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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd. Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 49 Emmett Street, Golden Square, 3555.

<u>**CUEST SPEAKER**</u> at our April Meeting is Mr. Warwick Johanson who is very well known in Bendigo. He will be talking about his experiences on H.M.A.S. Australia, flagship of the R.A.N., in W.W. II. Mr. Johanson joined the R.A.N. at the age of 17.

As there was no Guest Speaker at the March Meeting there is no report on that score.

The meeting instead was taken up by the Minutes of the A.G.M. of 1990, the election of new office bearers - congratulations to new President Bob - and debate about amendments to the Constitution of the Club, also three By-laws.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS ALTERING THE CLUB'S CONSTITUTION WERE ADOPTED AT THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Membership paragraph - Sub Paragraph (c)

"Any member who residentialy transfers outside the Greater Bendigo Area and then having local Probus Club attendance availability shall not remain a member of this Club after his current financial membership expires.

(Note)... For the purposes of interpretation the Greater Bendigo Area means the area within the City of Bendigo and its adjoining municipalities."

Membership Paragraph - Sub Paragraph (d)

"This Sub Paragraph deleted."

Membership Paragraph - Sub Paragraph (e)

"Members on the Club Register prior to March 1991 may belong to any other Probus Club within the Greater Bendigo Area subject to their acceptance by those other Clubs. Members joining this Club after March, 1991 will not hold dual Probus Club membership in the Greater Bendigo Area." Membership Paragraph - Sub Paragraphs (e) and (f) and (g)

"To read Sub Paragraphs (d) and (e) and (f) respectively." Management Paragraph - Sub Paragraph (f)

"The Management Committee has power to appoint sub-committees, propose By-laws in conformity with the Constitution of the Club. and to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Club."

THE FOLLOWING BY-LAWS WERE ADOPTED AT THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

1... If a Waiting List of nominees is established then :-

(a) Only the top ten (10) nominees will be allowed as a Club "privilege" to attend Club Functions such as limited inclusion to entertainment, tours, or special functions, etc., that the Committee may approve from time to time. Notwithstanding, all nominees held by the Secretary to the close of 23rd. November, 1996 are to be considered as being within the Top Ten Category.

(b) All existing and future nominees for membership will be required to pay :-

Nominating Fee (Once only)....(fee as determined at Annual General Meeting). * Annual Nominee Fee(fee as determined at

Annual General Meeting).

Both the above fees will become payable with application, and the appropriate Annual Nominee Fee again being due at each subsequent Annual General Meeting until in the course of time the nominee becomes a member, when the normal Annual Subscription will become payable. Failure to pay the above fees within three months of the due date will render the nominee's application null and void.

2...All applications for membership accepted by the Committee will be recorded on the Waiting List strictly in order of receipt by the Secretary, provided applications are satisfactorily completed and accompany appropriate fees.

3... That no new By-law, or amendment or repeal of any existing By-laws shall be made, except at a regular meeting of the Club, in pursuance of notice given in writing to the Secretary at a previous regular meeting. Any new By-law, amendment or repeal shall only be passed if agreed by two thirds of the Club's members present.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT :

TUESDAY APRIL 23RD : Trip to Melbourne -

"CONDUCTED TOUR OF FOUR 'N' TWENTY PIES"

Depart Strath Community Centre, Crook Street at 8.30 a.m. Maximum to travel : 40 (Currently full). Cost : \$10.00, includes Coach Travel, Admission and Afternoon Tea. Lunch : B.Y.O. or we will stop at "High Point West Shopping Centre". Estimated time home : 5.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY MAY 29TH. : Trip to Melbourne "CONDUCTED TOURS OF RADIO AUSTRALIA AND LEADER GROUP SUBURBAN NEWSPAPERS"

<u>Cost</u> : \$10.00/person. Includes Coach Fare & Admissions. <u>Lunch</u> : BYO. This should prove to be a most interesting trip. Maximum to travel : 45 (Current bookings 40) **** VACANCIES EXIST**** PAYMENTS : Today - 17 April, Meeting.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH. TO SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17TH. 1991.

"TOUR OF THE YEAR"

TRIP TO SNOWY MOUNTAINS/LAKE EUCUMBENE

6 days/5 nights : \$383.00 (Value for Money)

Includes : Coach fare, accommodation, all meals, morning & afternoon tea, supper and light entertaiminet. Staying at Providence Lodge (via Adaminaby, NSW) - a typical Mountain Lodge in a superb setting the shores of Lake Eucumbene. Excellent day trips. Should be a most interesting, enjoyable and relaxing trip. Maximum 47 (Current 62) ** If interested, please place your names on emergency listing** Deposit : \$5.00/person **(PAYMENT AT TODAY'S MEETING)**

THURSDAY JULY 11TH. : Trip to Melbourne

"GREAT AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE SHOW"

Maximum to travel 48 (Current bookings (52) <u>Venue</u> : World Congress Centre, Melbourne. "A First", this Science Show is not to be missed. Demonstrations, plus over 100 exhibits. <u>Refreshments</u> : available for purchase. <u>Cost</u> : \$13.00 Payments at May Meeting.

-- FUTURE TRIPS ---

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH. : TRIP TO MALDON

Combined with Castlemaine Probus. Inspections of items of interest a ride on the "Maldon Steam Society Vintage Train", BBQ lunch.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8TH. : Trip to Melbourne

"CONDUCTED TOURS OF GALLERY OF SPORT,

MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB AND GROUNDS, TENNIS CENTRE"

, "SOUTH PACIFIC" will be performed in the Capital Theatre June 22, 28, 29 - Evening Performances. June 23 - Matinee Performance.

Block booking is available; a survey will be made at today's meeting and if there is sufficient interest a booking sheet will be prepared. Normal Cost - \$15.00, Block booking cost - \$12.00.

GOLF :

March 26th. 1991 Venue : Neangar Park Golf Club Event : Inter Probus Golf Bash Result : Bendigo Probus defeated Eaglehawk & Sandhurst Final Score : Bendigo 107, Eaglehawk 106 Stableford Points.

About 30 members of the three district clubs attended to compete for the Probus Annual Shield, which was a surprise to all. Bendigo fielded about 8 members, sorry not to be able to say the exact number. At assembly the weather did not look too promising, but the rain held off and the day was pleasantly suitable for a game of golf. The course was in good condition and the new putting greens reasonably fast.

Members attending were made welcome by President Errol Whitchurch of Eaglehawk Probus at the afternoon tea, which was provided and served by the members of the host Club. He mentioned that all local Clubs had been invited to attend, including the Ladies. Brian Thomas of Eaglehawk commented on the number of Clubs attending the Picnic Day and suggested that next year the organising Club (that's u. should invite all Clubs within reasonable travelling distance to attend. The reason that we are the organizers next year, is the penalty for winning.

Trophies were duly presented to the winners, teams a individuals. The Shield, which we won, was presented by Cliff White of Eaglehawk Club. Team members received Probus mugs. Teams were made up of the three highest scores from each Club.

To sum up, it was a good day, although a little disappointing to see the small number attending.

RALPH MICHELL

COMBINED PROBUS CLUBS' PICNIC - BENDIGO RACECOURSE :

On Sunday, March 24, a day of warm autumnal sunshine, we enjoyed the combined Probus Clubs' Picnic at the Bendigo Racecourse. Beautiful weather, beautiful setting, congenial company, what more could be desired. It was an informal day, but provided an opportunity for the Presidents and Chairpersons of the different Bendigo and district Probus Clubs to be introduced and speak a few words. Ray Downey was acknowledged as "The Father of the Probus Clubs in Bendigo"; and Reg Brock favoured us with his latest poetic endeavour. Those members who were unable to attend missed a very enjoyable occasion. We look forward to the next picnic and the possibilty of this becoming an annual event.

REQUEST :

Ken Coles (and I expect some other members) considers that the Club does not cater for a wide enough range of interests. Ken is interested in growing cymbidiums and would like to exchange views with other orchid growers.

Perhaps there are other members with special interests which they would like to share with others.

Jack Watts has supplied an almost complete file of "Probe", thanks Jack.

SUBSCRIPTIONS :

Subscriptions are \$15 annually, and are due at today's meeting. For newly joining members there is a once off fee of \$10.