunteers who provide introductory coaching and on-lawn supervision: **Maria, Lynne, Deb, Marilyn, Robert, John and Paul**. Thanks to all of you for a job well done.



Our first corporate event was held on Monday 31st October '22: **Mars-Wrigley Hornsby** –Part of the Global Multinational Mars confectionery HQ based in Virginia USA. A staff party for 120 personnel that included barefoot bowls with 36 people playing a social 'Tap & Chat' game of Golf Croquet. A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all with the spectators growing in numbers as the afternoon went on.



The Club's next Corporate Function is on Saturday 10th December 2022, for **Mt Wilga Private Hospital** – Part of the Ramsay Health Care, a Global Corporation based in Sydney Australia.

A staff Christmas party with Bowls and Croquet activities, with 36 booked in for a social 'Tap & Chat' game of Golf Croquet on a rotation bases.

We also take this opportunity to welcome the Hospital as our new Club sponsors, effective from December 1 and trust they enjoy the festivities as much as we do in presenting them.

KILWAR CROUET COMPETITION



Wednesday the 19th October, we hosted a shorten version of the "KILWAR" competition against Killara CC. The competition originally known to us as **The Friendlies** which best describes the event, the atmosphere and ambiance associated with this competition.

Kilwar Results: Golf Croquet

Doubles: Douglas Greening and John Owens (KCC) 14 hoops. -v- Marilyn Pryor and Paul Dewar (WCC) 9 hoops. Games: 2 : 0 to KCC.

Singles: Ron Bradner (KCC) 17 hoops –v-- Peter Armstrong 15 hoops, Games: 2 : 1 to (KCC).

THE LAWN

REPORT FROM THE CLUB'S GREENKEEPER

By: Darren Hargreaves - ProGreen & Landscape Constructions dated 21/9/2022

'A' Green, the Croquet Lawn has had massive use throughout the whole playing season mostly during the wet weather and it is showing signs of wear and heavy soil compaction.

We had been winning with the moss up along the northern end of the Lawn but with the recent consistent rains it has reared again, follow up treatments will be completed. Weeds have invaded the lawn over the last few weeks; we have sprayed the green and banks with a selective herbicide, the weed seeds blow into that area from the Pacific Highway.



Laser levelling the lawn (1/20)

The lawn will hold up for the croquet members until a much-needed renovation later in December."



LAWN RENOVATION

Plans are locked in to take the Croquet lawn out for a full renovation from the 19th December and for it to be back in play by the 20th February just in time for the GC Pennant season.

The 8 week renovation involves: dropping the cut height for easier scarifying followed by coring, fertilizing (full of goodness), then 15 tonnes of top soil, more fertilizing, laser levelling, more fertilizer, a final top dressing then watering, mowing and rolling until such time the lawn is flat-as-a-tac and running at an ACA competition speed of 11 to 13 seconds and once again looking like carpet and at its best. Well worth the wait and an experience.



Open day 3/20

FROM (ACA) AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION – NEWSLETTER SPRING EDITION



NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

It definitely pays to read the news from HQ as we have learnt that eligible ACA affiliated clubs will receive incentive payments.

Clubs are eligible to receive a cash incentive if their net membership increases over the two-year period from January 2022 to 31st December 2023.

Eligible clubs will receive \$50 net per new, affiliated member, with payments to clubs in February 2024.

In January 2022 the WCC had 28 affiliated members. Today after editing our membership register we have 62 members although not all are affiliated.

Membership recruitment is self-propelled these days with three new members currently under coaching; accordingly, membership in 2023 is expected to reach 70, the maximum capacity for our single lawn.

ACA member affiliation is something we will pursue vigorously over the next 12 months to ensure we capitalise on this incentive program, while supporting the administration of the sport of croquet, being Croquet Australia and Croquet NSW.

2022-2023 ACQUISITION OF CROQUET EQUIPMENT

In line with membership growth, Board approval is held for the acquisition of 4 new coaching mallets along with the cost to re-grip the best 12 of our existing, well-worn club mallets. All needed to support our coaching requirements and corporate bookings. We are planning for the acquisition of mallets to be made in 2023 and hopefully the Club funding can be supported by way of a Sports Grant.

In the meantime our newest member Stan Simpson has sourced the replacement grips and has offered to re-grip the club mallets in time for our next corporate function. Nice work Stan, it's not the usual way we welcome our newest members to the Club. Thank you, your support and enthusiasm are timely and greatly appreciated by all.

I take this opportunity to wish all Club members, family and friends a most enjoyable Christmas and good health and happiness in 2023.

Peter

President - Warrawee Croquet Club.

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LADIES SECTION REPORT



The Melbourne Cup was a resounding success. Members chose to play bowls/ bridge or mah-jong until lunch which was a delicious barbecue of beef sausages, various salads followed by a pavlova. Four of our Ladies helped with the serving of the food. Some members actually went back for seconds. Of course everyone enjoyed spending a little money on the sweeps.

Two teams entered the District Triples in November at St.Ives which was won by Neutral Bay.

At our Christmas Lunch on 13.12.22. we will be having our jewellery lady Tina Hyman in attendance bringing her special jewellery. A great opportunity to buy last minute gifts.

This will also be our last day of the season, returning January 10th. 2023

Our last bridge day will be 16th December 2022.

We also arranged a special meeting with the Ladies to discuss the playing format going forward.

Committee - Warrawee Women's Bowls

Book in NOW for the
Club Christmas
Lunch
Tuesday, 13th Dec 2022,
12.30pm for 1.00pm Lunch
All Members and Guests are Welcome!
Tina Hyman will be selling jewellery on the day!!
MENU:

- Presets of Orange Juice
- Hot Turkey and Ham Lunch with Roast Vegetables
- Celebration Cake for Dessert
- Tea, Coffee and Mints to finish

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MEN'S SECTION REPORT

The month of October, what a wash out Rain Rain Rain !!.

Club Competitions.

All of our competitions this year have been open to both men and women members.

Round 1 of the Open-Gender, Club Championship Singles was played on the first Saturday of October. Due to the rain one week and the pennant playoffs another week, the second round was completed three weeks later.

The finals were played on the first week of November by Sonny Ching and Tony Fabro. Tony emerged as the 2022 Club Champion. The full draw and results can be viewed at the bottom of the Club's bowls web page (<https://warraweclub.com.au/bowls>).

The consolation plate final between Warwick Davis and Malcolm Kirby was played on the second week of November. It was a very close game with Warwick Davis winning 25-23. Congratulations Warwick.

Single Gender Men's Pennant finals at Harbord 15- 16 October.

Warrawee won its Section to make it to the playoff at Harbord on the weekend of 15-16th October. Other finalists in Division 4 were Killara, Harbord No.1 and Warringah. The ultimate winner was Warringah which beat Harbord No.1 by half a point.

Lamb/Selanger, Lanker Painting Trophy

We played this semi-annual match mid-October at Killara. Warrawee retained the painting with a comfortable win 148-108.

The painting now hangs back on the wall of the bar lounge, at the Warrawee Clubhouse.

Rookies

Three of our members have entered the Zone Rookies this year – Ashley Mills, Keith Jacobs and Peter Crawley.

The qualifying matches for Pairs was played on the weekend of 26-27th November.

Our team of Peter Crawley and Ashley Mills won the first two matches of the day and lost the third. They were equal first for the day but lost on a count back. The qualifying Singles for all three of our members will be held on the weekend of 10-11th December.



Melbourne Cup

This was an enjoyable day for all who attended, with bowls, lunch, sweeps and watching our hard-earned go on the race results.

Bare foot bowls

On the 31 October Kevin had a function for 150 visitors from Mars Wrigley. This was followed by a large group of year 10 students bowling and dancing. Many thanks for the members who assisted with the parking and for supervising barefoot bowlers.





Result of Tuesday Social Bowls Monthly Consistency Comp.

October 1st Dave Anthony 62 2nd Kerry Lyons 60 3rd Peter Crawley 57

November 1st Ken Potter 63 2nd Peter Stamford 59 3rd Kerry Lyons 54.



Saturday 17th December will be our Club Christmas Party.

It will be a fun, multi day, so come dressed for Christmas. The game will be more social than usual, so please get your name down on the board to help with catering.

We will continue playing bowls on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the festive break, including 24th December, Christmas Eve.

There will not be any staff available during this time so we will be self-catering.

Congratulations to Ashley Mills on joining the Club's Board, thank you Ashley.

Committee - Warrawee Men's Bowls

Christmas BOWLS

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER

OPEN GENDER THREE-BOWL TRIPLES

JOIN US IN A FUN-PACKED AFTERNOON

STARTING AT 12:30PM

THIS IS BROKEN UP WITH A VERY SPECIAL AFTERNOON TEA AT 2:30PM

**POST-GAME REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DURING THE PRESENTATION
OF GAME PRIZES TO ALL PARTICIPANTS**

CHRISTMAS DRESS IS OPTIONAL BUT WOULD HELP SET THE SCENE

ABSOLUTELY NO NEED FOR A ROLL-UP – CHRISTMAS COP TO APPLY

**THERE IS SPACE FOR 42 PLAYERS, SO EITHER REGISTER ON THE MEN'S NOTICEBOARD
OR PHONE IN ON THE DAY BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM**



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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

THEN AND NOW

You may or may not know that, in his younger days, Club member Ken Potter played 1st Grade Rugby League football with the North Sydney Bears.

Here is a photo of Ken with some of his team mates. Along the back row, from left to right are John Adam, Don McKinnon, captain-coach Bill Hamilton and Ken. At the front is Kevin Wilson.

John, Don and Ken all had their debut in first grade on the same day. The year was 1977 and Ken was 23 years old. All three came up through the Juniors, from the Lane Cove Tigers and McMahons Point.





Check out Ken's sturdy legs and his dark-haired mullet. Ken now sports a silver-coloured, spiky buzz-cut as shown in the recent photo below.



These days, Ken enjoys his bowls, a glass or two of wine and the occasional punt. He is a part-owner of two very handy racehorses, Bacio Del Mist and Greyoncé. Keep an eye out for them.

THANK YOU

A warm thank you to the contributors to this newsletter, you have made this task very enjoyable.

Merry Christmas to you and all those you care about.

Hillar

Secretary – Warrawee Bowling Club





CONCLUSION FOR THE MONTH



On behalf of my fellow Directors and myself, I send you all Christmas Greetings and wish you a happy, healthy and safe year ahead.

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.

Brian H





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