



Cocky's Squawk

December, 2008



PRESIDENT – MERV READ

I would like to wish all members and their families the very best for the coming Christmas and New Year.

The first half of the season has been very successful with Div 1 and Div 3 both in the four. Div 4 and both Mixed have suffered with members being unavailable, but I think they also can make the four.

I would like to thank all volunteers for their help with twilight and corporate bowls. (I wish I had 10 Terry Harveys.)

To My Committee – thank you for your efforts. We started the New Year \$40,000 in the red and we have now just jumped into the black. Well done Committee, who are: Ann and Bill Hardy, Neil Eiszele, Tony Hine, Ben DeGroot, Trish Quick, June Foster, Ian (Ace) Callinan and a special mention to Marie Eiszele, Terry Harvey and Christine Read.

Have a very Merry Christmas.

Merv Read

Merry Christmas

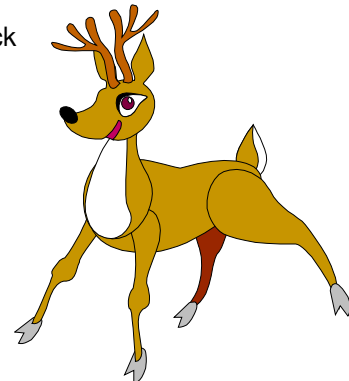


LADY PRES – TRISH QUICK

We are fortunate to be part of the Derwent City Bowls Club. Our success over the past months is only due to a “very few” giving up a great deal of their precious time; allowing our finances to swell and creating a viable club with a welcoming atmosphere. Remember – “many hands make light work”.

My wish for Christmas and the New Year is that you and your families have a healthy and happy Festive Season in 2008/09 and that one of your resolutions is to make time to help around the club.

Trish Quick



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & BOWLS



SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

10AM BOWLS

RANDOM DRAW

12:30 FOR 1PM LUNCH

\$20 PER PERSON

CHINNOCKS SPIT ROAST & SWEETS

Bring family, friends & neighbours

Contact: Anne Hardy 6272 5720

Marie Eiszele 6247 1750

OR write names on club notice board

AROUND THE GREEN – DIVISION 1 REPORT

The Div 1 team have finished round one in third place behind the unbeaten Sandy Bay side (nine wins) and Claremont who, like Derwent City, have won seven and lost two. Our last several weeks have been interrupted somewhat by players making themselves unavailable for a variety of reasons. This has flowed through to all teams with players being taken up to fill gaps. Hopefully things will settle down in the second round.

The Div 1 team are trying to build a strong spirit and on Thursday 4th December the whole team went to the Black Buffalo and enjoyed a meal together. It was great to sit down and just enjoy each others company after practice. The team has worked hard during the first half of the year and players have been asked to participate in some new practice drills which are unfamiliar. With just a little grumbling all players have taken part and it is now noticeable that different members of the team are talking about practice techniques and their ideas of how to improve. We will continue to work hard as a group and as individuals and this should translate into results in the second round.

PHILLIP HOBBS



MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are 3 for \$2.00
Drawn 17th December 2008 at Twilight
Bowls
Winners will be notified.

DERWENT CITY "GOES TO THE DOGS" SUCCESS

What a marvellous night as over fifty members, friends and twilight bowlers took the punt and enjoyed a night at Tattersall's Park. Our special thanks to "Ace" Callinan for organising this exciting night. To Andrew Wallner from "Total Flooring" our sponsor who donated the prizemoney – thanks.

Winners of raffle held at HGRC meeting 27th Nov 2008
(1) Monica Lockley (2) Neville Allison

FOR A LAUGH:

A Christmas Story for people having a bad day:

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the pre-Christmas pressure. Then Mrs Claus told Santa her mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more. When he went to harness the reindeer he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then, when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drank all the cider and hidden the rum. In his frustration he accidentally dropped the cider jug and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang and, irritated, Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said very cheerfully "Merry Christmas Santa. I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?"

And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.



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DID YOU KNOW? HEALTH TIT-BITS

WHAT IS THE "FRENCH PARADOX"?

The "French Paradox" is the observation that the French, despite consuming diets relatively rich in saturated fats, suffer a relatively low incidence of coronary heart disease. It has been suggested France's high consumption of red wine is a significant factor.

Red grape skin is a particularly rich source of resveratrol. It has been suggested that resveratrol may play a significant role in the "French Paradox".

The above is general information and for educational purposes and should not be relied on as medical advice.

W. HARDY

Editor's Note: I knew I was on a good thing and I will drink to it! Thanks, Bill.

INTERESTING INFORMATION:

It takes your food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach.

One human hair can support 3 kg (6lb).

The average man's penis is three times the length of his thumb.

Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.

A woman's heart beats faster than a man's.

There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet.

Women blink twice as often as men.

The average person's skin weighs twice as much as the brain.

Your body uses 300 muscles to balance itself when you are standing still.

If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it.

Women reading this will be finished by now.

Men who read this are probably still busy checking their thumbs.



THE LAST LAUGHS FOR THE YEAR

To my other fair-haired friends (and those who wish they are as clever)

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with that expensive double-pane energy-efficient kind, and today I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was complaining that the work had been completed a whole year and I still hadn't paid for them.

Hellloooo...Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid! So, I told him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, that in ONE YEAR these windows would pay for themselves!

Hellloooo..It's been a year. I told him.

There was only silence at the other end of the line so I finally just hung up. He never called back. Guess I won that stupid argument.

Bet he felt like an idiot!!



QUESTIONS ABOUT VISITING AUSTRALIA

Q. Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia (France)

A. Only at Christmas.

Q. I was in Australia on R+R and I want to contact the girl I dated while I was staying in Kings Cross. Can you help? (USA)

A..Yes, and you will still have to pay her by the hour

Q. Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

•Yes, but you'll have to learn it first.

Q. Can you tell me the regions in Tasmania where the female population is smaller than the male population? (Italy)

•Yes, gay night clubs.

Q. Can I wear high heels in Australia? (UK)

A. You are a British politician, right?

Seasons Greetings

Editor – T Harvey

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