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NEWSLETTER – MAY 2022

WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the May edition of our Newsletter.

The continuing rains of the last month have again restricted our sporting days so we again hope for some dry weather so that we can get back on the greens.

Work continues for the new unisex accessible toilet and the new ladies' toilet facilities at the south end of the building.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Hi everyone and thanks for all the encouragement and great discussions recently. It has inspired some ideas on what to focus on in the future to grow the business for **The Next Generation!**

I am happy to announce the booking of our very first **"Host a Murder"** Mystery Dinner Party, on the **Saturday 18th of June.**

This will be riding on the coat tails of the recently held Faulty Towers Dining Experience. This dinner party will be a Great Gatsby theme with a couple door prizes for the best dressed. Its a mix of interactivity, mystery solving, intrigue and a 3 course dinner where you work to play a game of "Live Cluedo". And one of you at the table dunnit!! It will be professionally hosted by Peter Eedy who is CEO of Australia's longest running Host a Murder company.

Tickets are now available at www.trybooking.com/896867

And now that is announced, I am also very pleased to let you know that our next Dinner and Show after that, will be **Thursday 21st of July.** It will be a **"Confetti and Chaos"** Wedding Dinner and Show!!

Tickets are now on sale for that as well and are available www.trybooking.com/897365

Yes, due to the amazing success (and profitability!) of the Faulty Towers Dining Experience (more than 568 tickets sold!), it makes sense to offer these shows more regularly to encourage more people and new visitors to the Club. Striving to live up to the motto: "Here for the Next Generation".

I believe this will be one of the better proven angles of making our wonderful Club more attractive to the locals. Here are some photos from the recent sold-out **Faulty Towers** evening kindly supplied by [Margot Cohen](#)





Kevin

Manager – The Warrawee Club

WELCOME TO CROQUET

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GOLF CROQUET – PENNANT RESULTS - DIVISION 3

Round 1 was played at home against Killara Croquet Club: 13th April '22

We can always be assured of hard fought close games when up against our neighbours from Killara and this match was another reflection of just that. At the end of the day the hoop count was Killara 53 hoops to our 49, with Killara scoring a total game win of 5 games to our 4.

Results:

Doubles: Douglas Greening & Lyndall Lander (KCC) 18 Hoops v.
Brent Fuller and Paul Dewar (WCC) 16 Hoops.
Games: 2:1 to KCC

Singles: Frances Garrick (KCC) 18 hoops v. Robert Woog (WCC) 15 Hoops.
Games: 2:1 to (KCC).

KILLARA CROQUET





Singles : Margaret Craig (KCC) 17 Hoops v. Jenny Ellwood (WCC) 18 hoops.
Games: 1:2 to (WCC)

Our congratulations to the Killara players, another exciting and friendly day of competitive croquet played down to the last game.

Round 2 played away against Cheltenham Recreation Club Thursday 21st April

As the WCC was one of the last Sydbey based clubs to introduce Golf Croquet this was our first trip to the Cheltenham lawns to play GC and once again another remarkable close result with a total hoop count drawn at 42 all.



With Cheltenham coming out on top winning the match with a total game win of 4 games to our 3.

Results:

Doubles: Susan Parry & Kay Mulders (CRC) 20 Hoops v.
Brent Fuller & Paul Dewar WCC 19 Hoops.
Games: 2:1 to CRC

Singles : Carolyn Watt (CRC) 8 hoops v. Jenny Ellwood (WCC) 14 Hoops.
Games: 0:2 to (WCC).

Singles : John Merle (CRC) 14 Hoops -v- Maria Morton (WCC) 9 hoops.
Games: 2:0 to (CRC)

Another very close round played down to the wire. Our congratulations to the Cheltenham players with thanks and appreciation for their courtesy and hospitality provided during our time spent at their well-established 70 year old club.

Round 3 played away against Manly "Sapphires" Croquet Club on Sunday 24th April '22



A sunny Sunday tour to the beaches, with a temperature of 24 degrees and a water temperature of 21. Perfect for a morning jog and a surf before breakfast. Ahh.... they were the days! Today with age, one scramble for close parking, the jog down to a beach stroll, it's a bit cool for surf and breakfast consists of a

BELT takeaway before a game. But still the intension there, just short on resolve!

Results:

Doubles: Bennett & Curtis (MCC) 18 hoops v.
Morton & Dewar (WCC) 18Hoops.
Games: 2:1 to (MCC)

Singles: Dunkley (MCC)14 hoops v. Ellwood (WCC) 12 Hoops.
Games: 2 : 0 to (MCC).

Singles: Patterson (MCC) 9 Hoops v. Woog (WCC) 14 hoops.
Games: 0: 2 to (WCC)

Not much more to add except what great hospitality, great people and a great lifestyle, the sea breeze gets me every time.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(1) Division 3 Pennants Round 4

We are scheduled to host Manly CC “Topaz Team” on Wednesday 27th April’21. Team selections and results will be published in the next edition of this newsletter.

(2) Division 3 Pennants Round 5

Our last match is on the 4th May against Elanora Country Club, hosted by Elanora. Team Selections : Peter Armstrong playing singles, Jenny Ellwood playing singles, with Paul Dewar and Tony Fabro playing the doubles. Side Captain Jenny Ellwood.



Guaranteed to be very nice outing to finish the 2022 pennant season on.

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

AKA “The Friendlies” A monthly competition against Killara CC consist of two teams playing Association & Golf Croquet. Team selections and results will be posted in the next edition.

(4) WCC – Club Golf Croquet Handicap Doubles

After the last year’s success of the Inaugural GC Club Championship Singles, we have four well balanced formidable teams lined up to contest for this inaugural 2022 competition. We ask players to please refer to “Conditions of Play” posted on the noticeboard with particular attention to Handicapping and Refereeing.

The Draw is a Round Robin with Handicap as indicated in brackets below:

	Dewar (10) Fuller (10)	Peacock (10) Dawes (10)	Woog (10) Armstrong (10)	Morton (10) Ellwood (10)
P. Dewar & B. Fuller	X			
M. Peacock & J. Dawes		X		
R. Woog & P. Armstrong			X	
M. Morton & J. Ellwood				X

(5) WCC – Elsie Wall Trophy AC Bronze Single Level Play

The Club Elsie Wall Competition is finally off and running following the rains and related lawn closures:-

	MA. Bellingham	R. Bellingham	J. Ellwood	M. Poirrier	P. Armstrong
MA. Bellingham	X	14W			
R. Bellingham		X	8L		
J. Ellwood	13L	9W	X		
M. Poirrier				X	
P. Armstrong					X

(6) WBC/WCC Promotional/Recruitment Campaign : “Wahroonga Village Street Walk”

This year the Village recruitment walk is being conducted by the Clubs Croquet Sporting Section. Show (Tote) bags are packed and ready to be handed out to the local shoppers and Café patrons.



It was planned to conduct the walk on a bright and sunny Friday in April, unfortunately our plans were marred by inclement weather conditions. Accordingly the campaign has been deferred to after the rains when the skies are clear and residents are back enjoying the village buzz. We are now looking for a pleasant sunny day in early May.

(7) 'Flint-Jones Trophy AC Club Championship Singles - Level Play

Entry Open with a registration sheet on the Noticeboard in the Club Room. Entries close on 6 May, play can start on 9 May and play ends 3 June 2022.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Another solemn and respectful service delivered by The Venerable Clive King AM - Retired Flight Commander RAAF - Chaplin, as club members and visitors come together to commemorate Australia's deeply held ANZAC tradition.



The Croquet Section was represented by Mary Poirrier who delivered the opening 'Prologue' to the service.



LAWN AND GARDENS :

Brent Fuller - Club Secretary, and Paul Dewar – Chair Lawn & Grounds are in discussion with our neighbours Knox Grammar to jointly prepare and lodge an application with the Ku-ring-gai Council to have the trees that over-shadow the northern corner and base line of the Croquet Lawn trimmed.

The same exercise was carried out some 8 years ago, naturally Council guidelines have changed over the years in relation to the shires trees and their canopy.

MEMBERSHIP

Progressive full croquet membership as at April:- 57 plus two applications pending approval and two new enquiries.

Well that it for now – Although quiet on the social scene, somewhat busy with the wrap up of Div.3 Pennants, club and local competitions.

Keep the head down and follow through till next time.

OUT FOR DINNER

A group of 15 year old boys discussed where they should meet for a meal. They chose the hamburger shop next to the Ocean View Restaurant because they only had \$6 between them and they could ride their bikes there.

Ten years later, the group now 25 year olds discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed the Ocean View Restaurant because the beer was cheap, they had free snacks, the band was good, and there were lots of cute girls.

Ten years later, at 35, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. They chose the Ocean View because the booze was good, it was right near the gym and if they went late enough, there wouldn't be too many whiny little kids.

Ten years later, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View because the martinis were big, and the waitress service was excellent.



Ten years later, at 55 years of age, the group again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed the Ocean View because the prices were reasonable, the wine list was good and fish is good for your cholesterol.

Ten years later, at 65, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. They agreed the Ocean View because the lighting was good and they have an early bird special.

At 75 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed at the Ocean View because the food was not too spicy, and the restaurant was handicapped accessible.

Ten years later, at 85 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they had never been there before".

Peter

President - Warrawee Croquet Club

LADIES SECTION REPORT

Turrumurra Veterans' Day was held on 21st April. Instead of rain we had a rather strange yellow ball in the sky which I believe was the sun. Something we rarely see these days, and it was very welcome.

Eight District Clubs were represented and included 4 members from Warrawee. A most enjoyable day it was.

Our *Triples Championship* that was to commence 26th April, due to inclement weather will now be played on *Tuesday 14th June*

Our *Singles Championship* will commence on *Tuesday 17th May*. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us. We are really very tired of having to organise and reorganise events.

Anzac Day was as usual very moving. Following the service, the official party marched down to the memorial accompanied by the Knox Catafalque Party.

We then all adjourned to the Clubhouse for a delicious roast lamb lunch. A most enjoyable day was had by all.

Our *Cancer Council - Friends' Day*, to be held on *Tuesday, 31st May*, takes the place of the Cancer Council Big Morning Tea.

We invite all members to come along and bring a friend to play bowls, bridge, mah-jong or croquet.

We begin with morning tea at 9.30 am. Games start at 10 am, followed by lunch at 12.30 pm, Cyril's fabulous sandwiches, a party pie and homemade slices.

There are lots of terrific raffles and all money raised during the day goes to the Cancer Council.

In past years we have been able to send over \$1,000 each CC/Friends' Day and we hope to do the same again this year.

Put your name on the list in the annexe or ring Heather Bradley on 9488 5307 or email hgbradley@bigpond.com

In past years the Ladies' Club has been able to send in excess of \$1,000.00 to the Cancer Council

Committee - Warrawee Women's Bowls



MEN'S BOWLS REPORT

Tuesday Afternoon Bowls.

The bowlers on Tuesday afternoons have a competition for consistency over each month. April was the first month since late last year where there have been at least three playing days in the month to make the competition viable.

The results for April were 1st Kevin Davies (50), 2nd David Maclean (49) and 3rd Derek Bimson (45).

There is also a competition between the Tuesday selectors to determine who can pick teams to produce the lowest total margin for the day. The total margins each day are summed and averaged over the year. Congratulations to Doug Stewart who is the winning Tuesday Selector with the lowest average margin for 2021.

Bowls in the wet.

Bowls on Saturday April the 8th was cancelled due to rain. This presented the club an opportunity to think outside the square and move that Saturday's games to Monday. It turned out to be a perfect Autumn day, sunny, gentle winds and a very pleasant 26°C. There were twenty seven players who took up the offer, including those playing the finals of the Open Minor Singles. Congratulations to Peter Ward, our Minor Singles Champion for 2022 and to Virginia Armstrong as runner-up. Have a look at our Warrawee home page at <https://warraweeclub.com.au/> and click on the "Bowls" tab for more details.

Some general observations around the greens.

There are some etiquette/unwritten rules that some members may not be conscious of and so will appear in this Newsletter from time to time.

To kick things off – **at the conclusion of the game**, skips are expected to reset the scoreboard so that the numbers do not become bleached over time, leads to take the mat and jack with them and the whole team to ensure the shade cloths at each end are rolled back.

Club competitions

Eight teams entered the *Veterans' Open Handicap Pairs* which commenced April 20th.

The final is scheduled for May 11th. Again, keep up with the action by logging onto the above website for updates.

Entries closed on Saturday April 23rd with nine teams in the *Club Open Championship Triples*.

The first round will be on Saturday April 30th

Inter Club competitions

We have three inter club competitions coming up in the next month. Two of these will be away games and one home game.

The first of the away games will be the *John Waterman Trophy* at Mosman. Mosman organises this three bowl triples competition so that they play one of ten clubs each week.

The four clubs registering the highest margin of shots against Mosman (or the lowest loss) compete in the semi-finals, and if successful, in the final in June or July. We have three teams playing on 27th April.

The next competition will be the *Jacobs Creek Challenge* at St Ives on Monday 16th May. This had originally been planned for last February, but was washed out. It will be an all day event with the Warrawee team comprising a pairs, triples and a fours.

The home game will be the Warrawee leg of the *Lamb/Salenger - Langker Painting Challenge*. This was originally planned for the beginning of February but was washed out. We will be playing on



Wednesday 25th May. The subsequent match will be at Killara, scheduled for 5th October. The team for the match at Warrawee is as follows:

Lamb/Salenger – Langker Painting Challenge teams for 25th May 2022 at Warrawee						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lead	Peg Fabro	Ken Li	Ken Potter	Keith Handley	Moonhee Kim	Graham Lightfoot
Second	Steve Ogden	Jim Fergusson	David Russell	Brian Harris	Peter Armstrong	Warwick Davis
Skip	Len Hyde	Malcolm Kirby	Tony Fabro	Christer Bergman	John Bryan	Sonny Ching

Team selections for each of these events are on the board. Please confirm your availability

Zone events

Sonny Ching represented Warrawee in the *Champion of Club Champions Singles* at the beginning of May. The greens were slow and the wind was fast, making it extremely difficult for all players but Sonny put up a good show against a tough opponent.

Ken Potter and Ashley Mills represented the Warrawee in the *Champion of Club Champions Pairs* on the ANZAC weekend. It was a close game against Pittwater with the scores being equal on the 6th, 8th and 13th ends. They were two ahead on the 21st end until the opposition moved the jack back to win by three.

Committee - Warrawee Men's Bowls

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

HOW LAWN BOWLS ARRIVED IN OUR AREA

Since civilisation began, humans have engaged in pastimes involving projecting a spherical object towards a target.

Sculptured vases and ancient plaques show such games being played some four thousand years ago, and archaeologists have uncovered biased stone bowls from 5,000 B.C. which indicate our ancestors enjoyed games similar to bowls more than seven thousand years ago.

These games eventually evolved into the game of lawn bowls, as we know it, in the United Kingdom in the 13th Century.

The game was particularly popular in the 19th Century when Britain was colonising the world, so it was inevitable that they would take it with them to the colonies.



An ancient Egyptian, buried with his favourite bowl (even the bowl looks mummified)



*Bowls at Sandy Bay – 1st January 1845
(excuse the grainy photo)*

The first recorded game of bowls in Australia took place in Sandy Bay, Tasmania in 1845, on a newly constructed green at the rear of the Beach Tavern.

The following year, Australia's first bowling club was formed and the tavern was re-named the Bowling Green Hotel.

It took a while for the game to reach Sydney with the Rosehill Bowls Club formed in 1880. This subsequently became Parramatta Bowls Club and only ceased to function in 1986. (Note that the current Rosehill Bowling Club bears no connection to the original).

Bowls came north of the Bridge in 1883 with the formation of the Queenscliff Bowls, Tennis and Croquet Club, which later evolved into Manly Bowling Club.

Shortly afterwards, in 1888, the St Leonards Bowling Club was formed in St Leonards Park in North Sydney. This was later re-named North Sydney Bowling Club.

Today, there are 16 clubs, currently operating in Sydney that can trace their history back for more than a century.

1880 BALMAIN	1883 MANLY	1888 NORTH SYDNEY	1889 ASHFIELD
1893 WAVERLEY	1894 RANDWICK	1898 GLADSTONE PARK	1898 NEUTRAL BAY
1900 CHATSWOOD	1901 HUNTERS HILL	1902 MOSMAN	1903 WARRINGAH
1907 WARRAWEE	1914 BEECROFT	1914 PRATTEN PARK	1916 KILLARA

Closer to home, below is a full list of bowling clubs in our Zone/District and the year in which they were established.

1883 MANLY	1888 NORTH SYDNEY	1898 NEUTRAL BAY	1900 CHATSWOOD
1902 MOSMAN	1903 WARRINGAH	1907 WARRAWEE	1916 KILLARA
1926 DEE WHY	1933 LANE COVE	1938 NEWPORT	1946 HARBORD
1950 ASQUITH	1952 ST IVES	1953 BELROSE	1954 BALGOWLAH
1954 SEAFORTH	1956 MANLY VALE	1956 TURRAMURRA	1957 AVALON BEACH
1957 MONA VALE	1957 WEST PYMBLE	1961 FORESTVILLE RSL	1962 WILLOUGHBY PARK
	1967 LINDFIELD	1990 PITTWATER MEM.	

We at Warrawee might consider ourselves to be "ancient" but we are only 7th on this list. Let us hope that the history continues for many more years yet.



*The first roll-up, at the official opening of the Ku-ring-gai Recreation Club on 7th September 1907, later to be renamed as the Warrawee Bowling Club.
(Played on A Green, later the Croquet Lawn)*

THE TRANS-GENDER DEBATE

I too, was once a man trapped in a woman's body – Then I was born.

Hillar

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.

Brian H



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