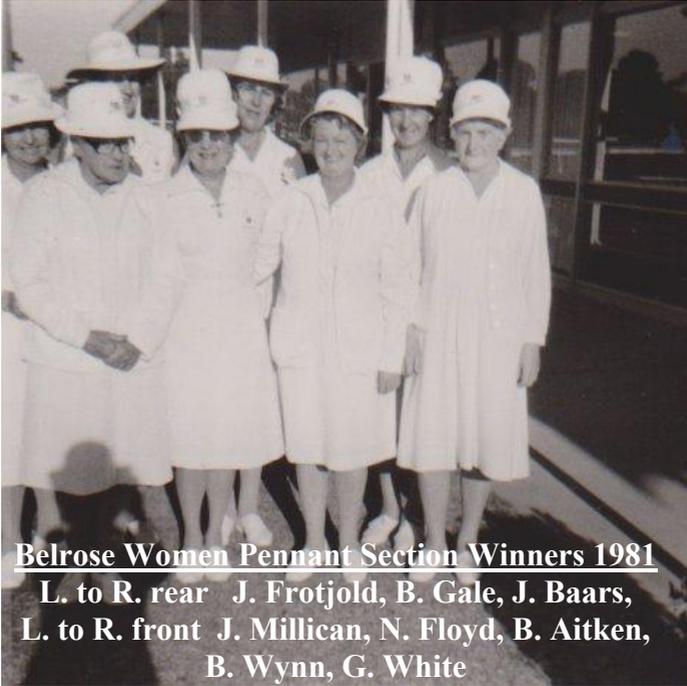


BELROSE WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB PENNANTS





Belrose Women Pennant Section Winners 1981

L. to R. rear J. Frotjold, B. Gale, J. Baars,
L. to R. front J. Millican, N. Floyd, B. Aitken,
B. Wynn, G. White



Belrose No 3 Metropolitan Pennant Section Winners 1983/84

L. to R. J. Kahn, E. Collerson, D. Williams, I. Butcher, F. Davies, J. Rae



Belrose No 4 Metropolitan
Pennant Section Winners 1983/84
Side (not in order) N. Floyd G. Rowland, R. Edwards,
B. Gale, L. Kempton, C. Tickle - (one missing player)



Clubhouse main entrance 1971 -- 1995



No 1 DISTRICT PENNANT WINNERS 1993

**L. to R. H. Wright, J. Millican, N. Napier, E. Taylor,
E. Musgrove, B. Wynn, M. Johnson, K. Blackford**



No 1 DISTRICT PENNANT WINNERS 1994

**L. to R. B. Wynn, H. Wright, J. Millican, E. Taylor, N. Napier,
E. Musgrove, S. Colley (District President),
M. Johnson, K. Blackford**



1997 STATE No 1 PENNANT WINNERS

**L. to R. from top - Jan Millican, Joan Rae, Margaret Johnson,
Halina Wuro, Edith Musgrove, Hazel Barnes, Elaine Taylor,
Joan Dunn (President), Kath Blackford, Norma Venteman**

**N.S.W.W.B.A
No 1 STATE PENNANT**



1997



No 4 DISTRICT PENNANT WINNERS 1997
L. to R. R. Gibb, C. Capplis, P. Williams, V. Aitkin,
N. Flakelar, A. Nathans, P. Mobbs, N. Tonkin



No 3 DISTRICT PENNANT WINNERS 1998
L. to R N. Flakelar, J. Grant, D. Evans, J. Dunn, J. Baars,
M. Maxwell, N. Napier, R. Gibb



No 4 DISTRICT PENNANT WINNERS 1998

**L. to R. R. Button, K. Lea, F. Mckechnie, L. Lindsay,
J. Garnsey, D. Connors, J. Butler, M. Turner**



No 1 DISTRICT & GROUP PENNANT WINNERS 1999
**L. to R. from top H. Barnes, B. North, M. Johnson, H. Wuro,
F. Valentin, J. Millican, E. Musgrove, E. Taylor**



1999 STATE No 1 PENNANT RUNNERS-UP

Back Row L. to R.

**J. Milligan (insert), H. Barnes, H. Wuro,
B. North, J. Dunn (President),
K. Blackford, E. Musgrove,
E. Taylor, F. Valentin,**

Front Row

Winners – Wollongong Wisemans Park



No 1 DISTRICT PENNANT WINNERS 1999
 L. to R. F. Valentin, J. Millican, E. Musgrove, E. Taylor,
 H. Wuro, B. North, H. Barnes, M. Johnson (insert)



No 2 DISTRICT PENNANT WINNERS 1999
 L. to R. N. Flakelar, R. Martin, E. Cossill, J. Baars, M. Maxwell,
 J. Greenwell, R. Gibb, N. Venteman (insert)



No 3 DISTRICT PENNANT WINNERS 1999

L to R M. Stepto, N. Warren, E. Ferguson, J. Garnsey,
I. Karuso, E. Swain, P. Gibling, V. Aitken



No 1 DISTRICT PENNANT WINNERS 2002

L to R E. Musgrove, J. Millican, M. Johnson, E. Taylor,
B. North, R. Martin, R. Gibb, H. Wuro (insert)



No 3 DISTRICT PENNANT WINNERS 2005

**L to R E. Glenn, M. Stepto, L. Lindsay, J. Carew,
J. Grant, J. Dunn, F. Valentin, V. Aitkin (insert)**



No 4 DISTRICT PENNANT WINNERS 2005

**L to R I. Mastroianni, M. Clayton, J. Gordon, P. Gibling,
H. Rogers-Falk, P. Mills, M. Hadlington, D. Holliday**



**No 1 DISTRICT
PENNANT WINNERS
2006**

Back Row L. to R.
R. Gibb, L. Needs,
M. Johnson, H. Wuro
Front Row L. to R.
E. Musgrove, V. Sprott,
N. Flakelar, B. North



**No 2 DISTRICT
PENNANT WINNERS
2006**

Back Row L. to R.
E. Hay, J. Millican,
P. Shearer, L. Lindsay
Front Row L. to R.
W. Perman, M. Stepto,
H. Rogers-Falk,
J. Carew



**No 3 DISTRICT
PENNANT WINNERS
2006**

Back Row L. to R.
L. Cook, M. Azevedo,
E. Swain,
Front Row L. to R.
M. Bryant, S. Thomas,
I. Karuso,
J. Greenwell
(right insert)
D. Connors (left insert)



**No 1 DISTRICT
PENNANT WINNERS
2008**

**L. o R.
V. Sprott, R. Gibb,
L. Needs, M. Brady,
E. Musgrove,
M. Flakelar,
B. North, M. Johnson**



**No 2 DISTRICT
PENNANT WINNERS
2008**

**L. to R.
N. Mitchell, J. Dunn,
E. Glenn, J. Carew,
H. Barnes,
I. Mastroianni,
E. Hay, L. Lindsay**



**No 4 DISTRICT
PENNANT WINNERS
2008**

**L. to R.
G. Butters, D. Kent,
D. Levy, D. Menzies,
F. Nash, A. Little,
J. Parker,
P. Knowles (insert)**



**No 4 DISTRICT
PENNANT WINNERS
2009**

**L. to R.
G. Selvage, L. Holland,
A. Little, J. Parker,
G. Butters, D. Kent,
D. Levy, P. Knowles**



**No 3 DISTRICT
PENNANT WINNERS
2010**

**L. to R.
G. Butters, D. Kent,
D. Levy, P. Knowles,
F. Nash, Y. Ashdown,
A. Little, J. Parker**



**No 3 DISTRICT &
GROUP
PENNANT WINNERS
2012**

**L. to R.
L. Cook, F. Green,
H. Rogers-Falk,
J. Carew, P. Knowles,
D. Kent, D. Levy,
G. Butters**



BELROSE NATIONAL COACHES 2012/13
L. to R. Robyn Gibb, Janette Williams, Christine Bruce



BELROSE NATIONAL UMPIRES 2012/13
L. to R. Michelle Treadwell, Lyn Needs, Elaine Hay,
Christine Bruce

COACHING CLINIC AT BELROSE

In 2011 Michelle Treadwell was selected as the most promising player with under 3 years experience during a North-side Women's Triples Tournament. The prize carried a coaching session with Karen Murphy, a current State and Australian player. Karen Murphy was the 2012 World Championship Singles and Pairs Gold medallist, as well as the World Women's Match Play Champion. Her impressive credentials were put to good use when on the 28th April 2012 with Michelle Treadwell's organisation, Karen Murphy conducted a coaching session for the Belrose Women's Bowling Club. As a relatively new bowler, Michelle went on to be the Club's 2012 Pairs Champion with Robyn Gibb, and was Runner-up in the Singles Final that same year. Her successful bowling year was not complete as she entered the Champion of Club Champion Pairs with Robyn at Warilla, finishing in the last 16, a very creditable effort. Guess who won the Champion of Club Champion Pairs in 2012, Karen Murphy.



**L. to R. standing - Janette Williams, Lesley Avis, Diane Turnbull,
Chris Bruce, Pat Mills, Pam Ferrett,
Janette Gordon, Gwenn Butters, Fran Green
L. to R. kneeling - Diane Kent, Karen Murphy, Michelle Treadwell,
Heather Lynn, Robyn Gibb**

ELAINE TAYLOR – Coach “Extraordinaire”

Elaine Taylor began playing bowls when she was 32 at Lake Macquarie. Five years later having moved to the northern beaches, she joined the Belrose Club in 1963 and played competitive bowls for many years before turning to coaching. Her 20 year coaching career is the longest in the history of the Belrose Women’s Bowling Club. Her first Club Championship title 18 years after joining Belrose was the Minor Singles in 1981, and her first District title was the Pairs in 1989. It shows us all that persistence pays dividends. Elaine began playing Grade 1 Pennants in 1987 and was a member of the Club side which in 1997 won the State No. 1 Pennant Flag and finished Runner-up two years later. She also helped the Club win 11 Mid-North Shore Grade 1 titles. Elaine achieved great success at District level having won the Mid-North Shore, Pairs and Fours in 1989, the Fours in 1992, Singles in 1993, the Fours again in 1995, and the Triples in 2002. Her name appears 15 times on the Club Championship Board, including being the Major Singles Champion on two occasions. Her success extended to winning Club Championships in every discipline over her forty eight year bowling career at Belrose. In 2001 she Skipped a Belrose team that won the NSW Women’s Bowling Association “Federation Fours”. Elaine was given recognition for her long and meritorious service and made a Life Member of the Women’s Club, and in 1986 as a Life Member of the Belrose Bowling Club Ltd. In 2007, Elaine received an Australian Government Sports Achievement Award for her services to the sport of bowls and was presented with a framed certificate by Mackellar MP Bronwyn Bishop at a Club ceremony. She was so thrilled with this and said “whilst most of her awards were for competitive bowls, this was special as it was a token of appreciation from the wider bowls community and recognised efforts made off the Green as well as on it.” Elaine took on another challenge when she decided to study for her Level 2 Coaching accreditation and passed.

Quite an achievement for a lady in her eighties.



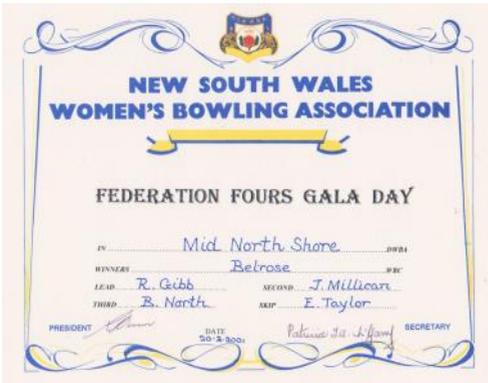
Elaine Taylor receiving her Award from Federal M. P. Bronwyn Bishop

Elaine passed away on 25th January, 2010. She had a melanoma and even though she had part of her leg removed, it had travelled too far. Several of us visited her with lunch on her birthday and although in pain she was as lovely and stoic as ever.

She was an untiring and wonderful coach at Belrose and took a great interest in the new bowlers.

There is now a perpetual trophy in her honour “for most improved new bowler”. A plaque and a magnolia tree were placed in the garden of the No. 2 green in her memory.

Elaine taught me to bowl as she did many others, and encouraged me as a new bowler by taking me out with her in district competitions. She was instrumental in my becoming a coach and loving it too. I can still hear her saying to me “get your palm sunburnt”. We owe many thanks to Elaine for the tremendous efforts and time she put into the Belrose Club. Without these dedicated volunteers our Club would not survive. We all miss you ET. - Robyn Gibb.



**BELROSE WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB
50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 2009**



**District President
Jeanette Brown**

**Belrose President
Yvonne Ashdown**

**State Vice President
Patricia Reynolds**

UNIQUE MODE OF TRANSPORT

Many mobility devices have been developed over the years, but the one used by Billy Roberts would have been extremely unique in late 70's. Billy suffered from diabetes, resulting in the amputation of his right leg. To facilitate with his mobility on the Green, the Repatriation Department as it was known at that time, manufactured an aid to assist him to play bowls. A chair was mounted on a frame and supported by lawn mower rollers. A handle was affixed to the rear so as his team mates could push him up and down the Green. It was reported the machine had a number of positives, including speeding up the Green as the game progressed and ensuring his bowls were not dumped during delivery. These advantages would be greatly appreciated by most Greenkeepers today. It is reported Joe Saragozza, our Club Greenkeeper, is seeking to have a number of these devices manufactured with him bearing the costs as it would save him many hours of repair. It may also necessitate the introduction of a small hiring fee as they do at golf courses.



L. to R. Sid Williams, Tom Ridgeway - Headmaster Killarney Hts School, Kevin Toovey, Jack Flannery, Cam Weir, Billy Roberts (seated)

Photo taken by Fred Leane

BELROSE BOWLING CLUB NEWS

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A blessing for "His Popeship" ...

The following article is a reprint from the "Manly Daily", Thursday, 3rd June, and we congratulate club member Fred (The Pope) Leane on the high words of praise afforded him.

Each year fresh promising talent appears on both the playing scene and in administration. This year was no exception in the Northern Seaboard bowling carnival where stalwarts like Tom Monaghan (North Manly), Eric Fraser and Jack Kevans (both of Manly Vale) have formed an experienced and highly competent management committee for many years.

Last year for the first time they became associated with Fred Leane, bowls secretary of host club Belrose. So smoothly did the carnival run and so competent did Leane prove that he was invited to join the organising committee for 1976.

This year when Harbord was the host club, Leane again proved his worth. "Freddy Leane proved a tower of strength, competent, tireless, cheerful and friendly to everyone. We trust he will become a permanent appointee on the organising committee," was the sincere tribute of Tom Monaghan. As the new secretary of the Northern Suburbs bowls group, Leane is rapidly establishing himself as a top class administrator, thus fulfilling the high expectations of his supporters.



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Fredrick Earnest Leane joined the Belrose Bowling Club on the 27th July 1971 and quickly established himself as one who had extremely good administration skills. It appears his administrative pedigree was inherited from his uncle and aunt Sid and Lil Leane who were both foundation members of the Men's and Women's Club's. Fred put his administrative prowess, gained in his Public Service career, to work at the Club immediately after becoming a member. He has been an acquisition not only to Belrose but to bowls generally with involvement at District, Zone and State levels. His managerial involvement at Belrose included Bowls Secretary, Vice-President, Senior Vice-President and a member of committee spanning a period from 1973 to 2012.

He occupied several positions at District level from 1975 to 1999 which included Secretary (10 years), President (12 years), Senior Vice-President (2 years). He was made a Life Member in 1999. As if there was not enough to do at District level, from 1988 to 2001 he occupied the positions of Chairman of Match, Vice-President and Secretary concurrently with his District duties. He was a Zone 9 foundation committee member and became a Life Member in 2000 and Patron of Zone 9 in 2009. In 1984 Fred was elected to the RNSWBA Greens Committee and served on it until 1988. From 1988 to 1996 he was a member of the RNSWBA Match Committee serving as its Chairman from 1992 to 1996. Zone 9 over many years has hosted State Pennant Play-off's from Grade 1 and on. Fred Leane was instrumental in securing many of those events for our area, culminating their efficient and extremely successful running. His many years of administrative experience were put to good use with the highly successful running of the No 5 and No 2 State Pennant Finals played at Belrose in 2005 and 2010 respectively. His ultimate sporting administration recognition culminated in him being awarded the Inaugural Australian Sports Medal in 2000. Without good administrators you cannot expect to have good tournaments. Belrose Bowling Club and the bowling community at large has been extremely fortunate to have had Fred Leane as a member of their administration teams.



**Fred Leane with
Ces Robinson and
Alec Keech**



**Fred Leane (centre)
representing
Northern Suburbs District
Bowling Association
with Laurie Bignell
and Ian Neill also
NSDBA**

A CHAMPION BOWLER - CRAWFORD LINTON

To declare someone in any sport a true champion is a big call. Champions require natural ability, discipline, dedication and a winning mindset in their chosen sport. Bruce Linton, affectionately known to all of us as Crawford has displayed those essential attributes over his 36 years of playing the wonderful sport of Bowls.

It is often said that when he pulls on a Bowling shirt it is as if he has just emerged from a phone box, except the colours are not red and blue, they were Green and Gold. His competitive nature on the Green is legendary, with no favours ever given or asked. Those having played both with and against him over the years will tell you that at times when you were in his team you had every right to think you were the opposition, such is his competitive nature. He has always had the

ability to see his opponents as enemy combatants when on the Green, but given the result, be it a win, loss or a draw there would never be any nastiness. After a game he would congratulate his opponent/s if he was on the wrong side of the score board and always offer his hand. The greatest compliment he would pay a fellow team



mate was to declare they had won the Seiko Watch, an old Frank Hyde football day award when a player was adjudged the best and fairest. Many Belrose players have received the award over the years from Crawford but I am reliably told they are still waiting for it to arrive in the mail. Crawford commenced playing bowls for Belrose in 1977 and has accumulating a total of 31 years at Belrose. A period in the early 2000's saw him play for Harbord after Belrose withdrew from the Premier League competition. He continues to be one of the cornerstones of the Belrose No 1 playing roster. To document all of his bowling achievement's both on and off the green would

require many more pages than that possible to record in this book.

The researcher apologies for providing this truncated version.



Winning tournaments include but not limited to, NSW State Champion of Champion Pairs, Australian Fours twice, Australian Pairs, Grand Prix Singles, numerous Zone Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours, as well as Senior Singles and Pairs.

The Club's Honour Board also reflects this outstanding bowlers success with his name appearing on no fewer than 24 occasions. A breakdown shows he has won the Major Singles (8), Major Singles Runner-up (3), Pairs (6), Triples (2) and Fours (4). He won the Club Minor Singles in his first year of



bowling. His Pennant achievements include a No 1 State Flag, and No 1 Runner-up Flags on a further 5 occasions. Success at Premier League level included a winning Flag and two Runner-up Flags. An article taken from the Belrose Bowling Club News dated October 1995

demonstrates the competitiveness of this fine bowler. "Linton's Last Laugh". This was the heading of the story in "Sports Weekly" of 2nd October 1995, and it describes how the underdog triumphed in the Grand Prix Singles. The newly-established "Sports Weekly", had articles about bowls and tips on playing as well as the recent Belrose Grand Prix Tournament. The



article written by Journalist David Allen gave a good account of the event and an interview with Crawford who insisted a score of "47" so quoted should have read "46". Who said Crawford could be pedantic. Such was his competitiveness. His prowess's also extended to off the Green in administration as a NSW State Selector from 2004 to 2009 and a Zone Selector from 2007 until the publication of this book. It is generally unknown that he served on the Club's Board of Management as a Director in the 1980's. During his stint as a Director, he was unlucky to have been rolled up in a carpet runner one night and left in the Club. He was discovered by the cleaners in the early hours of the next morning. To compound the problem he was the Club's Duty Officer that night and responsible for controlling members who over indulged. The Board of management was not impressed and he received a rebuke from his fellow Directors after attending a disciplinary meeting. To this day he proclaims his innocence but you would need to ask him what punishment he received. It was reported to be a record at the time for a sitting Director. In 2012 and to complement another successful year, Crawford was again honoured with the Zone 9 Senior Player Award for the 3rd consecutive year. The bowling year was still not over, and at the Bowls NSW Players Award night, Crawford was judged the 2012 NSW Senior Player of the Year. Cameron Curtis in his acknowledgement speech after being inducted into the NSW Hall of Fame that night credited much of his success to Crawford Linton with the words, "Crawford was the best bowler to have never been selected to play for Australia". A wonderful accolade from a man such as Cameron Curtis.

Belrose has been most fortunate to have had many great bowlers such as Rex Johnston and Charlie Blackford over its 60 year history. While it is always fraught with danger to compare the abilities of champions, it can be said Crawford Linton has excelled and his achievements should be equally compared with all those other outstanding bowlers who have played for Belrose and rose to the ranks of NSW Representatives. Indeed a true Champion.

Three shots clinch Australian pairs

The 35th Australian Guarantee National championships finished in a blaze of glory for young Belrose bowlers Crawford Linton and Rex Johnston when they became the pairs champions of Australia at Roselands last Friday.

Both well on the right side of 40, they topped a very successful year by defeating Ian Taylor and Robert Moran from South Australia in the final by three shots, 22-19.

In their semi-final, they coasted home

against Dennis Harmer and Alan Wellham from Western Suburbs Leagues with a 10-shot margin, 25-15.

It was only last month that Rex teamed with Dennis to win the Bodalla Master pairs but his triumph with Crawford this week is without doubt the best-ever performance for each of them.

Last year, Crawford won the Seaboard singles and Rex won the City Masters and was runner-up to David Blumberg in the district singles.

Together they forged an increasingly successful combination, being semi-finalists in the district pairs and winning several outside tournaments before Rex won state selection.

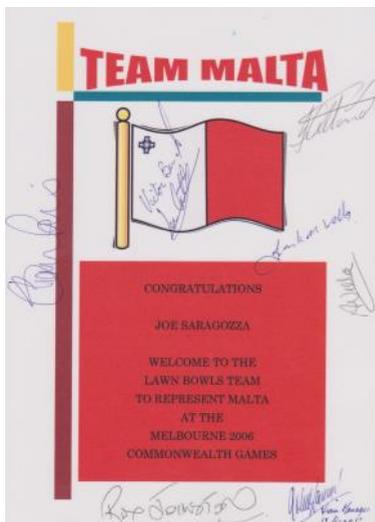
It should not be long before Crawford joins his partner in the state side, especially since they both have not only bowling ability but also youth on their side.

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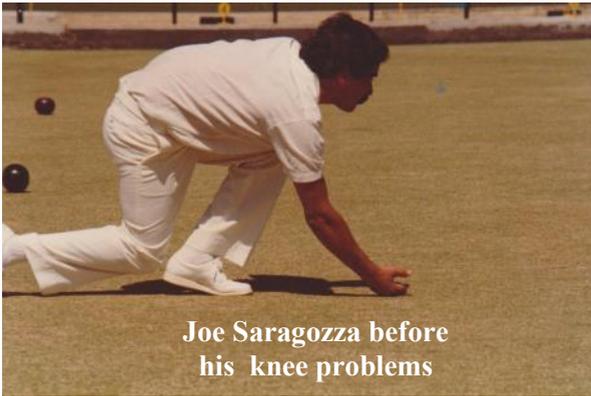


A SPORTING GENTLEMAN - JOE SARAGOZZA

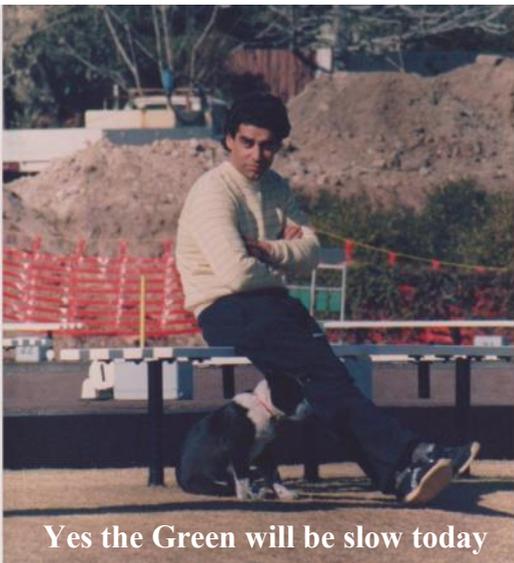
The old saying gentleman run second in sport has certainly been disproved in the case of a Belrose stalwart. Joseph Samuel Saragozza or just plain Joe to all who know him, joined the Belrose Bowling Club on the 1st April 1981 as an up and coming 29 year old bowler having enormous potential. That potential was shown early in his bowling career with immediate selection in the Belrose No1 Pennant side. He was a member of the all conquering 1988 No 1 State Pennant winning side. Those who have played with him over many years, will attest to his friendly attitude with supportive words which always brought the best out of his team. When skipping and in trouble he had the ability to involve all of his team which always makes one feel you were part of his team and the decision making processes. It was reported during one Club Fours Championship Final, a spectator asked him was he in deep trouble or a word to that effect. Being 4 down on the last end and one bowl to play, with game depending on it, his reply was along the lines “yes” but it is only ankle deep and were not standing on our heads. Such is the nature of the man. His last bowl, best described as a Hail Mary, moved two close enemy bowls and rolled up to the Jack for game. I wish I had a dollar for every time I have seen that infectious and apologetic smile. Joe became the Club’s Greenkeeper in 1987 and continues in that position to this day. His bowling achievements are many, and include Zone and Commonwealth Games representation. He became the second Belrose player to represent at Commonwealth Games level having been selected as a reserve for Malta in Melbourne at the 2006 games. In 2007 he represented Malta in the World Cup. His Commonwealth Games dream eventually became a reality when he was selected as a player in the Malta team for the 2010 games in New Delhi as a Second in Triples.



To make it into the top playing roster at Belrose for so long requires ability coupled with consistency, attributes Joe Saragozza has displayed over his 32 year bowling career at the Club. Never ego driven, he always played for Belrose, and on many occasions has volunteered to go back to a lower grade to help with up and coming young players. Joe Saragozza can best be described as a craftsman on the Green, whether it be with a bowl in his hand or carrying out his Greens maintenance and renovation skills. The Belrose Bowling Club has been extremely fortunate to have had him as both a bowling member and a wonderful Greenkeeper for all those years.



Joe Saragozza before his knee problems



Yes the Green will be slow today



Sartorial elegance & what's with the Mo Joe

BELROSE MAKES HISTORY UNDER LIGHTS

After extensive negotiations with the Zone 9 Match Committee, Belrose received approval to conduct Sectional Pennant games under lights. The first round of the Zone 9 No1 2009 Pennant sectional play was scheduled at Belrose on the 28th February against Dee Why. History was made that night and was something to see and remember. The game commenced in perfect weather with the green running at an ideal speed. The Master Board fluctuated over the entire game and victory was for the taking by either Side. As the night progressed the Green got slower and seemed to favour Dee Why. On the second last end, the Paul Somers Dee Why



rink picked up a five on his Belrose opponent and went on to win the big Board 60 - 55 giving Dee Why a 5 to 1 overall result. The game was always going to be close with two rinks having a one shot plus and minus difference between them throughout the night. John Venteman laments the



outcome, saying he thought Belrose were in a winning position so close to the finish as he had a bowl immediately behind the Jack which was protected by a large number of short bowls. Dee Why Skip, Glen Warren played the bowl of the night and moved the Jack to make three which resulted in the Belrose rink losing by a shot. It was estimated well over a hundred and fifty spectators were in attendance and stayed until the last bowl was played. The success of the night was reflected in the bar takings which returned over \$4,500, up \$2,000 on a normal Friday night. An appropriate

comment by a spectator after the game said it all with the observation that the game should be equated to what had occurred with the introduction of night cricket.

Coloured uniforms coupled with the best bowling Green lights in Sydney ensured the nights financial success. Other bowling Club's should consider new and sometimes radical



Belrose	Dee Why
C. Threlfall	19 - 16
D. Meldrum	18 - 25
J Venteman	18 - 19

innovations such as the night Pennant concept if they are to survive well into the future. While it was not a fairy tale finish for Belrose on this occasion, the players did themselves and their Club proud.



Belrose No 1 Side

First Zone 9 Pennant Game played under lights.

**L. to R. David Cooke, John Venteman, Danny Meldrum, Max Gray,
Les Cavander, Richard Wise, Mikel Smith, Cy Threlfall,
Crawford Linton, Joe Saragozza, Paul Stracey, Graham Hartmann**



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3rd (l to r): Robyn Gibb, Jasmine Greenwell, Betty North, Halina Wuro (Belrose).

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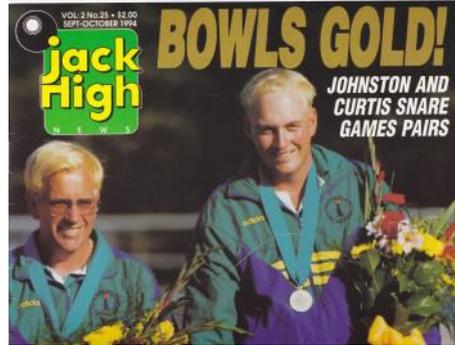
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COMMONWEALTH GAMES 1994 Gold Medallists Rex Johnston - Left (Belrose) Cameron Curtis - Right (Park Beach)

Australian men's bowls has come of age. Curtis and Johnston were the finds of the tournament when they completed their eight match sectional play with just one loss.

The only game they dropped was a last bowl loss to the Scottish team of Alex Marshall and Graham Robertson who were considered to be the best pair in the world. The consistency of the Australian pair proved too much for all who came before them and they made the medal playoff comfortably.

Johnston's skill on the slower Canadian Greens was something to see to be believed as he showed time after time the master stroke on the 11-12 second tracks. They blasted the strong English team



of Gary Smith and Andy Thomson 31-14, cruised past New Zealand's Mike Kernaghan and Phil Skoglund 20 -8 and were never in trouble against Hong Kong's pair which included Mark McMahon, with a seven shot win. The final against Wales was not all that easy though as they came up against Robert Weale and a former Jack High competitor John Price.

The Australians dropped a five on the opening end but won 11 of the next 16 to lead 14 -11. The crunch came on the 20th of the scheduled 21 end final when the scores were locked together 14 all. Curtis and Johnston picked up a three to have the Welsh pair chasing on the last end. They looked to have a chance to knock the Aussie pair over but Johnston took control with steel like nerves to ensure the gold was on the plane for the journey home. The final score was 18-14 to Johnston and Curtis.

This report was taken from the Sept-October 1994 Jack High News.

IN MEMORY OF BRIAN SIDNEY FLAKELAR

Brian Sidney Flakelar, known to his bowling mates as Kellogs was a terrific man to play bowls both with and against, always fair and supportive of new and inexperienced bowlers. I was fortunate to have known Brian for some twenty years before illness brought a premature end to his life. He was a dedicated Lawn Bowler, former National Coach, Selector, Life Member and a wonderful Club Man for Belrose. Records show he joined the Belrose Bowling Club on the 16th August 1984. His dedication to bowls was unquestionable and included being the longest serving accredited Coach (16 years) in the history for the Belrose Men's Bowling Club.



I first met Brian in the late 1980's when my involvement was as an occasional spectator. If it was not for Brian, I and many others would most certainly not have become involved with Lawn Bowls. His persistence for me to become a Bowler, ultimately led me into the Clubs Administration for which I will be forever grateful. Every Friday evening as I arrived at the Club for a social drink, Brian would ask me when I was going to get involved in bowls. This went on for two years and eventually I gave in and had my first lesson, a decision I have never regretted. His persistence changed my entire social and sporting life which ultimately gave me the opportunity to make many new friends. Thank you Brian. I had the opportunity to repay him in my capacity as the Chairman of the Board when I spoke in favour of his Life Membership nomination in 2004. His nomination supported by the Board, was approved at the 2004 Annual General Meeting. He held Membership number 7 and was one of only nine surviving Male Life Members at that time. Like many others, I was fortunate to have had his support as a new bowler and I always appreciated the advice he gave. He took me out to my first carnival after having only been a bowler for six months. We were fortunate on this occasion to win some prize money and I thought how good is this, doing something you like and being paid for it.

I remember well his first piece of advice immediately after he completed my coaching. It was very simple and to quote:

“You will enjoy this game much more if you can accept that over your bowling life you may lose more games than you will win”.

He went on to say *“that while one should always try to do your best for the team, the game should be played for enjoyment and irrespective of the result, be a gracious loser or an unpretentious winner”.*

Brian suffered from a leg disability which never appeared to hinder him when playing bowls. He was an inspiration for all who played the game with physical problems. Brian played most of his bowls as a specialist Lead, and insisted that those specialising in that position should pick a hand and not change, advice many of us playing Lead should remember.

He had a bowling record envied by many, having represented the Club at District, Zone and R.S.L. levels. He was a member of the Clubs State Men's No 1 Pennant flag winning side in 1988, and in the No 1 State Runner-up sides of 1985 and 1991.

Those who had the privilege of playing with Brian in those sides will well remember the games. He was a member of the Northern Suburbs Triples winning side in 1990 and the State R.S.L. Fours winning sides in 2000 and 2002. His name appears on the Club Championship Honour Board on numerous occasions, and included winning the Club Major Singles in 2002, Runner-up in the Major Singles in 2001 and a Pairs Championships. I visited Brian two weeks before his passing, and while not enjoying good health he was most interested in the Club's bowling activities and financial position. He remained very loyal to his Club. Brian sadly passed away in 2011. The Belrose Bowling Club was very fortunate to have had Brian Flakelar as both a coach and a member. He has most certainly left us a legacy over his 27 year membership. Kellogs, thank you for your friendship, hard work and dedication over those many years. We miss you. - Mike Gibb



Kellogs (right) with Bill Glenn (far left) and Len Jenkins

A LIFE TIME OF BOWLS - RAY VENTEMAN

The Club's history would not be complete without a reference to those who's achievements included being among the longest active bowling members to have played at Belrose. Raymond John Venteman joined Belrose on the 13th February, 1965 as a forty year old who went on to become a Belrose elite bowler. This remarkable man chalked up 48 continuous years of bowling at Belrose, and is the longest playing bowler currently still a member. Club icon Charles Blackford held the record of 49 years before his passing in 2002.



Due to health reasons, Ray recently retired from the game at age 89 not out. Still a keen Belrose supporter and Men's Bowling Club Member, he is frequently seen socialising and as a spectator at the Club. Records show he played



Final of the No 1 Pennants played at Beresfield B. C.

his first Pennant game on the 9th March, 1968 in Grade 3, playing Second for Alf Young against Mona Vale. Undeterred by the rink loss of 21-28, Ray went on to become one of the top 10 most successful bowlers in the Club's history. Another member in that years Grade 3 side was Frank Tickle, the current longest living member of the Club. Ray's first grade debut on the 21/1/1971 against Warringah was more rewarding with his Rink winning 26-16. He was a member of the No 1 side in all games that year.

He remained a member of the No 1 side for many years, including the 1988 No 1 State flag winning side and the 1985 and 1991 No 1 State Runner-up flag sides. His last regular appearance in the No 1 side was in early 1993. Later that year he played in the No 2's and 3's. He went on to be a member of the Belrose Zone No 3 flag winning side that year, winning all three Post Sectional games, 72-55, 70-60 and 76-47. Like many bowlers, Ray favoured one hand in his later years, his backhand. It never seemed to be a problem for him as he could draw around most bowls, no matter what were their positions. He played the majority of his Pennant games at either Lead or Second, always acquitting himself well. Ray was not backward in telling you the Skip was playing the wrong hand, a trait a lot of us have to this day. The Club's Honour Board tells the story of his achievements with his name appearing on 13 occasions for 11 wins and 2 Runner-up results. An analysis shows he won 3 Pairs, 3 Triples, 4 Fours and the Minor Singles Championships. He was Runner-up in 2 Major Single finals. His inaugural Championship win was in the Four's in 1968 where he played Second. His last success was in 2009, a span of 41 years, surely an achievement close to if not a record. Other interesting statistics were the winning of 4 Championships with his son John, which included 3 Pairs and a Four's. While generally known as a Second or Lead, he also won the 1990 Triples as a Skip. Those who have played with Ray at Pennant level will appreciate what a competitive player he was, never throwing the towel in no matter how desperate the position. To those who have not had that pleasure, you have missed one of the more rewarding bowling experiences possible in ones playing career. Many a bowler including this author have benefited from those playing experiences. Thank you Ray.

WILLIAM JOHNSON - What a Start Zone, State and Australian Junior Representative

William Johnson known to all as Billy, was born in May 1995 and commenced bowling at the North Manly Bowling Club at age 9 under coach Frank Geer. His subsequent move to the Harbord Junior Academy and then onto Seaforth with mentor Ron Piper, ably assisted by Bill Pretti, was a major factor in the development of a quality young player not seen in Zone 9 for some considerable time. His talents were quickly recognised and he was selected to represent Zone 9 in their Junior squad. At age 14 he again received recognition when picked to play in a Junior City Country event. In 2010 with advice from Ron Piper, coupled with his desire to become a more accomplished player, Billy moved to Belrose. His abilities were already known to the Belrose selectors, who in 2011 picked him to play in the Club's No 1 Pennant side in his first year of Pennants at Belrose. The opportunity to play alongside Zone and State players saw him rewarded with a Zone No 1 winning Flag that year. His success in his first year playing No 1 Pennants was not over when the Belrose Side travelled to Ballina. Competing against some of the best players in NSW at age 16 saw him rewarded with a 2011 State No 1 Pennant Runner-up Flag. Belrose made it to the finals without a loss and were scheduled to play St Johns Park, a side full of quality



players which included Steve Glasson. It is history now that Belrose were one bowl away from being State Winners, a feat young Billy Johnson thought may only be a dream. His consistency over those 3 days did not go unnoticed by the State Selectors, who the following year picked him to be a member of the NSW State Under 18 squad. Billy Johnson became the first Belrose Junior State Representative. To cap off what was a remarkable year, Billy was nominated as one of the four top Juniors in the Bowls NSW 2012 Junior Bowler of the Year Award.

On the presentation night it was also announced he had been selected to play in the Australian Junior Side to tour New Zealand. He became the first Australian Junior representative to play for Belrose. Other achievements in 2012 included winning the Zone 9 Junior Singles, Fours and Pairs titles, NSW Junior Pairs Champion and the Australian Junior Triples Runner-up. While in his final schooling years with study of the utmost importance, he cherishes the ambition to make the State Under 25 squad within the next few years. Billy Johnson is a well mannered, polite and respectful young man. He displays all the attributes expected of a future Australian champion. His immense ability and unpretentious nature will ensure he reaches the heights he so desires and deserves. Members of the Belrose Bowling Club are very proud of our latest Champion.

THE BLACKFORD'S - TWO CLUB ICONS

The word icon can be used in a number of meaningful ways, such as symbols, models and exemplars. In the case of the Blackford's they are all appropriate. The Belrose Bowling Club has been extremely fortunate to have had two such icons. Their combined membership extends over 103 years. Many NSW Bowling Club's can boast to have had a husband and wife team who have contributed so much to a community bowling club over so many years. There would be few who could match the Blackford's achievements.

Charles Blackford - was a foundation member of the Belrose Bowling Club Ltd. and served on many a committee over his 49 year membership. A Club Committeeman on numerous occasions, he held the positions of Selector and as a member of Match, Works and House and Finance Sub Committees. During Frank Tickle's three year term of Presidency, Charlie twice gave able support as Vice-President and subsequently capped a fine career of administrative service to the Club when he himself was elected President in 1968 through to 1970. He served as the Club Ltd. Patron from 1976 to 2002. His bowling prowess's were not effected by his administrative duties, having played in numerous Pennant Finals which included the 1985, 1988 and 1991 No 1 State Pennant Finals. He became the first Belrose State Representative in 1980. His name appears 35 times on the Club's Honour Board which still stands as a record to this day. His first Championship win was in 1959 and the last in 1997. They included 8 Major Singles wins and 3 Runners-up, 10 Pairs, 7 Triples and 7 Fours Championships. His Major Singles wins is a shared record with Crawford Linton also having won 8. He was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000. Charles Blackford carried the nick name of "Champagne Charlie" with 1967 typifying the name. That year he made history by holding all Club Major Championship titles, a feat not achieved by any other Belrose bowler. Notwithstanding his personal success, Charlie was reported to have said his main ambition was achieved when Belrose finally won its place as a No 1 Pennant Club in 1969. It would be remiss not to mention a bowlers traits and Charlie most certainly had one. When Skipping, if your bowl was not what he desired, he would fold his arms to show his displeasure. If you got the folded arms and the 90 degree body turn it was a little more than displeasure. For those who were on the end of folded arms and the 180 degree turn (the back), you could only hope the game outcome would be in your favour. Many a Skip insists on the "be up and shut up" philosophy for their Thirds, but Charlie had a unique way of overcoming this. When he was playing Third and the head was disturbed and with imminent danger looming, he would immediately jump to attention and say "permission to speak sir", it often worked without aggravating the Skip. Maybe more of us should adopt this tactic. Charles Blackford was a Life Member of the Club, well liked and respected throughout the entire bowling community. He was deeply involved for many years with NSW RSL Bowls. Charles passed away on the 21st May 2002. He is sadly missed.



Charlie with long time mate and playing partner Ray Venteman

Kathleen Blackford - If one could wish for the perfect bowling club member it would be a Kath Blackford. In early 1959, Lil Leane and a number of Belrose women including Kath Blackford attend a meeting which ultimately created the Belrose Women's Bowling Club, as we know it today. Who would have thought it was to be the start of a bowling and administrative career which may never be equalled within the Women's Club. As one of the foundation Members, she had the opportunity to be part of many decisions that set the future direction of what turned out to be a very successful Club. Her administrative career involved 22 years as Secretary, 1971 to 1978, and 1984 to 1998, and 3 years as President, 1978 to 1981. Other administrative positions included that of a Selector and Vice President. She was also an accredited Umpire. Her long and meritorious service resulted in being bestowed with Life Membership within both the Women's Club and Club Ltd. She was also elected Women's Club Patron. Upon the passing of her husband Charles in 2002, she was elected to the position of Club Ltd. Patron, which she currently holds to this day. Kath's bowling achievements are extraordinary, and culminated in her being the first Belrose women State representative in 1979. Her many bowling achievements included being a member of the successful 1997 State No 1 Pennant winning Side and the 1999 State No 1 Runner-up Side. In 1977 along with Joan Burgess, Irene Butcher and Norma Venteman, she also won the State Fours. Kath's Honour Board record is unsurpassed in either the Men's or Women's Club's. Her name appears on no fewer than 56 occasions. A record not likely to be eclipsed. They include 11 Major Singles wins and 7 Runners-up, 9 Pairs, 15 Triples and 14 Fours. What makes it more incredible was that all of those team events except one were in the position as Skip. Her first Championship win was recorded in 1961 and her last in 1996. This extraordinary woman who has amassed 54 consecutive years of membership surely epitomises what a Club icon is. The remarkable husband and wife Blackford team



share a number of achievements and records between them. They both became State Representatives. They have both won a State No 1 Pennant Flag. They hold their respective Honour Board records for the most number of times their names appear, and they both held the position of Club Ltd. Patron. Their dedication saw them both rewarded with Life Membership.



Charles Blackford Badge Board on loan from Kath. The Board is on display at the Club.

The Blackford

Dynasty

By Peter Rheuben

The Blackfords of Belrose, sounds pretty much like a dynasty doesn't it? And as far as Sydney's Belrose Bowling Club is concerned that's pretty much what Kath and Charlie Blackford represent.



Honour: Past president Eric Kempton (left) and Charlie Blackford at one of the 'family' greens at Belrose.

The club was formed in the early fifties and both were there from day one. The Ladies club came into being in 1959 and prior to being granted green space the ladies were taught on the Blackford's front lawn.

In the years that followed Kath and Charlie were to accumulate honours both on and off the greens in an amazingly parallel fashion.

Both went on to represent NSW and were skips in the respective mens state and womens district No.1 pennant winning sides.

Both were honoured with Life Memberships and now following a Kath Blackford green dedication day last month, have greens named in their honour, for almost 40 years of loyal service to the club that has been such a major part of their lives.

Charlie had his name plaque placed on an adjoining green last year.

My mother always told me it was

ladies before gentlemen and in Kath's case, 'she's a lady' certainly applies.

As I always, (well most of the time), did what my mother told me then lets have a look at Kath's four decades.

She was on the first committee, president, vice president, selector, Official umpire and club secretary for 20 years. A keen tennis player she and Charlie have been married for 52 years and as she said, when I asked why she had taken up lawn bowls, the answer was the much hackneyed; "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em".

Well, she joined 'em and then proceeded to beat them. A highly competitive lady, she went on to accumulate a great record.

She won the first of her 11 club singles titles in 1964, also winning three in a row, 1978-1980. Eight club pairs, 14 triples, 14 fours (four in a row) and at the time of writing was in the final of the club's fours defending the title won last year.

Her achievements outside the club are just too numerous to mention but she won the State Fours in 1977 and two years later; "I had my biggest moment when I was chosen to play for New South Wales in a test series against Queensland which we won".

In being chosen to play for NSW Kath became the first Belrose member, male or female to do so, beating Charlie by one year.

Didn't I tell you ladies before gentlemen?

Now its Charlie's turn. Following war service in the Middle East and

the Islands where he ended up in a highly 'specialised unit', he returned home and decided to pursue a more relaxing and less stressful lifestyle.

Like Kath he had been a keen tennis player, but the dreaded 'elbow' turned him in the right direction and onto the greens. Also a fierce competitor he soon began to carve out what was to prove to be a formidable record.

Charlie also won his first club singles in 1964 the same year as Kath and followed that up over the years with seven more, eight pairs (three in a row), seven triples (also three in a row) plus six fours. Club president for three years and Patron of the club since 1976 Charlie skipped in the club's winning state No.1 pennant side in 1988.

Eight years earlier he became the first male member from the club to be chosen for the New South Wales side. From the period 1978 to 1993



History: Kath Blackford after a Belrose green was dedicated to her name recently.

he won almost 30 outside events which is a wonderful achievement.

These days he still plays top bowls and in my humble opinion can still more than hold his own in any company.

The Blackfords of Belrose, maybe not quite a dynasty, perhaps more of an institution.

THE NOT SO SERIOUS SIDE OF BELROSE



These uniforms were also rejected

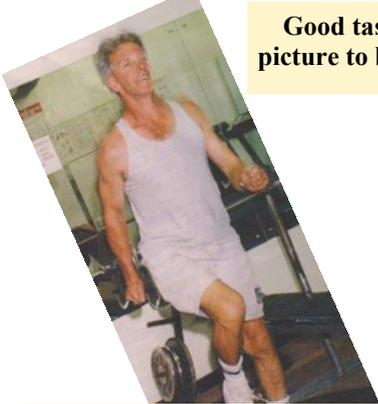
Women's Club members modelling new uniforms. The eye catching designs were rejected by a narrow vote. Who said Men have all the fun?



**Unlike the Women,
the Men elected not
to have a uniform.**



**Good taste required this
picture to be photo-shopped.**



**Crawford Linton exercising,
or,
is he off to the Bar to buy a round
of drinks for the boys?**

**Rex Johnston
about to “deliver”
“which is the bias side?”**



THE NOT SO SERIOUS SIDE OF BELROSE



**L. to R. Brian Cook, John Maclean, Bruce Hardie
Scrummage practice or team bonding?**



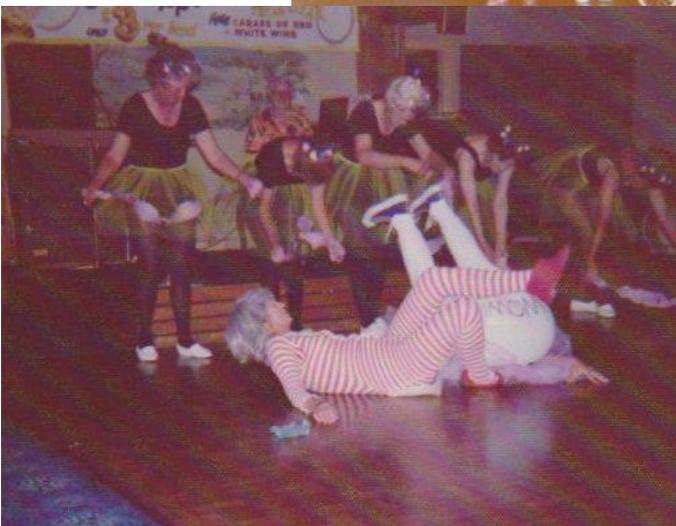
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Women's Club Christmas Party 1975



Not so politically correct

Memories
or
bad dreams?



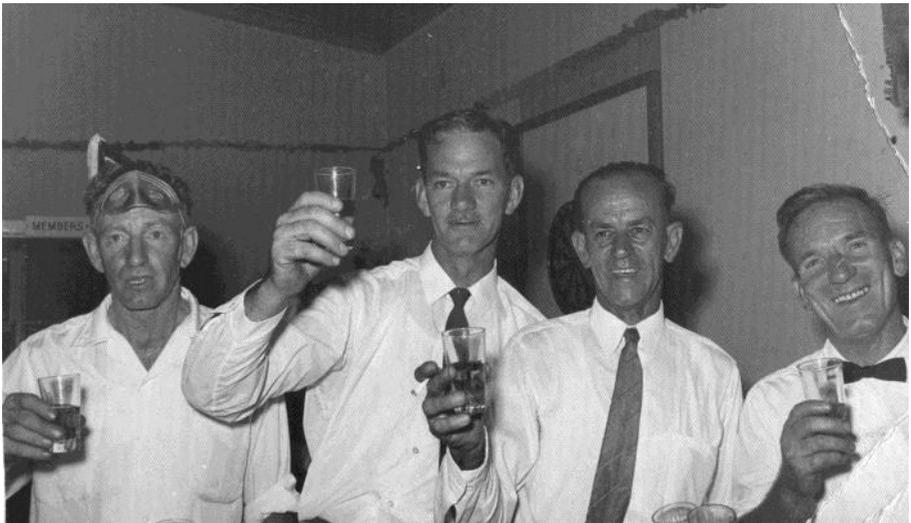
Try doing this
today girls

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Club New Year's Eve Party - 1959 'Back to Childhood Night'.

Frank Tickle in the pram, Kath Blackford is dressed as a schoolgirl on the right with Cliff Warburton holding the sign and Wally Bate on left with drink in hand. Note the old beer jug on floor.



New Year's Eve Celebrations 1960

Cliff Warburton on the left, then Frank Tickle, Sid Leane and Jim McKechnie

FROM THE ARCHIVES



RNSWBA OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVING AT BELROSE

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Women's Pennant Players 1962

Cec Tickle front left, and Jean Harding and Kath Blackford front centre. Norma Bate is in the back row with the dark hair



Clubhouse - 1960's



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ANZAC DAY 1964



Anzac Day Medic's
Sister Tickle (centre) & Medical Officer -
Dutchie Holland (Right)
having a "consultation" and assisting anyone
who needed attention (like delivering drinks)



Caption on rear of
photo reads
"Where the Selectors Belong"
To get out of the lockup
you had to shout drinks or
donate a coin to charity.

Alf Young (L.) with Fred Milford

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Belrose Beatles - Anzac Day 1964
Eric Robson (centre)



Alf Young
and
Phil Alder

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1964 Flag Raising

Arch Johnston at the
pole with Harold
Johnson (President)
and
Harold Hagney



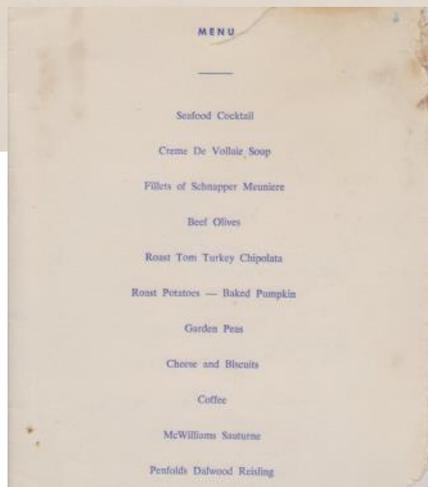
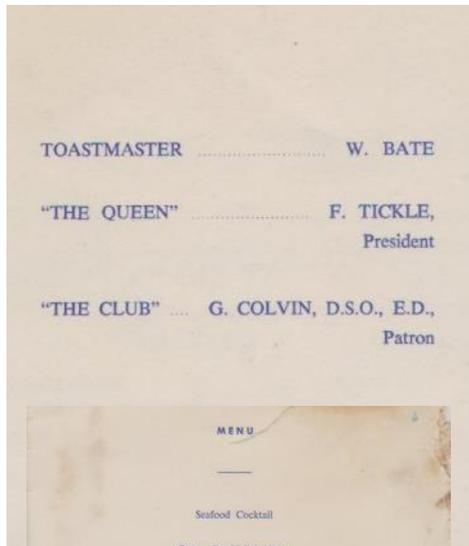
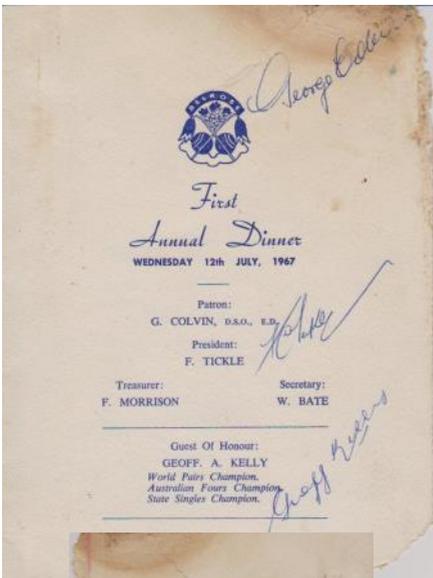
Club Dinner 1967

Frank Tickle accepting the Pat Colvin Fours Championship Trophy

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CLUB'S FIRST ANNUAL DINNER

On Wednesday 12th July, 1967 the Belrose Bowling Club held its first Annual Dinner. Dignitaries in attendance included the Club's Patron George Colvin, D.S.O., E.D. and Geoff Kelly the World Pairs Champion, the Australian Fours Champion and the State Singles Champion. The appetising Menu was washed down with a McWilliams Sauterne and a Penfolds Dalwood Reisling, although it is believed there were a few Tooheys, Tooths and Resches consumed, both before, during and after the main proceedings.



FROM THE ARCHIVES



Auditorium Bar 1970's L. to R.

**Doug Curran, John Wynn, Albert Arkell, Ken McKay, Bill Circuit,
Jim Martin, Bill Burney, Tas Feros, Roy Whitehouse, Dutch Holland,
Merv Whiting, Bob Evans, John Kellogg, Stan Smith,
Beau Fello, Fred Morrison, Bill Reader**



**Stirrers Corner (1970's)
L. to R. Bo Fello, Bill Reader,
Norm Burgess, Ken Harding,
Don Curran, Fred Morrison**

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OFFICIAL VISIT 1971

Club President Norm Burgess welcoming RNSWBA Representatives



1971 OFFICIAL PARTY

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Early 1970's Committee Members



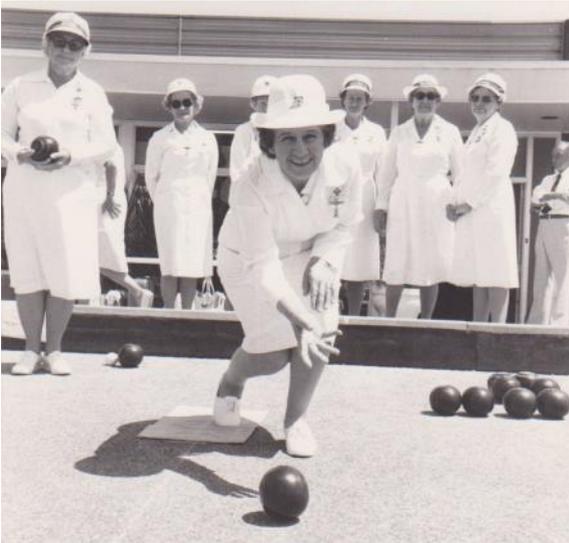
**Belrose
Silver Jubilee
bowls cloth
celebrating the Club's
first 25 years.
Cloth provided
by Kevin Toovey**

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STATE FOURS WINNERS 1977

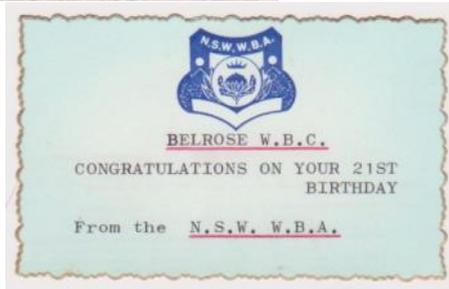
L. to R. J. Burgess, I. Butcher, N. Venteman, K. Blackford



21st Birthday celebrations 1980

Women's Club President
Kath Blackford putting
down the first bowl watched
by State President Dorothy
Ogle (left).

Note Charlie Blackford
right background observing
proceedings.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

1981

Belrose Bowling Club Hosts Blind Bowlers Championship NSW Governor Sir James Rowland in attendance with many other dignitaries



Pictured at the official opening of the Australian Blind Bowlers championships held at Belrose Bowling Club are, from left: Alan Stewart, MP Manly; Jim Carlton, MP Mackellar; David Connolly, MP Bradfield; Sir James Rowland, KBE, DFC, AFC, Governor of NSW; Len Melrose, President, Belrose Bowling Club; Peter Bell, Toastmasters; Cr. Paul Couvret, Warringah Shire President.



Kath Blackford, left, President of Belrose Womens Bowling Club and Lady Rowland chat with members of the Western Australian Blind Bowling team Ann Cornford and Val Carter.



With the Governor of NSW Sir James Rowland are Dick Healey MP Davidson, left, and Mrs Doreen Healey.

Blind bowlers U.K. bound



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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 1981/82

**L. to R. C. Blackford, A. Harding, N. Browne, (Treasurer),
P. West, W. Burney (Bowls Secretary), J. Wynn,
L. Melrose (President)
E. Kempton (Secretary), D. Rowley**



THREE WISE BOWLERS

**L. to R. Joe Saragozza,
John Venteman,
Crawford Linton**

Who would have thought that at the time of this photo being taken, these three very gifted sportsmen would amass over 105 collective years of bowling experience between them. Their involvement with the Belrose Bowling Club over those many years included the holding of positions as Selectors and Board Directors, all while being playing members and the backbone of many of the Club's No 1 Pennant Sides. It is undisputable, they along with others played a big part in Belrose winning the State No 1 Pennant Flag in 1988, and being Runners-up in three others. All three are considered stalwarts of the Belrose Bowling Club and continue to make significant contributions to this very day.

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**Allan Gray and Vin Carey with Harold Hagney - Auditorium early 1970's
Note - President Norm Burgess with Club's famous old piano in background**



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BELROSE BOWLING CLUB



UNFURLING OF NO. 5 RUNNER UP STATE PENNANT

SUNDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 1983



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Royal N.S.W. Bowling Association

Represented by

Vice President JIM STRANG

And Party

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C. W. BATE

No. 5 FLAG UNFURLING DAY 1983

OUR GUESTS

Royal N.S.W. Bowling Association
Northern Suburbs District Bowling
Association,
Campsie South Bowling Club,
Castle Hill Bowling Club,
Dee Why R.S.L. Bowling Club,
Harbord Bowling Club



Members & Officials 1983 Flag Unfurling
L. to R. Daryl Scholtz,(NSDBA), John Wynn,
Frank Faulkner, Neil Davidson, Stan Smith
(NSDBA), Eric Fraser (NSDBA), Wal Gifford
(NSDBA), Dave Rowley



Tom Tarrant (Mona Vale)
Bert Cushway (Mona Vale)
Ken Hodges (Mona Vale)
Bert Barnes (Belrose)
Bob Maddew (Belrose)
Fred Milford (Belrose)
Joe Smart (Belrose)
Bobbie Hudson (Mona Vale)



BELROSE PLAYERS
L. to R.
Les Butcher, Alan Croxon,
Len Jenkins, Charlie Blackford,
John Mann, Jim Martin,
Ted Neeves, Ern Coster

Belrose youngsters win again

State representative Charlie Blackford captained a young Belrose team to take North Sydney Electric Light Fours tournament for the second year running.

Joe Saragozza, Bruce Linton, John Venteman and Blackford won the night tournament 23-6 against George Vade, John French, Terry Clark and Ivan Vlatko (Mona Vale).

The Belrose youngsters combined with the experienced Blackford to take complete control of the match, leading 4-0 on three, 8-3 on eight and 17-4 on 15 before Mona Vale shook hands at 23-6 on the 19th end.

The final was played in ideal conditions for night bowls, on a Tifdwarf green which ran 14 seconds at the start of play.

In a semi-final a week earlier, Belrose needed an extra end for a 20-19 win against Ryde's Neil Farthing, Jack Wilson, John Reid and Ron Cox.

Belrose was cruising at 18-11 on 17 and 19-15 on 20, before Ryde grabbed four shots on the 21st for a tie-breaker.

The other half of the draw saw Mona Vale through to the final with a comfortable 26-17 win against Lindfield's Ray Little, John Stewart, Derek Maclean and Greg Randell.

Hunters Hill and Ryde were the other section winners, in a tournament where the early rounds were disrupted by Sydney's wettest November in years.

The tournament was played as an inter-club event, with each of the 24 invited clubs selecting its top available team each week.

With sponsorship from the Commonwealth Bank, North Sydney presented \$500 to Belrose BC while Mona Vale received \$200.

The Commonwealth Bank's local manager Geoff Beckley, a new bowler at Balgowlah, presented the winner's cheque to Belrose.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

CLUB PRESENTATION NIGHT 1986/87



Bob Evans - Bowls Secretary 1984/85 and 1986/87



FROM THE ARCHIVES

1988 STATE PENNANT REPORT

HALLELUJAH! Belrose, aided by divine intervention, according to many observers, snared their first No 1 pennant flag last Monday with a nail-biting 73-69 victory over North Coast champions Park Beach.

Brian Flakelar, Bruce Hardie, Roy Hofmeier and Barry "who" Brown were the heroes in the final for Belrose, returning a flag-winning 26-9 card over Noel Waite's Park Beach four.

The Gold Logie award in the final was won by Roy Hofmeier, whose dazzling display did not go un-noticed by state chairman of selectors, Charlie Frost.

In a see-sawing final Belrose bounced out of the boxes to lead 23-7 after 20 ends of the 84-end game.

Park Beach, not to be outdone, stormed back to hit the front 37-36 on the 44th end and increased that to nine shots at one stage. Belrose gathered to clawed back to grab the lead in the vital last quarter.

With two ends remaining Belrose led by six shots, with rinks captained by Barry Brown and Rex Johnston on the green.

Park Beach's Noel



BOWLS

with REX JOHNSTON

Waite gave his club a chance when his team scored three shots on the last end against Brown.

Meanwhile Johnston's lead Joe Saragozza had drawn a front toucher on his rink, which remained undisturbed by Jim Howard's team for Belrose to score one shot and win.

It was fitting that the Belrose four of Joe Saragozza, Alan Harding, Crawford Linton and Rex Johnston were last to finish.

On two separate occasions during round robin play Johnston's side had to score four shots on the last end of the match to ensure Belrose's progression to the finals.

In their opening match against Grandviews the Belrose combination calmly drew four shots against Bob Frazer's side for a one-shot victory.

Going into the last match of the round robin, Belrose needed to win or draw against St Marys to keep Grandviews at bay.

Johnston, playing St Marys Kevin Smith, had

to score four shots on the last end to tie the match and wrap up the section for Belrose.

St Marys, with the mat right up, rolled a short jack to the two metre mark. The St Marys side, having secured the shot, tended to cover the trail with their remaining bowls. Johnston disturbed the head with his first bowl to hold one shot with St Marys in a good position with two or three second woods.

Belrose decided that the only way they could score four shots was for the jack to bounce back up the green four metres.

With a wing and a prayer Johnston let fly with a drive that smashed the jack in the middle. The jack became airborne and hit the back of the ditch and bounced four metres straight back up the green for four shots.

In their semi-final Belrose defeated East Cessnock 89-78 while Park Beach accounted for pennant favourites Hamilton 91-65.

THE MANLY DAILY, JUNE, 1988

FROM THE ARCHIVES



**Warringah Councillor Paul Couvret
Official opening of Club extensions 1990
with Eric Kempton, Len Melrose (rear)**



**1991 No 1 State Pennant
Runner-up Flag Unfurling**



Working Party at 1991 No 1 Flag Unfurling Day
**L. to R. Rear - Betty Gale, Jan Kahn, Lorna Kempton, Kath Blackford,
Front - Flow McKechnie, Enid Ferguson, Hazel Wright,
Margaret Johnson, Norma Venteman**

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Club Auditorium Pre 1994

FROM THE ARCHIVES

CLUB INTERIOR 1996



FROM THE ARCHIVES



**No 3 Flag Unfurling Day 1996
L. to R. Jim Johnson, Gordon Coulthart,
Ray Turner, Ray Napier, John Roach**



**MEN'S BOWLING CLUB ELECTION DAY 1990'S
L. to R. Seated - Jim Clarke, Doug Shell, Bobby Evans, Jim Shearer
Standing - Les Firman, Bob McCracken, Mal Garlick**

Linton's on a roll again

THE Crawford Linton show stepped up a gear at North Sydney at the weekend as he swept aside his Upper North Shore opponents in both the singles and pairs to add the Zone 9 titles to his local district titles.

He brushed aside Hornsby's Bill Scroggie 31-14 in the singles and, with Steve Rawlings, whipped St Ives' John Younghusband and Joe Brook 30-10 in the pairs.

The fact that the former Belrose State representative had to play both matches on Saturday didn't faze him.

"When you are winning, these sort of things don't matter," he said.

Linton confirmed that State selectors had asked him if he was available for the annual City Country clash, suggesting a State recall is not out of the question.

But before then he has some unfinished business, to complete the grand slam at district and zone level.

In the fours, he links up with Phil Baker, Brett O'Reilly and Rawlings again and Baker and Rawlings are his partners in the triples.

BOWLS with Dick Tucker

Gibb wins with some expert help

A FEW helpful hints from Kelvin Kerkow, ranked Australia's No 1 player, and encouragement from coach Brian Flakelar set Belrose's Mike Gibb on his way to a district title – the minor pairs – with Graham Daley.

Like Kerkow, Gibb has been handicapped with a polio-related illness since childhood but he has always been determined to overcome the disadvantage.

"I was an opening batsman before I was lured into bowls," he explained.

"I wasn't that interested at first but Brian kept at me and then I had a talk to Kelvin a couple of years ago when he was at the club for the Grand Prix singles."

"He told me about the importance of keeping my head straight on delivery, how to function off a fixed stance and other pointers which helped my confidence.

"It's all paid off marvellously. The district title was the first time I had won anything."

To add lustre to a memorable weekend for Gibb, he received a merit badge for his work at Belrose on District Presidents' Day.



Crawford Linton



Kelvin Kerkow

FROM THE ARCHIVES



BELROSE DISTRICT WINNERS 1996
L. to R. Charles Blackford, Mike Gibb, Steve Rawlings, Crawford Linton, Graham Page, Joe Saragozza, Graeme Daley, Ivan Vlatko



1996 was a momentous year for the Belrose Bowling Club, winning the majority of the Northern Suburbs Championship events.



Club bares nearly all for a profile

By SARAH HEINZMAN

HAS it really come to this?

Five brave men from the Belrose Bowling Club yesterday bared their "bowls" in an effort to raise money for their club and lift the profile of the sport.

The "half Monty" show may have only raised \$150 but it was a hit with the audience and brought in people who may never have set eyes on a bowling green before.

The money will go towards attracting sponsorship to the club.

Belrose secretary Perry Holland said clubs had to move with the times if they were going to attract members.

"It's something new, something different, something to bring the younger ones and the middle-aged to the club and to prove to the world that bowls isn't just about playing on the green, it's also a lot of fun," he said.

"This is about other clubs too ... to show other clubs what

they can do to attract people and make bowls fun."

With 120 playing members and 1700 social members, the Belrose club is thriving compared to others around town that are struggling to survive due to dwindling members.

Without other clubs, Belrose does not really have a competition.

The challenge is to attract younger members to replace an ageing membership.

Last week, the Bankstown Sports Bowling Club closed its doors to its 80 members.

The club had been running at a loss for many years and membership dropped by more than half in the past two years.

The nearby Bankstown RSL Bowling Club picked up some of those bowlers but it, too, is suffering from low numbers.

The Hurstville Diggers Bowling Club closed in May last year due to falling membership.

All members relocated to the Kyle Bay club.

Other casualties have been the Narrabeen RSL Bowling Club and most recently, the Paddington Bowling Club, which has been put into administration.

Royal NSW Bowling Association sports administrator Ray Tozer said despite the difficulties, bowls remained the third largest organised sport in Australia.

"Bowling clubs are really no different to businesses," he said. "Some are better run than others."

Mr Tozer said the clubs were being encouraged to actively recruit members through open days or information stands at shopping centres.

Belrose vice-president Brian Cook said it was the bar and poker machines which kept the club running.

"Although our primary objective is the playing of bowls, we also have to provide for the wants and needs of the wider public," he said.



Fun-raiser . . . Belrose bowlers show their club spirit with (from left) Hal Shorter, Perry Holland, Len Fello, David Lucas and Graham Hartmann performing the half Monty.

Picture: JEFF DARMANIN

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Club Golden Anniversary Celebrations 2003



**L. to R. From Rear
Eric Kempton, Maurice Kahn, Frank Tickle,
Julie Sutton (Warringah Council) Neil Davidson,
Peter Moxham (Warringah Council)**



**L. to R.
Joan Carew (Women's Club President)
Bronwyn Bishop (Member for Mackellar)
Perry Arundell (Men's Club President)**



**Fred Leane (R.) with
Phil Warren Author of
"50 Golden Years" Club book**

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIRST NIGHT CRICKET GAME AT BELROSE



**Allyn Coggan
Match Committee Organiser
explaining the conditions of play**



**Pre-match team talk,
Max & Rosalie Rickard with team
captain Crawford Linton. “I think
we will bat first before the grog
takes over”. Video Umpire Bill
Cripps in background.**



**Opposing Captains at the Coin Toss,
Crawford Linton and Joe Saragozza.
“Don’t worry about the fast bowling,
it’s the Green I’m worried about”**



**Warren Green fielding at
Forward Square Leg.
(I taught Ricky Ponting all he knows)**



Tough night for the Umpire



**I don't believe it,
who said women can't
play cricket**



I made my ground, are you blind Ump

**Result
A draw, bad light
stopped play,
or
was it the Bar**



Prospective players for the Men's or Women's Club's?

**Barefoot Bowls has always been a big hit at Belrose,
and not surprisingly, very colourful, at times**

CLUB SIGNAGE

Club signage on Forest Way and the clubhouse proper has seen many changes over the past forty or so years. After the 1972 renovations, the Club's name appeared on the eastern side of the building which fronts Forest Way. The Club name could be seen from the main road. In 1995, at the completion of major renovations and extensions, the Club name was affixed to the parapet that fronts the No 1 Green. The eastern side signage was never replaced. For a number of years commencing in the early 90's, illuminated signs were erected adjacent to the Club's front gate. The illuminated signs carried the Club and Keno logos as well as brewery names from both the Tooheys and Tooths Companies. In 2005, a violent storm destroyed the sign, which was subsequently replaced by one of the Breweries. In 2006, the Board decided to install electronic signage using the existing pole. It had the advantage of being able to provide advertising. The installation cost around \$30,000 and was able to be controlled remotely from the Club's office computer. It proved to be a huge success, particularly with neighbours who appreciated the regular ambient temperature display. The sign operated for some four years until a complaint from a competitor resulted in Warringah Council instructing the Club to cease using it. At the time of its installation it was believed a D.A. was not required as it was only a change to an existing installation. After considerable negotiations throughout 2012, the Board was successful with a Development Application to allow its re-activation. While conditions on its usage were imposed, it continues to be a very successful advertising tool. It remains in operation to this day.



Clubhouse eastern side signage



Clubhouse
northern side
signage 1995

CLUB SIGNAGE



THE CLUB'S RESTAURANT

The Belrose Bowling Club has been very fortunate to have had good catering facilities over those many years. Menus specialising in Australian and Chinese cuisine made the Club a very pleasant venue. With an ever increasing membership base, the kitchen underwent a major refurbishment programme in the mid 90's. In 2003, the Board appointed Corley and Barry So as the Club's caterers with immediate outstanding results. They brought to the Club many years of club catering experience. Barry and Corley So provided members with both Australian and Asian meals for the first time from the one kitchen, as well as the capacity to cater for large functions. In 2005 with a membership base of over 2,800 and the construction of the South Western extension, simultaneous functions became possible. To celebrate the opening of the new extension, a members night was held which resulted in some 400 attending over the evening. Barry and Corley So not only provided for the large influx but were also able to continue with their a la Carte menu service. Function meals, banquets and an a la Carte menu have made dining at the Belrose Bowling Club a very enjoyable experience at very competitive prices. The So brothers have been a major contributor to the success of the Belrose Bowling Club over the past 10 years. Diverse Blackboard specials, steak and seafood nights have all been wonderful innovations from these outstanding and talented Restaurateurs.



Corley and Barry So



Restaurant 1995



THURSDAY
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- ✓ Fish Pie
- ✓ Grilled Lemon Sole
- ✓ King Prawns Cordon
- Sauces & Chips

DISH RESTAURANT

Lunch Specials
Blackboard Specials
 Every lunch time & **Only \$8.50!**

BELROSE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

The Belrose Country Music Club was formed in 2002 with the sole aim “To foster talent and enjoy country music.” Initiated by Bob Wallace, Deputy Chairman of the Belrose Bowling Club and Chaired by Mike Gibb, the BCMC began with an advertisement in The Manly Daily. A group of enthusiastic volunteers came together to form the organizing committee.

The Bowling Club donated the sound system and auditorium, as well as voucher assistance as incentive for organizer’s and performers. Continued co-operation and support over the years has always been positive and encouraging. After a successful “trial” concert in April, the initial showcase occurred on the 26 May 2002 and mainly involved local artists and a volunteer band. It was standing room only, covered by news media and attended by local politician Tony Abbott who played the wobble board. It was a huge occasion to introduce this innovative, last Sunday of the month show, on Sydney’s Northern Beaches. It began with The Belrose Song, specially composed for the new club, and still sung at the start of each show. All participants are thanked musically in the swinging finales, now part of the Belrose tradition.

Equally well attended was the tenth anniversary concert in May, 2012, held over a full day, with space again at a premium. Featuring artists who had participated over the ten years, this clearly indicated the respect the Belrose Country Music Club had established in the decade, with many going on to be top-line performers in the business. The singers and musicians, now far too numerous to mention individually, always express their appreciation and desire to return. The fabulous Smokey Dawson was the Club’s Patron until his sad passing. Entertainer, Ian B. Macleod is now the Club Patron.



The Manly Daily advertisement that started it all.



BCMC Foundation Patron and country music legend Smokey Dawson performing at Belrose

Shows are mostly well supported by an appreciative audience, but the outstanding participation of many line dancers, led by Rosalie Mackay, has not only swelled the attendance numbers but adds greatly to the atmosphere and clearly demonstrates the achievement of the second part of our aim.

The BCMC twice reached the finals of the Country Music Achievement Awards, only bowing out to much larger associations. Many performers and dancers have gone on to win awards or achieve other rewards. Geoff Williams, President since the Club's inception, has not missed a show or meeting and promotes BCMC in several ways including participation in various festivals and in his weekly program on Radio Northern Beaches. Geoff has recently released his third album, won a number of songwriting awards and has songs under contract in Nashville. Recruiting artists from all over, Geoff organizes and comperes each show with singers, musicians and groups who all give their time free of charge because of the exposure and opportunities it presents. Many have been sponsored by BCMC in their development.

The web site www.belrosecountrymusicclub.org.au is visited world-wide. While successful recording artists are always part of Belrose shows, many up-and-coming or beginning performers are included. They are afforded the necessary support they need for enjoyable presentation as well as encouragement and assistance as members. Membership of the bowling club is a prerequisite to becoming a member of the country music club. It is always a fun show and often receives audience comment "best one ever!" In the limited space of this brief



**Bob Wallace
Founding Member BCMC**

report, it is impossible to mention the countless individuals who have participated in the success Belrose continues to enjoy (N.B. they are *all* recorded elsewhere), but some need special commendation. Committee members Bob and Terie Gray (sound and artists' secretary respectively), Carolynne Pitt (secretary, newsletter, photographer, web site etc.), Rosalie Mackay (line-dancing), and Carl Sullivan (sound, dancing, performance) have all been there from the beginning. Bryen Willems, the late Mark Kirk, Alan Ford, George Siedleckie,



Tony Abbott on Wobble Board with John Roach (Director), Mike Gibb (Chairman), Bryen Willems and Geoff Williams (President) at the official opening of the BCMC.

Peter Eliot, Gary Brown, Brian Ridge and Mike Tyne have made significant contributions to the music.

From its humble beginnings, the Belrose Country Music Club has become a widely respected part of the country music industry, bringing fame to the name of its “mother” Belrose Bowling Club. This close relationship has been instrumental in achieving an enviable, shared success, which augurs well for continuing for many more years to the benefit of all. The Belrose Country Music Club wishes to thank the Board of Directors for their support, for without it the Sub Club would not be the success it is today.

Geoff Williams
Foundation & Current
President BCMC



Geoff Williams



Belrose Country Music Club

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 last Sunday of every month 3pm - 7pm
OPENING 26 MAY by Mr Tony Abbott

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THE BELROSE BOWLING CLUB, 146 FOREST WAY, BELROSE, NSW 2161




BELROSE TOURING BOWLERS

After several visits to the country which included trips to North Haven, Swansea, Denman and Ballina twice prior to 1978, bowling club members decided there was a need to establish a new Sub Club. On the 10th May, 1978 the new Sub Club to be known as the Belrose Touring Bowlers was formed under the umbrella of the Belrose Bowling Club Ltd. The inaugural meeting established a charter and presented it to the Board of Management, who approved it without any alteration. The aim of this group was to travel to country clubs and establish reciprocal arrangements for return visits. The charter stated that any bowler who had taken part in any one of the above trips was entitled to join the "Touring Bowlers Group" as foundation members for a once only fee of \$5. Any bowler who had not travelled to those clubs may apply for membership for a once only fee of \$10. The joining fee of \$10 remains at this level 35 years on. Women were not permitted to become members at this time. The Rules were changed in 2002 at the encouragement of Ralph Johnson to admit women as members to the Touring Bowlers Group. Members of the inaugural committee were;

Chairman - L. Graydon; Secretary - A. Kynaston; Treasurer - B. Witherby; Selectors/Games Organiser - W. Bate; Committee - E. Watt, L. Milton.

A number of trips were then planned with some involving air travel. A visit to Junee arranged for the first weekend in December, 1978 became the first Touring Bowlers official trip. They departed Sydney on Saturday morning and returned on Sunday evening. Junee Club Members expressed their desire to return our visit. A later trip to Ballina Bowling Club via the Gold Coast Motor Rail with sleeper accommodation occurred. To help Belrose Bowling Club entertain visiting bowlers, the Touring Group would assist in financing such occasions. A means of raising money for this purpose was to conduct raffles. The Touring Bowlers raffle was held on the second Friday evening of each month at the Club. The raffle lapsed many years later but was reinstated in the mid 2000's. It is now held on a Wednesday evening once a month. Historically, all trips away are subsidised by the Touring Bowlers Sub Club. There are many stories that cannot be told as it would break the unwritten rule "what happens on the trip stays on the trip". One that can and which was passed down from John Wynn involved a trip to Nowra. Travel was via light aircraft departing Bankstown Airport with John being a passenger. John was sitting next to the exit door and immediately after take-off the pilot announced the door was open. John immediately tightened his seat belt and held onto the door handle for the entire trip. Upon landing at Nowra, it was discovered John's coat was hanging outside the door, a good reason why the door could not be closed properly.



Lloyd Graydon
Founding
Touring Bowlers
Chairman

This was not the end of an eventful trip. After landing, the aircraft taxied to the nearest hangar where the bowlers started to deplane. A welcoming party of navy armed guards promptly escorted them to an office where they were informed they had landed illegally at the Nowra Navy base. It was reliably reported they spent a short time in the Brig before convincing the Navy they were Belrose Lawn Bowlers and their pilot was an idiot. John Wynn was a great supporter of the Touring Bowlers in those early days, but it would be remiss not to mention his dedication to the Belrose Bowling Club generally. John was a former Board Member and a long time employee of the Club. He served as the Bar Manager for many years, being one of the most loyal and trustworthy employees Management could ever wish to have. His beer pouring prowess's were often the subject of debate, but members could never complain about being short changed. He would fill the glass completely to the top, he never believed in a plimsoll line. You most certainly got your moneys worth. John Wynn has never received the due recognition he deserved as both a member and employee of the Club. It would have been most appropriate if Life Membership had been bestowed upon him prior to his passing. It would not be an exaggeration to say if it were not for both Roy Whitehouse and John, the Belrose Bowling Club may not be in existence today. Much of the information in this article was taken from a Belrose Bowling Club news article dated August 1978 by Lloyd Graydon. The Committee at the time was;



John Wynn

Chairman - L. Graydon; Secretary - L. Jenkins; Treasurer - R. Whitehouse;
 Games Secretary - R. Maher; Committee - P. Alder Jr. and P. McNamara.



**Early Days -
 Men only
 Touring Bowlers
 Trip**



**Belrose Touring Bowlers
 Port Stephens Trip July 2003
 (Soldiers Pt. & Nelson Bay Bowling Clubs)**

SNOOKER CLUB

The establishment of the Belrose Bowling Club Snooker Section in 1973 has been attributed to Wally Bate who was instrumental in having the Board install two tables. Wally was known as a doer, not a talker, and his influence in establishing the new Sub Club was highly controversial. Unfortunately some influential members were unable to comprehend Belrose being anything but a Bowling Club, despite the growing trend to diversify their membership base or suffer financial difficulties some years down the track. The animosity continued for many years until Len Melrose, Nick Browne and Alex Milne were able to achieve acceptance by those initially opposed to the Sub Club's formation. It was reported some years later, the Snooker Section enjoyed a happy and very successful profile in the Club, with very strong inter-club teams and wide internal social participation. Early competition teams saw George Marlin, Fred Evans, Bob Lee, Rocky Davis, Bob Evans and Pepe Green forming the nucleus which attracted Shaun Green and Crawford Linton. Early Committees comprised Ted Dick, Jimmy Wyld, Peter West, Harry Swanson, Norm Kennedy and Pepe Green. They were successful in attracting other fine players such as Ross Wigney, Ted Epps and the best the Snooker Club has ever had, Bob Campbell. Bob Campbell was a Semi-finalist in the 1979/80 South Pacific Tournament and he also Captained the 1979/80 winning Graham Cup for Belrose. Records report Bob fired a forty break every day and an eighty odd every week. It was no fun playing him reports Pepe Green, all you did was get the balls out of the pockets.



Wally Bate

There were many funny stories to be told from those days, particularly the great rapport with the Palm Beach RSL. Who will ever forget Crawford Linton at 10 1/2 stone defeating their famous 17 stone "Galloping Gourmet" in an after match eating contest, or Ross Wigney's epic drive home with Crawford, Fred Evans and Pepe Green with an Esky in the back and a white faced Cambo in the front. The section kept improving with the internal comps, keenly contested and Nick Browne, John Beacham, Ian Turpie, Joe Reis and Alex Milne strengthening the Club further. In 1980 the A Grade won its first inter-club competition, and followed it up by winning the 1981 "B" Grade competition. The Belrose Snooker section were one of the few Clubs supportive of women being allowed on the tables. Rocky Davis became the first to be beaten by a "girl", but she did become an Australian Champion. Len Melrose, a former Club Ltd Chairman was elected as Patron and the Club continued its success. Paul Rhydderch, Shawn Green Jnr. Bob Baldon and Alan Harding came through the ranks, followed by Bob Dryden, Lozza Farthing, Don Williams and John Penny.

The strength of the playing roster resulted in winning “A” and “B” Grade inter-club competitions, a mighty feat for a Club with all home grown players. The Club fielded a “C” Grade team in 1992 and won the competition in its inaugural year. Players in that team were: Phil Alder, Neil Cue, Andrew Saville, Paul Cue, Scott Williams (captain), Jason Agapou, Stuart Bate and James Henderson.

After many years, the Board approved the request to install a third table in 1989. The snooker scene, supported by the Alder brothers, Roy Whitehouse, Al Lindsay, Brian Mutton, Graham Daly, Norm Jervis, Ron Morris and Dutchy Holland were all pretty fair cueists and added to the competitive strength of our very successful Snooker Club. Dutch Holland went on to be a future leader of the Snooker Section for many years. In January 1992 Pepe Green stepped down from the Committee and left the section in the very capable hands of Don Williams and Keith Lovelock.

The majority of this historical information was prepared by Pepe Green and taken from BBC notes first published in 1992. Contributions from past and present Club Members was also provided. The Club’s 2005 extensions saw the snooker room relocated to the new section of the Club, with the old room becoming the Poker Machine room.



Dutchy Holland



Bob Campbell



Len Melrose



Nick Browne



Snooker Room 2004



GOLF CLUB

The history of the Belrose Social Golf Club is somewhat shrouded by the mists of time and possibly aggravated by memories dimmed by the passing of time, and of course the occasional social ale or two.

Nevertheless, it does seem that the idea of forming a Golf Club dates back to the mid 60's. Some keen golfers of the day, one being John Collins, a bowling club regular at the time, decided to band together and play a social game on a regular basis. This took place at the "Fountain on the Mountain" (hotel at Frenchs Forest) as it was the only watering hole in the area other than the Bowling Club. In a relatively short time the boys transferred their after work headquarters to the President Hotel in Hews Parade. It was from this meeting place that a properly organised program of events was arranged under the auspices of the Belrose Rugby League Football Club. The Club was called the Belrose Rugby League Football Club Golf Club and flourished from the early 70's under the administrative guidance of a number of "well known Belrose identities". One of those "identities" is H. S. Lye, who became a regular Belrose bowler. Although he was a golfer of note, his real claim to fame was to ride a scooter (as in Cyclops) from Newcastle to Sydney, a feat undertaken at a very tender age which at the time was widely reported in the major Sydney Metropolitan papers. In 1972 the Golf Club's Honour Board was established. In 1986 the Club decided to shift their headquarters to the Belrose Bowling Club, a move which has never been regretted. As years went by, the association with the Football Club diminished and although there was no animosity between the groups, it was decided in 1989 to change the name of the Club to the Belrose Social Golf Club. Many thanks go to Bob Dudley who provided the historical information in an article dated 8th August, 1991. The Belrose Social Golf Club is another fine example of a well organised and efficiently administered section of the Bowling Club.



Challenge Trophy



Memorial Shield



**Keith Oswald and Ray Clarke
Winners of the Tom Hensley
Memorial Shield 1977**

SOCIAL MEMBER RECOGNITION

While the Belrose Bowling Club was primarily established to foster the sport of Lawn Bowls, the Club's Constitution provides additional objectives which in part reflect, *"to promote amusements, entertainments and pastimes and recreations, indoor and out door as the Club may deem expedient"*. To this end the Social Membership category was established. Over the past ten years, social member numbers have averaged around 2,200 annually, the envy of many Bowling Club's within NSW. There is no doubt the strength of this very important group of members has been the foundation of the Club's financial success, not only over those past 10 years but rather the entire time that category was introduced. It is acknowledged both our Men's and Women's Bowling Sub Club's have also benefited from our social group, having seen many social members transferring to the bowling category. This stream of new bowlers has been extremely beneficial in maintaining our bowling member levels. The longest continuous serving Member who joined as a Social and maintained his membership category is Brian Cusack. Brian joined the Club in 1961. While it is not possible to list all of those long serving social members here, it is appropriate to acknowledge as many as possible. The following names reflect current Social Members who have 40 years or more of continuous membership.

Brian Cusack	01/09/1961
Ron Harding	01/12/1964
Greg Ellis	13/03/1965
Henry Hancock	17/04/1965
Robert Dudley	23/03/1966
David Pitt	08/03/1968
John Goddard	31/03/1968
Walter Gray	27/08/1969
Cecil Ainsworth	25/10/1969
David Ruthven	29/12/1969
Robert Lee	29/06/1970
Peter Burton	25/11/1970
Malcolm Dawes	03/02/1972
Angus McDonald	21/12/1972
Ross Reid	28/03/1973
Peter Whitney	21/05/1973
Robert Lambert	25/05/1973
Ian Meek	30/05/1973
Ronald Hobson	18/06/1973
Samuel Platt	22/08/1973



L. to R. John Patchett, Tony Farrell, Ross Reid, John Hayes, Greg Coltman, Ces Ainsworth, Bob Dudley, Rob James



Friday Raffle Night at the Bowlo.



L. to R. Don McDonald, Ray Walton, Peter Whitney, Morris Thacker, David Tomlinson

FORTY YEAR MEMBERS

	Category	Joining Date
Cecil Ainsworth	Social	25/10/1969
Norma Bate	Life	15/02/1959
Kathleen Blackford	Life	15/02/1959
Peter Burton	Social	25/11/1970
Dennis Chick	Bowling	17/03/1965
Bill Circuit	Bowling	12/03/1966
Brian Cusack	Social	01/09/1961
Malcolm Dawes	Social	03/02/1972
Bob Dudley	Social	23/03/1966
Gregory Ellis	Social	13/03/1965
Frederick Evans	Bowling	28/04/1967
William Glenn	Life	15/05/1972
John Goddard	Social	31/03/1968
Walter Gray	Social	27/08/1969
Henry Hancock	Social	17/04/1965
Ronald Harding	Social	01/12/1964
Ronald Hobson	Social	18/06/1973
Leonard Jenkins	Life	29/11/1971
Ralph Johnson	Bowling	16/01/1973
Robert Lambert	Social	21/05/1973
Frederick Leane	Bowling	27/07/1971
Robert Lee	Social	29/06/1970
Angus McDonald	Social	21/12/1972
Ian Meek	Social	30/05/1973
Lyle Pearce	Bowling	12/10/1970
David Pitt	Social	08/03/1968
Samuel Platt	Social	22/08/1973
Ross Reid	Social	28/03/1973
David Ruthven	Social	29/12/1969
Douglas Shell	Bowling	19/03/1973
Frank Tickle	Life	17/11/1956
Kevin Toovey	Bowling	04/07/1969
Raymond Venteman	Bowling	13/02/1965
Digby Westbury	Bowling	25/05/1967
Mervyn Whiting	Bowling	12/08/1969
Peter Whitney	Social	21/05/1973



FORTY YEAR MEMBERS



Ces Ainsworth



Norma Bate



Kath Blackford



Bill Circuitt



Mal Dawes



Bob Dudley



Greg Ellis

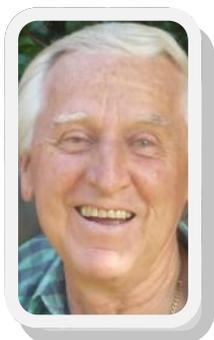


Bill Glenn



Harry Hancock

FORTY YEAR MEMBERS



Ron Harding



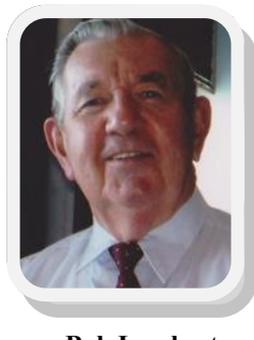
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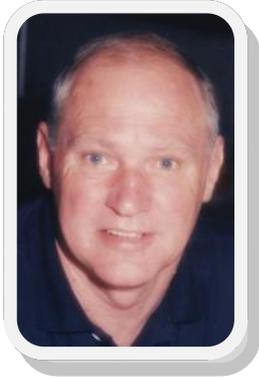


Ian Meek



Lyle Pearce

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David Pitt



Sam Platt



Ross Reid



David Ruthven



Doug Shell

FORTY YEAR MEMBERS



Frank Tickle



Kevin Toovey



Ray Venteman



Digby Westbury



Merv Whiting



Peter Whitney

BELROSE BOWLING CLUB LTD PAST PRESIDENTS/CHAIRMEN



Stan Robson
1953 - 1957



Jack Prescott
1957 - 1960



Tom Fuller
1960 - 1963



Harold Johnston
1963 - 1965



Frank Tickle
1965 - 1968
1975 - 1976



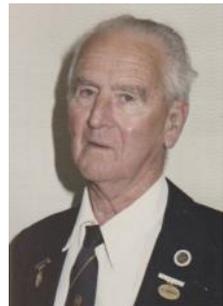
Charles Blackford
1968 - 1970



Norm Burgess
1970 - 1973



Greg Ellis
1973 - 1975



Wal Palmer
1976 - 1979

BELROSE BOWLING CLUB LTD PAST PRESIDENTS/CHAIRMEN



Harold McDonnell
1979 - 1980



Len Melrose
1980 - 1986
1989 - 1990



Eric Kempton
1986 - 1989
1998 - 2000



Al Allison
1990 - 1993



Ron Larsson
1993 - 1995



Peter Sheedy
1995 - 1998



Ian Glover
2000 - 2001



Mike Gibb
2001 - 2011



Allan Hanson
2011 - present



Life Members

**In Recognition of Long and Meritorious Service to the
Belrose Bowling Club Ltd.**

Gladys Alder	Brian Flakelar *	Harold McDonnell *
Ces Alexander *	Joyce Flello *	Mavis Mills
Al Allison *	Bob Free *	Phil Mobbs *
Norma Bate	Mike Gibb	Ray Napier *
Wally Bate *	Bill Glenn	John Roach
Charles Blackford *	Ken Harding *	Wal Roberts *
Kath Blackford	Len Jenkins	Elaine Taylor *
Nicholas Browne	Archie Johnston *	Frank Tickle
Irene Butcher *	Eric Kempton *	Mick Thorpe *
Bruce Carson *	Lil Leane *	Philip Warren *
Pat Colvin *	Len Melrose *	Graham Hartmann

*** Indicates the person is now deceased**

BELROSE BOWLING CLUB LTD. PATRONS

YEAR	NAME
1953 to 1955	J. L. Fisher
1956 to 1975	G. E. Colvin
1976 to 2002	C. Blackford
2003 to 2013	K. C. Blackford



BELROSE ONE EYED FOLLOWERS



**Belrose Bowlers thanks you for
your support over all those
many years**



EPILOGUE

The information contained in this book was largely provided from archival documents, past records and the reliable memory of many Members. I wish to thank all those who have assisted me with its compilation, without your assistance it would not have been possible. When compiling historical accounts there is the possibility of errors and omissions, and on occasions I have relied on information handed down by those who went before us. The availability of archival photos and space also impose restrictions. I sincerely hope this presentation has created an increased interest in the Club, while bringing pleasure to those who may well remember many of the timely events and happenings. The success of any community club is dependant upon each generation of its Members continuing to contribute and grow their Club. This has most certainly been the situation at Belrose, for without that dedication over those past 60 years, we would not be the strong and financially viable Club that we are today. It should always be remembered, the financial environment NSW Club's operate in today can be very rewarding for its Members, but it can also be terribly unforgiving of any carelessness, incapacity or neglect as many have discovered. In the words of Harold MacMillian;

“The past should be used as a trampoline not a couch”

*May the Belrose Bowling Club enjoy another 60 years and more of trampolining.
Mike Gibb*





**Belrose Bowling Club
Sixty Diamond Years
1953 – 2013**