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Forresters Beach Probus Club Inc.

CLUB HISTORY

6th Year - April 2010 to March 2011

The Continuing Story of Forresters Beach Probus Club

By Club Historian and Founding President John Ramsay



APRIL 2010

The new Management Committee assumed Office.

At the usual Monthly meeting numerous awards were made. They were :-

To Frank Kelett the outgoing President a Certificate of Appreciation and a Past Presidents Pin. In response Frank (pictured right with Robin Kelett and new President Ross Quinn) thanked Members and wished the Management Committee a successful year.



To Judy and John Ramsay (pictured left) their Life Members Brooch and Pin. John thanked the Members for the honour and Judy spoke of the wonderful friends she had made within the Club.

The newly instituted President's Awards were presented to Pippa Ball, the Secretary for four years and to Frank Bunton the Club Webmaster since the formation of the Club. (Both pictured right).



It was announced that June Harding would be succeeding Marlene Brunsdon as the Theatre Party Organiser.





There were 181 present at the Meeting to hear the Guest Speaker, Daniel Barnaby, the grandson of Pippa and Rawson Ball, tell of his experiences as an Exchange Student in Germany. Daniel was thanked by Gaby Schaudinn partly in fluent German (both pictured left).

At the suggestion of Esme Burnett it was decided to once again trial a Book Club to meet monthly.

April 22 saw many take to the water on the Hawkesbury River Postman's Cruise (picture below).



During April the Bowls, Golf and Tennis groups were in action and the Songsters practiced.

MAY 2010

"Go South" was the theme early in the month with Marilyn and Graham Nestor leading a Snowy Mountains Tour between May 2 – 7. (It was cold by the look of the picture right).



A Clifton Gardens Walk was next, on May 13, for 22 members. (Picture left has Graham pointing the way.)

Racing at Gosford with luncheon included took place on May 27.

The Meeting on May 11 interrupted the mobility. The Speaker was Debbie Hunt, the NSW State Volunteer Co-ordinator, with the topic "Make Poverty History".

JUNE 2010

Twenty of the "Ladies who lunch" met at the Preview Restaurant, Ourimbah on the Campus of the University on June 1.

No doubt the menu was discussed at the Coast Creations next day.

Tuesday June 8's speaker was Ellen Winton author of "Daughters of Allah" with her topic "A Christian in a Muslim World".

At the Meeting Rawson Ball reported that the Management Committee had decided to set a ceiling membership number of 230.

The Camera Club met on June 9.

A special Ladies Day was held by the Sizzlers on June 16 and 57 participated.

The second of the Golf Clinics organized by Brian Hughes was on June 18.

June 22. Some 36 were off and running, but not at Gosford Track, instead to the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo (picture below). A "Yum Cha" lunch in China Town rounded off the day.



Three teams of male bowlers represented the Club at The Jim Price Memorial Bowls Day at Terrigal Bowling Club on June 28. A pleasant day but no trophy !

JULY 2010

At the monthly Meeting on July 13 Ross Quinn presented Neville Wynn with a Presidents Award for his long standing work as Club Photographer (picture right).





Tony and Doreen Byrne announced at the Meeting they had been awarded Australian Citizenship. All present, 174 in number, congratulated them.

It was announced the Coast Creations would be joining together to make skirts for girls at the Destiny Rescue Orphanage in Phnom Penh, Cambodia where Bruce and Barbara Evans grand daughter, Hayley Evans, works.

Nicki Mann spoke on her family's decision to move from Zimbabwe and their struggle to re-establish their flower growing business at Mangrove Mountain. Her talk was "Starting Again - Thank you Australia".



Trivia re-entered the Club on July 20 when Greg and Sue Abbott organized a Trivia Afternoon at the Toowoomb Bay Surf Club for 70. The Trivia questions had been prepared by John Ramsay and at the end of the contest there was a tied result which led to the need for a further series of questions to find a winning team (pictured left).

On July 22 Carol and Bruce Bennett conducted "An Introduction to Croquet" Session at the Bateau Bay Croquet Club.



AUGUST 2010

Follow that man said Marilyn Nestor as she and Graham led a walk through Balmain on August 5.

They all made it back in time for the Monthly Meeting on August 10 at which it was announced that the Book Club would not be proceeding due to lack of interest.



At the Meeting, all 168 present congratulated Kay Haerland on her being awarded the "Best in Show Award" for one of her Quilts "Under the Canopy" (pictured left) submitted to a recent Sydney Quilt Show at Darling Harbour.



At the same Show Kay also won the Contemporary Art Prize for "Drought", a semi abstract quilt.



The emphasis shifted back to fashion when Mary Lyttleton announced that the Coast Creations would next be sewing shorts for boys at the Destiny Rescue Orphanage. A display of the skirts recently made by 30 who gathered to help was on show.

The month's speaker was Peter Moore, a recipient of a Cochlear Implant, explaining the basic procedure and the very significant benefit it had been to him.

Theatre followed fashion next. Greg and Sue Abbott had organized a tour of The State Theatre, Sydney with lunch afterwards at the City Tattersalls Club on August 24.



SEPTEMBER 2010



With Spring arriving it was time to go bush and from September 6 to 10 there was a Nestor organized "Getaway at Tamworth". Fifty five got there for a fun time. "Flying Officer Martin" (pictured left) graduated after a visit to the Flight Training Centre in Tamworth. He showed little aptitude at the Nundle Woollen Knitting Mill.

159 present at the Meeting. Nine visitors.

Ross Quinn thanked Chris Howe for her efforts in producing the Club Newsletter while Frank Kelett had been overseas.

Rawson Ball informed members that the "Bunton Dynasty" in the membership was being increased with Frank's brother, David, joining.

The Speaker for the Meeting was Lou Metti standing in for Gary Gilday who was unable to attend. Lou told the group about the operations of Radio 50 Plus in Gosford.

Rita and Tony Carlsen (pictured right) announced their status as "New Aussies".



Narelle Harvey announced her retirement after many years as a "Sizzler Helper". Sixty nine had been at Narelle's final day of duty in August at Terrigal Haven. Charles is to continue his duties as Onions Chef.

Ten pin bowling was on September 23 with dinner afterwards at The Entrance Leagues Club.

Golfers met at Breakers Club on 29th September.



Those without sore feet set off on the following day, September 30, for a Merylyn and Graham Nestor led walk to the Bi-Centennial Park at Homebush. There were 18 walkers. A feature of the day were the "Fibbing" tales told during

the walk. Dee Dimond was emerging as "Rookie of the Year" among the "Fibbers" according to Len Martin and Graham Nestor the current leading experts.

Other activities included the Monthly Sizzle this time at Lions Park and Ten Pin Bowling at Bateau Bay followed by dinner.

All in all a busy month.

It was discovered during the month some 10 members had a close link with BERIA – not the former Soviet spy master but the "British Expats Residing in Australia". All ten held a Visa in the 410 category.

OCTOBER 2010

On the 7th there was a visit to the Gosford Art Gallery and Edogawa Gardens with a luncheon at the Caroline Bay Brasserie.

Speaker at the Meeting was Ros Baker author of "Seed of Hope"

The Camera Club met on the 14th and Bowls on the 15th.



A Garden Tour of the Southern Highlands, led by Ross and Denise Quinn, took place between September 20 and 22. Thirty



attended.

It was the third "Mighty Tour" and featured a Tour Anthem – "Lord God Ross Quinn is Truly Mighty"

Apart from the regular singing of the Anthem the Tour featured a visit to The Sturt Gallery Chinoiserie Garden, an inspection of the Bradman Museum at

Bowral, a visit to the Milton Park Country House and more - High Tea at the Centennial Vineyards Winery but no steak knives.

All agreed a special feature on the final day was an inspection of the Mount Annan Botanical Gardens conducted by Don Blaxell who initially oversaw the development of the Gardens.

For "All the Nice Girls who love a Sailor" and their partners it all came true on the 27th with a Twelve Night Cruise on the "Rhapsody of the Seas" to New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Fiji. There was "Halloween on the High Seas" during the cruise



NOVEMBER 2010.

On the 3rd November June Harding organised a day trip to a performance of "Jersey Boys"

Monthly Meeting on the 9th had Lieut Colonel (retd) Peter White Speaking on "Life in the Army".

Off to the Laycock Theatre on the 13th for "Anything Goes"



A Sydney Town Hall Tour on the 16th was followed by a lunch at the Catholic Club.



Golf at the Breakers Club on the 24th.

An evening performance in Sydney of "Jersey Boys" on November 25.

Sadly Ailsa Geary, a long standing Member, passed away on November 22.

DECEMBER 2010

A busy month with little time to Christmas Shop!!!

The Sizzlers on December 8 had their usual visit from "A Large Gentleman In a Red Suit" who introduced himself as Santa. Very popular guy.



There was a brief Meeting on the 14th followed by a lengthy Christmas Lunch The "Songsters" performed..



The "Coast Golfers" played and then Christmas lunched on the 15th. To prove that education is worthwhile Greg Abbott, a recent graduate of the Brian Hughes organised Golf Clinics, won the day's competition very easily. There had been three clinics conducted at Swingers Forresters Beach attended by 25.

Convinced eating was a popular habit, the "Songsters" lunched on the 16th at North Entrance.



Not to be outdone the "Bowlers" played and the lunched on the 17th. Anne Martin and Barry Taylor were announced as the Top Scoring Bowlers of The Year. Proved Anne Martin is not just a Sizzle Maestro.

JANUARY 2011

As usual there was no Meeting.



Australia Day Greg and Sue Abbott organised a well attended Cruise on Sydney Harbour.



FEBRUARY

Coast Creations led the way for the start of the remainder of the year with A meeting on the 2nd.

On the 7th a Group left with Marilyn and Graham Nestor for a trip to Borneo and Sabah. Presumably partly Monkey Business.



The first meeting for the Calendar Year was on the 8th with Pat Killelea telling those present of the work of the Sunrise Childrens Home in Nepal Members donated \$300 to assist.

Now people were in the swing the Camera Club met on the 10th, the Bowlers on the 11th and the Sizzlers on the 16th with the Songsters following on the 17th.

No time to rest with the momentum continuing with a self drive Visit to the Caves Beach Hotel, Newcastle for lunch on the 18th.

MARCH

Chris Howe produced what would be the last "Mighty" Newsletter with the assistance of the pressure applied by Bob Fitzpatrick to ensure Chris received her copy on time.

The Annual General Meeting was held.

At it the Speaker was Hayley French from "Destiny Rescue" providing an update on its progress as well as thanking the "Coast Creations" for their donation of garments.

New Office Bearers elected were :-

President: Les Coventry

Senior Vice President	Ronalda Arnott
Junior Vice president	Rawson Ball
Secretary	Bob Fitzpatrick
Treasurer	Phil Little
Membership Office & Asst Sec.	Pippa Ball
Events Managers	Greg & Sue Abbott
Getaways Manager	Graham Nestor
Newsletter Editor	Chris Howe



Graham Marilyn Greg Sue Les Ronalda Rawson Phil Bob

Electioneering over the social whirl continued.

A Matinee attendance on the 17th to see Dr Zhivago.

On the 25th the Camera Club visited the Museum of Contemporary Art to view the Portraiture Exhibition.

Over 100 were at the Bay Sports Club on the 31st for the Club's Anniversary Dinner.



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