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"Old Extracts" — Death of Cyril Pratt

Before play commenced on Ovens Green on Saturday, Mr R. W. Flanders president of the Ovens and Murray Association paid a tribute to the late Cyril Pratt, and bowlers observed a minute's silence.

Mr Flanders said the death of Cyril Pratt, on Tuesday November 19, had taken from the O and M one of its best known bowlers. He would be missed by all, and particularly by the Corowa Servicemen's Club.

RSL GUARD OF HONOR FOR COROWA BOWLER

Returned men formed a guard of honor at the Corowa Cemetery yesterday for the funeral of Mr Cyril Pratt, who died in Corowa Hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

Known and respected on every bowling green of the North East, Cyril Pratt will be sadly missed

by all bowlers and particularly members of the Corowa Servicemen's Club.

He began his bowling with Corowa Club in 1942 and was one of their best leaders for a number of years in rink matches.

In 1950, he won the club championship and was a constant player for that club until the formation of Corowa Services Club in 1956.

He was the inaugural president of the bowling club and held the office until 1961 when he retired on account of ill health.

He held the position of immediate past president until his death.

He was the instigator of the installation of lights on the bowling green and carried out the work single handed.

He was ever willing to share his great knowledge of bowls and bowling, particularly with new bowlers.

At the conclusion of the 1961-62 season the club presented an illuminated address and a life member's badge in recognition of

his untiring services to the club. He was a great worker on Diggers' Days and for Legacy and veterans days.

He was skipper of the winning rink on the first diggers days tournament. His rink was Tom Strachan, Tom Dodd and Roy Lindeman.

He played in one Legacy day with Ern Cole, Tom Strachan, Jack Izon and the aggregate age of the rink was 282 years.

O- President's Tribute

Ovens and Murray president Mr R. W. Flanders this afternoon paid this tribute to the late Cyril Pratt.

"Ovens and Murray Association can ill afford to lose men like Cyril Pratt.

"Cyril was known and loved by hundreds and hundreds of bowlers on every bowling green in the North East, and his genial smile and warm fellowship will be sorely missed.

"Cyril was a magnificent teammate and keen opponent on the green who never failed to inspire his team and give full credit of his opponent's play. It was a real pleasure to have known him.

"His love of the grand game of bowls and his untiring devotion to Corowa Services Club endeared him to all he met and we all mourn the passing of an old friend."

COROWA SERVICES BOWLING NOTES

With the passing of our friend, Cyril, a gap has been made in the Bowling Club which will be hard to fill. His pleasant company in the club and his ability on the green will be sadly missed by all bowlers.

He started bowling activities with the Corowa Bowling Club in 1942, and was one of their best leaders in the game for a number of years in rink matches.

In 1950, he won the Club Championship and was a constant player for that club up until, the Corowa Services Club was formed in 1956, which he was instrumental in forming. He

was elected president of the Bowling Club at its first annual meeting and continued in that office until 1961, when he retired on account of ill health and continued to occupy the position of immediate past president until his death.

He was the mover in having the lighting on the green and carried out that work single-handed and which has given we bowlers much night bowling pleasure. He was always willing to give his time and knowledge to bowlers, especially the new young ones. His presence will be missed by all bowlers in the Ovens and Murray Bowling Association and especially the Services Club of which he was a foundation member.

At the end of 1961-62, season, the club presented him with an illuminated address and life membership badge for his valued services to the club.

We recall the happy days he had on Diggers, Legacy and Veteran's days, especially the first Diggers Day tournament, when he led in the winning team, Tom Strachan, Tom Dodd, Roy Lindeman and himself as skipper.

On Legacy Day, probably a unique one, we saw Ern Cole, Tom Strachan, Jack Izon and himself as skipper in the one rink with a total age of 282 years. Such memories will live with us until the end of time and we will always honour his name — "Members of Services Bowling Club."

OLD EXTRACTS....

That Thou mayest have Pleasure in everything, seek pleasure in nothing.

That thou mayest know everything, seek to know nothing.

That thou mayest possess all things, seek to possess nothing.

That thou mayest be everything, seek to be nothing.

— St. John of the Cross.

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