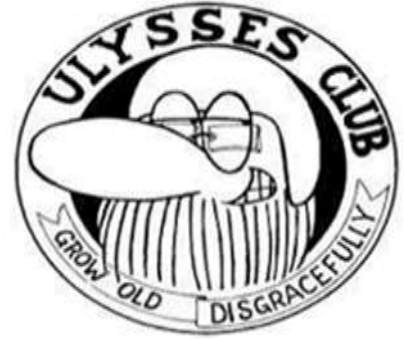




# *IPSWICH ULYSSES BRANCH*



*Monthly Newsletter #51 Nov 2018*

Darlington Park Crew



**Information nights:** First Friday of every month, held at Ipswich Country Club, 1a Samford Road, Leichardt.

Meeting starts 7:15 pm, come along for Dinner beforehand if you like.

**Branch Rides are held** – First and Third Sunday of each month with Social rides anytime, check the club website for details.

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# Ado's Air Spray.

Happy Birthday Ipswich Branch. We were 5 years old last month and still going strong even though the Ulysses Club itself is facing a downward lean at the moment. Looking at the first picture taken of us in the Karalee Tavern, we still have 17 members attending branch information nights, socials and branch rides. I am chuffed that the present committee and the ones that have preceded this one are still working hard to keep the branch a growing concern.



The branch held our 5th Birthday Party on Saturday night with around 60 attending. Some were still under the age of membership but were keen to enjoy the night with us. Our branch Sponsor Doug from She's a Slice of Heaven fed us with oodles of manna to spare. A big thanks to Splitty, Ken Lowry, Jamesy, Chopper. Silver Fox and Sue for coming to help us dig the hole at 10.30am. Amanda and Kimberley for getting us all frozen cokes to cool us down. Doogee's three daughters and Julz for coming and helping with the cutting of the vegies and stoking the food baskets and two of the girls staying to feed the fire to heat the irons which would eventually cook the food. My daughter enlisted her partner Andrew to assist with cleaning the hole of ash and debris, moving the white hot irons back in the hole and shovelling the dirt on top. After the food was removed from the hole Tank, Les and Angry filled the hole in again and levelled the ground as if we were never there.

Although the band was at times a little too loud for serious conversation, I enjoyed their music and the dance lessons we took off Rizzo allowed us to be a little more confident on the dance floor. It was marvellous to see everyone dressing up in our Halloween theme. Some like Smurfette and Windsucker were more convincing than life itself. Thank you to Mick and Paula, Rizzo and Benno and Sue and Peter for assisting Amanda in decorating the hall.

Our raffle prizes all came from donations from the members. Thank you to our past member Frog who unfortunately had to move to Newcastle for work for his donation of the motorcycle lift and swag; Chopper for his bottle of rum and Rizzo for our new blanket which Amanda won on the night. Also Silver Fox's wife Gail who donated the crafted owl which like Rizzo's blanket would have taken many hours of intensive painstaking work to complete. It has found a good home with Karen and Tony. It is humbling to think that these people think kindly enough of us that they wish to donate prizes.

Because I am so fed up with Splitty's bragging his Mustang and its wonderful power, I have challenged him to a 1000 metre race where he will give Amanda's 1959 1000cc Morris Minor a 950 head start. Time and place is yet to be decided.

Who do you think will win?



Splitly and Windsucker accompanied me to Harrisville to the latest Presidents Meeting. Things of interest to come out of the meeting was that the 2019 Cartwheel Ride will be finishing at Harrisville Pub. Although I raised my objection to the idea, the UCARF raffle money will be shared with half going to the Care Flight Helicopter (which is in itself a very good cause). However, my thought is that there is so many other worthwhile charities that could also benefit but the only cause supported by the Ulysses Club that was close to Steven Dearnley's heart is the Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund. Even though it is only my opinion I would not like to see the money raised by the Cartwheel ride divided in the years to come by other branches pushing their own particular charities. It would be a shame for the original reason for the Cartwheel ride funds to change so quickly.

The Presidents meeting also discussed the New style Riding On Magazine. □ Some present indicated that they missed not having the Branch contacts in the Riding On as these come in handy on journeys, they also missed the gearshop. These are still available online, but it is good to have this hard copy in case of no reception. Everyone present was pleased with the amount of money saved in the printing of the new Riding On. What do you think? Let NATCOM know!

Also discussed was the lack of support some branches receive from their current Information Night Venues, with some branches being charged a hire fee and others having the room for their information night either cancelled or double booked even though there is a standing booking for them each month. This is a reminder to us to appreciate The IPPY and what they do for us: provide a free room; raffle prizes; monthly member draw and they really do try and look after us with meals etc. Also on our social nights on other nights eg Talent Night we are not charged a hire fee and they set up the room for us. Please make sure you visit the Club from time to time and let them know you're from the Ipswich Branch. This also goes for our sponsor Better Buy Meats who will be relocating to Winston Glades in the next couple of weeks – make sure if you go in there and buy your meat you let them know where you're from and that their sponsorship is appreciated.

The Branch AGM will be held in April 2019 with nominations being open at the February Meeting and closing in March. Please consider coming on board your committee and if you need any further information please ask. All positions will be vacant at the AGM but there are some current committee not nominating this year,

Amanda and I attended another great ride to Darlington Park led by Silver Fox. I believe there were 17 of us who enjoyed a bbq lunch and also participated in the games which Silver Fox bought along for us. We broke into two groups to head home with some choosing to go via Greenbank and others heading to Boonah for a coffee before heading home. We were chased home by the weather only arriving home minutes before a deluge. Thank you to Silver Fox for leading and Crash for being tail-end Charlie.

This Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November sees us leaving Yamanto and travelling to Greenbank to pick up members of the Mount Lindesay Branch for a joint BBQ at Moogerah Dam. We will provide the ride leader and tail end Charlie for this ride. Again Silver Fox has organised games and knowing Mt Lindesay there will be friendly competition. Times are available on Silver Fox's page in the newsletter and also the website.

The flyer for Armistice Day (11/11/18) is in this newsletter. We will be laying a Branch Wreath on Sunday 11/11/18 at 11 am. Meeting at the Honour Stone around 10:30 am. Amanda and I are



heading off to a week at Caloundra straight after, so won't be staying around for a coffee etc – but I am hopeful that someone will take the members out for a chin wag.

NATCOM sent a reminder to the branches about the Ulysses Club Rider Training and First Aid rebate scheme – refer to the flyer in this newsletter.

It was great to catch up with former member Shane Noy “Grey Wolf” on his recent visit to see his grandchildren. We enjoyed dinner and a chin wag at the Plainlands Hotel. Shane was a high school mate of mine and along with his wife Anne great supporters of the branch. Shane lives in Tasmania now with Anne and although he isn't riding at present he remembers fondly his bright yellow bike.



# *Splitty's Dummy Spit*

How is everyone, another month over and I hope that everyone enjoyed it. Even with the rain you can still have fun and not sit around the house and waste the life you have been given to enjoy. So this takes us to my Dummy Spit this month.

With the way the weather has been I do not want to see us miss out on our social get together. I would like to see us still meet up and do the run in our cars. This way we still have a social outing and get out of the house. We could even car pool to make it better for our carbon footprint.

It dose not have to be due to wet weather that we us our cars. The bike may be off the road, you may not feel like a bike ride but still would like to socialize. You may be recuperating from a illness and our editor is a great example of this, he followed us on our BBQ ride to Darlington Park in his tin top and it was great to see him up and about (you can not keep a good Ulyssesian down).

If you would like to come on a ride and have no transport you can always call Rizo (Welfare Officer) and she could pair you up with a lift in a tin top if available. Socializing is the best way to get over the lows in life and this is why I joined up with this branch when I moved here from NSW and I have meet some great people through the branch since I moved up (31/10/2016) 2 years ago. This is becoming a great date in my life and I hope it continues.

The one other thing I should say is that if you come to a run in the tin top you do follow behind Tail End Charlie



Go with the flow and keep the rubber on the tar.

Splitty

## *From the Editor.*

I'm baaaack!

After a hard couple of months things are slowly getting back to normal, many thanks to the guys that visited me, Amanda for doing the Newsletter for me last month, it was all greatly appreciated. My greatest thanks go to Sue (her indoors) without who things may have turned out differently.

Sue and I had planned a trip to Europe for a family re-union to mark the 100 year Anniversary of my Grandfather who decided the Germans had had enough and it was time for him to go home, (we had to cancel it because I wasn't able to fly) below is a brief account of the end of his war and the actions of some enemy soldiers without whom he would not have survived and I would not be here.

100 years ago my grandfather was serving in the South Wales borderers in Ypres. He was leading a group towards Courtrai when machine gun fire took his leg and upper arm. His runner was killed outright. He remained conscious and after the action had finished, stretcher bearers appeared. They decided his wounds were too severe and so left him to attend to others. My grandfather attracted the attention of a passing group of German PoW who carried him to safety ("and very gentle they were too" he notes in his memoirs). He met and married my grandmother who worked as a nurse.

The Branch will be attending the Remembrance Day event at Bundamba and laying a wreath, please come along and show support to our Service Personnel, past and present.

Chopper. #66352



**A little five year old girl was usually driven to school in the mornings by her Grandad, but one day he had a bad cold so her Grandmother took her. That night the little girl told her parents that the ride to school with Granny was very different. What made it different? asked her parents. Well, she replied, Gran and I didn't see a single tosser, blind bastard, foreign prick or wanker on the whole journey.**

# *Sheriff's Office*

With the weather getting warmer members are coming back to our meetings which is great to see as we have a fun filled night. As you read this letter our Halloween night will have past and I hope everybody had a great night, I know my wife and I will have. A big thank you to Doogie for putting on a Hungi, if it is anything like the last Hungi we had everybody will have a good meal.



Congratulations to Spook for his Boys winning the NRL Grand Final, the Broncos will give you a touch next year, I have it from an insider.

I hope members are supporting 'BETTER BUY MEATS' they will soon be moving from Yamanto to Winston Glades, so please keep that in mind.

## Fines

Julz:- Stole my fines box.

Silver Fox:- Lost his Fox Tail on a ride.

Kathy:- Crossing Double white lines.

Les:- Stopped ride -his vest came loose.

Jonesey:- Mobile Phone going off at a meeting.

## Birthdays

Wal - Mad Dog and Kathy – Speed Demon

I hope everybody can come on our rides that are organised for you, we always have a good day out.



Quote of the Month :-

We can take you to the mountain, but its up to you to see the view.

God bless and keep you all.

Windsucker. James McColm #50255

**A 70 yr old man  
asks his wife "Do  
you feel sad when  
you see me running  
after young girls?"  
Wife replied, "No  
not at all. Even dogs  
chase cars they  
can't drive!"**



# *The Fox's Den.*

Hi Fellow Ulyssians,

The Drought ride , how to break a drought , ride a motor bike. Good reckoning anyway, the rains have started, warmer weather , so check your tyres you need to be a groovy not a smoothy.



## **Current upcoming rides.**

### **Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Info Night

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

A Ride with Mount Lindesay Branch to Moogerah Dam, leave Yamanto at 08:30am.

BBQ Lunch.

### **Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Remembrance Day 10:30 at Bundamba, we will lay a wreath and then go for a coffee somewhere.

### **Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Crash will take us to Rathdowney pub for lunch leaving Yamanto at 09:00am.

### **Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mount Lindesay Toy Run, leave Yamanto at 09:00 am for Greenbank.

### **Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Info Night.

Christmas theme dress up,, Christmas decorations prizes, come along a join the fun.

Secret Santa for those who want to take part.

### **Sunday December 9th**

Ipswich Toy Run leaving Yamanto at 09:00am.

### **Saturday December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Christmas lights ride and Coffee

### **Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Family Day at Kholo meet there at 09:00 am BBQ lunch games and lots of fun.

*Safe riding and ride within your capabilities.*

# *Ride Report*

## The Fox Hunt to Darlington Park

**By Silver Fox #63410.**

It definitely was not the Olympics, Invictus or State games, but we had fun testing our forgotten skills of long ago, the body told us so, pain, drugs for a cure.

I was humbled by the turn out of 20 members, all saying the weathers ok, we will be home before the heavens open up.

Ado towed the lunch BBQ trailer, Crash was Tail End Charlie. Thank you, I was given a reprieve from cooking the BBQ big thank you to Gronk with his little frilly apron, your wife will get a picture.

The Boomerang proved it is a stick by not coming back, either that or we are not related in any way shape or form to the original Australian folks.

Lunch was consumed, the flies gave us competition, must have been Gronk's cooking, sounds good anyway. The weather was being watched and discussed, time to move. Different directions picked to go home, Boonah, Browns Plains or Greenbank. A few spots of rain encountered on our trip home. I arrived home with blackening skies and thunder. I parked the bike and 5 minutes later the heavens opened up. Was timing with a big 'T'. Real Close.





## *Lumberjacks Web.*



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The website seems to be working OK at the moment?

Photos from Darlington Park and the Birthday Bash have been put on the Branch page.







# RIZZO Welfare Wrap

Hi All

## Peter (Chopper)

Peter was admitted to hospital again on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October with a 7.5cm hole in his lung, it is caused by the ventilator that he had to keep him breathing. He was given antibiotics and when his pain stopped he was released from hospital on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

His recovery is slow and he is still very weak, but is well looked after by his loving wife Sue.

It was good to see them both on the ride , Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October, even though they were in the car, it was good to have them come with us.

## Services/Go Card.

When applying for a Government Seniors card, on the Internet you go to 'My / Gov to apply for a card. One of the questions is ' do you want your go card on the back of your seniors card?'. If you put yes they will then print your services and go card as one and send it to you.

Rizzo,

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God bless and safe riding... **Rizzo #59819**



*HAPPY*  
*5<sup>TH</sup>*  
*BIRTHDAY*





A slice of heaven-Behind the scenes.







## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Members are invited to attend the Remembrance Day event at the Bundamba Memorial on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, please be there for 10:30, the Branch will be laying a wreath. This year is the 100 year Anniversary of the end to the Great War 1914-1918.

Please come along and show your support for our Service Personnel.

We will go for a Coffee Ride after.





# MT LINDESAY ULYSSES 2018 TOY RUN

**MIDDLE GREEN SPORTS CLUB**

768 Middle Road, Greenbank

**SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2018**



**PROUDLY SUPPORTING:**

**THE CITY OF LOGAN CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL**



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All toys donated support our City of Logan -  
caring for our less fortunate families at this time of year.

**RIDE STARTS AT 10AM  
& RETURNS AT 11AM**

**RAFFLE PRIZES**

\$2 EACH TICKET

**PRIZE \$500 FUEL VOUCHER**

COFFEE, BREAKFAST & LUNCH  
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- Andall Road
- Stony Camp Road
- Mt Lindesay Highway
- Service Road
- Andrew Road
- Birdsville Street
- Lennox Road
- Crest Road
- Short Street
- Kadlugra Ct
- Cambridge St
- St Johns Way
- Parklands Drive
- Tovey Rd
- Flinders Cr
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- Cunningham Drive
- Short Street
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- Macaulay Dr
- Coronation Rd
- Middle Rd

**GIVE US A WAVE  
BETWEEN 10 - 11AM**

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David "Popeye" 0404 143 339 or Debbie "Blush" 0422 091 280

## 7<sup>th</sup> December Info Night

Christmas Dress up Night,  
Christmas Decorations.



Secret Santa for those wishing  
to take part, maximum \$10  
value.



Plenty of fun and games, our  
last meeting for the year so  
come along and have some fun.







# UCARF NATIONAL BIENNIAL RAFFLE 2019



## ***Greetings members, it's on again!***

The UCARF national biennial raffle is underway and will be drawn at the Ulysses Club National Rally 2019 at Mornington Peninsular, Victoria.  
Details are printed on the ticket.

## ***What's on offer?***

**First Prize:** Suzuki V-Strom 650 XT plus adventure accessory pack, valued @ \$14,990.00.

Sponsored by Suzuki Australia P/ L and Ulysses Club.

Includes all on road costs, GST and comprehensive insurance supplied by QBE Insurance (Australia) Ltd.

The Adventure Accessory Pack includes –

- Knuckle cover set
- Under cowling set
- Accessory bar
- Centre stand set
- 39 litre top case
- Top case mounting kit

Bike Sales Review –

It's a hard bike not to like: rugged looks, superb fuel economy and all the attributes that have made the standard V-Strom such a popular bike over the last decade.

**Second Prize:** Two general admission tickets to 2019 Australian Moto GP, valued @ \$900.00 (inc GST).

Sponsored by TAC (Transport Accident Commission, Victoria).

**Third Prize:** Indian leather jacket valued @ \$600.00. Sponsored by Polaris Sales Australia.

## ***Who is the beneficiary of the raffle?***

All proceeds from the raffle are deposited and held in the Ulysses Club arthritis research fund (UCARF) account. UCARF administration is totally voluntary thus ensuring 100% of all funds raised are periodically allocated for scientific rheumatoid arthritis research.

***How do I purchase my Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased by contacting Mike Abberfield***

***on 0423 379 848 or (02) 4951 2519 or by email [abberfielduc@bigpond.com](mailto:abberfielduc@bigpond.com) for details on how to purchase.***

Kim Kennerson,  
UCARF Coordinator.

## CRASH'S MONTHLY MOTORCYCLE TIPS

Greetings again fellow branch members let's talk traction.

Just how far can you lean your over in corner?

This actually depends on the type of the bike you ride, but rule of thumb is 45\* for cruisers and 60\* for sports bikes. Also the weight of the bike and the conditions will be a factor.

On a dry road with all things good you create 1.1 of g-force when you are at maximum angle; of cause the heavier you are the more likely you will have that force.

ON a wet road will only achieve .9 G-forces, so there's not much difference. So when riding allow for that small loss of traction, the other thing is when in the wet, do not tense up, ride relaxed and let the motorcycle and your tyres do what their designed for.

Next month I want talk about trail braking.

So that's the tips from someone who knows how to crash.

#42697 CRASH





# THE OLD AND THE BOLD ...

## Stephen Dearnley: survivor, publisher, motorcyclist, yachtsman and boatbuilder

Posted on [Saturday 30 July, 2011](#)

THE OLD AND THE BOLD ...

**Stephen Dearnley: survivor, publisher, motorcyclist, yachtsman and boatbuilder**

*(This article first appeared in NOCN 84, 1 March 2011.)*

Stephen Dearnley's life has been full of excitement, variety and adventure — yet on first meeting, this calm, courtly and articulate man can seem like a person whose life has been measured, placid, predictable and very run-of-the-mill. Nothing could be further from the truth.

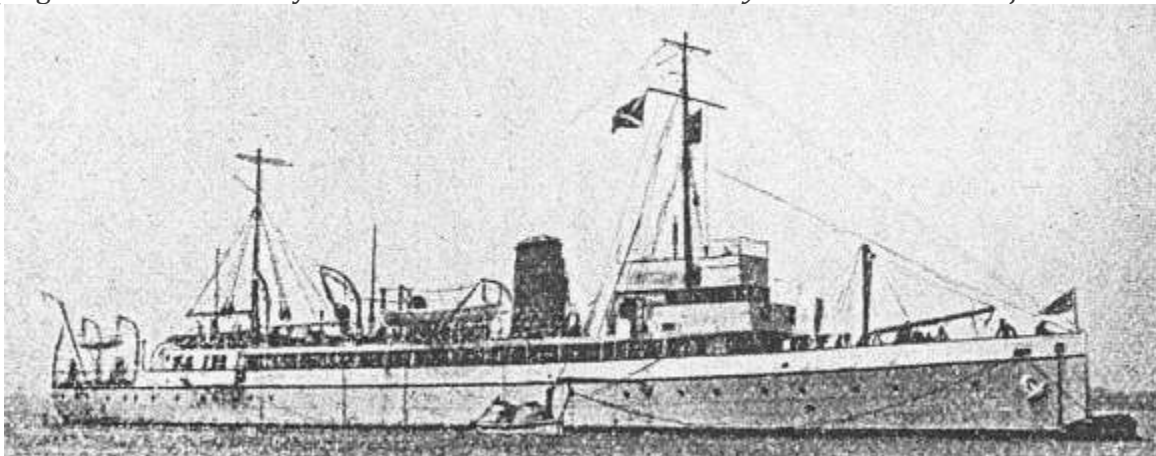
He was born in Shropshire in 1922, the son of a country parson. The regular house moves necessitated by his father's vocation didn't interfere with Stephen's traditional classical education. World War II had begun when he finished school, but by then he'd already started patrols with the Local Defence Volunteers, predecessor to the Home Guard.

Stephen was working in Manchester when he had a close experience with the blitz: walking home from work, he heard a bomb coming and dived into an adjacent pill box. The bomb landed on the other side of the road; it ruptured a gas main and created a spectacular fire.



### Joining the navy

In August 1941 he joined the Royal Navy and completed basic seamanship training at HMS *Ganges*. His first ship, HMS *Fitzroy*, the RN's last coal-burner, was leader of the 4th Minesweeping Flotilla. The flotilla was working from the Faeroe Islands, Danish territory. Later they moved to the southern extremity of the North Sea, sweeping out-dated "friendly" mines off the Dutch coast. *Fitzroy* never finished the job.



Minesweeper-leader HMS Fitzroy — sunk

Stephen was on the bridge when it happened. He heard a loud explosion from aft; he looked and saw the ships boats hanging from their davits and a large hole in the deck. Everybody around him was already blowing up their lifebelts; the ship was clearly going down — and it did. It was late May, but still cold. And rough. Stephen was in the water about 45 minutes, and was revived with a very large tot of rum when he was safely on board one of the other ships in the flotilla. They had probably been sunk by a "friendly" mine.

### Promotion, and submarines

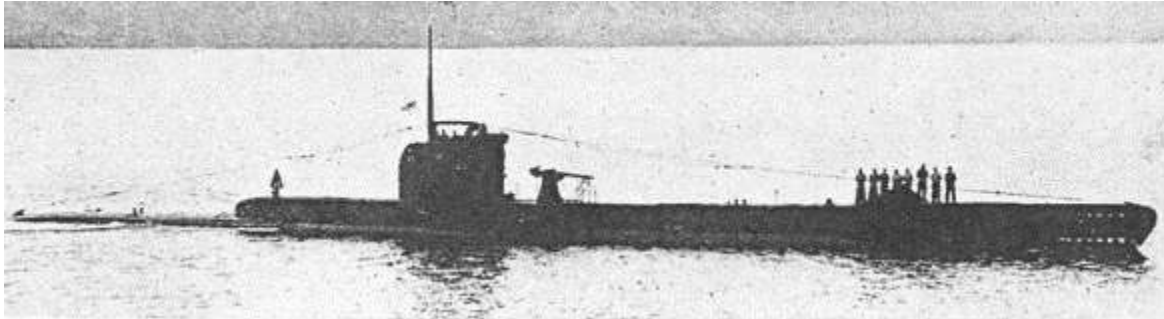
Soon, Stephen was sent on officer training at Lancing College. He graduated as Midshipman RNVR on November 1942. Pilotage training followed, from RNC Greenwich. In January 1943 Stephen, now a Sub Lieutenant, began submarine training in Northumberland.

His submarine career started in depot ships as spare crew. In Dundee there were some Dutch submarines that had escaped from Java and made their way back to Europe to fight on the Allied side. They had been built in Germany, and carried a strange device called a "schnorkel". Local experts examined this gadget, declared it inherently unsafe, and welded up the holes it had made in the pressure hull.

### Operations

Eventually Stephen was posted to HMS *Maidstone*, stationed in Algiers. His first operational patrol was in HMS *Universal*, in the western Mediterranean. After she torpedoed a large merchantman, the counter-attacking escorts forced *Universal* well below her designed depth. Fortunately they found a good layer and lurked beneath it for four hours.

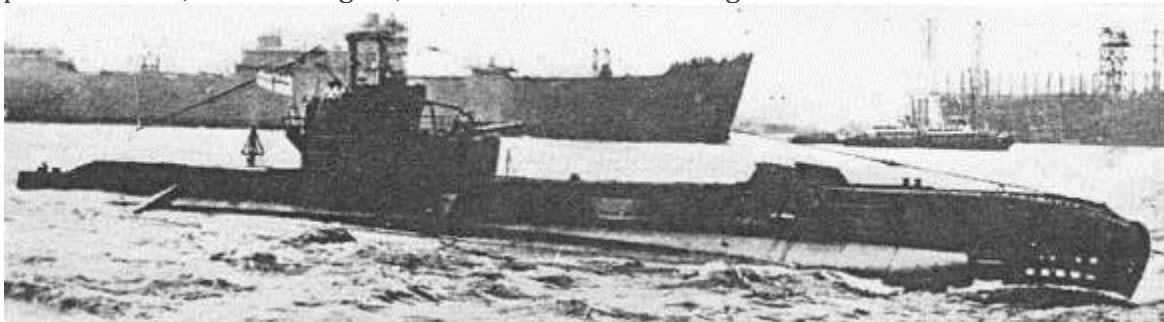
*Maidstone* was ordered to the east; Stephen disembarked in Alexandria (where he celebrated his 21st birthday), and travelled from there by train to Beirut to join his new depot ship, HMS *Medway*. A quiet patrol in HMS *Upholder* followed, then he was sent to Haifa for sick leave, and took recreation leave in Damascus.



U-class submarine, similar to HMS *Universal* and HMS *Upholder*

### **An eventful patrol**

Stephen joined his new submarine, HMS *Sportsman*, in Port Said in January 1944 as 4th Hand; an eventful patrol around the Greek coast followed. With a well-drilled gun's crew, they had several successful surface actions against local caiques (wooden-hulled sailing vessels) that the Germans were using to supply their more remote coastal outposts. (After a warning shot, they always allowed the Greek crews to take to the boats before proceeding with the sinking.) They were ordered to intercept a German troopship off northern Crete; the trooper came through on time, but was very heavily escorted. *Sportsman* fired from outside the screen and sank the target. Finally, they were ordered to attack shipping in the tiny port of Monemvasia in the Peloponnese. As well as being navigationally difficult, the port was protected by a boom. *Sportsman's* skipper found a gap in the boom, fired through it, and sank a 5000 ton freighter.



S-class submarine, similar to HMS *Sportsman*

### **Homeward-bound**

They returned to Malta, and soon were homeward-bound for Britain via Gibraltar. In Gibraltar, they heard news of the D-Day landings.

Their new depot ship was HMS *Forth* in the Holy Loch near Glasgow. A new captain and crew came on board, but Stephen stayed on for the new commission as navigator.

Soon they were at sea again, making a trans-Atlantic surface passage to Philadelphia, for a major 'first': refit, then working up with USN submarines out of New London CT. The return passage across the Atlantic was enlivened by a stop in the Azores en route. They arrived in the Holy Loch in March 1945; VE Day was only a few weeks away.

### **Winding down**

Having been fully refitted, *Sportsman* paid off. Stephen, last to leave the boat, took its Jolly Roger flag. He re-joined his first submarine, HMS *Universal*, operating out of Larne in Northern Ireland. They were used as a “clockwork mouse”, or mobile target, to train escorts in anti-submarine tactics. The personal importance to Stephen of this relatively short period was that during it he met Jo, then in the Wrens. She soon became a permanent part of his life and they were married in December 1945 — but Stephen still had another six months to serve in the RN before demobilisation.

### **Publishing, and migration**

As a civilian, he moved into publishing with some help from a fellow-submariner, Teddy Young — well known as the only Reserve officer to command an operational submarine — who was also in the business. Stephen worked with the publishers William Collins, but within a year or so he and Jo became concerned about prospects for bringing up a family in Britain; recovery from the war was slow, and economic signs were not good. He applied to be transferred to the Collins operation in Australia. He and Jo migrated here in October 1947, with permanent employment already secured. This has been his home ever since. He retired from Collins in 1979.

### **Boats ...**

Stephen’s life away from work has been full of variety, in two main fields. Firstly, he became a keen small-boat sailor and a boat-builder as well. He was instrumental in getting the Heron and Lazy E classes established in Australia, and in forming local Class associations for both of them. He built two Herons, a Lazy E, a Northbridge Junior, and two Moths. He raced when he could; he took out the Herons National Championship once in the early 1960s, and freakishly, twice won from a huge field of all-comers the Imperial Services Club’s annual race from RSYS Kirribilli to Quarantine in Sydney, once in a Heron, once in a Lazy E.

### **... and bikes**

Stephen’s other major extra-curricular activity has been in a very different field: on two wheels — with an engine between them. He has always loved motor bikes, though not always has his domestic situation permitted him to indulge his passion as much as he’d have liked. Most of his demobilisation gratuity went on ‘Dora’ the ex-US Army Indian Scout seen in the picture overleaf, taken in Glasgow with Stephen and Jo the year after they were married. But motor bikes don’t mix well with raising children, and Dora didn’t come to Australia. So Stephen stuck to four wheels for about 20 years, until the offspring were independent.





Jo and Stephen Dearnley with 'Dora', the ex-US Army Indian Scout which absorbed most of Stephen's demobilisation gratuity.

When he returned to motorcycling in the early 1970s the scene had changed somewhat. There was by this time some quite attractive Japanese machinery around; he had several Japanese bikes, which he used to commute to work for the very convenience of it. Soon, as a mature-age motorcyclist, he got involved in long-distance touring as well.

### **Ulysses Club is formed**

And so it was that, through a light-hearted correspondence through the pages of *Bike Australia*, an Australian motor bike magazine, Stephen ended up as a founder member, and for four years, President, of the Ulysses Club – whose motto is “Grow old disgracefully”. The club was formed in December 1983 with just five people at the inaugural meeting at a Sydney pub; by the time Stephen vacated the chair in 1986 there were several hundred on the books. The club has continued to prosper ever since, with membership over 29,000 in 2010. The basic objectives of the club were threefold: foster contact and mutual support between older motorcyclists; show by example that motorcycling can be fun for all ages; and let other institutions know the views of older riders. The club has its AGM in a different spot each year, usually pretty remote, and riders converge from all over the country. The club magazine, *Riding On*, has been a significant factor in the club's success. The club is a formidable charity fundraiser, devoting funds raised to arthritis research. Stephen thinks that the atmosphere of consensus and goodwill in which the Ulysses Club began, and continues to

function, are the cornerstones of its success. Stephen says: “It operates in an atmosphere of organised anarchy — but it works”.

Another extra-curricular activity that occupied Stephen in recent years was proof-reader for this Newsletter, in which he provided invaluable and expert service drawn from his long experience in publishing. He withdrew from his responsibilities in that field only last year, when he moved into serviced hostel accommodation on Sydney’s northern beaches.

### **Queen’s birthday honours**

In the Queen’s Birthday Honours list of 1999 Stephen Dearnley was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia — OAM — for “services to sailing and motorcycling”. Columnist and veteran reporter David McNicoll described the award as “a victory for larrikinism” and Stephen as “the leader of the largest motorcycle gang in Australia”. Stephen regarded the coverage as a compliment and great publicity for Ulysses.

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Stephen Dearnley has had a rich and full life. Sadly, he lost Jo in 1996 after her long struggle with rheumatoid arthritis, but their four offspring and 12 grandchildren are constant reminders of her.

Stephen has put more in to everything he’s been associated with than he has taken out. With his organisational flair, common sense, and abundant energy he has made a difference to things and initiated change and development in several fields for the enjoyment and benefit of many others. In his highly individualistic way, he has made the world a better place — and, importantly, he’s had a lot of fun doing it.

Reference: Dearnley, S; *The Ulysses Story*; Ulysses Club Revised Ed, 2003.

*(The photograph with the motor bike is from Stephen’s own collection, and those of the three RN units are from the 1939 and 1944 editions of Jane’s Fighting Ships. The assistance of the Naval Historical Society of Australia with this article is acknowledged with thanks.*

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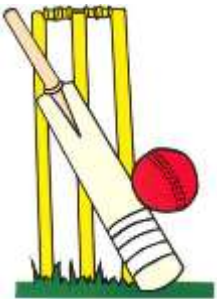
## FAMILY DAY

**Date:- 20th Jan 2019**

**Venue:- Kholo Gardens**

**Time:- 09:00am**

**BBQ Lunch**



A fun day for members and families, bring the kids / Grandkids along, Games and Sports for everybody.

Probably a good idea to bring your own camp chairs along.



**MAYBE !**





Ulysses Club Inc.

Draft Code of Conduct      15th June 2017

### Applicability of the Code

The Code applies to all Ulysses Club members, their proxies and nominated members of committees, employees, or groups formed to assist the Ulysses Club conduct its business.

The Code applies at all Ulysses Club meetings, official visits and events and any other official gathering or meetings where individuals are representing the Ulysses Club

### Member Conduct

#### 1 As a Ulysses Club Committee member, we will;

- act ethically and with integrity;
- make decisions fairly, impartially and promptly, considering all available information, legislation, policies and procedures;
- treat members of the public and colleagues with respect, courtesy, honesty and fairness, and have proper regard for their interests, rights, safety and welfare;
- not harass, bully or discriminate against colleagues, members of the public and employees;
- contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive work environment by our work habits, and professional workplace relationships; and
- fulfilling our purpose as Committee members.

#### 2 Communication and official information - we will:

- not disclose official information or documents acquired through any Ulysses Club Committee, other than as required by law or where proper authorisation is given by The Committee.
- not misuse official information for personal or commercial gain for myself or another;
- adhere to legal requirements, policies and all other lawful directives regarding communication with members of the media and members of the public generally; and
- respect the confidentiality and privacy of all information as it pertains to individuals.

3 Fraudulent and corrupt behaviour - we will: · not engage in fraud or corruption; · report any fraudulent or corrupt behaviour; and · be accountable for the decisions and input we provide.

Accepted at the National Committee meeting 1 July 2017

# Armed Forces and Memorial Day

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M	I	Y	A	R	Y	T	R	S	M	C	S	L	P	HONOR
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To the Ulysses Club Inc. National Administration Office:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ completed a certified **First Aid Course**  
and/or **Rider Training Course** for motorcyclists, conducted by  
the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or Registered Training Individual  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Please find a receipt for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ being the full cost of this course and a copy of the completion certificate.

As a financial member of the Ulysses Club Inc. I wish to claim the applicable rebate for this course.


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Receipt of payment in your name	
Completion Certificate	

Please Post, Fax or Email to the details at top of page.

**\*\* Please note rebates are not automated. The administration team process rebates every 4-6 weeks but this process may take longer in the busy periods\*\***



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