

ROARING 40's

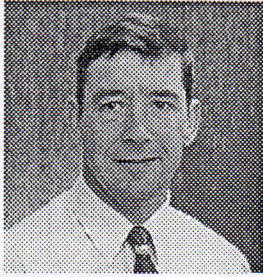
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT



(The following has been extracted from an article written by Mal Clark for The Apexian)

About Apex

Apex 40 members are saddened at the decline in membership of Apex, this means of course that our own organisation must eventually decline as the number of newcomers diminishes. There is no doubt that towns with Apex clubs have benefited from the work that has been done. Apex has enabled all of us to have more rewarding lives and build strong and sustained friendships and build better communities, so we should be grateful that we were able to participate. It is sad that we are unable to share the experiences with more young people.

Visiting Kuala Lumpur

Marian and I took the opportunity to visit Kelab Apex 40 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for their 17th Installation Dinner (changeover) in November 1998. Apex 40 is strong in Malaysia and they have hosted two very successful Rorts. There were members from a

number of Apex and Apex 40 clubs present on the night from Malaysia and Singapore. We have fond memories of the first KL Rort and managed to meet up with some old friends.

We arrived on the day of the PJ club annual general meeting (most of the Apex 40 guys seem to be members) and we ended up there in the evening. PK Singham, who has visited Australia a number of times, hosted us very well, in between checking on progress at the meeting and keeping our glasses filled and introducing us to more members. The drinks kept flowing until the early hours of the morning as we caught up on old times and new developments.

Naiker (incoming president) and Mano picked us up the next day and took us almost to the top of Petronas twin towers, reputedly the highest building in the world. The views, structure, and infrastructure were fantastic and we were amazed at the development in Malaysia since our visit in 1990 for the first Rort. TT Singam and Helen, whom we had met again in Australia and corresponded with, caught up with us in the afternoon after a bit of sightseeing. The Apex 40 club dinner was held that evening attended by some 80 Apexians, Apex 40, wives and guests - a seven course chinese meal,

guest speaker and suitable hand over ceremony. Naiker was charged by the Singapore Apexians (led by Choong) to assist in the formation of an Apex 40 club there. Alas, our time was limited and so we left KL the next day to sober up and recuperate.

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lishment of free blood donation as we have it in Australia). The medical missions take a great deal of organisation but it is worth it to the people who attend, as they can't afford the medical treatments they come for. The Rotarian's spend most of the time in fellowship (moral support) at these affairs, except for the doctors and dentists.

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SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT



So, 1999 is here with us. We hope you all got through the festive season and are ready to enjoy another year with Apex 40.

Thank you to all clubs and members-at-large who have been prompt in their payment of dues. Please do not forget to send Alan Padgham's 'Club Particulars' questionnaire back to

him duly completed so that he can up-date and maintain our register of Club officers and addresses.

I expect everyone has been busy organising their holidays for Bendigo which is coming around quickly. Sandra and I will not be able to join you at this year's Rort as we will be in the UK at that time, but we send our best wishes to all those attending and hope you have a wonderful time, as usual.

It is pleasing to report that we are still getting calls for new clubs wishing to enter Apex 40, the latest being from Baulkham Hills, so hopefully we will have a few clubs in Sydney soon.

John Bowman

WINE, DINE & MINE IN '99 - February Update NATIONAL RORT - APRIL 16 TO 19, 1999

Registration:Registrations are flowing in. Keep them coming please.

Many thanks to those who availed themselves of the 'Early Bird' competition for two fully-funded registrations, to be drawn on the Friday evening of the Rort. Good luck!

Apartments:Since the registration forms were distributed, a number of deluxe, well-appointed apartment rooms with spa, etc. have been made available for \$145 per night. Please indicate on your registration form if you would like to be allocated one of these or, if you have already registered, please let us know if you would like one.

Programme:Programme plans are well in hand. Programme remains the same as previously publicised and distributed with the registration package.

Post-Rort Tours: ...A number of 'Post-Rort Tour' registrations have already been received.

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Ron Clarke, Phone (03) 5443 8290
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Looking forward to catching up with all 'Ye Rorters'

Bob Caldwell

President, Bendigo Apex 40

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT

The Apex 40 Tour to Canada and Alaska was subscribed within a week of the newsletter being posted out and a waiting list was started. We were then able to obtain a 52-seater coach, but because of home hosting on all but five nights, we have had to contain the numbers to that maximum.

Participants are from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia. All cabins have been confirmed on the Alaskan cruise, and we are told that the K40 clubs who are hosting are eagerly awaiting our arrival in August.

Our Canadian travel agent informs us that the ship serves four meals each day with snacks in between and in the week we should put on at least 10 pounds! The cruise takes in two of the world's

most spectacular travel experiences: the thousand-mile Inside Passage and awesome Glacier Bay, plus three of Alaska's most delightful ports, Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan.

TRI-NATIONS RORT – 2000

At the Moree Rort in 2000 we should be receiving visitors from South Africa RT 41 and New Zealand RT 41 which will add some international flavour to the Rort and the township of Moree. There have been a number of emails from the frustrated South African organiser who has been trying to get a commitment from the Kiwis to transfer their AGM to Moree. More on this as it shapes up.

On to the Rort!

Kevin Huxham



Kevin recently received an E-mail from Derek Clark in South Africa, with a photo of Derek behind the counter of his extremely well stocked bar which features a VB towel on the bar counter. Derek will be remembered by those who made the trip to South Africa a few years ago, and by those who met him and his wife Anita when they were in Australia a couple of years ago. A member of 41 clubs of South Africa, Derek is keeping Kevin posted on the possibility of a 'tri-nations' Rort in 2000 at Moree. Ed.

HELLO OUT THERE! WHERE ARE YOU?

With the Nov./Dec. issue of Roaring 40's we sent out to all branches a form to fill in and return with details of club officers to enable us to update our mailing list. Out of the over 80 that were sent out, we have received only 15 back, most of which were from clubs from whom we hear regularly in the form of dinner notices sent to the Editor or to the National Secretary. However, it is the other clubs that we really need to catch up with as our records are sure to be well out of date in most cases where we don't have regular contact. Many of those are the clubs that also don't bother to send in their annual subscriptions, but appear to be content to consider themselves part of Apex 40 without meeting their not unreasonable commitments.

The printing and mailing out of Roaring 40's, our only regular means of communication with member

clubs, does cost money, and it is not fair that this cost should be borne by only a minority of the clubs that form our association. In these circumstances it is proposed to recommend to the members present at the forthcoming Rort at Bendigo that we discontinue mailing out copies of Roaring 40's to clubs that have not paid their annual subscriptions for two consecutive years.

If you have not paid your current subs, a request for payment of which was sent to all clubs in October last year, please do so before the Rort in April and also don't forget to return your 'Club Particulars' form to Alan Padgham at 69 Timberglades Road, Montrose, Vic. 3765. Alan can also be reached by:

e-mail: <apadg@one.net.au>

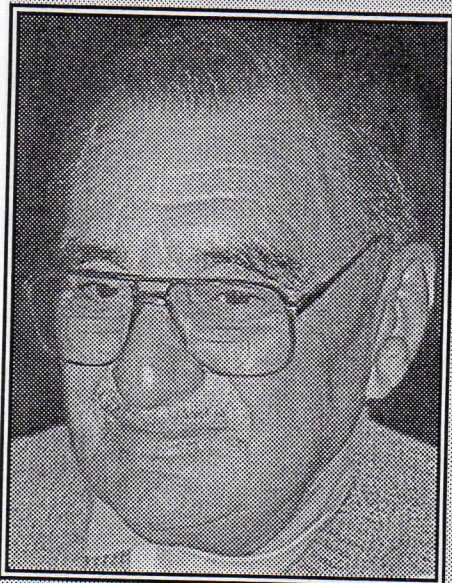
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FOOTRORT FLATS



VALE - DONALD DICK



It is with great sadness and a real sense of loss to Apex 40 that we report the death, on the 26th December last, of Melbourne-Gippsland member Donald Dick.

Don was born in Richmond, England in 1919 and, after serving as a Captain in the army in WW2, qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon.

After migrating to Australia in 1957, Don and his wife Joyce set up home with their two sons in Moe, Gippsland. Just six weeks after their arrival in Australia their third child, a daughter, was born. Don had been brought out from England by a Gippsland farming group to fill a need for a Vet. to look after their large farm animals. Specialising in this area of veterinary science, Don conducted a practice which ranged far and wide over most of Gippsland, at the same time meeting the needs of small animal owners more close to home. As a successful practitioner Don became well known and highly respected throughout the veterinary profession.

In England, Don had been a member of Round Tables so it was not surprising that he joined Moe Apex Club soon after his arrival. In his final year in Apex he was President of the club and upon his retirement was awarded Life Membership in recognition of his service in both Apex and Round Tables, the first Life Membership to be awarded at Moe Apex Club.

Don's other great interest was in motor sport and he was President of the Gippsland Car Club for many years before being made a life member of that organisation. Don passed on his love of motor sport to his three children, Alastair, Andrew and Charlotte, who were all involved with that club in some capacity at one time or another.

Don joined Apex 40 at it's outset and, until the tragic death of Joyce in a motor accident in Canada in 1987, Don and Joyce had attended every Rort.

After retiring from his veterinary practice, Don and Joyce moved to a new home at Ford Inlet on Lake Eildon, joining two other Melbourne-Gippsland couples already living there, the Garretts and the Margetts'. A weekend at Ford Inlet became an annual event for Melbourne-Gippsland Apex 40 and Don and, initially, Joyce were willing hosts for a number of our members.

Don was a well loved member of Melbourne-Gippsland Apex 40 and was a familiar figure at our annual Rort until the last couple of years when his health began to deteriorate. Members of Melbourne-Gippsland and his many friends in other Apex 40 clubs will miss his company and the opportunity to enjoy a glass of red together.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

ALSTONVILLE: Last function for 1998 was a Christmas party walk and barbeque at Shaw's Bay, organised by David and Kay Huett who had planned an entertaining observation walk. A relaxing afternoon with quoits and boules to play and freely flowing drinks.

A New Year's eve get-together was held at the home of David and Marie Besson.

Australia Day was celebrated with breakfast at Duncan and Prue Walker's. A great success with a huge breakfast had by all; no one was able to swim afterwards for fear of sinking.

In February, members will have a Chinese meal at Wollongbar and Ten Pin Bowling is planned for March at Ballina.

A booking has been made for a week-

end away at Tenterfield in June, which will hopefully include a 'Cobb and Co.' coach trip around town and a visit to a local winery.

President Duncan Walker reports that Eddie and Lorraine Latham are about to leave for Blacktown in Queensland where they have acquired a caravan park. Blacktown is in a rich coal mining and rural area about 200 kms inland from Rockhampton on the Capricorn Highway, on the way to Emerald and Longreach. So, if you are travelling up around that way, Eddie and Lorraine would be pleased to see you.

Congratulations to Mavis Tidmarsh who won a holiday to Lord Howe Island for herself and husband Bruce in a local newspaper's Christmas promotion.



Mavis Tidmarsh receiving her travel documents from Jetset Travel Ballina.



Stan McDermid and Bill Young at Ballina's 40th trip away, at the Moby Dick Resort, Yamba

BALLINA: In November, Ballina members went off on their 40th weekend trip away, a pretty good record of three weekend trips a year since their first venture to the Gold Coast in July 1985, following the club's inaugural meeting in October 1984. Other places visited have included Tamborine Mountain, North and South Stradbroke Islands, Stanthorpe, Brisbane, Dorrigo, Morton Island, Maroochydore, Coffs Harbour, Kooralbyn, Bellinger Valley, Tyalgum Tops, Bribie Island, Yamba, and an All Points West trip taking in Tenterfield, Emmaville, and Glen Innes. *(Ever been to Bendigo? Ed.)*



Eric Selleck was the chief BBQ cook at Yamba

BENDIGO: Christmas Dinner was held at the Axedale Tavern at Axedale.

FORBES: November outing was a film night organised by Ruth and Bob Grant. A good roll up saw the film "Hope Floats" at the Parkview Cinema and then on to the Vandenburg Hotel for a meal in the Char Grill. All agreed it was a great social night.

Christmas Party was held at the home of members Kevin and Jenny with a barbeque dinner.

GEELONG: As is becoming the tradition for the post-Christmas meeting, members will gather at the Bellarine Lakes Golf Course for nine holes and a barbeque at the 19th.

Later report indicates that the golf night was poorly attended, "three for golf, but the seven who did attend were treated to the best steaksyou could cut them with a butter knife".

Members have been asked to assist Founders District Apex Clubs with catering at the Kiwanis 'All Ford Day' in February. Money earned assists the Apex Clubs with their per capitas.

February function will be pizza/pasta and then ten-pin bowling.

LAKE MACQUARIE: Recent programme has included a Dinner Meeting at "Pippies" (Big Bruce's Last Fling!) with guest speaker from Newcastle Police, Christmas Party at King's Comedy Restaurant, BBQ Family Night at Nesca Park, tour of Newcastle Herald, and a Lawn Bowls Social/ BBQ Dinner with Apex Clubs.

January Dinner Notice suggests the club

may be doomed unless members show a little more commitment. A few programmed recent events have had to be cancelled due to a poor response rate from members. *(A suggestion. How about encouraging members, and of course your 'wonderful partners', to come to Bendigo to experience the terrific spirit of fellowship that is generated at an Apex 40 Rort. You'll never know if you don't go! Ed.)*

LAUNCESTON: November saw members gather for dinner at the "Wok and Grill".

Christmas Barbeque was held at the home of Mary and Clive Tompkins. This was the club's annual meeting.

Some members attended the annual meeting of Devonport Apex 40 in November at Jock and Jenny Littler's property, "Appledore Farm".

LAVINGTON: 1998 finished up with dinners at the Star Hotel at Rutherglen and the Astor Hotel at Albury, then a Christmas barbeque at President Col and Secretary Sue Dixon's home.

1999 has commenced with a tour of rotundas at Albury Botanical Gardens in January and the Gateway Island rotunda in February.

Congratulations to new President and Secretary, Gerry and Val Hellmann.

MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND: Picnic/Barbeque at Mount Martha in October was held in 30 degree sunshine after some very cold weather, with snow in the Dandenongs the week before. These functions are proving popular and another is planned for April.

Christmas Dinner was at the TAFE College at Dandenong where a delight-

ful meal was provided by the Catering and Hospitality students.

The annual Kinder Klassic golf match in December was won by Garth Whitchurch's son, David, with a fantastic score of 66 off the stick around the par 69 Box Hill Golf Club course.

A sad start to the New Year with the death of Don Dick after a long period of illness. *(See report page 7 in this issue.)*

February dinner will once again be held at Box Hill Golf Club.

MOREE: Meeting at "Rosa Mia's" in October saw a good roll up with Danny and Esma Bourke flying up from Melbourne to see their old Moree mates. This was the annual meeting where Tony Jukes was elected President and Jenny Elsley, Secretary/Treasurer.

November meeting was an Italian Night at the Billabong Motel and the Christmas function took the form of a "Magical Mystery Tour" with members travelling by bus to a surprise destination for dinner and a treasure hunt. After a tour of the Christmas lights around Moree, the mystery venue turned out to be President Tony and Kay Jukes' place, the 'Little Farmhouse on the Plains', and the treasure hunt was conducted by torch-light following an after-dinner blackout! Treasure hunt winners were Vic Elsley and Cheryl Squires. The way everyone enjoyed themselves, Secretary Jenny Elsley is convinced that Apex is only practice for the 'littlies', so they are ready for Apex 40.

February meeting will be at the Spa Village. So far six Moree couples have registered for the Bendigo Rort.

REDLANDS: November meeting at the historic Whepstead mansion was the club's AGM as well as a Halloween celebration with members wearing appropriate dark dress. Everyone got into the 'spirit' of the occasion to make it a really fun night for the 48 in attendance. 'Best Costume' prize went to Peter and Sherelle Starkey dressed as Dracula and Witch.

New President is Alan Bach with Margaret Cameron as Vice-President (All right Dave, settle down! Ed.) Alan thanked Nola McCullagh for her very good job as President last year, introducing a lot of new functions. Ray Despot was elected in his absence (typical!) to continue as Secretary and Geoff Hegarty will continue to keep an eye on the club's finances. Ian Banks and Brian Ziegenfusz will take over from Pauline Denisenko and John Pulvirenti as Sergeants-at-Arms.

Christmas Dinner was held at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron at Manly with members travelling by bus.

February function will be a progressive dinner with members again travelling by bus, between courses, and finishing up at the home of David and Margaret Cameron.

SUNSHINE COAST: Car rally in September went off extremely well with a good roll up of club members. The rally produced heaps of laughs with tales of wrong turns, dummy spitting, near divorces, speeds in excess of 300 km/h and one person's impression of Clark Kent's changing room!

October meeting was a successful social occasion at the Rustic Cabin at

Mooloolah. President Graham Sargent welcomed visitors and prospective new members Keith and Kathy Van Rangelrooy – Keith is an ex-member of Alice Springs Apex who has come to the Sunshine Coast after retiring from the NT Police Force.

November meeting was at the Pineapple Patch at Beerwah for a Chinese banquet and Christmas Dinner was held at the home of Glenn and Betty Rossiter, where Betty's superb culinary skills were again displayed. (*No doubt Glenn was kept busy with the bottle opener! Ed.*)

THE GREAT 8: In January a number of members attended the 'Ball in the Mall' when the weather was kind and they kicked up their heels until well into the night.

In February, just for something completely different, members will try a Sunday afternoon outing at 'Jazz in the Park' on the Toronto foreshore.

WYNNUM-MANLY:



Thelma Bowman opens her Christmas gift from Santa (alias Bruce Garland)

First function for the New Year will be a smorgasbord dinner at the Colmslie Tavern, followed by an inspection of Queensland Newspapers at Colmslie.

A weekend trip to Gympie is planned for March which will include a steam train trip out to Imbil on the historic Mary Valley Railway.



Santa (alias Bruce Garland) wonders: "What good will these be at the North Pole?"



Graham Evans got a new tie from Santa

WYONG: Last dinner before Christmas was in November at the Meridian Restaurant at Tumbi Umbi.

At the end of November four couples travelled down to spend a very enjoyable weekend in the company of expatriate Wyong members Alan and Barbara McCarthy, who live on the outskirts of Goulburn. Much of the weekend was spent touring around Goulburn and surrounding areas taking in the sights, including the Crookwell Wind Farm and some of the old historic buildings of Goulburn, and a conducted tour through the Goulburn Cathedral.

January meeting featured a guest speaker in the person of Marian Clark and it was anticipated that, after six months of intensive training to take over from Imelda Marcos as the world's best shopper, she would have plenty to tell. Marian was on a short visit home for the birth of another grand child.

February meeting to be another seafood spectacular at Marie and Dennis Heilbrunn's 'country estate' at Black Hill.

About half of the club members are going to the Bendigo Rort.

DINNER NOTICE HUMOUR

Alstonville: There are several stages of sickness; ill, pill, bill and sometimes the will.

I have no fault No-Fault Insurance. When I have an accident I just call the Insurance Company and they tell me it isn't their fault.

Forbes: Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks otherwise it will digest itself.

101 Dalmatians and Peter Pan are the only two Disney cartoon features with both parents that are present and don't die throughout the movie.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

A whale's penis is called a dork.

To escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, push your thumbs into its eyeballs - it will let you go instantly. . . probably

Reindeer like to eat bananas.

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air (the horse that is) the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver and purple.

"I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

All of the following questions and answers were actually heard in court.

Q. How was your first marriage terminated?

A. By death

Q. And by who's death was it terminated?

Q. Can you describe this individual?

A. He was about medium height and had a beard.

Q. Was this male or female?

Q. Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

A. No this is how I dress when I go to work.

Q. Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

A. All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

Q. All your responses must be oral, OK?

What school did you go to?

A. Oral.

Q. You were not shot in the fracas?

A. No, I was shot about halfway between the fracas and the navel.

Melbourne-Gippsland: A few American Student 'bloopers'

- One of the causes of the Revolutionary Wars was the English put tacks in their tea. Also, the colonists would send their parcels through the post without stamps.

- Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence.

- Benjamin Franklin went to Boston carrying all his clothes in his pocket and a loaf of bread under each arm.

- Benjamin Franklin invented electricity by rubbing cats backwards.

- Benjamin Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

- George Washington married Martha Curtis and in due time became the Father of Our Country.

- Under the Constitution the people enjoyed the right to keep bare arms.

- Abraham Lincoln's mother died in infancy.

- Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands.

- When Abraham Lincoln was President, he wore only a tall silk hat.

- Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope.

Moree: A young priest is sitting beside an old rabbi in a light plane travelling between some country towns. 'Rabbi, says the priest 'have you ever thought of changing sides?'

'What do you mean my boy?' asks the rabbi.

'You know, becoming a Roman Catholic. It really is the best religion, chosen in the eyes of God and all that,' enthuses the young priest.

'My boy I have been Jewish all my life. Why at eighty-three should I even think of becoming a mick? There's about as much chance of that happening as there is of this plane reaching the moon.'

The young priest persists extolling all the virtues of his chosen religion, but still the rabbi resists.

All of a sudden there's a loud explosion and the plane starts plummeting to the Earth. The pilot deftly manages to bring it down in a paddock but, on landing, the plane flips over throwing the priest one hundred metres clear. Looking back at what's left of the plane, he sees the old rabbi stumbling out of the wreckage, dusting himself off, and then making the sign of the cross. Elated, the priest runs up to the rabbi and says, 'Oh, thank God, I finally convinced you to convert.' 'What in the hell are you talking about?' asks the rabbi. 'I just saw you make the sign of the cross' says the priest. 'Cross schmoss!' replied the rabbi. 'I was just taking inventory – spectacles, testicles, wallet and watch!'

A priest has been called urgently to the house of one of his flock... It seems Murphy is dead. As he rushes through the door, he sees Mrs Murphy. 'Mrs

Murphy, I'm sorry I couldn't get here quicker. Please, I must know, what were your husband's last words? It's very important.' Mrs Murphy ponders the question for a minute and says, 'Oh yes Father, I remember, I think he said, "For God's sake Mary, put that gun down!"'

Jesus, Moses and this really old guy are playing golf one day. The first hole is a five hundred and ten metre par five over a lake. Moses tees off first. He tops his tee shot, his ball racing towards a watery grave. Quickly, Moses raises his club, the water parts and his ball rolls through to the fairway safe and sound. Jesus is next to tee off. He plays a similarly bad shot. Just as his ball is about to splash into the middle of the Lake, Jesus gesticulates and the ball suddenly hovers about two centimetres above the surface of the water. Jesus walks across the lake and chips it back safely onto the fairway. The old guy then tees off, hooking his tee shot so badly, it flies over the fence onto the road and into some oncoming traffic. It bounces off a truck and hits a tree. From there it bounces onto the roof of a house adjacent to the fairway, rolls into the gutter and then down the spouting into a drainage channel and back towards the aforementioned water hazard. As it's about to roll back into the Lake, it hits a stone, bounces into the air and lands on a lily pad where it finally comes to rest. Just then a frog leaps out of the water and grabs the golf ball in its mouth and, just as he's about to leap back into the water with it, an eagle swoops down, grabs the frog with his feet and flies off. The frog drops the ball in fright, it lands on the first green and rolls gently into the hole for an 'Ace'. Moses turns to Jesus and says, 'Geez I hate playing golf with your dad!'

Redlands: Committee: a group of people who individually can do nothing but as a group decide that nothing can be done!

Wife to husband: "All right, we'll compromise. Admit you're wrong, and I'll forgive you."

A retired couple decided that they should walk four kilometres a day to stay in shape. They chose to walk two kilometres out on a lonely country road so they would have no choice but to walk back. At the halfway mark on their first venture, the man asked his wife, "Do you think you can make it back all right or are you too tired?" "Oh, no," she said. "I'm not tired. I can make it all right." "Good," he replied. "I'll wait here. You go back, get the car and come and get me."

Wyang: Mrs 'Arris had just spotted Mrs 'Iggs coming home from her doctors, looking very dejected. "What's the matter dear," she enquired, "you look most unhappy." Mrs 'Iggs took a little packet of tablets from her handbag. "He told me I must take these tablets for the rest of my life", she complained. "Lots of people take tablets all their lives," said Mrs 'Arris soothingly, "it's nothing to worry about." "That's what you think," moaned Mrs 'Iggs, "He only gave me twelve!"

Ponsonby was showing Winterbottom over his mansion and they came to the billiard room. "Play much billiards?" asked Winterbottom. "No", said his host, "too tiring." Next Winterbottom looked out of the window to a tennis court. "Play a bit of tennis," he enquired. "No", replied Ponsonby, "too tiring." Then they strolled outside to the stables.

"I suppose you spend some time horse riding then?" suggested Winterbottom. "Too tiring," yawned Ponsonby. Then his teenage son appeared and he introduced him to his guest. And as the boy went on his way, Winterbottom couldn't resist saying "Your only child, I presume!"

Bluey wasn't feeling well, so he made an appointment with his doctor. After the examination, his medico said "I have some very bad news. You have a virus which has only been discovered recently: It hasn't been named yet, but it's known as K41 and it's incurable. You have only a few weeks to live.

So Bluey decided to leave work and spend his remaining weeks enjoying himself. He called into his club to have a flutter on the pokies and won \$1000 with the big jackpot. Ten minutes later he collected \$2000 with a super jackpot. "You've got to be the luckiest man I've ever met," enthused the steward as he paid out. "Not me," protested Bluey miserably, "I've got K41."

"And you reckon you're not lucky," beamed the steward. "We've been looking for K41 all afternoon, you've won the lucky door prize!"

Two elderly war veterans were sitting on the verandah of their nursing home when a couple of gorgeous young women walked by:

They hardly attracted the attention of the old diggers, excepting as they faded from view one veteran said, "Remember those bromide pills they made us take during the war? Well I think they've started to work."

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