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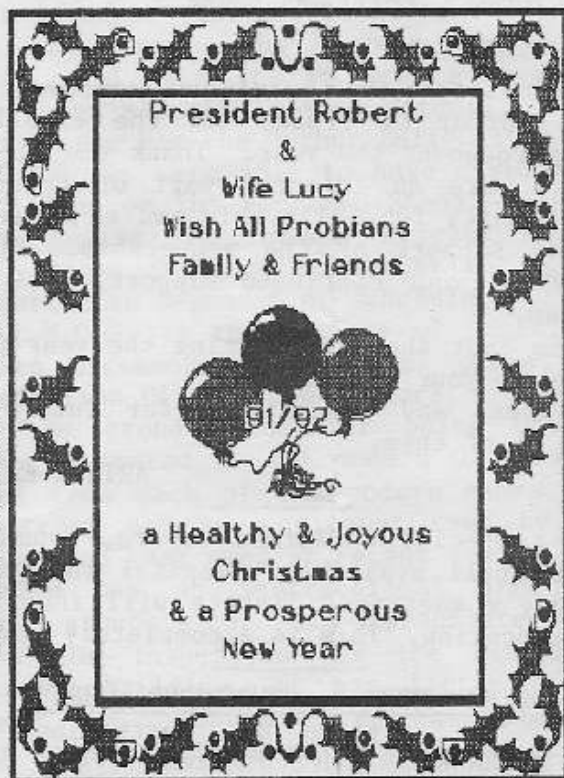
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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd. Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

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There is no Guest Speaker's Report this month. As members know, the meeting was tragically brought to a close by the death of TOM ROTHAKER. Our condolence to Tom's wife Mavis.

Since the last meeting there has been another death among our membership, NEIL RICHARDSON.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT :

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH. 1991 : HOULDEN'S TOURS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRIP TO RICH RIVER

"A popular, low cost 'Final' Trip for 1991." COST : \$6.00/Person
: Includes Coach Travel and "Christmas Dinner". DEPARTURE : from Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street. DEPARTURE TIME : 5.30 p.m. ARRIVAL HOME : Approximately 12.30 a.m. MAXIMUM TO TRAVEL : 49 persons - current bookings : 59 PAYMENTS : at November 21st Meeting please (for first 49 listed bookings) NOTE : Unable to accept further bookings, emergencies will be placed as vacancies occur.

MARCH 18TH. to MARCH 24TH. : KANGAROO ISLAND TRIP

(a Sandhurst Probus Club Trip)

7 days/6 nights (all inclusive) \$612/person, Travel by Coach : Barmera (S.A.), Victor Harbour, Kangaroo Island, Adelaide, Hahndorf, Bendigo. Some Vacancies exist : Contact : JOE MORLEY (42 3781) at earliest.

I wish to acknowledge the excellent co-operation and support of ALEC CROTHERS (Editor of Probe) for the excellent coverage of trips information throughout the year. Thank you Alec.

Trips and travel are an integral part of Probus, they provide and excellent opportunity for fellowship and enjoyment, their success is measured by the support of the membership. Thank you Bendigo Probians and wives for your continued support, thus ensuring success of the trips program.

I sincerely hope that the trips during the year provided adequate variety and were up to your expectations.

Have you any ideas and suggestions for future trips?, if so, then please advise me of them.

ARTHUR EATON TRIPS LIAISON

GOOD OLD DAYS : Special Christmas Capers, Sunday 15th. December 2.00 p.m. Tickets still available. Capital Theatre \$10 per ticket to be paid at today's meeting. Tickets will then be collected and issued later in the meeting. This is a completely new program.

A MORNING MELODIES SHOW - "REMEMBER WHEN" : RON LEES - "Magnificent Tenor" - Sunnyside Up, Australian Opera, Victorian State Opera. ROD McLENNAN - "Mr. Personality" - Star of West End Musicals, New Faces, Odd Couple. SUZANNE WARD - Sun Aria Winner,

Victorian State Opera. **DAVID CAMERON** - Pianist.

Tuesday December 3rd. Morning Tea from 10:00 a.m. Concert 11:00 a.m. Capital Theatre. Normal Price \$9, if 20 or more Probians and partners wish to go, the price is \$8. If there are sufficient starters the money will be collected at today's meeting and the tickets issued later in the meeting.

TRIP REPORT : Want to win a bet?? Ask your expert in which year the first game of football was played under lights at the M.C.G.! If he wants to put money on the accuracy of his knowledge - take it! The answer as provided by the M.C.G. is 1879 - yes, 1879!

Our October 8th. trip - consisting of significantly more males than females - went first to the M.C.G. where we were escorted through a number of normally inaccessible areas by two guides.

One of the highlights of this part of the day was the visit to the M.C.G.'s museum - a marvellous collection of memorabilia gleaned from the numerous Test and Shield Matches played there.

Items ranged from cricket paraphernalia to such curios as a collection of almost unique pieces of china and a philatelic collection. Included was a monster shirt reputed to have been the property of Warwick Armstrong. He must have been a veritable Goliath!!

Other places of interest visited, included the famous "Long Room" and associated dining room - the players change-room and waiting room and as luck would have it, we were also able to visit one of the corporate boxes situated almost directly behind the wicket. It is indeed nice to see how the "other half" lives!

While at the M.C.G. we were able to have a relatively close look at the work being done on the Southern Stand - areas of which will be ready for use during the current cricket season. The scope of this project - being financed solely by the M.C.C. - is indeed vast. It was reported to be ahead of schedule.

Attached to the M.C.G. is the Gallery of Sport. This structure has been built to accommodate historical pieces collected from, or donated by Australian Olympic competitors.

Australia has the proud record of being one of only three countries that has competed in all modern Olympiads. The Gallery has some mementos from each of the modern games. Of interest to many was the contrast between equipment used by athletes at the turn of the century and that used in recent years.

The Gallery also has an instructional area where groups - particularly school groups - can view appropriate videos.

The final area for inspection was the Tennis Centre. As a recently constructed building, it has little of the history or character of the M.C.G. However, as an indoor/outdoor stadium with a variety of purposes, it is an interesting structure.

Because of its multi-purpose design, some areas of seating can be

removed - the court surface can be completely covered to allow use for almost any purpose.

Associated with the main court area are two outdoor courts with considerable seating for spectators and other courts that are available for hire.

As one would anticipate, the area beneath the main court seating (tiered) has been used to accommodate the various functions associated with the conduct of a major tennis tournament. An interesting structure.

As always Arthur's arrangements - including the weather - were ideal. On behalf of the troops - thanks again to the Big A.

KEN COLES SPECIAL REPORTER

BOWLS : The season's first match was on October 17, against Eaglehawk Bowls Club. It was won by Eaglehawk, 34 being the margin of victory. The best winning team for Probus was :-

GORDON GLOVER
BOB HOLMES
ALAN COURT
EDDIE HOGAN

TED DRISCOLL ORGANISER

"THE DESERT SONG" : A large group of Probiants and partners attended the professional performance of the romantic and humourous Musical at the Capital Theatre on November 3. Thanks to ALAN DINGLE for making the booking and delivering tickets.

MEMBERSHIP : As at 30th. June, 1991 the total Probus membership in Australasia (Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Pacific Islands) was 98,000 in 1266 Clubs. Since then the membership has grown (as at 21st. October, 1991), 101,000 members in 1288 Clubs.

BOB CHENERY

THE GUEST SPEAKER today is DR. ALAN JENKINS, who has taken as his title "Anecdotes on Cricket 1938-61". Dr. Jenkins qualified in medicine, specialising in Brain Surgery, in England.

He played cricket for Northumberland and also has acted as team doctor for England touring XI's.