

# ROARING 40's

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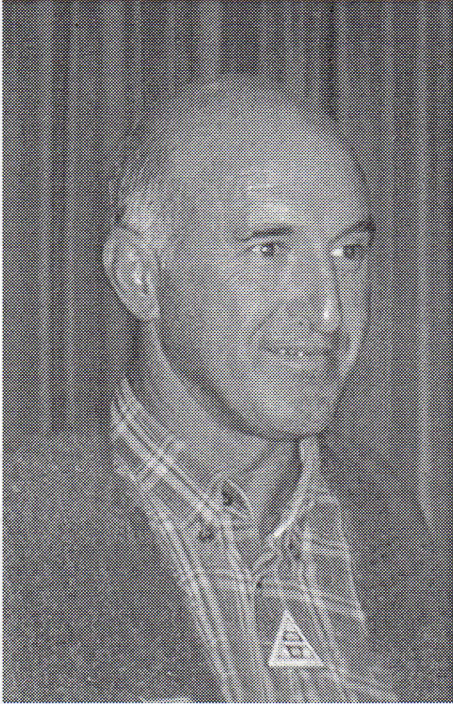
A Merry Xmas and a  
Happy New Year  
to everyone



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## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**H**i to all our members, how time flies. Christmas is all but on us again and before you know we will be Rorting again. The preparations for our next Rort are going well at Sunraysia and they now have a link on the Apex 40 web site if you are looking for more information.

Our Apex 40 web page is going great and members are starting to use it more as they become aware of the many uses it has. Thanks must go to Alan Padgham for his expertise in keeping it up to date and interesting. Please check it out if you have not already, on <http://www.apex40.org>.

Once again I would like to thank the Redlands Apex 40 Club for hosting the

Rort this year and hope that they have all recovered by now. It turned out to be an excellent Rort and very well attended. It ran like clockwork and all the members of Chairman David Cameron's committee must be very proud of their efforts. We have had some more interest from clubs wanting to join our organization or become affiliated with us, which is great news and I must thank Alan Kinder and Secretary Pam for their efforts in spreading the word.

Cheryle and myself attended a dinner meeting of the Melbourne-Gippsland club on the 17th October and it was great to catch up with so many members that we have met at Rorts over the past years.

Thanks must also go to Marg and Neil Hookey for looking after us during our visit and showing us the wonderful sites of Melbourne. Not much more to report at this stage. Please try to make the time to attend our next Rort at Mildura in May 2003; details of it will be in the Sunraysia Rort report, and you can also get the latest from our web page at [www.apex40.org](http://www.apex40.org).

While you are there, have a look at the suggestion for a golf trophy, and email your comments back to Secretary Pam Swain. If you haven't been to a Rort yet, you don't know what you've been missing, so rectify the error and we'll see you in Mildura in May 2003.

Yours in Apex 40.

*Leon Squires*

## NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT



Thanks to all the Branches who are sending me their newsletters on a regular basis. It is great to see that people are enjoying their Apex 40 times together and most of the jokes are very funny and repeatable.

The Registration Forms and Affiliation Fees are beginning to trickle back to me after local AGMs, and the Membership Lists are constantly being updated on the database. Thanks to those who have sent me all this information and I urge other Branches to keep them coming, please?

Our "computer wiz", Alan Padgham, has done a sterling job maintaining the Apex 40 website. I believe that the enquiries from new Members and Clubs have come from the fact that we have a website and it can be accessed so easily. (During the last few months, Alan's computer was feeling it's age and was in

need of an upgrade. Due to the fact that Alan had 33 disks of Apex 40 information, we offered to assist to half share in the cost of this work, so now for \$267.50 we have all this information on one disk. Money very well spent, I feel.) Alan is still requesting us to send in more photos and Branch information and activities so that he can update the Website on a regular basis and so encourage people to keep checking to see if they are in it! Thanks Alan for all your efforts.

With regard to the Apex Convention held at the Gympie Muster in August - I realise this sadly was a missed opportunity to attain new members, but we were sent an invitation one month before the event and really didn't have time to arrange to have banners and brochures or information made for this event. I believe it is an excellent opportunity to expand our Apex 40 "family" and hope to be in a position to attend next year. Anyone who will be attending and could spend some time and effort in "manning" the Stand during this week, please contact me (by email is fine) as it would be a big job for a couple of people.

All members should be cleaning their golf clubs in readiness for the inaugural Apex 40 Golf Competition, which should get underway after Christmas. Remember that it is to be played during December, January, February or March each year and is an 18 hole Stableford round of golf, with each team to consist of six or more financial Apex 40 members. Take the best six cards, which must include at least two players who have

never held a golf handicap. Cards to be sent to me (my address is on the back of this Newsletter) at least 30 days before the Rort, and at least one member of the winning team must be at the Rort in Sunraysia to collect the trophy, or it will go to the next best scoring team with a member attending the Rort. Good luck and good golfing. (See report and Rules elsewhere in this issue) We are all saddened to hear of the passing of Derek Clark from South Africa.

He had endeared himself to us during the times he came to our Rorts, particularly (for me) the 2000 Rort and Post Rort Tour in Moree, and he will be sadly missed. Our condolences and best wishes go to Anita and her family .

Ian and I would like to send our best wishes to all for a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy and wealthy New Year 2003 to all.

*Pam Swayn*

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT**

**A**t our last Rort it was our privilege to welcome two overseas Presidents; Sammy Sampath, President of 41 International and wife Geetha; and New Zealand 41 Clubs President Hugh Wilson and wife Barbara. Both addressed the assembled Apex 40 members and confirmed continuing friendship and communications.

At the last meeting of Melbourne-Gippsland Apex 40 we were privileged to have our Apex 40 National President Leon and wife Cheryl in attendance. Also present at that meeting were the current New Zealand 41 Clubs President John Jordon and wife Monica from Hawera. Both Leon and John spoke about constant friendship between our organizations.

The 2003 New Zealand 41 Clubs AGM will be held in Hawera, on the west coast of the North Island, over the first weekend in June. All Apex 40 members are welcome to attend.

VALE - Sadly, our friend Derek Clark, National President of 41 Clubs of South Africa, passed away recently. Our sympathy to Anita from Apex 40.

*Brian Roach*

### **CHANGE REGARDING THE ORDERING OF APEX 40 NAME BADGES**

Apex 40 name badges are still available at \$7.00 each, but instead of ordering from Alan Kinder as previously, they must now be ordered from:

**Alan Flaherty, 34 Fernhill  
Street, Glen Waverley,  
Victoria 3150.  
Phone (03) 9802 7655**

## SUNRAYSIA RORT 2003

### THE SUNRAYSIA RAGE – FOR OUR COMING OF AGE

The time is drawing closer, details are being examined for our 21st Birthday on 9th to 12th May 2003. As I promised in the last issue, more details.

Friday evening Registration and Welcome Social are being held at the Greek Hall, a short distance from all accommodation. This will be open from late afternoon for registrations.

Saturday we commence by bus, to go to an original irrigation pumping station on the Murray River where we will have morning tea. Later in the morning, we will board the P.S. Mundoo to travel to Trentham Estate Winery for lunch and tastings. This is in a beautiful setting, overlooking the river, and will be very pleasant. We re-board the Mundoo, where we will have our Annual General Meeting on the way back to the wharf at Mildura. You will be taken back to your accommodation for a rest, before getting back on the buses to go to Irymple Leisure Centre for the big birthday party of the weekend.

Sunday sees us briefly heading to the river again to see the cliffs, for which the town of Red Cliffs was named, then into Red Cliffs to have morning tea and see 'Big Lizzie'. This is a huge traction engine, which was used in the early 1920's to clear the land for planting of vines in the original soldier settlement area of 33,000 acres.

We then move on to the Meringur Pioneer Settlement, which commem-

orates the pioneers of the wheat farming areas of the district. Lunch will be served and time can be spent looking at the many fascinating buildings and exhibits. We head back again to home before going back to Red Cliffs to the Club for our evening meal and entertainment.

The farewell breakfast is to be held on the banks of the river, in and around a relocated woolshed. From there we say farewell to those who are not staying on for the tour.

Among the places the tour will be visiting are the Inland Botanical Gardens, Mungo Station/Walls of China, the historic Port of Wentworth and Hattah National Park.

Registration forms will be sent to Clubs soon and we also hope it will be on the web-site for downloading. Check it out through the Apex 40 web page; there are links to local areas and places that we will be visiting.



## APEX 40 GOLF COMPETITION

At the last AGM held during the Rort at Brisbane in May, it was agreed to introduce a golf competition for Apex 40 Clubs, to be conducted during the Summer/Autumn period.

The rules for the competition will be as follows:

- 1) An 18 hole Stableford round of golf is to be played each year at any time from December to the following March.
- 2) Each team to consist of six or more financial Apex 40 Members. Take the six best score-cards (which must include the score-cards of at least two players who have never held an official golf handicap - those males will play off a 36 handicap, and females off a 45 handicap [as per WGA rules] or such lesser handicap determined by the Team Captain).

The team captain is responsible for the validity of all players' handicaps.

- 3) Score-cards to be sent to the National Secretary/Treasurer at least 30 days before the AGM.
- 4) At least one member of the winning

team must be present at the AGM at the following RORT to collect the trophy, or it will go to the team with the next best score with a member present.

So much for the rules, now what about a trophy? Well, it seems that Brian Roach has this in hand, with some assistance from Max Cheney who is putting his wood turning skills to work.

Next, of course, we need participants. There must be many keen golfers or would-be golfers in most of our Clubs wanting to do battle for their Club against other Apex 40 Clubs. Melbourne-Gippsland Apex 40 Club has a golf day each year, generally between Christmas and New Year, when a number of members, with varying skill levels, play a Stableford competition in the morning and follow on with a BBQ lunch and the odd ale (or red, or whatever). Why not have a go? All you need is access to a golf course and someone willing to get things organized.

Good luck and good golfing!

## KID'S ADVICE TO KIDS

- "Never trust a dog to watch your food." Patrick, age 10
- "When your dad is mad and asks you, 'Do I look stupid?' don't answer." Hannah, 9
- "Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time." Kyoyo, 9
- "You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk." Armir, 9
- "Don't wear polkadot underwear under white shorts." Kellie, 11
- "If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse." Naomi, 15
- "Felt markers are not good to use as lipstick." Lauren, 9
- "Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat." Joel, 10
- "Never try to baptise a cat." Eileen, 8

## VALE - BARBARA MCCARTHY

### A tribute from members of Wyong Apex 40



Those of us fortunate enough to have known Barbara were deeply saddened to learn of her sudden passing on 9th August, 2002.

Barbara was an inspiration to us all, especially during her brave battle with cancer over six years. She never complained, but always referred to her illness as "my little inconvenience" and went on enjoying life to the full during some very difficult times.

Barbara and Alan attended many Apex 40 Rorts and made some very close friendships with members from different Clubs. They joined Wyong Apex 40 in 1988 and made a great contribution to our Club. In 1993, through business commitments, they moved back to Goulburn but still managed to attend many meetings here in Wyong. We would all wait for Barbara to tell us her latest jokes! She brought lots of laughter to our members.

Barbara was a born organizer and planned many trips for Wyong members to visit Goulburn and surrounding districts. We will always remember the happy times we spent in Goulburn. Barbara brought joy to many people through her fun loving nature and was always interested in other people's lives.

Barbara was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. We at Wyong, and many other Apex 40 members, will miss her very much, but we are sure that when St. Peter greeted her and offered her a place of perfect peace, she would have shared her latest joke with him.

We thank God for the life of Barbara McCarthy; we will always remember her as a true "lady".

## AROUND THE BRANCHES

**ALSTONVILLE:** Ten pin bowling at Ballina was enjoyed in August with John Gilmore the champion bowler.

September dinner at Lennox Head featured two venues with entrée at the Mexican then a walk to Sullivans for main course and dessert. The owner at Sullivans offered some thought provoking puzzles which no one got right – the “mind numbing” alcohol must have taken its toll!

In October, a BBQ and picnic in the park with free boat rides, courtesy of Allan and Lucky Howard, and back to Ballina in November for the AGM at Ballina Bowling Club.

**BENDIGO:** August meeting was a mystery night. Members boarded a bus and, after being driven around Bendigo and places north and west, eventually arrived at their destination – the Little Sebastian Hotel. The night involved an enjoyable dinner and then fund raising for Cancer, with an auction, hair and beard shaving, a band, and good company. Thanks to organizers Bob and Anne Caldwell.

A car rally to an unknown destination was scheduled for October, to be followed by a BBQ lunch.

Christmas dinner will be at the Rotary Park Pavilion at Kangaroo Flat.

**FORBES:** Last reported gathering was an “End of Winter Lunch” at a member’s home at the end of August, to celebrate the almost official end of winter and also to just have a good time. On the menu was Roast Suckling Pig with all the trimmings.

**THE GREAT 8:** September meeting was a night at Dirty Dicks Theatre Restaurant where member couples were required to assume new characters, such as:

Carmen Gettit & Sir Rosis of the Liver; Candy Bar & Sir Render; Cas Traitor & Sir Walter Raleigh; Cass Ette & Peter Pisspot; and Celia Envelope & Sir Loin of Beef.

An uproarious evening in October when Robyn Thorley conducted a trivia quiz with the “Smart Cookies” vs the “Rogues” vs “K-Mart”. The Smart Cookies lived up to their name.

November will see a visit to a Boutique Winery at Fairview Wines, with wine tasting and a guided tour of the vineyard before dinner.

**LAUNCESTON:** Recent meetings have included a Counter Meal at the Mowbray Hotel, dinner at the “Wok and Grill”, and lunch at the Clarendon Arms Hotel with a chance to wander around and look for bargains at the Evandale market beforehand.

Christmas celebration will be a mini-banquet lunch at the Red Ruby Restaurant where the karaoke machine will be out and available for the “wanna be” singers.

**MANLY:** A new face in the Apex 40 scene, the Apex 40 Club of Manly meets monthly at the Harbord Chinese Restaurant in Harbord.

September meeting was the Club’s AGM at which John Cameron was re-elected as President and Roger Wright was re-elected as Secretary.

The Club has a membership of 46, all male. Membership includes a couple of ex-patri-



ates, one in Glasgow and one in Devon.

It is expected that some members will assist in marshalling and judging the "Great Bed Race," an annual event in aid of the Manly Hospital.

Christmas dinner will be a BBQ at the home of Secretary Roger.

#### **MELBOURNE-GIPPSLAND:**

October dinner at Homes Glen TAFE college in Glen Waverley was attended by some special guests, National President Leon and Cheryl Squires and NZ 41 Clubs President John and Monica Jordon. Leon and Cheryl were in Melbourne as guests of Club President Neil and Margaret Hookey and to attend the Caulfield Cup race meeting, where Leon cleaned out the bookies! John and Monica were on their way home after attending the International 41 Clubs mid-term meeting in Bangalore, India.

November saw the annual get-together on Melbourne Cup Day when members enjoyed a BBQ and the popular 'two-bob tote' run by Charlie Burgess. The venue this year was the home of Mike and Helen Pavey. A few days later, a number of members enjoyed a theatre-supper night to see the farce "Nobody's Perfect".

Christmas dinner this year will be at the Clayton Bowling Club. Instead of bringing gifts to be given to each other, this year members will bring a donation for a children's charity.

**NEPEAN VALLEY:** September function was a wine tasting and picnic lunch at Tizzana Winery on the banks of the Hawkesbury River near Windsor, after visiting a historic church at Ebenezer.

The Club's first AGM, an important

occasion in its young life, was held in late October at Penrith Golf Club. Guest Speaker on the night was Steve Bennet, Chairman of the Apex Foundation and a recently enrolled member of Moree Apex 40, Steve's old home town.

**REDLANDS:** AGM in October was held at Steven's By The Bay, the restaurant at Cleveland where many of us enjoyed a farewell night after the Post-Rort Tour. This was the Club's AGM at which Ross Pollock was re-elected for a further term as President. Mary McKernon was elected as Secretary and Ray Wilson as Treasurer. Mary and Ray take over from Ray Despot and Geoff Hegarty who have held the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, respectively – if not respectfully! – for the last 12 years. A marathon effort! Ray and Geoff have both been continually involved on the committee of Redlands Apex 40 ever since it was established in 1987.

Christmas dinner is to be a BBQ at the Little Ship Club on North Stradbroke Island, another great Rort Venue. Members will travel across to the Island by Water Taxi.

**SEREMBAN:** News from here is somewhat outdated but the last reported meeting was in March for a "Gong Xi Fat Choi" celebration dinner. The Chinese members of the Club hosted this New Year celebration dinner and gave the rest of the members a "Hell of a Good Time". Special thanks was given to Tan Kok Ming "for the use of his premises and for tolerating all the members vivid behaviours".

The following meeting in April was to be the Club's AGM.

**SUNRAYZIA:** September meeting was a BBQ at the home of Vic and Gil Dolonec at Sunnycliffs.

The October meeting was also the Branch's AGM, at which Elaine Gray was elected as President and Annette Duffy was elected as Secretary. Diane Cavanagh was re-elected as Treasurer. In October, members again visited the Meringur Pioneer Village where they had been a couple of years back. The Historical Village, which is a tribute to the pioneer wheat farmers of the Millewa region, is one of the venues to be visited during next year's Rort. It will be 21 year's since the last Rort at

Mildura, so the Sunraysia Rort 2003 will feature a 21st birthday celebration.

**WYNNUM - MANLY:** Christmas dinner will be at the home of Bruce and Geraldine Garland and will be a smorgasbord dinner. Prior to the meal, Santa will be handing out gifts.

Sunday 8th December is the "Night the River Sings". Members are invited to take a picnic dinner, sit by the river, watch the decorated boats go by and listen to the Christmas Carols, followed by a huge fireworks display.

**WYONG:** September meeting was the Club's AGM at which a new President and Secretary were to be elected. However, we haven't heard anymore since then.

## DINNER NOTICE HUMOUR

**ALSTONVILLE:** The Highway Patrol officer sees a car puttering along the highway at 22 kph. So he pulls the car over. Approaching it, he notices there are four little old ladies in the car, all with eyes wide open and white as ghosts.

The driver says to the officer, "I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit."

"You weren't speeding but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers," he replies.

"But I was doing exactly the speed limit, 22 kph," the little old lady says. The officer explains that the "22" sign is the route number, not the speed limit.

The lady is a bit embarrassed and thanks the officer for pointing out her error.

"Before I let you go, I have to ask is everyone OK in this car? These ladies seem awfully shaken and they haven't said a word," the officer says.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute, officer. We just got off Route 160."

A good way to slow down traffic near schools is to have a topless lollypop lady.

**BENDIGO:** Some Zen (?) to reflect on.

\* Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me either. Just leave me the hell alone.

\* The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaking tyre.

\* Sex is like air. It's not important unless you're not getting any.

\* Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be

replaced, you can't be promoted.

- \* No one is listening – until you fart.
- \* Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.
- \* Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
- \* Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when they seek to retaliate, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
- \* If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- \* Give a man a fish and he will be fed for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
- \* If you lend someone \$20 and never see him or her again, it was probably worth it.
- \* Good judgement comes from bad experience. And a lot of that comes from bad judgement.
- \* The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
- \* A closed mouth gathers no foot.
- \* There are two theories about arguing with women. Neither one works.
- \* Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
- \* Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- \* We are born naked, wet and hungry, and get slapped on the bum. Then things just get worse.
- \* The most wasted day of all is one in which we have not laughed.

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### THE GREAT 8: Why We Love Children.

A kindergarten pupil told his teacher that he'd found a cat. She asked him if it was dead or alive. "Dead," she was

informed. "How do you know?" she asked.

"Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move," the child answered innocently.

"You what?" the teacher exclaimed in surprise.

"You know," explained the boy. "I leaned over it and went 'Pssst!' and it didn't move."

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**LAUNCESTON:** Frank constantly irritated his friends with his eternal optimism. No matter how horrible the circumstance, he would remark, "It could have been worse."

To cure him of this annoying habit, his friends decided to invent a situation so bad, so terrible, that even Frank could find no hope in it. On the golf course one day, a friend said, "Frank, did you hear about Tom? He came home last night, found his wife in bed with another man, shot them both, then turned the gun on himself."

"That's horrible," Frank said. "But it could have been worse."

"How could it possibly be any worse?" the friend said.

"Well," Frank answered, "if it had happened the night before, I'd be dead."

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### MELBOURNE-GIPPSLAND:

Why did the chicken cross the road?

PHILLIP RUDDOCK: I don't care why the chicken crossed the road it should be sent back to where it came from. Who knows what might happen if we keep letting any old chicken cross the road. We could be inundated with

them. Send them to the farmer up the road a bit and we can pay him to deal with the problem.

JEFF KENNETT: If the chicken did cross the road it should have been fitted with an etag and should pay the same toll as all other road users.

STEVE BRACKS: Regional chickens should have the same opportunities to cross roads as chickens living in Melbourne.

JOHN HOWARD: The chick never crossed the road. And it was not forcibly removed from its mother! Anyway, that's a matter for the states and is of no interest to us. The united nations should butt out.

KIM BEASLEY: There WAS a chicken and it DID cross the road. This is a deliberate act by the government to hide the fact that chickens continue to cross Australian roads.

NATASHA STOTT-DESPOJA: What if it was not a chicken but a bantam? Minority sectors of our community shouldn't be discriminated against based purely on the size of their eggs and legs.

PETER COSTELLO: According to documentation submitted to the Live Foods Processing Authority, the chicken in question was uncooked at the time of its journey and therefore will not incur a GST charge. However, if that chicken actually crossed the road for profit, regardless of its raw/cooked status, the road crossing would be considered by the ATO to be a service for which GST will be imposed.

PAULINE HANSON: Please explain.

ROBERT DE NIRO: Are you telling me the chicken crossed that road? Is that what you're telling me?

GRANDPA: In my day, we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Someone told us that the chicken crossed and that was good enough for us.

CAPTAIN JAMES T KIRK: to boldly go where no chicken has gone before.

FOX MULDER: You saw it cross the road with your own eyes. How many more chickens have to cross before you believe it's true?

HANSIE CRONJE: What if I could guarantee that it won't get to the other side?

FREUD: the fact that you are at all concerned that the chicken crossed the road reveals your underlying sexual insecurity. How do you feel about your mother?

THE C.I.A: Who told you about the chicken? Did you see the chicken?

There was no chicken. Please step into the car.

EINSTEIN: Did the chicken really cross the road or did the road move beneath the chicken?

BILL CLINTON: I did not cross the road with THAT chicken. What do you mean by chicken? Could you define the word 'chicken'.

HOMER SIMPSON: mmmm Chicken.

NEPEAN VALLEY: Returning home from work, a blonde was shocked to find her house ransacked and burgled. She telephoned the police at once and reported the crime. The police dispatch-

er broadcast the call on all channels and a Canine unit patrolling nearby was the first to respond. As the Canine Officer approached the house with his dog on a leash, the blonde ran out onto the porch, shuddered at the sight of the cop and his dog, and then sat down on the steps. Putting her face in her hands, she moaned, "I come home to find all my possessions stolen. I call the police for help, and what do they do? They send me a blind policeman."

**REDLANDS:** A woman asked her husband why he didn't play golf with Bob anymore. The husband replied, "Would you play golf with a bloke who is always drunk, swears when he loses a ball, talks and tells foul jokes while others are putting, and is rude and offensive on the course?"

"Certainly not!" replied the wife. "Neither will Bob," said the husband.

The father asked his son what he had done with all his money. The son said that a fair bit had gone on women, a fair bit on drink, and he had to admit that he had probably squandered the rest.

A gardener is a man who calls a spade a spade, until he trips over one!

**WYNNUM/MANLY:** An eighty-year-old man was having his annual physical. As the doctor was listening to his heart with the stethoscope, he muttered, "Oh oh!" The man asked the doctor, "What's the problem?"

"Well," said the doc, "you have a serious

heart murmur. Do you smoke?"

"No," replied the man.

"Do you drink to excess?"

"No," replied the man.

"Do you have a sex life?"

"Yes, I do!" replied the man.

"Well," said the doc, "I'm afraid you'll have to give up half your sex life."

Looking perplexed, the old man said, "Which half? The thinking or the looking?"

**WYONG:** *Don't ever argue with a woman!*

A couple goes on vacation to a fishing resort in northern Minnesota. The husband likes to fish at the crack of dawn. The wife likes to read. One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a short nap. Although she isn't familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and continues to read her book. Along comes the game warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside her and says, "Good morning Ma'am. What are you doing?" "Reading my book" she replies, thinking "isn't that obvious?" "You're in a restricted fishing area," he informs her. "But officer, I'm not fishing. Can't you see that?" "Yes, but you have all the equipment. I'll have to take you in and write you up." "If you do that, I'll have to charge you with rape," says the woman. "But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden. "That's true", said the woman, "but you do have all the equipment."

Ever wonder about those people who

say they are giving more than 100%?  
 How about achieving 111%? Here's  
 a little bit of arithmetic that might  
 prove helpful.  
 What makes life 100%?  
 If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P  
 Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
 Are represented as:  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16  
 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.  
 Then:  
**HARDWORK**

8 1 18 4 23 15 18 11 = 98%  
**KNOWLEDGE**  
 11 14 15 23 12 5 4 7 5 = 96%  
 But:  
**ATTITUDE**  
 1 20 20 9 20 21 4 5 = 100%  
 And:  
**BULLDUST**  
 2 21 12 12 4 21 19 20 = 111%  
 So, it stands to reason that hard work  
 and knowledge will get you close,  
 attitude will get you there, but bull-  
 dust will put you right over the top.



*Above, from L to R: Alan Flaherty, David and Margaret Cameron, Margaret Hookey, Marj Flaherty, Neil Hookey and Nola Kinder.*

The annual winter trek to the north from many Melbourne-Gippsland members took place as usual in 2002. Not only did they manage to meet up together on the odd occasion, but they met up with many interstate members en-route and while they were there, had several outings with Queensland based members.

## TO ALL APEX 40 MEMBERS

If you are in Apex 40, you lived as a child in the 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's, and looking back, with all the risks we took, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have.

As children, we would ride in cars with no capsules, seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of the old Ute with our dog on a warm day was always a special treat.

Our baby bassinets were covered with bright coloured lead-based paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, locks on doors, or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets mudguards or lights.

We drank water from the creek and not from a plastic bottle! Horrors!

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and bike scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day.

No cell phones. Unthinkable! We played chasey, tiggy, cricket, footy and sometimes got to shoot pea rifles. We got into fights, we got cut, we broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no law suits from these accidents. No one was to blame but us. Remember accidents?

We ate cupcakes, bread and dripping, and drank creamy soda but we were never overweight – we were always outside playing. We shared one bottle of coke with four friends, and no one died.

We did not have Play Stations, Nintendo 64, X Boxes, video games, 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, Internet chat rooms ... we had friends. We went outside and found them.

We rode our bike or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them. Imagine such a thing! Without asking a parent! By ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian. How did we survive?

The local footy team had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't, had to learn to deal with disappointment!

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law, imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years has been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

And you're one of them. Congratulations!

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