

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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I have been surfing the Internet (that sounds so cool) but in reality I have been moving very slowly around the Google sites hitting on anything that hints at the word Quandialla.

Val Noone has also assisted me, pointing me in the right direction to look for information on Quandialla and I have come across some interesting stuff. As you all know it is a little hard for me to get away from the office for more than one day so getting any information while staying at home is a real bonus for me and I'm having a ball. Who knew researching was so much fun. I've only been in Quandialla for 40 odd years and while reading bits and pieces I've sat here thinking that must have been so and so's Mum, Dad etc., it's like that game connect the dots. I am still having a little trouble about where this and that farm used to be but I'm working on it. So with all this research going on and with what I.C readers have given me so far, I should have something to write about for the next 100 or so I.C.'s.

Maybe wishful thinking but I will give it my best shot.

For this week I have chosen an article about a Cricket Game played in 1922 *But before I go any further I would like to apologise to the present day team because I had every intention of going to your match on Saturday "with my Pom Poms", and try and follow the game so I could put a report in this week's I.C., but I was very unwell with a major case of hay fever (it was not a pretty sight). So because I cannot report on your game I thought I would include the following article.*

Note to present day players:

I honestly do not know whether you won or lost last Saturday and the following article has no reflection on the present team.

BIMBI'S CRICKET VICTORY

The whole of the 11 members of the Quandialla team were tried with the ball in a cricket match against Bimbi on Sunday, and when they proved unsuccessful the umpire was put on, and dismissed the most obstinate batsman. Quandialla scored 114, which was passed by the Gault brothers in the third wicket partnership for Bimbi. It was after the 11 bowlers failed with these two batsmen that the umpire, Mr Dougal, was asked to "have a try". He had O Gault caught for 113 and A Gault made 63. Before giving up Quandialla's fast bowler tried a few underarms as a last resort. Bimbi won the match by 227 runs on the first innings.

The above article was printed in

The Sydney Morning Herald on Wednesday 15th February 1922

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

Our October Centenary Meeting was held last night.

Web Page is up and running, not a lot on there at the present time but it does look very smart. www.quandialla.com.au

A small set back - the band we were looking at for the dance on Saturday Night of our Celebrations are, would you believe, already booked for 2014 but we have some other groups to follow up on.

Cookbook to help raise funds: This was discussed and I have put my hand up to work on this. I will price printing etc. collect some recipes from willing locals and make up a mock demo for our next meeting to look at. History Book: This was discussed and we need to start collecting our data for this very important book. The Post Office has been selected as a central spot for collecting all this information and a filing system will be set up. A format for your histories is being worked on as I type and when it is ready it will be made available.

Next Centenary meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th Jan 2013.

During our break over Harvest, Christmas & Holidays those co-ordinators will be duck paddling furiously collecting your information for our History Book. Watch this spot next week for more info on our History Book and how you can help.

NOW

PETITION: There is a petition sitting on the counter of the P.O. & Café needing your signature. This petition is for the Speech Pathologist currently based in Cowra to recommence the outreach service to Quandialla and surrounds. Please add your signature to this cause.

“Just another thing our small villages need to keep.”

LAST CHANCE: To buy those Melbourne Cup Calcutta Tickets. Horses will be drawn on Saturday 3rd Nov and the very important auction will be held on Monday evening the 5th Nov at the Bland Hotel. Come along and show your support for the Quandialla Swimming Pool and Cricket Club.

QUANDIALLA SWIMMING POOL NOTICE: Please find attached a notice from the Swimming Pool Committee for you to keep on the fridge for future reference.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE SHIRE WORKERS GONE? As reported in IC No. 2 (9.8.12) the Council turned up in force and started the long awaited work that the Driftway Road desperately needed. Much work was done but never finished before the workers and plant disappeared, and that was a month ago. As you all know my roving reporter travels up and down that road twice a day driving a school bus and again on mail days so he feels he can comment on this matter (but I do not have enough funny symbols to bleep out all those swear words). All I can say is, the farmers living on that stretch are the most patient people I know, and you just have to admire them for such a strong character trait. BUT come on guys when are, the Council going to finish this job. Just had a funny thought, maybe the council will return during harvest just to make life interesting for everyone.

WHAT HAPPENED? Have you seen the dead trees opposite the Swimming Pool (not in the park)? Apparently someone was out doing some spraying and got a bit carried away. Was it intentional or accidental? Not sure who planted this lot of trees but I bet they are upset, others are.

Hotel Poker Jackpot = \$1260 Club Members Draw = \$1800

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

No 27:

THURS. OCT 25TH 1956

The visit of the Bowlers to the Golf Club was eagerly awaited. The course was not at its best despite the valiant efforts of Os Kelly and Jimmie McAlister but at least the sun was shining and that was worth something. First through the gate was Robert Hamilton with determination written all over him. Next was Reg Penfold prepared to do or die and he was closely supported by his brothers Les & Vic, “Watto” Harris, Len Trounson, K Mclean, Martin Keir, Ken Brett and the “Ringer”. Sid Ward arrived late due to the fact that he could not find his “Plus fours” (lucky for him) and the glamour boy “Landy” Harris appeared in a lovely pink creation by Akubra. Teams were drawn and the game was on for young and old. Our touts had reported secret trials by many of the bowlers, so that a high standard of play was expected. It was high.....so high it smelt. I will mercifully draw the curtain over the game itself, except to say that there was, some wild swings, wild misses, wild words and a lot of raucous laughter. Earlier I alluded to the “Ringer” Ned Sommerville was teamed with Ian Reeves and declared his handicap as 36. His open countenance and his cherubic smile fooled us all, because he and Ian played beautiful golf to land the prize. Ned Sommerville, I hereby name you “Possum”. Watto Harris, Reg Penfold, Jim McAlister and Mick Timmins took the prize for the best four playing, and if this wasn’t a stew I’ll go hopping. Both Presidents in the one team----Oh Phew. Len Trounson & Skip Armour put on a scintillating display to capture the Bradman award. “Landy” Harris flushed with his moderate success at the game, challenged Os Kelly to a match and would you believe it? He took money from Os. As Landy so aptly put it, in his short speech “I get paid for playing, I lose two golf balls that didn’t belong to me” (I know) “and I borrowed clubs to play with. A very cheap game this golf”.

This same day in 1956

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 28

THURS. NOV 1ST 1956

Mr & Mrs Sid Ward have made a trip to Inverell to see their daughter Joy I presume.

I don’t surely have to leave any space for you this week Mrs Penfold. If you can find anything to talk about, well it’s only because you are a woman.

Brave Man Mr Mitchell.

Until next week.....Cheers **Sue Priestley**