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DINNER MEETING – No. 225

Time: 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm

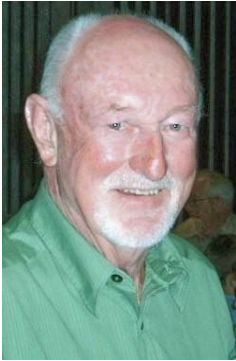
Date: THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2011

Venue: CLAYTON BOWLS CLUB, Springs Rd., Clayton. Mel 79 A4

Cost: \$20 per head. Drinks at bar prices.

Bookings: To Marj Flaherty by Friday 15 April. Phone 9802 7655.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Our last meeting saw a welcome return of Barry Preston and Lois Stephens, after a prolonged period of health problems for Barry, and also Peter and Dawn Griffin whom we haven't seen for a while. We did not have a nominated fines master at the last meeting, rather we just had fines from the floor and this. As this went quite well, I propose to do the same at this meeting at least, so you can all keep your eyes and ears open for any possible fines.

With all the dreadful events occurring around the world and their terrible aftermaths – the earthquake at Christchurch, the devastating tsunami in Japan and all of the strife in the Arab countries – I am sure that we all must be thinking how fortunate we are to live where we do.

Sadly, I report the passing of two men who have played important roles in Apex 40. Malcom Clark, member of Wyong Club and a past National President (1997-1999), passed away on 6th March after a courageous three year battle with malignant mesothelioma. Malcolm contracted this condition from his 40 year career as an engineer in power stations, initially around the Central Coast of NSW and in later years on consulting contracts in such places as the Phillipines, Bangladesh, India and Libya.

Keith Haddon, a member of Redlands Apex 40, passed away on 15th March after a battle for just over a year with prostate cancer. Keith took over operation of the Apex 40 website, originally set up by Alan Padgham, when Alan relinquished that task a few years ago.

A program for our forthcoming dinner meetings and social functions for the rest of the year is included in this newsletter. This meeting is to be on the eve of Good Friday but I hope that will not be a problem for members and I look forward to seeing a good attendance at Clayton for this meeting.

Alan Kinder

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SAD PASSING



Malcolm Clark enjoys a beer with Marian and a friend.

HARE AND TURTLE...

With apologies to Aesop

A rabbit raced a turtle
You know the turtle won.
Mister Bunny came in late,
A little hot cross bun.

REUNION

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.

I asked her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend.... I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And then the fight started...



HISTORY QUESTIONS...

The Archibald Prize for portraiture will soon be awarded. It takes its name from J.F. Archibald.

Name two other aspects of Australiana with which he is connected?

Please have your answer ready at the Dinner.

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DRINKS TO THE MEMORY

Patrick walks into a bar in Dublin, Orders three pints of Guinness & sits in the corner of the room, drinking a sip out of each pint in turn. When he had finished all three, he went back to the bar & ordered three more.

The barman says, "You know a pint goes flat soon after I pull it.....your pint would taste better if you bought one at a time."

Patrick replies, "Well now, I have two brodders, one is in America & de odder in Australia & here I am in Dublin.

When we all left home, we promised dat we'd drink dis way to remember de days we all drank togedder."

The barman admits that this is a nice custom & says no more.

Patrick becomes a regular customer, & always drinks the same way ordering three pints & drinking a sip out of each in turn, until they are finished.

One day, he comes in & orders just two pints.

All the other regulars in the bar notice & fall silent.

When he goes back to the bar for the second round, the barman says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief but I wanted to offer my condolences on your great loss."

Patrick looks confused for a moment, then the penny drops & he starts to laugh, "Oh no," he says, "Bejesus, everyone is fine!

Tis me.....I've Quit Drinking!"



PROGRAM FOR REMAINDER OF 2011

Thursday 21 April	Dinner Meeting – Clayton Bowls Club
Friday 24 June	Lunch Meeting – Dava Hotel
Sunday 10 July	Apex 40 Birthday Lunch – Jells Park
Friday 26 August	Lunch Meeting – Box Hill Golf Club (?)
Sunday 11 September	Combined Lunch – Melb/Gipps, Bendigo etc at Woodend
Thursday 13 October	Dinner Meeting – Clayton Bowls Club
Thursday 17 November	Botanical Gardens, Cranbourne
Thursday 8 December	Christmas Dinner Meeting – Clayton Bowls Club