



Kiama Downs Men's Probus Club

NewsLetter December and Christmas 2020



GREETINGS to all members of Kiama Downs Men's Probus Club Inc. Our next General Meeting is planned for Thursday 3rd December at 11am the James Oates Reserve. I hope to everybody but if you cannot make it please let Howard know.

Kiama Men's Probus Club wishes its members and their families the most wonderful Christmas on record. In these strange times celebrate with your families and loved ones. The club had a great 2020 and looks forward to 2021 with anticipation, but will not be complacent about the virus. Happy Christmas and healthy new year

President's Post

We are fast approaching the end of 2020 and I'm sure that you will all be happy to have this year behind you. I trust that you are all well and are preparing for the festive season. Perhaps getting together with family and friends maybe some from interstate now that some of the borders have reopened.

The November General Meeting was a great success with 21 members in attendance to celebrate our 34th years anniversary, quite an achievement.

There will be no general meeting or newsletter for January as usual. The next general meeting is February. Following that in March is the Annual General Meeting. With this in mind I ask you all to think about management positions for next year and you can flood Howard our secretary with nominations.

As you are aware our Christmas Party Luncheon is on Monday 14th December at Kiama Leagues Club 12.00 for 12.30pm, the cost is \$28 per head. It will be a little different this year with COVID restrictions still in place. I ask you all to observe these restrictions, ie there will be no singing and no mingling in groups or around other tables. Please remain in your seat and only move to the bar or the bathrooms. There will still be some entertainment and the usual prizes although the presentation of prizes will have to be modified. So, come along and enjoy the day.

I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to the year to come.

Mervyn Clifton, President

The November General Meeting

Induction of Michael Barbato to the club

President Mervyn formally inducted Michael to the ranks of our great little club with a welcoming letter, induction certificate and badge.

Please make Michael welcome every step of the way.

Its highly likely that Michael is the first member in 34 years to be inducted in the fresh air. An encouraging factor for the future of our planet



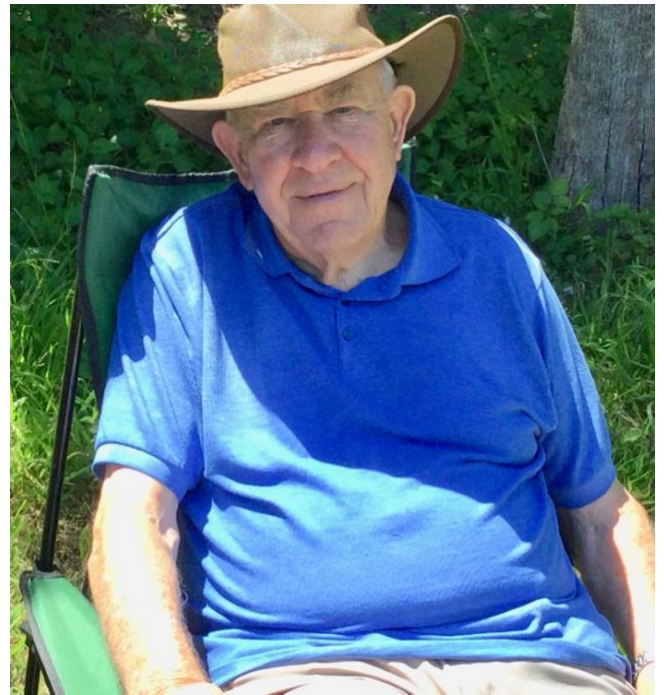
34th Anniversary cake cutting

The November General Meeting was held at the James Oates Reserve in early summer sunshine with a sausage sizzle and chicken kebabs enjoyed by all with the rigors of Covid -19 left behind. Photographs of most of the attendees attest to the spirit of the day.



Archie, Geoff Orgill and David Bourke showing us how to barbecue





David Westgate



Guessing that it's a golf conversation

For perpetuity . . . Dennis Price and Barry Laing



The above is a carefully staged example of how Covid isolation has affected the conduct of Probus meetings



George Early and Ron Hills



John Brandreth and Bob Hargreaves



David Carus with our new member Michael Barbato



Ron (Senior) Haddon



Mal checking to see if it's Mal Bracken



Robert Hargreaves, medals and a kebab



Geoff Orgill and George Early



Brian Divers with Barry Mather



Everybody
knows
John Porter

"Indefatigable Ron Hills has done his usual amazing job in organising a traditional Christmas party on 14 December at the Kiama Leagues Club"

Ron's details - Monday, December 14th at the function room of Kiama Leagues Club from 12 noon for a 12.30 start. A two course Christmas menu, including tea/coffee/bread roll and table decorations @ \$28,00 per head. Drinks at bar prices, casual dress, door prizes as usual.

Because of Covid 19 there are some restrictions to be observed, such as no singing, although this could change by December. However, we know how to let our hair down, or what's left of it, and rise to the fore when all else is gloomy. We still have some great talent to tell tales, jokes, poetry, etc. etc. Let us forget the bad year and show ourselves and our partners that we are still the best party in town. Please advise Ron Hills re any dietary requests, transport requirements or any other enquiries you may have. Treasurer Barry will be happy to start collecting your money but would prefer it to be deposited by EFT.

You need to advise the club and pay for the function club by the next General Meeting on 3 December



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES TO CELEBRATE IN DECEMBER

The Club sends its very best wishes to these members for lots of happiness on their birthdays and anniversaries

Members birthdays

4th Ron Haddon

12th Robert Hargreaves

Partner's birthdays

2nd Marcia Brandreth

6th Wendy King

31st Jill Divers

Anniversaries

14th Geoff & Trish Orgill

17th Les and Norma Davey

24th Howard & Eleanor Massey

28th Roy & Diana Barwick

| Treasurers Report November 2020 | | |
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| Opening Balance | | 956.39 |
| Plus | | |
| Annual Subs | 125 | |
| Christmas Party | 112 | |
| Interest | 0.01 | |
| BBQ | 100 | 337.01 |
| Total | | 1293.4 |
| Less | | |
| PSPL | 204 | |
| BBQ Expense | 83 | 287 |
| Closing Balance | | 1006.4 |



Ok ! So what is this all about ? and in what year ?

Lawn bowls This is played at Kiama Bowling club on the second Wednesday of the month at 10am and is open to Probus members of Kiama and Shellharbour Clubs.

Ron is the coordinator for our club and those wishing to play must let him know no later than the Monday before the event. The cost is \$7.

Golf Our members play at Kiama on Tuesday and Friday mornings. The exception is the second Tuesday which is an open competition for anybody of veteran age, there are usually 120 plus golfers. The other exceptions are when Kiama Golf club are hosting special events. On these occasions our members sometimes play at other courses.

Ron Hills

Management Committee for 2020-21

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| President - Mervyn Clifton | 0438 377 451 |
| Secretary - Howard Massey | 0479 193 246 |
| Treasurer - Barry Spooner | 4237 7709 |
| Welfare - Brian Divers | 4263 3178 |
| Speaker Seeker - John Nash | 4237 6167 |
| Events Co-ordinator- Ron Hills | 4232 1653 |
| Attendance - David Westgate | 4237 8709 |
| Catering - Barry Mather | 4237 7072 |
| Newsletter -Howard Massey | 0479 193 246 |
| Past President - David Bourke | 4232 3356 |
| Auditor - David Bourke | 4232 3356 |
| Historian - Arch Walker | 4237 8718 |

Moons of our Solar System

As the days grow longer and it is warm enough after tea to be outside we can spend some time searching the evening sky for Rudolph and associates. However, all we are likely to see is the moon which makes us wonder where our moon sits in the overall scheme of things in our solar system.

Well first up our moon is the closest to the sun with neither Mercury nor Venus scoring their own celestial bodies. Mars beats us with 2 moons of its own but they are somewhat insignificant in size. In fact, most of the approximately 218 moons in the solar system are small. Our own moon ranks number five in size after Ganymede, Titan, Callisto and IO. Titan belongs to Saturn whilst the others tour around Jupiter.

Most of the large moons were recorded by Gallileo and smaller ones by subsequent astronomers as telescope technology improved. However, most of the known moons are quite small and discovered in this millennium by telescope or space probes such as Voyager 1 and 2 and Cassini.

Moons come in all shapes and sizes and at this stage Saturn is credited with 82 moons to Jupiter's 79 followed by Uranus, on 27. Triton holds the record for most dominant moon making up 99.5% in mass of the 14 moons orbiting Neptune.

Even Pluto has 5 moons with the largest (Charon) holding the record as largest moon in relation to its parent planet being a little over half the diameter of Pluto. Scientists say that Pluto and Charon effectively orbit each other which may have contributed to Pluto being delisted from the official planets some years ago.

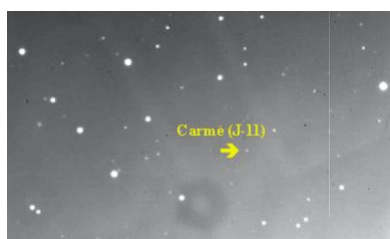
Anyway, fifth place in a field of 218 and counting is not to be sneezed at so remember that when you next see the moon rising over the Pacific (about 7.45pm on Nov 30).

David Shield

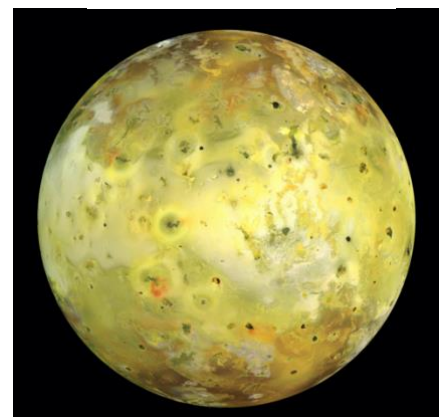
Deimos from Mars



Some moons appear insignificant



One of Jupiter's moons





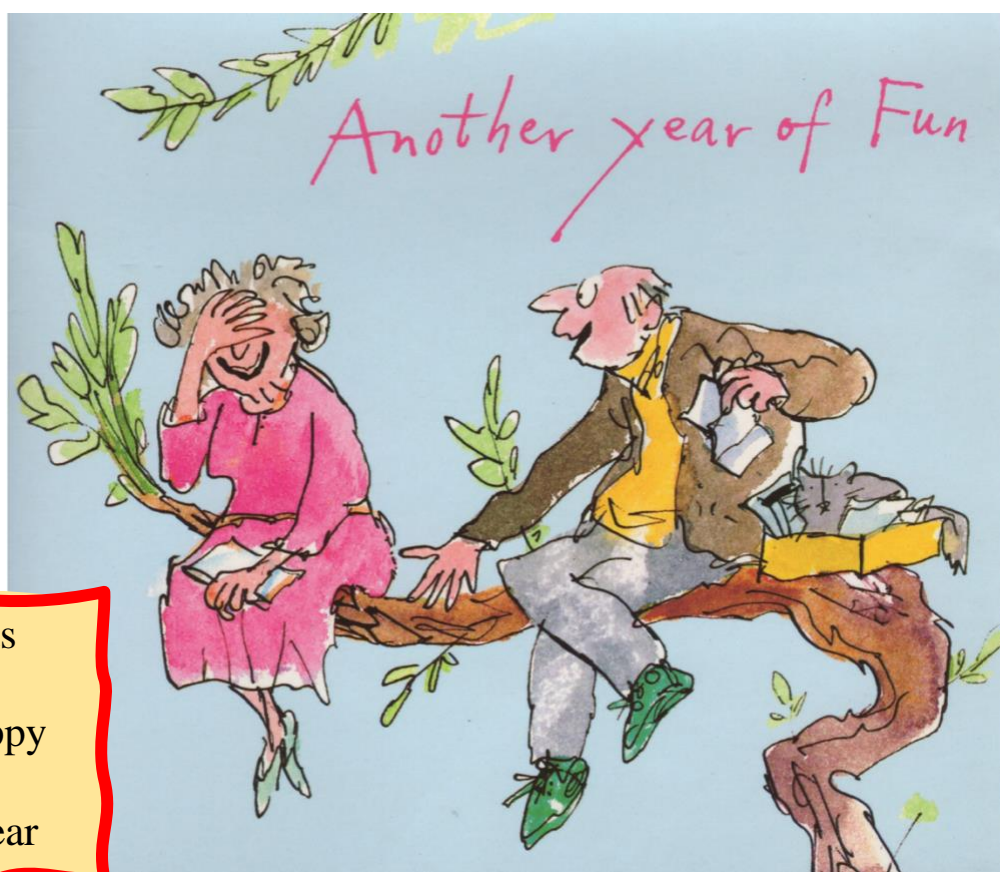
The GOLF Report

We only managed two rounds each in the months of October and November due to weather and special events at the club. Barry Laing and I took turns at winning all of them which resulted in a monthly medal for October to Barry and the November one to me - by a shot from Ron Hills. Only one more medal to be awarded this year with Dennis the favourite and Arch Walker as the dark horse.

John Porter is proving to be a master of the long drive having taken three of the four held in these months. There are others who can match him for length but as you know John is a straight shooter and that is a very helpful attribute in this contest.

The Kiama Golf Club has been undertaking quite a bit of work on the course bunkers in recent months which will see many of them made smaller and shallower, a feature most welcome by our group. It was suggested the work was being done because it is difficult for some of us to climb in and out of these chasms and there may be some truth in that. Bunkers require a lot of maintenance so the savings to the club in maintaining these smaller units is not to be underestimated.

Twenty twenty is drawing to a close and we look forward to presenting our annual awards. I usually have to gather these in from various places but this year I mainly have to look to the Laing household for collection. Maybe some of these trophies can be wrested from this year! Our next round at the club is 1st December and we expect Ron Haddon to join us as he becomes eligible for his birthday \$5 voucher at the bar! David S



The Club wishes its members and their families a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year