



ROARING 40's

December 1992

 A Merry Christmas,
and a Happy New Year to all, from the
Roaring 40's Team. 



FOR CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP

Apex 40 is the recognised body of
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From the "Gold Coast Newsletter"



APEX 40 Maroochydhore issued this invitation for a novel idea, unfortunately this issue of Roaring 40's was a little late for the event, but we trust the function went well, and it's always possible that something more may eventuate from a bit of widespread publicity.

INVITATION

November 20 - 22 1992

The young Mr Ray Grace invites all to a weekend of fellowship and fun making TOYS etc. for Christmas for those in need.

Just bring yourself and partner - pillow & blankets, drinks & a little food (NOT meat as it will be supplied). I will have ample salad items too.

I think it will go like 2 hours work 1/2 hour play and probably 24 hours a day sounds like FUN so please make an effort to be there as long as your time permits.

We will supply:.... a roof over your head in dormitory style open space living with electronic wake up system mattress supplied & bedside tables.....sit down dining area under cover BBQ & Wok cooking at its best, continuous music & TV, plus showers and toilet.

Work AreaThis is well set up with bandsaw, scroll saw, drills, docking and radial arm saw, sanders, thicknesser, nailing gun etc.... that is ... all we need to make any toy.

We need your body and your ideas as I believe this can be the start of "The Toy Factory" by Apex 40.

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Perth Rort

June 4th to June 7th 1993
Registration forms available soon, be sure to register early in order to assist organisation of the Rort.

National President's Report

Congratulations to all the new executives who have been elected to guide our Clubs for the coming year. I hope you all tackle your jobs with **enthusiasm** and **innovative thinking**.

Look at where your Club is now, learn what you can from the mistakes and successes of the past, and **PLAN** for a better year than last. Let's keep our activities varied and interesting, publicise them well, and keep inviting potential new members along.

I take a great deal of pleasure and pride in commending the Apex Foundation to you all. This is an extremely worthy charity which we can all support, one which will perpetuate all the good things which Apex stands for, so I hope you will all join the Foundation and send in a donation

using the form which accompanies this edition of Roaring 40's.

Lastly I must say how much I am looking forward to the Perth Rort in June. John Rowe and his crew have been hard at work planning a great weekend for us all, so I hope you have been planning to get there. And as a special event to really top off the holiday, Kevin Huxham has, in his usual dynamic way, been setting up a Post-Rort tour to South Africa. His work in Liaising with our Round Table 41 counterparts will give us a wonderful opportunity to see this great country and really meet the people through a home-hosting programme.

Merry Christmas,

NEIL HOOKEY

National Secretary/Treasurer's Report

By the time that you receive this report I would hope that all Clubs will have held their elections for President and Secretary, or at least re-appoint existing office bearers. So it is now time to dig out that registration form sent with the last "Roaring 40's", fill it out, attach a cheque equal to \$1.00 per couple or single and send it to me by 31st December 1992.

I have endeavoured to up-date our Directory as at the 30th November '92, and have included telephone numbers where available to make it easier for contact. You will notice that some Clubs have been deleted as they are no longer in operation or wish to be affiliated, but new Clubs have formed or are forming, leaving a total of 63 Clubs in all States — a very healthy situation. Please check your details and advise me if there are

any alterations required.

President Neil and I are investigating the possibility of package air fares to Perth for the '93 Rort and we would welcome enquiries from other Clubs who may be interested in joining the exodus. The more the merrier, and by group booking we should be able to get a much better deal. Please feel free to contact me with your interested number at any time on (03)546-5186.

As this will be the last "Roaring 40's" until the New Year, I extend the Season's Greetings and hopes for a better 1993 to all members of all Clubs from myself and Audrey.

See you in 1993,

Regards,

SAM McINNES.

Membership/Extension

Not a great deal to report for this issue. Enquiry has slowed of recent months (sounds like the economy), but I know we're all still having as much fun! Things could be worse for some — they could live in Victoria! (Sorry Neil!).

Post Rort Tour South Africa is in!

As you may be aware, I have been organising a home hosted tour of South Africa to take place after the Perth Rort in 1993. The dates will be approximately June 12th to July 7th and our hosts will be Round Table 41 Members of South Africa.

The tour promises to be a fabulous experience, with lots of fellowship and friendship with a sister organisation. We will be hosted on the border by the South African Defence Forces, with three nights in our hotel at Kruger National Park and two nights in a hotel at Kimberley. The balance is home hosted by various Round Table 41 clubs and members.

The itinerary is as follows:-
Johannesburg, Pretoria, Messina, Komattipoort, Kruger National Park, Eshowe, Sharkaland, Durban, Umtata, Stutterheim, Port Elizabeth, Oudtshoorn, Cape Town, Kimberley and Johannesburg.

Final costings are being prepared but I need to get an indication of numbers as soon as possible. We are limited to 40 participants so please circulate your members and have them write to me with names, addresses and numbers, subject to costings which will be circulated to interested parties as soon as it comes to hand.

Having participated in three Mass Tours during our Apex days, I can guarantee you a great time with international friendship and fellowship you wouldn't believe existed.

On behalf of Liz and myself, may we take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 1993!

Yours faithfully
KEVIN HUXHAM



APEX FOUNDATION

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The August 1991 issue of "Roaring 40's" featured an article on the Apex Foundation, with an invitation for Apex 40 Members to join the Foundation.

We have now received a letter from Carl Bisson, Past Apex National President, who has recently been elected to the Board of the Foundation. Carl's letter is too long to publish in full here, but part of it is reproduced below.

"Dear Apex 40 Member,

The Apex Foundation that we started almost twenty years ago is having troubles and is in need of our help. Over the past several years succeeding Boards of the Foundation have spent the interest they received on the funds invested, sharing it very properly between the Trusts they administered, but not seeing it their responsibility to raise money to add to the capital of the Foundation. Little attempt was made to increase the membership of the Foundation until very recently and, seemingly, little consideration was given to the effects of inflation upon the funds in trust. The worst thing about all this is the inflationary effect, for it has reduced the value of the dividends to about a tenth of the 1970 purchasing power. Simply this means that we have to re-build.

In addition to these problems those successive Boards made little attempt to involve past members of Apex in any way, and that was one of the bases for the Foundation as you'll probably recall. Total membership a year ago was 170. To-day membership has reached 300, not a lot when we realise that there's about 6,000 life members and about 250,000 past members of the Association.

My job on the Board of the Foundation is to increase the membership, to raise some funds quickly if possible, and to assist with the formulation of plans for the future.

Yours, still behind Apex,
Carl Bisson."

Carl is asking Apex 40 Members to join the Apex Foundation and to donate \$25.00 per quarter or, if you can't afford that much, to pay the normal annual membership subscription of \$30.00 per year which is tax deductible.

Tear out and use the centre page of this issue of Roaring 40's for your Application for membership of the Apex Foundation.

PLEASE DO IT NOW!!

APEX FOUNDATION

P.O. BOX 541, Mascot, NSW 2020

Telephone (02) 317 3211

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for membership to the Apex Foundation

Name: -----

Address: -----

State: ----- Postcode: -----

Telephone No.: (H) ----- (W) -----

Apex Club (if applicable) ----- APEX 40 -----

APEX FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

(Tick whichever is applicable)

Apex Club

(\$100)*

Apexian / Individual

(\$30)*

Apex Foundation Silver Life Membership

(\$250)*

Apex Foundation Gold Life Membership

(\$500)*

Additional Contribution (specify)

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(If additional contribution is to be applied to a specific trust please specify)

Suggested minimum donations are specified next to each type of membership. Additional Donations or regular contributions do much to further the work of the Foundation and are greatly appreciated.

Signature ----- Date ----- /199--

* The above Membership rates include a joining fee of \$2. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible for income tax purposes

PAYMENT DETAILS

(PLEASE TICK RELEVANT BOX AND FILL IN APPROPRIATE DETAILS)

I enclose my cheque for a total of \$:

Please debit my Visa / Bankcard / Mastercard / American Express / Diners Club Please deduct annually

Card No.:

for a total of \$: Signature ----- Expiry Date ----- /199--

Please deduct \$:

Each -- Quarter } delete that which is
-- Half year } not applicable
-- Year }

From my account No. -----

In the name of -----

at the -----

(Suburb)

Branch

(Street address)

of the -----

(Institution)

(Branch No. -----)

Signature -----

Important Dieting Tips

1. If no-one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
2. If you drink a Lo-Cal drink with a chocolate bar, they cancel each other out.
3. When eating with someone else, calories don't count if you both eat the same things.
4. Food used for medicinal purposes never count (e.g. lemon and honey, brandy, chicken soup and Sara-Lee Cheesecakes).
5. If you fatten up everyone around you, then you will look thinner.
6. Movie related foods such as scorched almonds, jaffas and popcorn don't count because they are simply part of the entertainment experience, and not part of one's personal fuel.
7. Broken biscuits contain no calories — the actual breaking causes calorie leakage.

Please tear out this centre section, fill out the application form on the other side, and mail it now!

Homo Sapiens and Sex

When the Creator was making the world, he called man aside and bestowed on him 20 years of normal sex life. Man was horrified! "Only 20 years?" he asked. But the Creator didn't budge, that was all he would grant him.

Then he called the monkey and gave him 20 years. "I don't need 20 years" said the monkey, "10 is plenty!" So man said "OK, then I'll take the other ten years."

Then the Creator called the lion and gave him 20 years, but the lion only desired 10 years. Again man asked "Can I have the other ten years?" "Of course" roared the lion.

Next the Creator called the donkey. He too was given 20 years, but like the others only wanted 10 years, so gave his extra 10 years to man who had once again asked for them.

This explains why man has 20 years of normal sex life, 10 years of monkeying around, 10 years of lion about it, and 10 years of making an ass of himself.

Closer to the "hereafter"

Old age is when you start to spend more time thinking about the hereafter.

No matter where you are, up in the bed-room, down in the kitchen, or out in the garage, you keep asking yourself "Now what am I here after?"

Around the Branches

Alstonville — Combined weekend in November with Ballina Apex 40 for a bus trip to the Gold Coast.

Some members helped out over the two days of the Alstonville Show, clocking up a good few hours for Apex.

Bendigo — The golf weekend in October was successful, despite the weather.

After an entertaining Saturday night at "Walter Plinge's Old Time Music Hall", the skies opened up on the Golfers' Sunday morning (see picture). Bendigo entertained 15 members from Melbourne/Gippsland and 2 members each from Norwesters and Werribee.

Kuala Lumpur — "Apex 40 Kuala Lumpur Incentive Award". Apex 40 K.L. is to award M\$1,000.00 to a local Apex Club for outstanding performance. Clubs will be assessed by a committee of Apex 40 members and a member of Apex National Board in areas of Apex activities including Service Projects, Social and Fellowship activities, Membership Growth, Inter-Club Visits, etc..

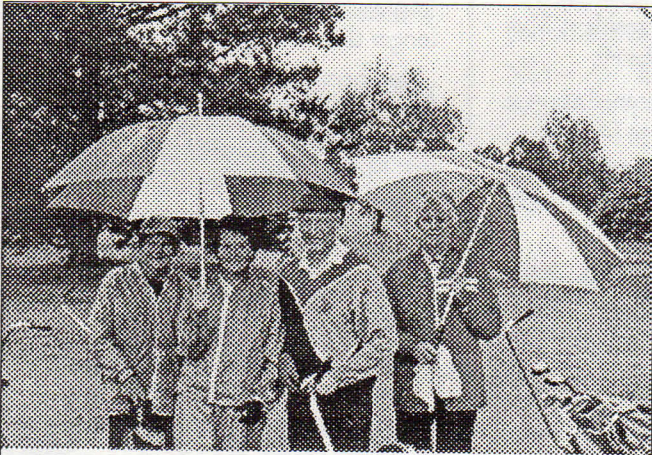
Lake Macquarie — Apex 40 invited to support Toronto Apex Club at its membership night.

Future activities include an "Australia Day" theme for the January meeting — Stubbies and Thongs! — and a possible get together with the Great 8 Club.

Malacca — Planning a fund raiser in the form of a six-a-side hockey tournament in conjunction with Malacca Historical City Day.

Members have decided that poor attendance has resulted from Sunday afternoon meetings, and so future meetings will be held on Friday nights.

Seems that Malacca members subscribe to the theory that "life begins at 40" — last couple of newsletters have included lengthy excerpts of erotic poetry on the techniques of love-making (Well, never too late to learn — or so some people say!). First dissertation was on "embraces", next was on "kisses". (Can hardly



BROLLIES UP AT BENDIGO

(L. to R.) Jean Goff, Jean Reid, Garth Whitchurch (Melb/Gipps.) and Lois Stanford (Bendigo)

Gerry Hellmann from Werribee took the individual honours at golf and was also awarded the team prize — "The Silver Boot" — on behalf of Werribee. Gerry was one of the few who finished the 18 holes, but nevertheless, he was a clear winner with an excellent score.

Around the Branches cont'd.

wait for the next issue — Ed.)

Maroochydore—Six members attended Maroochydore Apex Club's "Trivia Night", and what's more, "the oldies" won!! Probably scored very high on history — well, they were closer to it!

Camping weekend near Woombye in November, no tents required, just bedding (while we continue to freeze down in Melbourne). Over the weekend they will be making Christmas toys for underprivileged children.

Melbourne/Gippsland—AGM in October held at Dandenong TAFE College, with food cooked and served by catering and hospitality students.

Congratulations to new President Max Reid and Sec/Treas. Mike Pavey.

Cast of 'Allo 'Allo has threatened a repeat performance at the Christmas Dinner.

Wyong — Invited to participate in a debate with Wyong Apex Club—no result to hand.

Devonport — Combining with Launceston for Christmas Dinner at Deloraine—a repeat of last year's successful get-together.

Tamworth — Celebrated their first anniversary in October with a 60's theme dinner dance

Sunshine Coast—Games night featured Trivial Pursuit with men against the women. "..... of course, the men showed

their superiority by allowing the ladies to win in a close contest".

Grafton — Received a number of letters of congratulations on their hosting and organisation of the Rort.

Held a Dinner and Darts night in September. AGM in October was to feature a Chinese Banquet

Gold Coast — Also combining AGM with a Chinese Banquet.

Confucius say — "Chinese food make for successful election!"

Morella—Late September social was no doubt a roaring success — big screen viewing of the AFL Grand Final (Now who did win that?). You can bet that the "happy hour" after the game lasted much longer than an hour.

Members assisted Apex at the "Avon Descent". Notwithstanding the fact that some Apex 40 members helped to run the bar, Morley Districts Apex Club made a good profit.

Overheard in Perth —

Bev. Foss: "*When I'm down in the dumps, I get myself a hat!*"

Jan Rankin: "*I always wondered where you found them!*"

ATTENTION!

BRANCH SECRETARIES

We are only able to send a few copies of "Roaring 40's" to each Club, so please ensure that you reproduce extra copies for distribution to your members.

A Seasonal Thought

The Four Ages of Man:

1. When you believe in Father Christmas.
2. When you don't believe in Father Christmas.
3. When you are Father Christmas.
4. When you look like Father Christmas.

COLLECTING SUBS — HAVING TROUBLE?

Well, you're not alone.

Apex 40 Kuala Lumpur newsletter contains the following rather polite exhortation —

"A list of all members' financial status as at 1/9/92 is attached for your eyes only. The list includes membership dues for the year 1992/93 and arrears of payments. For clarifications please get in touch with me. I hope those still owing will make payment at this meeting. An early payment, believe me, will make life happier and less stressful for all concerned. There need not be any snide remarks, angry retorts, accusations and counter-accusations. Just pay up and peace will reign."

At Lake Macquarie Apex 40 they said it somewhat less politely! —

"Well of all the fellows that I thought would meet their obligations to the club and pay their subscriptions never did I think you would be the last to pay.

I am forced to the conclusion that you might gain some sort of diabolical, sadistic pleasure in letting your mates down. After all we are only talking about a miserable fifteen bucks!

We know you will probably be too embarrassed to come to our next meeting, particularly as you would have to wipe the cobwebs from your wallet and pay a few dollars for the privilege. Given your predilection for paying your bills its still probably full of ten bob and pound notes as you're more than likely unaware that we changed over to decimal currency in 1966!

It's low down, tight fistcd scumbags like you who give this country a bad name."

NO — they didn't really send that out to defaulters; it was just a diabolical thought of Pres. Dave Tull that he might use as a follow up to a more restrained plea for payment of subs.

Good one Dave!!

A few 'signs of the times':

On the box of a clockwork toy made in Hong Kong:

"Guaranteed to work throughout its useful life."

In a Bangkok temple:

"It is forbidden to enter a woman even a foreigner even if dressed as a man."

In a Copenhagen airline ticket office:

"We take your bags and send them in all directions."

In a Czechoslovakian tourist agency:

"Take one of our horse-driven city tours - we guarantee no miscarriages."

In a Zurich hotel:

"Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose."

In a Rome laundry:

"Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time."

In a Japanese hotel:

"You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid."

Get your News in — in the Next Issue of Roaring 40's

Branches are requested to forward news of branch activities and other items of interest for publication in the next issue of Roaring 40's.

Let's have a photograph of a branch function so we can see what you look like, and what you get up to.....

Please forward material to:

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REMEMBER THE DEADLINE

February 28, 1993



*Of course I want it today! If I wanted it
tomorrow I'd give it to you tomorrow.*