

November, 1949.

With the Melbourne Cup over I suppose most of the citizenry are feeling a dent in the cash pocket and looking around wildly for means of reimbursing same. If you are one of the lucky ones who backed Foxami just send me your name and address and I'll put you on my list of possible "bites". While on the subject of "The Cup" allow me to thank all ticket sellers who helped to make the Sweep such a success. We established a new record this year and it is all due to the excellent effort of all the chaps who sold tickets.

A word or two of the last monthly meeting held at Monash Club on 1st November. Another excellent roll up of 30 members and the evening was voted a world beater by all. Except for a little competition by the Perth Sub-Branch R.S.L. who were holding a Cup night celebration to which we were invited after our meeting things went along sweetly. Our guest Speaker was Mr. Colin Chrisholm who was an Officer of the R.A.A.F. who escaped from various German Prison Camps and eventually joined the Polish Under ground with who he operated for two years. Mr. Chrisholm held everybody enthralled for the duration of his talk and for a long while afterwards. It was like having the most exciting of thrillers read to you. A case of Valentine Williams or E. Phillips Openheim outdone in real life. Our thanks go to Mr. Chrisholm for his most excellent exposition of his series of most unusual and exciting experiences. Your genial President has a number of speakers lined up for future meetings and if you desire to spend a convivial evening with your own friends plus a bit of educational or sensational matter thrown in for good measure, make a habit of attending your monthly meetings and believe me your effort will be amply repaid.

The December meeting (6th December) will take the form of a "Bucks Night" and you are permitted to bring along a friend. Don't go putting trousers on the wife and try sneaking her in as that may not be good for the success of the party. A good evening is teed up for your enjoyment so be in the swim and if you have a particular friend who you think would enjoy the night out dont hesitate to bring him along. If any member has any sets of Darts or Small Games would you please bring them along with you.

Your committee have arranged a Xmas Party which includes the Ladies and this evening is to take place at the residence of our good friend and Honourary Member Mr. Tom Murray. We have to sincerely thank Mr. Murray for making his home available to us for this Xmas Treat. - The Address : 37 Victoria Avenue, Claremont. The Date : Wednesday 21st December, after 8 p.m. A few directions on how to get there - From the City it is best to catch a "United Bus" any of which except "Princess Rd." will take you there if you ask to be set down at Claremont Baths. If you go by train, catch a "United Bus" again any but "Princess Rd" will take you right to the door. Trolley Bus or Metro Bus travellers should get off at Bay View Terrace and catch the United Bus again dismounting at Claremont Baths.

To assist in making the evening as cheap as possible to everybody Ron Dook and Mick Calcutt are running a small raffle to help defray expenses. Ron has asked me to remind book sellers to sell their book as soon as possible and if they find themselves unable to quit the lot to return the unsold portion to him as soon as possible so that someone else may be given a chance to sell them before the sweep is drawn, which, will take place at the Xmas Party. Supper and Refreshments are being provided so all you have to do is to bring along the wife, girl friend, or mother, a good thirst, an infectious party spirit and good time will be had by all.

To revert to the Sweep on the Melbourne Cup will all persons holding unsold books please return them to me as soon as possible as we require same for Audit purposes. If you have lost your book, please

send me a brief note stating that you have mislaid it and that will serve our purpose. Postal Notes will be sent to all drawers of horses and this matter is in the capable hands of the Treasurer Alf Walsh.

Just Another reminder of the Annual Reunion which is to be held on Saturday 25th February, 1950 at Monash House, Cnr. King and Hay St. Perth. If you have a stray Ten Bob and wish to send your Dinner subscription in advance I will be only too pleased to receive it and pass it on to Alf Walsh.

Here comes the "Hatch Match and Despatch" section. Hatch first; Roy Watson father of a son, Peter Barden a son, Kev Millington a girl and Geo Timms a baby sex unknown at time of writing. Congrats all on your fertile efforts. Alf Hillman claims a record of the first Grand Papa (Step only) Congratulations plus, Alf, afraid you will find the role a little queer at first but they tell me the first 20 years are the worst. Now for the Match business Bernie Langridge is to be married in January and we wish him all the very best. The Despatch column is a nil return, for which we are duly thankful.

Correspondence was particularly heavy during month owing to influx of Sweep Butts and I must thank you all for the news conveyed. I will attempt to deal with as much as possible. Rod Dhu writes from Broome where he is with the P.M.G's Dept. as a linesman having recently shifted from Derby. Rod reports having seen "Irish" Hopkins at Broome but says "Irish" has moved to Port Hedland. Rod says he is doing quite well at Broome having one big round of parties. Bill Oconnor who is a Cow Cockie at Marybrook writes to say he is going along very well. Don Hudson sends his regards to the gang from Collie. "Nip" Cunningham who is now barman at the Mercantile Club Geraldton says he is a near neighbour of Eric Smyth. Nip has made great progress after his accident. Nip also brings news of Jack Spencer who has a head show at Prothers Jack had been in hospital with a poisoned hand. Mal Herbert sends news from Nungarin where the crops are a bit disappointing but owing to late season there is lashings of sheep feed. Mrs Roy Watson writes on behalf of Roy at Collie where she says Roy is recovering from a dislocated Shoulder. Roy got the medal for fairest and best in the Collie football Association. As mentioned earlier Roy is the proud parent of a son. For your information Mrs. Watson - Joe Poynton's Address is Long Range Weapons Range, Woomera, S.A. Gerry McKenzie is another of my correspondents. Gerry has just taken over a butcher's shop at Margaret River and in the throes of shifting his family to that township. Gerry promises more news later and we look forward to it eagerly. Gerry says he saw Peter Campbell in Margaret recently with a very attractive lass who is to be the future Mrs. Campbell. Gerry also says he cracks a noggin now and again with Merv Cash who as you know is a dairy farmer in the area. Alf Blundy writes from Katanning where he has given up the flour mill and taken to contract work in the same district. Alf said he was shearing in the vicinity of Bert Burgess' new place at Broomehill. Alf reckons by the look of the property Bert is one of the lucky ones. A big long letter from Bob Smyth. I must say at this Juncture that it is a toss up between Bob Smyth and Bob Palmer as the worst hand-writers of my acquaintance but strangely they both give more news than all the good writers put together. Bob has been tripping North for the Vacuum Oil Co. and in his travels ran in with quite a few of the gang. Was at Marble Bar for the Race Meeting and Pub fire where a good time was had by all. He saw "Irish" Hopkins at Port Hedland where he is barman at the Pier Hotel. Bob saw Ray Aitken at Onslow and had the usual few. Bob was domiciled temporarily at Carnarvon where he ran in with "Sully" Sullivan. Thanks a ton for your good deed Bob. Will follow up your suggestion at a later date. Geo Lewis writes from Lake Grace where he has been having mixed luck in the farming game. Geo says he has a good crop and good wool clip but owing to tractor trouble has not been able to do all the fallow he would have liked. Geo says he saw Ron Sprigg recently and he was looking well and that he has seen Ken Mackintosh on several occasions at various country sales and that he too is looking very fit. By the way "Mack" what about a line or two to let me know you still can write, have not seen your "John Hancock" since Adam wore knicker bockers. A brief note from Bert Burges to say he is very busy building, Dam sinking fallowing etc. A note also from "Bruss" Fagg with sweep tickets from "the Drage" who

neatly passed the buck to Bruss to do the sending, Bill is apparently a very busy man. Had a letter from Johnny Moore at Dwellingup who had been down to the Royal Show with one of the Forestry Departments Fire Trucks. Johnny is going along well and wishes to be remembered to the gang. Don May is another to write this month. Don is on the Railway Station at Clackline and says he never sees any of the mob in his area, so consequently looks forward to the Newsletters for tidings. Clarrrie Turner says he was most pleased with the Ladies Night which he and his wife attended and wishes he were in a position to attend more frequently. A short note from Pat Doyle who is at Kalgoorlie to say that he has no complaints and wishes to be remembered to all his mates. Ernie Dinwoodie also of Kalgoorlie was another to write saying he was heading for the South West on holidays and hoped to meet some of the gang while down from the 'Fields. Bob Palmer the Cow Cockie from Cowaramup says that he is going along well and has really good crop this year, but the wind was playing havoc in his area. Bob saw Geo Timms recently and says he was most proud of his recent increase in family. Bob is hopeful of attending the Annual Do. Alf Hillman writes from Broomehill to say he saw Gordon Holmes in Cranbrook a bit ago. Gordon was running the mobile canteen for the Local R.S.L. Golf day. Alf also saw Fred Humfreys in Katanning. As mentioned before Alf claims to be units first Grand pappy. The title of Colonel Chapman's book is "The Jungle is Ventral" Alf. Peter Alexander sends his regards to all the gang from 48 York St. Boulder. Dick Darrington who is in the Baking trade at Bridgetown says he is going along well and often runs into Don Young who he says is working on a farm of his own these days. A brief note from Peter Barden from Harvey to say he is a poppa again another son, also that he received the Trophy for the Fairest and best in the Harvey-Brunswick Football Association. Congrats Peter. Kev Millington sends his best to all the gang from Noggerup where he is a Cow Cockie. "Blue" Wilkes is another who wishes to be remembered to all his old mates. Blue is working for W.A.G.R. at Brunswick.

Had a short letter from Kev Curran in which he wished to be remembered to all the gang. Kev did not mention how his jaw was going and to what extent it would interfere with his Football Career.

Peter Mantle also among my correspondents again. Peter says the rainy season seems to be hanging on in India and described his experiences when the water proceeded to enter his rooms at his Hotel and he had to bail the place out. Peter mentioned meeting a Mr. & Mrs. Russell from Corrigin who was in India in connection with the Wheat Pool. Apparently in India there are laws governing the amount of food that may be served and one night his Hotel was raided and the management charged with serving too much food and the manager fined the equivalent of £2,000 and 3 months jail while a Director got £8,000 and 3 months, pretty stiff penalty says me. Peter plus wife and baby have been on "Hot Weather Leave" midway between Bombay and Poona and enjoyed the great silences terrifically after the rush and bustle of Bombay.

Well folks, am starting to suffer from writer's cramp, so I'll pull the scone in and sign off for this month. Please keep the "Bucks Night" for 6th December, in mind and bring along a friend also the Xmas Party on 21st December, and if you have an unsold sweep butt whiz it into me immediately.

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Hon. Editor.