

Sports REPORTS



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ATHLETICS (SENIOR) Liaison Director: Christine Butters

Illawong Revesby Workers Athletic (IRWA) Summer and Winter Presentation was held on Sunday 19th May at the Ridge athletics track, we were very lucky to have a sunny afternoon to conduct our Presentations. We had a lot of our members there to receive their awards. The federal member for Hughes Jenny Ware. Ms Ware was instrumental in helping IRWA secure a Federal Government Grant supplying the track with bench seats outside the track to give more spectator viewing areas to watch the high jump, discus and hammer throw.

We have 4 major awards every year, Cross Country Champion, Graham Kearns Award our Pierre De Coubertin Sportsmanship, Ian Kearns Award Best Cross-Country Performance of the year at State Championships and Max Wilkinson Award for best track and field performance. Our winners were Brendan Ebejer, Rosie Floyd-Kerry & Holly Carr (joint Graham Kearns winners for sportsmanship), Billy Herb for best country performance and Abbie Taddeo for best track and field performance.

We were also able to recognise Tallara Joseph-Riogi who broke the U16 National Javelin record with a massive personal best throw of 51.69

Illawong Athletics INC held its AGM on the following Thursday 22nd May where IRWA officially appointed a new President in Michael Dooley and welcomed 3 new general committee members.

One of our open male 400m sprinters Teri Fragiadakis competed in the 400m at the Coral Coast Carnival breaking the meet record in a time of 47.95. A huge clap to all our IRWA athletes and their families who attended the Athletics NSW Cross Country Relays on Saturday the 1st of June in the torrential rain and muddy conditions at the Armoury course at Sydney Olympic Park .

It was a busy day with lots going on, the rain adding a new level to the experience! Our U12 girls Ivy, Ruby, Lily and Katie ran first finishing 16th in the 4 x 1500m. Next our U14 boys Billy, Archie, Koby and Hunter finished 4th in a very tough race missing the medals by a minute!!

Last for our cross-country relay teams were the U20 girls Amelia, Aiesha, Anneka and Rosie saw the best or one would say the worst of the course conditions with very heavy rain and slops of mud along the way finishing 5th only a minute outside the medals.

Thank you to their families for bringing them out to Sydney Olympic Park on the day and for the athletes showing up to race.

Earlier in the morning in somewhat drier conditions but perhaps more chilly weather Nicolle C won the 10km race walks for the 50-59 age group.

On Saturday June 22nd we thought we were about to see a repeat of the Armoury weather at Nowra for the Cross Country Championships however the rain stayed away all day!

Congratulations to Archie who won the U11 boys 2km race, Billy finished 5th in the U14 boys in a close race for 3rd and Milly finished 7th in the U20 race.

Tomysha Clark placed 2nd at Athletics Australia National championships in the long jump with a leap of 6.35 metres to inch her way closer to Olympic Selection for Paris 2024.

As a result of her second placing she was selected in the Australian team to compete at the Oceania Championship in Fiji. In Fiji she jumped 6.36 metres and gained valuable bonus points to aid in her getting closer to selection in the Olympic team for Paris. After Fiji Tomysha competed in 3 competitions in Europe trying to improve on her long jump personal best. Unfortunately she encountered bad weather and some illness and couldn't improve on her personal best.

Tomysha has indicated she has learnt so much from competing against some of the best long jumpers in the world and is already looking to build on this to fulfill her dream of representing Australia at the highest level of competition. IRWA has had a very successful season across all summer events and cross country championships.

Illawong holds weekly cross country on Saturday afternoons starting at 2pm at various courses around our local area. We have 2km, 3km, 5km and 10km races available each week.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID CLUB **Liaison Director: Linda Downey**

We are holding two orchid shows in the atrium this year, the first on Sunday 8th September and the next on Saturday 12th October.

There will be plenty of plants for sale at both of these events.

If you are interested in growing native orchids why not come along to one of our meetings which are held in the McArthur room at 7.30 on the fourth Wednesday of each month between March and November included. Annual membership is \$10 per year, we hold plant raffles at each meeting and occasionally have guest speakers.

For further information contact Ian Lawson on 0459 276 648.

BANKSTOWN STROKE SUPPORT GROUP **Liaison Director: Christine Benham**

Aug - Our group has its annual AGM. We will also have a speaker from Bankstown Hospital talking about dietician needs. Sept - we have a speaker from the Australian Physiotherapy Association and we may be required to do some exercises! Oct - the plan is for a sail day, yet to be booked. We intend to do a joint adventure with Headway

from Bankstown. Our group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 10.30-12.30pm.

Tony Finneran **Treasurer**

BOWLS – LAWN (MENS) **Liaison Director: David Raper**

Revesby Workers Bowling Club Hosted the Metro South West Region Ladies Senior Pairs in July and August. New season Kicks off with Minor and Major Pairs championships for current financial members. The Metro South West Region Pairs and Fours Championships will be played over the next 2 months.

Revesby Workers Bowling Club are looking to explore unification of the Men's and Ladies clubs. We are also after new bowlers that can be drawn from current members of Revesby Workers Club. Lawn Bowls is a highly competitive sport and is more difficult than it looks. There are only two areas to perfect e.g. line and length. However, to combine these two areas together is extremely difficult. It's also a very strategic game that requires a lot of thought and predicting what the other team will play and then counteract that strategy. It has many health benefits including low impact exercise. RWC members that we are looking to try a game at Spence St are competitive players who can no longer play their chosen first preference sport due to injury, age, etc.

Revesby Workers Bowling Club plays social bowls on a Wednesday (names in by 12pm, bowls starts at 1pm), Thursday Ladies morning starts at 9.30am. We also play Saturday Social bowls for those who work, again names in by midday with bowls starting at 1pm.

During Summertime, we also play a relaxing game of Twilight Bowls, names in by 4.20 and bowls starts at 5pm finishing no later than 7 pm to accommodate the Bill Bullard Charity meat tray Raffle. It's a terrific learning opportunity for new bowlers and was well supported during the 2024 Summertime season.

There is a reasonably small fee per game (\$12 socials to \$15 for Twilight).

Please come down and give it a go... it is very addictive!

CRICKET **Liaison Director: Christine Benham**

We were finally able to hold the 2022-23 and 2023-24 Senior Presentations in late June. With all the renovations underway at the Club, we held the Presentations in Element, with a great three-course dinner.

For the 2022-23 season Chris Caccamo took out the President's Award with batting of

509 runs at an average of 72.71 and taking 18 wickets at an average of 23.72 runs, achieved in 2nd Grade. The Vice President's Batting Award was awarded to Alan Willmore hitting 648 runs at an average of 64.80 runs in 6th Grade, and the winner of the Keith Heaslip Bowling Award was Troy Shean who took 26 Wickets at an average of 13.92 runs in 2nd Grade. For the 2023-24 season Ryan Guthrie took out the President's Award with batting of 377 runs at an average of 34.27 and taking 10 wickets at an average of 21.60 run in 1st Grade. The Vice President's Batting Award was awarded to Warren Habak hitting 650 runs at an average of 65.00 runs in 7th Grade and the winner of the Keith Heaslip Bowling Award was Mohammad Chokr who took 29 Wickets at an average of 12.41 runs in 5th Grade.

Great results, and congratulations to all the Award winners.

We have a team playing in the Winter Masters Cup at present. Unfortunately, the weather has not been kind to the players, with many ground closures. The competition will finish in August ahead of the summer competition. We will start signing on for the next summer competition from 1 July on-line – just visit the "Play Cricket" site and enter your postcode – Revesby Workers Cricket Club will be one of your options, which I hope you choose! It is compulsory to register on-line and we encourage all seniors to be members of Revesby Workers' Club.

For any enquiries, please contact Chris on 9773 7157. We look forward to an enjoyable 2024 – 25 season.

Christine Benham **Secretary**

DARTS CLUB **Liaison Director: David Raper**

2024 is off to a good start, we have had a few good events so far and got a few coming up soon, starting with our annual darts day with Revesby Workers verse Wattle Grove Hotel Darts Club held at Revesby in the Rogues Sports Bar. Not long after that Revesby will do the bus trek to Newcastle to play our annual darts event that has been going on for 55 years. We will be trying to retain the A grade, B grade and the coveted guzzlers cup which Revesby has after a solid 2023 campaign.

Our club championships are coming up later in the year and the singles championship will be held on Sunday 8th September and the doubles championships will be held on Sunday 13th October, and our next meeting will be Sunday 8th September and we will be holding our championships after the meeting concludes.

Our Thursday night social darts is going well with good numbers. Jun Park hit a 180 at

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social darts on 27/6 well done to him he is becoming quite the regular on Thursdays and playing quite well. Thursday social darts is a fun night and visitors and new darters are more than welcome to join in on the fun, doesn't matter if you're a seasonal veteran or just starting out. The night is run on a drawn doubles format with a 6-game round robin, which we have prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, highest scores and a highest peg prize which is kindly donated every week by one of our members Craig Barton and his Fix-It-Glass team.

Presentation date and end of year events will be confirmed later in the year, but we look forward to seeing you all on the oche line soon.

GARDEN CLUB

Liaison Director: Christine Butters

Winter has arrived with its colourful camellias and other winter blooms! Catherine continues to present us with her monthly research on the flowers of the month. She covers flowers of the western hemisphere and also our very own natives.

A change in format now sees our guest speakers start during the first part of each monthly meeting.

Our June speaker was Colin Hollis from the Rose Society of NSW. He augmented his talk with a very practical and most helpful Question and Answer segment. Bruce Elder is a travel writer, journalist and commentator. He gave a talk on Aussie towns last July.

We have a very interesting lineup of speakers for the following months. For August we have invited Julie Evans from the Sydney Harbour Trust, who will give a talk on Cockatoo Island. The site was opened to the public in 2007 after restoration by the Trust.

Our September guest speaker will be Helen Etheridge from the Stroke Foundation. This is a national charity that works with the community to prevent stroke, save lives and enhance the recovery of stroke victims.

October's guest speaker will be Paul Kearney who will cover the History of 50s Music. Apart from music, he also has various interests, having worked as a chef and a manager as well.

November's speaker, Peter Hey, will discuss clivias. He appeared on Gardening Australia on their 14th June 2024 TV show where he was called King of Clivias. Clivias are very hardy and produce a wide variety of beautifully coloured blooms.

We are hoping to have a Spring Coach Tour towards the end of this year. Our Autumn Coach Tour to the Wollongong Botanic Garden last May had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Membership is open to gardeners and nongardeners alike. Guests are always welcome! We meet on the first Saturday of the month (except December and January) at the Lawson Room (while upper floor renovations are going on) from 9.30 am. Meetings start at 10 am sharp till 12 noon. We have a plant sales table, raffles and monthly plant and flower competitions. For more information, refer to our website rwcgarden.com.

Yolanda Latif
Publicity Officer

GOLF (MENS')

Liaison Director: Baden Kirgan

The club was formed in 1961 and is a thriving sub-club of the Revesby Workers Club. The golf club currently has more than 50 members and is run by a very dedicated group of elected officers. For further information, please visit our informative website www.rwcmensgolf.org.

We are now at the halfway mark for the year and so far, it has been smooth sailing for the club.

In April, the club staged its first major championship of the year being the 2 Ball Best Ball Championship, which was played over 2 rounds at Camden Lakeside GC and Links Shell Cove GC. The 2024 champions were the team of Claude Poletti and Steve Vaughn with an aggregate total of 93 points. Claude had a memorable round of 49 points on his own which went a long way to ensuring their victory. The runners up were John Varrica and John McDonald with 88 points.

On May 17, 36 members travelled to the Hunter Valley for our annual tour championship to be played over 3 rounds at The Vintage GC and Cypress Lakes Resort. The going was a bit tough due to the wet conditions on day one at The Vintage but improved dramatically at Cypress Lakes for the remaining two rounds. Everyone had a great time as usual, and the resort was amazing.

The Hunter Valley Tour Champion was Manny Petris with an aggregate score of 100 points. Congratulations Manny on a well-played tournament.

There are too many regular club event details to document but they are available on our website if anyone is interested.

In the coming months we will be conducting the 4BBB Club Championship and in August we will be travelling to Goulburn for part 2 of our annual challenge against Goulburn Workers Club.

In October, we will be hosting this year's Merv Pell Cup and Lawson Cup against Blacktown Workers Club and Cabramatta Leagues Club. This will involve our committee to organise golf at Cabramatta Golf Club for 54 players and this will be

followed by a presentation lunch to be held at Revesby Workers Club. These two events have been running for over 50 years and Club Revesby is going for a threepeat this year. Wish us luck.

Until next time, keep swinging and keep happy.

John Varrica
President

HOCKEY (WOMENS')

Liaison Director: Christine Benham

This year the Hockey Ladies moved to the MSW Competition and have hit the ground running! We are currently sitting in the top 4 with our eyes firmly set on being there on Grand Final Day. The Committee are pretty proud of how the team have handled themselves in the new competition.

The midyear sees a number of our Masters Ladies playing at the state championships held in Moorebank in July. Good luck ladies.

We have one of our Masters Carnival team members, Nikkers, play at the Masters Women's National Championships for NSW, congratulations on your well-deserved selection. The end of year sees us celebrate our season at our annual Presentation Day, we will also be celebrating our clubs 45th birthday!

To round out the year, at the end October, we are heading back to the Central Coast for the Masters Carnival where we always have plenty of fun!

Our attention is also looking to May 2025, as we are sending two teams to compete at the World Masters Games in Taiwan. We are working hard at raising funds to help cover costs for things like uniforms. We last competed at the WMG in 2017 when it was held in Auckland.

LADIES GROUP

Liaison Director: Christine Butters

Revesby Ladies Group Since our last report we have had some lovely events and more to come. We have had guest speakers speaking on the following subjects, The History of The Tramways, Sydney Harbour Trust, Sally Gulson, selling her beautiful handbags, purses.

We have had some great outings as to Parramatta River to Circular Quay and then on Newmarket Hotel at Mascot for lunch, well to Swane's Nursery followed by lunch and a Christmas in July River cruise.

During Volunteer's Week, Revesby Workers' Club organised an Appreciation Luncheon which some of members were asked to attend.

We are planning for many more trips and guest speakers for the rest of the year. If you

would like to join us, please do not hesitate to contact me for further information. We are always happy to welcome new members.

First Wednesday of the month we have a bus trip unless otherwise changed. Second Wednesday onwards, Group Weekly Venue, MacArthur Room Corner of MacArthur Avenue & Dixon Lane REVESBY NSW 2212 from 9:30am

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**Julie Wursten
Co-Coordinator**

**NETBALL CLUB
Liaison Director: Baden Kirgan**

Thank you to all our Coaches, Managers, Umpires and Committee members for 2024 our club is unable to run without our volunteers.

We hope everyone is keeping warm with our new jackets, they all look great.

We had our annual Bill Bullard Charity Bucket Day with all proceeds going to Bankstown Hospital for Specialised Medical Equipment, Thank you to everyone for your generous donations. Thank you to all our netball families with selling our chocolates to help with our end of year presentations.

A big thank you to the Chamakos sisters for baking each week to raise money for our Netball club.

Our club also had its annual round Beanies for Brain Cancer, with all Beanie and Scarf sales going to the Mark Hughes Foundation. All profits go into much needed funds to promote research, heighten awareness and support brain cancer patients and their families. Kristy and her family would like to thank everyone who purchased a Beanie or Scarf.

We held our Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 4th August. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers on the day and to everyone that came down and supported our club by purchasing a sausage sizzle.

Congratulations and best wishes to all our teams that are competing in their Semi Finals, Finals and Grand Finals.

Presentation Date – 13th October, 2024

AGM Date – 28th October, 2024

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**REVESBY WRITERS'
Liaison Director: Baden Kirgan**

We meet the first Saturday of the month, at 1.p.m. in the Macarthur Room, 12 Dixon Lane, Revesby. We are affiliated with The Fellowship of Australian Writers.

If you need more information with regards to our group please contact: - Publicity Officer/Secretary. Shirley Galloway 9709 4117. Please leave a message if no answer with your telephone number and I will return your call a.s.a.p.

**Shirley Galloway
Publicity Officer**

**TOASTMASTERS
Liaison Director: Linda Downey**

Our annual dinner was held on Thursday 27th June and the theme was ABBA and the 70's. Thank you to our standup comedian Steve Howard who provided the laughs. David Fisher was our inspirational speaker and spoke about the importance of strong leadership in a team. Our Toastmasters of the Year 2023-2024 was Lana Shaba. It was great to see her rewarded for resurrecting the club after the COVID years. Our club is now back to full strength.

Table Topics Awards
1st Place – Michael Luong
2nd Place – Clara Tran
3rd Place - Alex Imre

Our club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in the Lawson Room 7.30pm. For any further information please contact Deb Murphy – dlm8@bigpond.com or 0408 437 624

**Debra Murphy
Vice President**