

NEXT MEETING

MON. 24TH JANUARY, 2011
AT THE BENTLEIGH CLUB
“SUMMER TIME!”

The Bentleigh Club is located at **YAWLA ST. BENTLEIGH**
Melways 68 B11 – parking off Yawla St. in the Club Car park.

ENTRY

Members Free - Guests - \$5.00.

Dinner and Drinks from 6:30pm to 8pm (Kitchen closes at 8). Fantastic meals available at good prices – Senior Card holder discount available.

Formalities start at 8 p.m. Party until you drop.

BYO instruments and Showbiz friends!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Judee	Horin	01-Jan
Ken	Forbes	30-Jan

Should your Birthday be here? Let me know.

SNIPPETS

NEVILLE TURNER'S NEW BOOK!

Neville Turner, sent a review of his latest book *“Addicted to Cricket – Essays on the game”* which was published in *“The Yorker”* – the journal of the **Melbourne Cricket Club Library**. There is a chapter in the book titles *“Cricket and Music”* - well done **Neville!**

The reviewer, **David Studam**, concludes his review with:

*“Whenever you read a piece by **Neville** you are sure to be educated, entertained and amused. His love of the game is infectious and I am sure you will all enjoy his writings as much as I have”*

Neville Turner kindly sent a Christmas card addressed to the Committee and Members:

*“Dear Neville,
We were bowled over by your lovely Christmas card and the pitch about your new book.*

You are obviously on a good wicket and we had a ball discussing the review of the book – so much so that we were left with smile creases on our faces!

We hope you have bumper sales.

PS – Have you bowled a maiden over lately?”

Written with affection by **ShowBiz Social Club Committee**

COMMITTEE MEETING IN RESEARCH!

Committee members **Lynne Gough** and **Dave Richard** invited the Committee and partners to their home for a BYO BBQ and Committee Meeting – thank you **Lynne** and **Dave** for your hospitality in such congenial surroundings.



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT, JUDEE HORIN:

Hello All!

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a new year of excitement, magic moments and socializing at Showbiz Club Inc this year! We would like to encourage you to bring close friends or family as guests to our nights, as this helps create a warm atmosphere, an appreciative audience for our performers, and also helps towards our expenses.

We are introducing a new feature in our Newsletter called: *“Getting to Know You”*. So that all our members are better acquainted with each other - each month there will be a Biography of one of our members. I'm sure you will find it fascinating to hear of our members' backgrounds, and all the interesting things they have done throughout their lives. It's not to boast about achievements, (although that's fine too) but rather to show all the facets of each person, and their history in and out of Showbusiness. I'm really looking forward to it.

Just for fun, and perchance to inspire - I'd like to suggest that this month we have a "Summer Theme" to our music for the January meeting. This is purely optional of course.

I'm so looking forward to catching up with you all.

See you there!

Your President - **Judee**

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NEWS

NOVEMBER CLUB NIGHT

Candles and tinsel sparkled on the tables for our November (Christmas) Club night – thank you to **Glenyce Leithhead** for decorating all the tables. A fun filled night was had with fabulous entertainment, culminating with a magnificent ShowBiz Club song, written and performed, by **Anne Smith** – written during the night and mentioning every member who was present. The **ShowBiz Social Club Committee Members** were so thrilled with the amusing words and musical rendition! Exceptional work **Anne!**

Jeff Weiner celebrated his birthday with us and invited a number of guests – **Jeff** and some friends also performed – very entertaining, **Jeff** – thanks.

Raw Sylke performed a fabulous song – “**Abacadabra**” – with **Don Crawford** performing magic as they performed – fantastic!

[There is a video of this performance on Facebook as well as two of **Jeff Weiner** and friends – if you are on Facebook, search for **Gigi Hellmuth** and you should find them.]

Our President, **Judee Horin**, presented the inaugural “Bravo Awards” for outstanding contributions to our Club. **Sheila Whitson** was presented with the 2009 award (in retrospect) and **Gigi Hellmuth** with the 2010 award!



Gigi Hellmuth

APOLOGIES:

Jan Arndt, Ivan Videky and Barrie & Thea Boyes.

OTHER GUESTS:

Sheila Whitson invited her members of **Shirazz** – **Judy Judge, Lorraine Bulwyn and Robin Thatchen** – great performance girls!

Vincent O'Connor invited **Margaret Moroney (singer)** and **Christina Boyd.**



Sheila Whitson



Shirazz



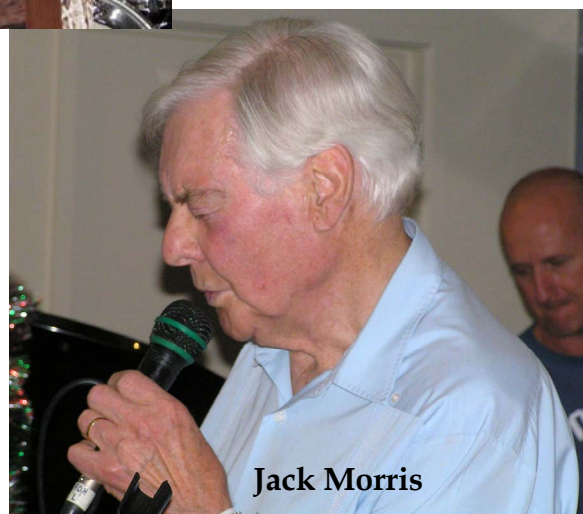
Anne Smith



Margaret Moroney



Nov & Dec Birthdays



Jack Morris

GIGS

We love to promote the gigs, performances, boast and brags etc. of all the members. So SEND IT IN before the 2nd Monday of the month.

Email: secretary@showbizclub.com or call/fax Gigi on (03) 9808 2372.

TUESDAY:

25th January 8:00 pm - Annie Smith @ Dizzy's Jazz Club. Annie Smith and the Jazz Drive are back with a bootfull of favourite fabulous standards; ones you know and love and some from the road less travelled. Come and enjoy! Annie Smith - vocals, Lisette Payet - piano, Colin Garrett - sax, Rob Krantz - flute, Kevin Blaze - guitar, Andrew Eames - bass guitar, Les Oldman - drums. Entry Fee: \$14.00/\$10.00

WEDNESDAYS:

Dizzy's Jazz Club. 8 -11 pm: Roger Clark Dizzy's 20 Piece Big Band with Rory Clark (Piano) and featured guest singers including Emma Sidney. **Dizzy's Jazz Club** 381 Burnley Street, Richmond - two doors from Swan Street (near Farmer Street) - Melway 2H E10. Cover charge: \$12. www.dizzys.com.au

THURSDAYS:

Thursday afternoons - 1.30pm to 4.00pm - The Groovin' Easy Orchestra (with Michelle and Ken Forbes) rehearses in the Fountain Room, **Bentleigh Club**, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. All are welcome.

FRIDAYS:

11th - 13th February - Halls Gap Grampians Jazz Festival - a number of our members will be at this festival.

- **Friday 6.45 pm Blue Tango @ The Pinnacle** and **Saturday 1.30 pm @ The Pinnacle**

Fridays 6.30 pm till late - Friday Jam Session @The Leinster Arms Hotel. 66 Gold St, Collingwood. Phone: (03) 9417 5720. Including Colin Garrett and from time to time Anne Smith, Rob Milligan and Jack Morris.

SATURDAYS:

19th February - 7.30 pm - Blue Tango @ South Gippsland Jazz Society - Inverloch RSL (Noel Bond 56741701)

SUNDAYS:

30th January 2011 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Pippa Wilson @ The Atrium Restaurant & Function Centre, 10 Country Club Drive, Safety Beach. Light bistro meals available from 12 noon - 3 pm. Entry - \$5.00. Lunch bookings Phone 03 5981 8123 ... (Melway Ref 160 E3). **MRS SIPPY JAZZ BAND** with guest vocalist **Pippa Wilson**, **Maurie Fabricant** - Piano ... **David Robinson** - Clarinet ... **Lynton Williams** - Sax ... **Greg Simmons** - Banjo ... **Graham Michel** - Drums.

20th February - 1 pm - 5 pm - Neville Turner - Solo Piano @ the Forest Edge, 2905 Gembrook Launching Place Road, Gembrook. Melway Ref: 299:B5

27th February - Ani Clyde will be appearing at **Jazz@ The Bowl** with: **David May, David Taylor, Neil Taylor and Trevor Firth.** **Frankston Bowling Club**, corner 11 Yuille St and William Street, Frankston. Bar prices, light meals and \$10 admission fee. Call 9775 9580 for further information. Not a late night - finishes at 9.00pm.

Sundays - 3.30 pm - 6.00 - Jam Session @The Leinster Arms Hotel. 66 Gold St, Collingwood. Phone: (03) 9417 5720. Including Colin Garrett and from time to time Anne Smith, Rob Milligan and Jack Morris.

GIGS (CONT)

SUNDAYS (CONT):

JAZZ ON SUNDAYS - 3.00 - 6.00 pm - with The Mal Sedergreen Trio featuring Bob Sedergreen & special Guests each week. Come along relax have a glass of wine and listen to some great music at Wine@129, 129 Auburn Rd Hawthorn East Vic 3123. Phone: 9882 8422 Email: info@wineat129.com.au Wine@129 is so easy to find. Auburn Train Station is only a stone's throw away, located at the eastern end of the Auburn Road rail overpass. The Alamein, Belgrave and Lilydale lines travel through this station. Alternatively, you can travel by tram to Glenferrie Road and walk through the picturesque Central Gardens or "Rocket Park" until you make your way to Auburn Village.

Please come along to the **Bentleigh Club on 24th January, 2011 - our first night for 2011!**

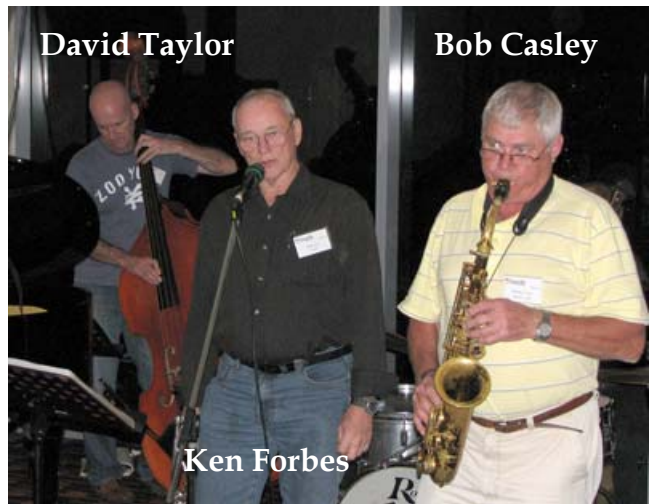
Take care,

Gigi

Gigi Hellmuth,
Secretary, Showbiz Social Club Inc. www.showbizclub.com

- SHOWBIZ SOCIAL CLUB NIGHTS – 2011**
- January 24th
 - February 28th
 - March 28th
 - April 25th – Easter Monday
 - May 23rd
 - June 27th
 - July 25th
 - August 22nd
 - September 26th
 - October 24th
 - November 28th (last one for the year).

ITEM NO.	NAME OF GROUP	EX MUS
1	Blue Tango	
2	Margret. (Singer)	
3	CG QUARTET.	
4	Jack Morris.	
5	JEFF WEIMER + FRIENDS	
6	INTERVAL	
7	<i>Birthdays & Lucky Door Prize</i>	
8	SHIRAZZ	
9	Howard + Ray.	
10	Showbiz Club Quartet	
11	RAW SYLKE + Guest	
12	Anne + Bob V.	
13	Aisele Pavek + Friends	
14	JAM SESSION	



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

PAT ARGUE

Pat Argue's profile reveals the fascinating life of an ice skater who performed in shows all around the world. Pat started skating at age of 13. An aunt bought her a secondhand pair of ice skates and, Pat says, "I was off, giving it every possible moment I could - always first on the ice and last to leave".



Pat turned professional at 18, teaching at the St Moritz Ice Skating Rink. When David Martin brought the Ice Follies to Australia Pat was one of 6 Australians to join the company touring Australia and New Zealand with the *Armand Perrins International Ice Revue*. In 1952 Pat married Graham Argue, an ice hockey player whom she had met when she was 16. Graham joined the company and they spent their first wedding anniversary in Auckland.

On return to Australia they were influenced to go overseas by Pat's good friends Pat Gregory and Hal Downy. As Pat puts it - "Off we sailed to the UK and arrived with 10 pounds. We auditioned in London and luckily were offered a tour in *White Horse Inn on Ice* - a Moss Empire No 1 tour. Great experience, we just loved the English digs and the landladies were truly a breed of their own. We left *White Horse Inn* at Nottingham and flew to Gothenburg Sweden to join *Holiday on Ice* with Sonja Henie". Pat and Graham spent 3 years touring Europe and then

on to South Africa for 6 months. Pat came home expecting her first baby and Graham went to South America to fulfil his contract, arriving back in Australia 6 weeks before the birth of their first son, Greg. They settled into a home in Elwood and Graham started a transport company. They appeared in live Ice Show broadcasts for the ABC. From 1966 on, Pat performed in shows at the Lido, Her Majesty's and *Frosty Frolics* and *Ecstasy on Ice* at the Tivoli.

In 1970 Graham and Pat formed a company and built the Olympic Ice Skating Centre where Pat directed and choreographed 13 Ice Revues with casts of over 200 skaters including world champions Donald Jackson, Scott Hamilton and Diane de Leu. Combined with running the skating rink, they also operated their mobile professional ice show – Moomba (directed and choreographed by Pat for 10 years), promotional ice shows for shopping centres throughout Australia, GMH Motor Show in Sydney and Melbourne, the Adelaide Festival Theatre, Perth Entertainment Centre. In the 1980s Graham and Pat were approached by the Victorian Arts Centre to bring ice skating to the Sydney Myer Music Bowl. They sold their interest in their Ice Skating Centre and moved to the Bowl which they conducted for 3 years. While at the Bowl they did *Teddy Bears Picnic on Ice* for FEIP, *Rock Concert on Ice* for Melbourne City Council, *Young Talent Time Christmas Special* and the *Telecom Media Launch* for mobile telephones on national television. They initiated a school teaching program and devised, sold and marketed a skating school for the Council of Adult Education, also at the Music Bowl.

Pat and Graham eventually sold the business to the Victorian Arts Centre and moved on to their next ice rink at Mt Buller. They operated there for one season but it was difficult to function in open-air conditions because of the snow build up (and Pat has some funny stories to tell about their experiences there). So Pat went back to work. She sold Weber BBQ'S, made hats, worked for a florist friend, sold kitchens and marketed a complete retirement village for ARC at Reservoir on the old drive-in site.

Graham passed away in 1993 but Pat says "we had a wonderful, interesting life together. I am nearly 80 years old (March 2011), I'm in good health and I consider myself very fortunate. I have my family – Greg, a drummer, David an award-winning actor, Michelle, an actor and singer, 2 gorgeous grandchildren, Madeline and Sophie, and I'm enjoying life with my mates at ShowBiz Social Club and Limelighters".

In 2006 Pat and son David went to Los Angeles, New York, Florence, Venice and Dubai to make the movie, *Mum and Me*. The film depicts David taking Pat on a trip which retraces her showbiz travels with Graham. The movie has been to Cannes and is now on the market (for updates and the film trailer see <http://www.youtube.com/user/TheArguesTheMovie>)