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FOREVORD

As this will be the last 'Octagon' for 1960, I am taking the opportunity of thanking the sub-committee of the publication for their wonderful assistance throughout the year and this does not mean that I have forgotten others who have been good enough to offer articles and suggestions to help me. Lastly, my appreciation for the co-operation of the printer. Mr Norval Winn.

A HEARTY CHRISTMAS and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!!!!!!

* The EDITOR By the time you read this, the activities of the Club will be finished for the year. The Annual General Meeting has provided us with a new and, by appearances, active Committee. It has a fine neucleus of members from the current committee and I trust that you will give your new Secretary, Brian Tebble, as much assistance as you have given me.

I think I have blown off enough steam during the year since I have no coming events to plug, I will have to finish this section with little meat and a lot of dust.

I'll start by giving a few reminders for the new year.

Your subscriptions for 1961 are due on 1st January and are pay able any time from now. We realise, of course, that money will be short for you before Xmas but we would appreciate them as soon after as possible.

Competition licences require renewal at the same time. My memory is not too good with regard to dates concerning motor sport for 1961 but the earlier your applications are in, the better for all concerned.

Remember that each member is only one person but, when you multiply this by the membership of the Club, you have a mountain of work that requires a lot of co-operation from you the members.

Just a final thank you and best wishes to all for Xmas and the New Year.

THANKS

As Chairman of the Gymhana Committee, I should like to congratulate Denis Geary on taking off the Gymkhana Trophy for 1960. Competition has been close all year and my commiserations to those who came close but just not close enough.

I should also like to thank all those, especially the ladies, who have helped on our grounds at Tingalpa. Although much has been done, there is still more to do and I trust that the committee for next year will receive as much assistance as we did this year.

With regard to the running of events, and types of events, if you have any criticisms or suggestions for new events, please come and tell us. After all, you are the people for whom these events are being run.

In closing, I wish to congratulate this years committee on its efforts and extend my best wishes to those poor misguided youths

Cont'd from page 2 who will be volunteered into the 1961 committee.

W.J.Thomas.

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PROGRAMME.

Annual Presentation of Trophies.

On December 9th the Annual Presentation of Trophies will be held in the Bulimba School of Arts at the Balmoral Tram Terminus. To enable us to give the caterers a reasonable estimate of those intending to be present please give the Hon. Secretary, Adrian Nickols, your name or names as soon as possible as this is most urgent. The function is free to members and of a semi-formal nature so do come along and enjoy the last event of the year.

ONCE AGAIN!! PLEASE LET ME REMIND YOU TO GIVE THE Hon.

SECRETARY YOUR NAME.. PHONE 48-1627...

NEW MEMBERS.

To the members listed below -- we are happy to have you with us.

May you enjoy the new friends you meet & stay with us for a long time.

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PAST EVENTS.

GYMKHANA 20th November 1960 by Ripoff Tredsky.

Those certain friends were at the grounds early this time for setting up of the days events, which got under way about 10 a.m. starting with the Concours d'Elegance. A fine array of cars lined up with their cwnors feverishly flitting about with feather dusters. The judges were, Ian Hamilton, Don Allan, and Brian Tebble who, incidently, flummoxed the bystanders by looking in

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the most remote places for specks of dirt and grease. First place was won by Ron Davis with his immaculate M.G. Magnette, in second place Allan Killips with the spotless T F and third to T Armstrong and his near perfect Morris Minor. All the entrants must be congratulated on their cars which were in such a fine condition.

The blindfold event was won by R. Hiley. This event was very popular and enjoyable.

Secondly, the Mushroom event which was a concoction of forward and reversing and was won by Denis Geary in an Austin Healy Sprite.

Two teams were picked for the afternoon, one headed by the President-"Zeke" Love joy and the other by "Captain Big Deal". Team members battled with one another to decide which side took off the handsome trophy donated by Denis Geary. All tried hard to raise the team score and eventually the winner was the President's team.

To the forward bending, tightly placed poles caused quite a lot of wheelspin so the usual close finishes were with us. The honours went to Eugene Blunt for winning the event.

Onward to the sliprail which the T C owners did not relish owing to the opening and closing of doors, still I didn't notice them having any strife. Sheriff Big Deal recorded fastest time but I hear he intends to leave his slippery footwear at home. To anyone thinking of wearing spikes in future, may I say that there is nothing in the rules to say you can't but, of course, we can always alter that.

Next, another newey, involving forward and reverse work while swapping tennis balls from pole to pole then executing a forward bending. The judges eyes will never be the same, as placing the cars was very difficult. (Big Deal) Ralph Davis gained first position.

The last events of the day were the Autocrosse and the Bob-a-ding. Both were won by Denis Geary who graciously donated his winnings to the club. Thank you, Denis.

Not many stayed for the barbeque but those who did, enjoyed their steaks and goodies. Ralph 'C.C.' Davis thought he was getting an applause for his setting up of the fire but, alas, it was the "mozzies" they were clapping.

As the last Gymkhana and Event of the year, the usual thanks go out to all who helped to make it a bumper day. On the ladies side, a BIG thanks for your consistant help, to the Gymkhana Sub-committee

and to all those who gave their assistance, THANKS AGAIN.

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GYMKHANA RESULTS.						
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

AWARD for the Best M.G.A.

Sixty five members attended the meeting held in the Club Rooms on 25th November. The Meeting commenced at 8.15~p~m. sharp with Mr R.T. Lovejoy as Chairman.

R. Woolly.

A vote of thanks was expressed by the members to Messrs A.V. Nickols, W.J. Thomas, and I.H. Shaw for their past years work.

Two ballots were conducted for the positions of Vice-President and Committee and the following Office-bearers have been elected for 1961.

Cont'd ANNUAL G/MEETING R.T. IOVEJOY President R. DAVIS Vice-President B.M. TEBBLE Secretary R.B. ANDERSON Treasurer T.H. SHAW Hon. Auditor K.J. ANDERSON Committee V.J. APPLEBY I.R. HAMILTON C.A. LIND

All Round Trophy

The members appeared to be quite satisfied with the President's and Treasurer's reports as very few queries were raised.

D.R. PRINGLE W.J. THOMAS

As there was no further business the Meeting was closed at 9.35 p.m.

D.S Geary

TROPHY WINNERS FOR 1960

T.R. Kratzmann Speed Trophy R.T. Love joy Trials Trophy W.J. Thomas Vanigators Trophy G.S. Geary Gymkhana Trophy Mrs P.A. Weston Lady's Trophy President's Team President v Club Captain Concours D'Elegance R. Davis R. Woolly Badge Bar

STRICTLY SOCIAL

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Chit Chat.

CONGRATULATIONS.

George Taylor popped the question to Margaret who is now wearing a solitaire engagement ring. All the best to you both.

Lyn Moffatt surprised the ladies recent Club Night by flashing her newly acquired diamond— the obvious answer to Mike Thatcher's "Will you". Lots of luck and good wishes to Lyn and Mike.

Boys took over chore of washing up last Club night. Terry Kratzmann polishing plastic spoons, Craig Lind drying four saucers at a time while Brian Tebble, Keith Anderson gave considerable moral support. Thanks anyhow, the ladies were grateful.

STRICTLY SOCIAL Continued

At Barbeque for tennis celebrities recently, 'Romeo' Tebble 'squiring' certain attractive lass— taking up tennis seriously I believe!!.

Allan Killips, owner of Concours T.F., did a back somersault and landed in baby's pram. Slipped, so he said. Nevertheless Allan, you are a bit big for sitting in prams.

Denis Geary did not stay for the B.B.Q. after Gymkhana, evidently did not want repercussion of what happened to his cooking of 'snags' last time-- burnt offerings !!!

'Fox' Hunter spent the time between events at same Gymkhana frantically looking and calling for T.F. which was in careful hands of daughter. Nan. Did you find it, Miles?.

Group having lunch under Thomas' tarp, were afeared when Little Jim Davis started annoying green ants by sitting on them — only sent them angrily dashing over to take revenge on Elizabeth (seated very close to Des Coles).

Jim didnt feel a thing as he was wearing his lead lined overalls.

In concluding, I would have liked to have expounded a little on the Bucks Nite but somehow or other I think the 'boys' got together on a " no comment to the Octagon" agreement although a little seeped through—— How was your head next morning, Dante Ballerina?.

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