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CONGRATULATIONS to Ian Hayes on being the recipient of the Bess Webster Memorial Trophy. Having been a member for just over 12 months Ian has been a “God send” in completing all the odd jobs around the clubhouse. His efforts are truly appreciated by all.

Another member recognised for his service and dedication to the club is Peter Lloyd, being made a Life Member.

In the 13 years Peter has been a member he has held various administrative positions within the club including 2 stints as president and 3 years as secretary.

Peter has also been instrumental in fostering the schools program along with liaising with various people and organisations in the development of our facilities. Thankyou Peter – well deserved.

CLUB PRESENTATION EVENING – Was held on Sunday 8th December.

Prior to the presentations members had the opportunity to learn and play a couple of games of Gateball. With smaller balls and larger hoops you would have thought it would be much easier! Thanks Josh, Will & Tyanna for demonstrating Gateball and how patient you are.

Thanks to Ruth Willson and her elves who did a fantastic job of catering. No one went home hungry, and am told a few players had a rather large morning tea at croquet the next day.



GATEBALL – NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Our Gateball team travelled to Canberra for the NSW Gateball championships. The entire team played well, winning six of their ten games, placing us fifth overall and third in Australia. Our pairings struggled in the doubles although Jim and Will managed to defeat the highly ranked Japanese pair (the only Australian pair to do so).

A big thankyou to our patron, Mayor Rod Kendall, for supplying gifts for our Japanese opponents.



THIRD LAWN PROGRESS Thanks to everyone who has been assisting with the watering of the “grass”.

Fingers crossed the sprinkler system will be connected by Christmas – so we can spend more time with family then down at the courts moving the water.

A bit of a slow process watching grass grow; so the committee has decided to apply additional seed and fertiliser to the area in the hope of getting a good cover for our carnival in March.

A productive meeting with council was held regarding on-going maintenance and fencing requirements. Peter is organising some quotes for the fencing, to be installed in the new year.

CLUB SECURITY Please ensure everything is locked away and the key returned to the security keyholder. Not a good look when the key is in-advertently left in the front door overnight!!

2014 GOLF CROQUET CARNIVAL With the large number of entries Robyn (manager) will require a number of helpers to ensure the event runs smoothly. If you are interested in helping please contact Robyn Willis.

CLEANING ROSTER: January - Robyn Willis (6922 5754) & Ruth Wilson (6933 1704)
If you are unable to clean when rostered please organise to swap with someone else.

SUMMER PLAYING TIMES Been great to see the twilight evenings being utilised to “have a hit”, especially with the warmer weather around. Gateball will be in recess for a few weeks until mid January.



Our groundskeeper, Brian, requires 2 days each week to maintain our lawns.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
AM	AC – 9am	##	GC- 9.30		##	AC – 9am	
PM		##			##		
Evening		Gateball 5.30pm		GC – 5pm Coaching	GC – 5pm		Thirsty Crow-quet

COACHING Jim will be conducting coaching sessions for members in January and February. Association Croquet coaching on 1st Thursday of the month, Golf croquet on the 3rd Thursday.

HIRINGS A few more hirings are occurring throughout December, expecting up to 45 people within the next week.

- The Blessed Bean – 15 December 2013
- Easdowns – 20 December 2013

PRESIDENT PETE'S PIZZA, PLAY and PLONK PARTY

To help toss out the old year and bring in the New we will be having a social evening on Tuesday 31st December 2013 commencing at 6pm. The green fee of \$5 will be used to purchase pizzas. BYO plonk. RSVP to Peter.

TO KEEP YOU LAUGHING AT FAMILY GATHERINGS

Out of the mouth of babes – wisdom on marriage

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. - Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kristen, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. - Camille, age 10

No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married. - Freddie, age 6

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. - Derrick, age 8

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids. - Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. - Lynnette, age 8

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. - Martin, age 10

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A FIRST DATE THAT WAS TURNING SOUR?

I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns. -Craig, age 9

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich. - Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. - Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. - Howard, age 8

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

I don't know which is better, but I'll tell you one thing. I'm never going to have sex with my wife. I don't want to be all grossed out. - Theodore, age 8

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. Anita, age 9

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? - Kelvin, age 8

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck. - Ricky, age 10

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Saturday, 1st February 2014 at 11.15am at the clubhouse.

