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NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2021

WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the February edition of our Newsletter.

Here we are again – into a new year and let's hope it will be a better year than 2020.

We are getting used to the “new normal” of signing in, sanitising and social distancing but we have adapted well and it is pleasing to see so many people enjoying our Club. We may not be able to go on our usual holidays, but at least we can still go out and enjoy friendship and sport at Warrawee!

Saturday Bowls

I was particularly pleased to see 52 bowlers, ladies and men, on the green in the afternoon of 16th January (plus 4 more in the morning - see Men's Section report below). That is the best turnout for social bowls in quite a few years – well done! I thank you all and hope that this will be a trend that continues throughout the year ahead.

Numbers on Saturday 23rd were again over 50 split between morning and afternoon games – a wonderful turnout given the amount of rain that was around but which did not dampen spirits!

February Dinner

Traditionally, the Club has held an annual Trophy presentation evening in late February.

This year, we will be changing!! We are arranging a very social dinner evening open to ALL members – not just those with prizes to collect. To encourage all members to come along, the 3 course dinner will be subsidised at just \$20 each!

More details and the menu for the night will follow soon. Meantime, please put **Friday 26th February** in your diary – it will be a great night and I hope to see a large number of you then!

COVID-19

Current regulations require that all front-line staff at the club must wear masks whilst serving, but there is no need for members and visitors to wear masks unless they choose to do so.

Please forgive me repeating information from previous Newsletters, but it is better to have all the current requirements well in front of you all!!

The 4 square metre per person rule remains for indoors and the 2 square metre rule for outside – and social distancing of 1.5 metres is still to be maintained.

Everybody attending the Club MUST sign in ELECTRONICALLY using the QR codes at the entry doors and in locker rooms. If you are unable to sign in electronically yourself, you MUST go to the bar where staff will be able to check you in.



This is a Government ruling and we have no option but to comply. If you are unable to sign yourself in, then you are unable to attend the club whilst it is closed (eg for practice roll-ups).

The *ServiceNSW* QR code system also has a provision for you to sign out when you leave the club. This is not mandated, but please do so if you are able to.

As I have mentioned in past Newsletters, we can be audited on this at any time by any of 3 Government agencies being the Police, Health NSW and Department of Liquor & Gaming. Any breach can result in substantial fines and / or closure. We have been inspected twice already!!

Please use the hand sanitizer available throughout the Club.

1.5m spacing between people must still be maintained at all times, both indoors and outside. Jacks, mats and croquet equipment is to be disinfected before and after each game. Do not handle other people's sports equipment.

Indoor and balcony furniture has been spaced out to enable us to meet current spacing regulations, so please do not move chairs from one area to another!!

As we must still provide a minimum of 4 square metres per person in any room, our maximum numbers are as follows:

- 37 Main Club Hall
- 13 Bar
- 9 Annexe
- 5 Room behind folding doors
- 17 Function room

Club Wi-fi

The Club's wi-fi has been enhanced to give more consistent signal strength throughout the Clubhouse. If you use the club wi-fi you will need to connect using the user name **WBC_Guest**.

You should ask Kevin or bar staff for the new password.

LADIES BOWLS REPORT

Upon resuming our bowling for the year on the 12th January, we noticed the addition of a new sign at the front and new blinds on the windows. What a surprise!

The curtains previously adorning the windows, have now been donated to a worthy charity.

On the 16th February, WWBC is celebrating their 49th Birthday and as a result we are planning bowls followed by a delicious luncheon. Rose by Moran will be our sponsor for the day. Invitations have been sent out to all our members.

Pennants to start on **Tuesday 16th March**, and in the meantime will be putting in lots of practice.

We will be competing in two grades - No 3 and No 4 and we wish all the ladies the best of luck.

Committee - Warrawee Women's Bowls



MEN'S BOWLS REPORT

December 19th was our *end-of-year break up party*. Fifty bowlers accepted our invitation.

It was a little disappointing that COVID-19 reared its ugly head again as we had a few late withdrawals due to the Northern Beaches lockdown.

The final number - 46.

A fun day was had by all. **Turn-around triples** was the game so each member of a team had 7 ends as Skip, Second and Lead.



A very big thank you to Turrumurra & Lindfield Community Bank, our sponsor for the day, and what a wonderful array we had of prizes for presentation to lucky draw winners and of course gridders.

The Gridders





Recovered

Of special note was the return of two of our members absent through illness and injury. Hillar Poder returned after two years of absence following back operations. Not only did he have his first roll up on our Special Day he has played on all bowling days since.

Len Hyde returning from a shoulder injury after being out of action for six months. Great to have you both back in action for our 2021 season.



Program of Events 2021

We are off and running with record 56 bowlers present on January 16th at our *let's get started* program for 2021

Pennant trials have been arranged for January and February. Versus St Ives on Saturday 23rd January and Killara on Saturday 13th February. Good luck to all who have been selected to support our Club.

The Minor Singles Championship event has been added to our calendar. This event has not been supported since 2017 due to insufficient interest. Your Committee took the initiative to publish who is eligible to compete in this very special event.

Sixteen entries have now registered. Thank you all for your interest and participation. With the overwhelming number of entries and only one green in operation, this event has been re-scheduled to morning games commencing at 9.30am. This schedule will allow markers to participate in pm games on these days.



CROQUET CLUB REPORT

Welcome To Croquet

Croquet is one of the best-kept sporting secrets going around. An outdoor game that is played by all ages, a game which can be fun, skillful and demanding all at the same time.



Over recent years there has been a worldwide resurgence in the sport with the introduction of Golf Croquet. This interest and growth is reflected at Warrawee where our membership has doubled in the past 12 months.

Warrawee Croquet Club has everything you need to try it out. We coach and play Association and Golf croquet; both played on the same layout of lawn. The skills required for each overlap and many people play both forms of the game.

Visitors are always welcome and members are delighted when asked to explain and demonstrate the game.



There are three enticing factors that make Warrawee Croquet Club (WCC) an exceptional and unique club to join to play the sport.

Firstly, is the social aspect and lasting friendship made at Warrawee that makes it the sociable place to be, social Golf croquet in particular is really a chatty sort of game so you'll soon make plenty of acquaintances and friends during a Friday or Saturday social game.

Secondly is our Clubhouse.

The WCC is a sporting section of Warrawee Bowling Club trading as *"The Warrawee Club"* a traditional sporting and recreational club established in 1907. A club with 113 years of history that carries the charm and charisma of yesteryear.

Today our club members and visitors can enjoy Croquet and Bowls together with all the services and activities of a fully licensed club without the gambling facilities.



Thirdly, our lawn is considered as one of the best manicured croquet lawns in Sydney. In January each year the lawn undergoes a six week renovation program.

A process that involves scarifying, power brooming, spraying, applying 15 tonnes of top soil and laser leveling, finished with regular fertilizing and watering during this growing period. Mowed and rolled throughout the year producing a true and level lawn delivering an ACA competition lawn speed of 11 to 13 seconds.

(Progreen - laser leveller at work)



To complement the standard of the lawn we recently bolstered our equipment stores with new state of the art Quadway adjustable hoops and new Dawson International croquet balls that will set the stage for an exciting 2021 and beyond.

Australian Croquet Championships 2021



The Warrawee Croquet Club is an active member of Croquet NSW and in turn Croquet Australia. As such our club was initially allocated specific days in March 2021 to conduct a round of the Australian Association Croquet Championships:

- Men's Singles and the semi-finals and finals of the Australian Association Croquet Championship
- Men's Singles Plate - A tournament where some 16–20 of the best croquet players from around Australia fly into Sydney to compete for the title.

Unfortunately, due to COVID19 ever changing restrictions regarding border closures the Australian Championships were postponed 12 months to March 2022 when again we will have the opportunity to showcase our Club and its facilities.

To fill this vacancy in the calendar, Croquet NSW has asked if the WCC would make their Lawn and equipment available to host a round in the Croquet NSW – Eastern Seaboard Open which will no doubt attract the top NSW Association players and spectators.

Technical Information – new hoops attract new rules

The approved specifications for adjustable hoop clearance settings for 'Open Handicap' games is the size of a croquet ball plus $\frac{1}{8}$ inch and for 'Advance' games ie. championship games the clearance is $\frac{1}{16}$ inch with a ball size complying with the internationally approved ball size diameter of $3\frac{19}{32}$ - $3\frac{21}{32}$ inches.

To ensure fairness, each of the 4 balls in an International set is measured to ascertain the largest ball in the set, it's only then all hoop clearance settings are made against the largest ball.

Imagine the skill, accuracy and strategy championship players employ to drive a hoop or a run of hoops with such tight gaps to steer a ball through. A fascinating spectator's sport to watch, especially a championship event.

Not to fear, for WCC members the hoop settings are set at the maximum width allowable to accommodate our playing standard and the social games we so much enjoy and promote.

2021 Pennants Season

It is with pleasure I advise that following the introduction of Golf Croquet, Warrawee is stepping outside the gate and registered for the very first time a Pennant team in Croquet NSW – Division 3 Metropolitan Golf Croquet Competition.

Jenny Ellwood –Club Captain is presently inviting members to participate in what will be something new and exciting for our members. I encourage all croquet plyers especially our new members to register their interest by contacting Jenny who will be happy to answer any enquiries or concerns you may have.

The Lawn

Subject to stable weather conditions our renovated lawn will be back in play by the 15th February. Just in time to sharpen our skills and finesse for the friendlies match against Killara CC, GC Pennants and the Elsie Wall Club competition.



Well that's it from Croquet till next time when we will provide a snapshot of what we have lined up for our members in 2021.

Stay healthy and happy and have some fun and enjoyment while running those not so tight hoops.

Peter A

President – Warrawee Croquet Club

"Croquet the thought sport"

GRANTS TEAM REPORT

In October '20 the Club lodged a small grant application with the NSW Office of Sport –The Hon. Geoff Lee, MP Minister for Sport, to assist with the acquisition of new scoreboard numbers on "D" green costing \$1,600.

The existing numbers are faded, rusted and beyond repair.

The application required the endorsement of our local member Alister Henskens SC. MP. prior to consideration and fate by an independent Government panel. Successful applicants were to be announced during January 2021. Due to COVID-19 this announcement has been deferred to March 2021.

In 2019 the Club lodged a \$12,500 *Expression of Interest* application with the Federal Government - Dept. of Industries under the Energy Efficient Communities Programme to assist with the acquisition of a 22kW solar system, costing \$37,360. After allowing for a small-scale technology certificate (STC) rebate and the grant the purchase/installation cost for the club would have been approximately \$11,500 +GST. The system would of pay for itself within 3 years.

Unfortunately the application was unsuccessful. At the time this grant programme allowed for just two applications per electorate. The two successful and worthy applicants from the Bradfield electorate were:

- Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney – All Saints West Lindfield \$12,500
- The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch 1st Lindfield Scout Hall \$11,364

Last week, the Club revisited this proposal and lodged a \$10,000 *Expression of Interest* application via Paul Fletcher -Federal MP for Bradfield 'under the "Stronger Communities Programme to assist with the acquisition of a 39.6Kw Solar System costing \$45,614. A larger system sought this time around to accommodate a commercial ducted air conditioning system for the Clubhouse. An option for Club members to consider sometime in the future.

The solar system comes with a substantial STC Government rebate. This rebate plus a grant will reduce the purchase/installation cost to \$15,922 plus GST. The first-year electricity cost saving to the club is calculated at 51.07%. The system will pay for itself within 2 years.

For this specific grant program, seeking approval of an *Expression of Interest* is the method employed by the Government to vet all applicants to determine the top 20 not-for-profit (NFP) organisations in an electorate they consider eligible to proceed to the next step of lodging a formal grant application.

The Bradfield electorate is 101 square kilometres, encapsulating some 19 suburbs with a growing list of registered and unregistered NFP organisations and local sporting groups applying for grants. Accordingly, the eligibility criteria, endorsements and standard of



applications are extremely high. On average 50% of all Government grant applications are approved of which 75% of these are partly funded with priority, and rightly so, currently given to fire devastated regions and COVID19 support organisations.

Peter A

Chair – WBC Grants Team.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

For the past three years, our Committee has been working rigorously to a strategy plan initially based around providing advertisement exposure, networking and referrals.

However, the events of 2020 taught us that a plan, no matter how effective it may be, is no insulation against a global pandemic that triggered an economic recession, introduced distancing and isolation with face to face meeting quickly replaced by phone, text, email and zoom.

Fortunately, our sponsors showed remarkable resilience and flexibility in their business acumen and stood by us during these unprecedented times, a loyalty for which we are extremely thankful.

Hopefully, in 2021 we will see the start of a recovery and a change back to some form of normality in our personal lives. For the Club we plan to hit the ground running starting with the following sponsored events in February:

- 16.2.21 - Warrawee Women's Bowls - "Federation Day" social bowls followed by a serviced lunch sponsored by "Rose by Moran"
- 18.2.21 - Warrawee Croquet Club – "Opening of the Lawn" A Croquet Spider and social games followed by a BBQ lunch. Sponsored by Brokenwood Wine.
- 26.2.21 - Warrawee Bowling Club – Club dinner and annual trophy presentation. Sponsored by all 10 Warrawee Bowling Club sponsors.
- 27.2.21 - Warrawee Men's Bowls – Post game "Sponsors Raffle" Sponsored by Marshall, Chan and Yahl represented by Leonie Piper

Our members' support and reciprocation continues to build and is greatly appreciated and the key in providing our club future sponsorship funded events, club activities and membership recruitment initiatives.

Thank you Members - Thank you Sponsors.

Peter A

Chair – WBC Sponsorship Committee

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Below is a table showing Bowls NSW membership numbers in 2017 and also in 2021, for the 27 clubs remaining in Zone 9.

In 2017, membership was male only. In late 2019, Bowls NSW started admitting females to membership. As a result, for 2021, I have shown total membership and also the break-up between male and female members.

I am grateful to John Douglas for procuring these figures for me. I do not have access to similar information for Women's Bowls NSW. If someone is able to help there, I am happy to conduct a similar analysis for the ladies.



Have a look at the numbers and form your own conclusions as to who has got it right and who has got it wrong, then read my comments below.

| | MEMBERSHIP 2017 | MEMBERSHIP 2021 | TREND 2017 to 2021 | 2021 FEMALE BOWLERS | 2021 MALE BOWLERS | TREND FOR MALE BOWLERS |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| ASQUITH | 217 | 195 | -10% | 4 | 191 | -12% |
| AVALON | 54 | 56 | 4% | 6 | 50 | -7% |
| BALGOWLAH | 56 | 69 | 23% | 17 | 52 | -7% |
| BELROSE | 180 | 186 | 3% | 23 | 163 | -9% |
| CHATSWOOD | 39 | 54 | 38% | 12 | 42 | 8% |
| DEE WHY | 133 | 131 | -2% | 17 | 114 | -14% |
| FORESTVILLE | 77 | 67 | -13% | 8 | 59 | -23% |
| GORDON | 62 | | | | | |
| HARBORD | 163 | 148 | -9% | 6 | 142 | -13% |
| KILLARA | 78 | 78 | 0% | 8 | 70 | -10% |
| LANE COVE | 57 | 73 | 28% | 24 | 49 | -14% |
| LINDFIELD | 35 | 119 | 240% | 28 | 91 | 160% |
| MANLY | 93 | 112 | 20% | 11 | 101 | 9% |
| MANLY VALE | 15 | 35 | 133% | 2 | 33 | 120% |
| MONA VALE | 77 | 74 | -4% | 6 | 68 | -12% |
| MOSMAN | 92 | 130 | 41% | 29 | 101 | 10% |
| NEUTRAL BAY | 31 | 35 | 13% | 7 | 28 | -10% |
| NEWPORT | 81 | 77 | -5% | 3 | 74 | -9% |
| NORTH MANLY | 47 | | | | | |
| NORTH SYDNEY | 66 | 64 | -3% | 15 | 49 | -26% |
| PITTWATER | 112 | 113 | 1% | 4 | 109 | -3% |
| ROSEVILLE | 71 | | | | | |
| SEAFORTH | 67 | 71 | 6% | 12 | 59 | -12% |
| ST IVES | 146 | 108 | -26% | 8 | 100 | -32% |
| TURRAMURRA | 107 | 94 | -12% | 10 | 84 | -21% |
| WAR VETERANS | 43 | 53 | 23% | 2 | 51 | 19% |
| WARRAWEE | 93 | 104 | 12% | 10 | 94 | 1% |
| WARRINGAH | 30 | 47 | 57% | 14 | 33 | 10% |
| WAVERTON | 7 | | | | | |
| WEST PYMBLE | 51 | 63 | 24% | 1 | 62 | 22% |
| WILLOUGHBY PARK | 49 | 55 | 12% | 2 | 53 | 8% |
| TOTALS | 2429 | 2411 | -3% | 289 | 2122 | -12% |

ROSEVILLE closed down in late 2017 and 52 of its 71 male bowlers went to Lindfield. One went to Manly and 18 ceased bowling altogether, for one reason or another. I suspect most ladies also went to Lindfield but those numbers are not known to me.



GORDON closed down in December 2017 and its 62 male bowlers dispersed as follows:

- 10 went to Lindfield
- 10 went to St Ives
- 10 went to Turramurra
- 9 went to West Pymble
- 2 went to Belrose
- 1 each to Killara and Mosman
- 19 ceased bowling altogether.

Despite Warrawee not receiving a single male bowler from Gordon, 14 of their ladies decided to make us their new home.

NORTH MANLY operated 4 greens on land leased from the Council. With dwindling membership and rising costs, they amalgamated with Manly-Warringah Leagues Club some years ago. When the lease with Council came up for re-negotiation in 2018, the Leagues Club declined to do so, claiming financial non-viability. This resulted in the closure of the Bowling Club. About 20 male bowlers relocated to the nearby MANLY VALE. Other members dispersed to northern beaches clubs such as Manly, Seaforth and Balgowlah.

When WAVERTON closed, the remaining bowlers appear to have all retired.

Prior to an influx of 62 male bowlers from Roseville and Gordon, LINDFIELD's membership had dwindled to 35 in 2017, despite absorbing quite a few players from Northbridge some years earlier. They are now chasing KILLARA to merge with them.

ST IVES struggles to hang on to members despite receiving 10 new members from Gordon. In the past 4 years a staggering 88 male bowlers have retired, the recruitment of new players has been less than half of this. Apart from the influx of the Gordon players, inter-club movements have only been a handful in each direction.

TURRAMURRA's decline in membership is mainly due to retirements, 29 in the last 4 years. Only 4 players have relocated, one to St Ives and the other three to Warrawee.

ASQUITH continues to suffer internal strife following an unpopular and unsuccessful, amalgamation attempt with Cabra Bowls.

FORESTVILLE RSL threatened to close down the greens in 2019 and build a medical centre. This may yet happen and the uncertainty has caused members to drift away.

NORTH SYDNEY bowlers continue to drift away, mostly to Chatswood. The premises are owned by North Sydney Leagues Club which is struggling financially. The clubhouse has been converted into a restaurant (The Greens) and their best green is now a beer garden and netball courts.

MOSMAN continues to thrive. They were the first in our Zone to embrace gender-neutrality and the outcome is very positive.

WAR VETERANS continues to defy explanation. They operate a single green at Anzac Village Narrabeen, which is run by the RSL. With an average age of 85, the old Diggers are setting the rest of us an example by refusing to fade away.

Hillar

Secretary – Warrawee Bowling Club



CONCLUSION FOR THE MONTH

After all this reading, just a reminder to put the club dinner on Friday 26th February in your diary!

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Brian H

Chair - WBC





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