PAM'S PAGE:

Glenbrook Swimming Club 1909 to 1914.

A public meeting was called in November 1909: the object being to form a swimming club. Major Shallard, (this was his name, not an Army rank,) was in the Chair and said he couldn't understand why a club hadn't been formed long ago when we had such a splendid facility in or own backyard. He hoped to see this club grow until all residents, big and small, would be able to learn to swim. Mr. Colin Smith was asked to be Patron. Mr. Don Skarratt was elected President and Mr. A. Boveridge Secretary and Mr. S. Riches, Captain. Mrs C.Dobson has promised a medal as a prize at the first carnival.

A start has been made to erect dressing sheds at the Blue Hole which was what the Blue Pool was known as then. It is a beautiful sheet of water, 200 yds long and picturesquely situated in the creek. When the track is improved, it will be one of the best swimming places in the State and will greatly add to the attraction of Glen-

brook.

The members of the club are hoping the opening and first race meeting will be a success. The President of the Progress Association has donated a strong rope to stretch across the pool so that most nervous swimmers may indulge in a splash and feel safe even in the deep water.

On the 23rd April 1910, the club held a presentation night in the School of Arts to present prizes to the winners of the many races contested at the carnival held recently. (see attached photograph)

At a meeting of the Progress Association it urged that the Government be asked to

declare without delay, that the area surrounding the Blue Hole be made a public reserve. The Association also has in mind to establish a walking path from the Blue Hole to the Bluff. This path would follow the very pretty scenery of Glenbrook Creek. The Bluff itself, is a wonderful piece of straight cliff over 600 feet high.

Although what people would do at the end of the path, I don't know: turn around and go back I suppose.

The following notice appeared in the Nepean Times on the 3rd October, 1914:

"The second AGM of the Glenbrook Swimming Club will be held at ***Jacks ??***  Hotel, Penrith on Tuesday the 6th at 8pm. All members of the Club are

asked to attend."

Apparently the Club was disbanded sometime in 1914 but I can't find out any other information about it.

*Source: Nepean Times.*

*A possibility, Bill, it was highly likely, that the club was disbanded after construction of the railway finished. Doug.*