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SPOKES

OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK - December 19th



**THE CLUB CHRISTMAS BARBECUE
WITH OUR PARTNERS
at President Pam Hudson's home
commencing at 6.30pm**

**Meat will be provided -
BYO drinks, salads & desserts
CHAIRMAN: President Pam Hudson
REPORTER: David Firth**



FELLOWS PLEASE NOTE

THERE ARE NO MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS

NEXT WEEK - January 9th

SOCIAL NIGHT at the Golf Club

Chairman: Pam Hudson Reporter: Theo Glockemann

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MEETING REPORT - 12th DECEMBER

Our meeting commenced with the addition of two visitors - both member of the golf club - who had joined us so that they could hear our Guest Speaker, our own Phil Stanton, who was to talk about the golf club's plans to change and extend the clubhouse in response to the mixed use of the facilities.

President Pam, having welcomed our guests, gave a brief overview of the District Presidents' Meeting and District AGM which had lapsed due to a lack of a quorum. Further discussion took place about next week's Christmas Social BBQ at President Pam's home and a list of those attending was circulated. David Firth gave a summary of the Tree of Joy up to the present, and also discussed the final day of trailer raffle selling, ensuring that we had enough sellers on both shifts. John Ellis also provided an update on our youth program—Young Endeavour, RYLA, National Youth Science Forum.

Sergeant Terry deferred to his corporal, Jim Fraser who gave a polished performance in fining most of the members present. There was a further flurry of cross fines with Theo Glockemann on the receiving end!

After the break, Phil Stanton delivered a well researched talk about the proposed changes to the golf clubhouse. He commenced with some history of the building - the original clubhouse forms the base of the current structure. The current proposal was sparked by the club's 95th anniversary. The concept was to alter and add to the existing building with the idea being to separate the functions area from the members area. Four firms of architects were invited to submit proposals which would meet the criteria. One of those was successful and drawings have been produced which entail a new 2 storey addition on the southern end of the current building. This will provide a new entrance for members with men's facilities on the ground floor and ladies facilities on the first floor. A lift is incorporated near the entrance as well as stairs to the first floor. The bar area will be enlarged as will the outside terrace. The Pro Shop will move from its current free standing building to a new area below the enlarged terrace.

The current main entrance will become the entrance for those attending functions. The office area will be moved to the opposite side of the hallway, with new facilities for function attendees also developed in the area currently occupied by the associates change rooms and the mens change rooms. These new facilities will also include a new bar and lounge for function attendees. Thus the plans achieve the object of separating those attending functions from the members activities.

Phil was pleased to be able to report that the AGM of the Golf Club had approved the proposal that they proceed with the development and authorised the board (which Phil was re-elected to) to raise the necessary finance.

Phil's talk was illustrated with a series of photos and the plan drawings which unfortunately your reporter was too slow to get copies. Phil was thanked for a most entertaining and informative talk.

Reporter: The editor

The following is portion of the history of the Golf Club

PENNANT HILLS DISTRICT GOLF CLUB FORMED IN 1923

What to call this new golfing facility?

What to call this embryo Golf Club? It would be easy to assume the first suggestion was to call it the "Beecroft Golf Club" as it was being formed by the Beecroft community and the land was close to the Beecroft village. The address of the land was in fact Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills, not Copeland Road, Beecroft as it is now known.

Among those who were prominent in the community and at the first meeting were Cliff Broughton, Gordon Vernon and Henry Chorley. All of these gentlemen had been members of the old Club and so everyone involved would have known the history of Beecroft Golf Club and knowing of its failure they hesitated to reinstitute that name. After considerable discussion the Committee chose the name Pennant Hills District Golf Club.

Rotary

Club of Pennant Hills Inc.



TREE OF JOY



On Friday we delivered over 200 gifts to Parramatta Mission making over 300 in all to this charity. They were very gratefully received as they have over 1500 clients that they are assisting.

TAKING AN OPPORTUNITY!

Fellows, you may remember that we had a story from the raffle ticket selling last week at Hornsby Mall in which Theo Glockemann attempted to sing a duet with a very talented young lady who was busking nearby. Now Theo, never to give up an



opportunity to promote youth programs, suggested that this lass, Ivana Pasovicova, should consider going to RYLA in January. He invited John Ellis to follow her up this past week, and Ivana has accepted the invitation. Theo reports that she is studying for a Masters in Music.

BOLLYHILLS 2017



A Fundraiser for International Projects in the Sub-Continent

Date: Saturday 18th of February 2017

Time: 06:00 pm onwards

Venue: Cherrybrook Community Centre, 31 Shepherds Ln, Cherrybrook

Tickets: \$50 each (\$500 for a table of 10)

Rotary  Club of
The Hills-Kellyville
RI District 9685

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THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Jan 9	SOCIAL NIGHT	EVERYONE	PRESIDENT PAM	THEO GLOCKEMANN
Jan 23	AUSTRALIA DAY MEETING PARTNERS NIGHT JOINT MEETING WITH	PP JOHN ELLIS BEECROFT CLUB	PHIL STANTON	ADRIAN BELL

NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT MEET ON DECEMBER 26th OR JANUARY 2nd

TRAILER RAFFLE UPDATE

Well, the annual trailer raffle has been successfully completed for this year. We were not as successful as last year with 4300 tickets sold (down about 900) and takings of \$7,347.50 (down \$1,500). As has been reported several times this year, the response from the community has not been as good. For example, our last selling day on Saturday at Pennant Hills Marketplace resulted in sales of 352 tickets and takings of \$604.50. This compares with 518 tickets and \$834.00 takings on the same day and place last year. This despite our excellent teams - AM Jim Fraser, Pam Hudson, Peter Wilson & PM Alex Thomas, Terry Pankhurst, Pat Parker, Ian Chappel.

The drawing then took place as scheduled on Sunday at 1pm at the Golf Club with President Pam, President Elect Alex, Pat Parker, Terry Pankhurst and I in attendance to see Ashleigh McGuire, a golf club staff member, to draw the winning ticket out - ticket number 3993 bought by Mark Crowther of Galston. He and his wife were actually in Melbourne waiting to fly back to Sydney. Arrangements were made to deliver the prize around 7pm by Terry Pankhurst and President Pam.

Thanks to all those who helped with sales - and John Ellis for garaging the trailer over the past 10 weeks.

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Member attendance 55.6%

Apologies: David Walsh, Claude Rigney, Jack Reid, Pat Parker, Ian Huckel, Ian Chappel, Michael Bradley

Guest Speaker: Phil Stanton

Guests: 2

Leave of Absence: Graeme Ashdown



Thought for the Week

“He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.”

Roy L. Smith