

Karen Club Rules (page 1)

*Sung to the tune of
"Byebye Blackbird"*

Bye-law 5, subsection E
Calls for an appropriate fee
To be charg'ed
Each and every visitor
And that they should pay much more
Than members' guests.
If we let you fill an application,
You may then attend on strict probation,
(but)
Before a member your are made,
Each Thursday night you must parade
To bribe us with drinks.

Section 3 you may resent
When it calls for ten percent
With late payments.
But, we're sure, you must agree
That this sort of penalty
Should be imposed.
Otherwise, as credit grows progressive,
Sundry debtors tend to be excessive.
(for)
When one ceases taking cash
Members start to get quite rash,
Signing their chits.

We have written Bye-law 8
For children, since they aggravate
Senior members.
As a pretty general rule
Confine them to the swimming pool,
Preferably, below!
Your committee views with consternation,
Their steadily increasing population.
(so)
If you wish to use the bar,
Lock your kiddies in the car
From nightfall on.

'Til your children turn eighteen
They may use the bowling green,
As a privilege.
The courts for squash and tennis too
And even golf but NOT, mind you,
The snooker room.
And now a word of warning to their maters:
"Do not enter with perambulators.
(please)
Feed your infants in the loo
And when their nappy's full of poo
Don't bring them in here."

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Thou shalt be condemned from birth
For gouging lumps out of the turf
On the fairway,
Whilst retribution shall be swift
For each and every sod you lift
Upon the green.
Both golf and fishing have a reputation
For untruthful tales that lack all moderation,
(but)
Faking of the scorecard calls
For confiscation of one's balls,
By Hopley, Bill.

*Note: Bill Hopley was the Karen
Club manager for many years.*

Changing rooms must be kept clean,
Golfers' bags may not be seen,
Signed Bill Hopley.
Do not wear your spikes indoors
'Cos they're hell on parquet floors
And make a noise.
Ten commandments gave the Lord to Moses,
A great deal less than Karen Club imposes.
(but)
Peasants, slaves and concubines
Are nothing to the Phillistines
Found in this club.

The sixteenth bye-law covers all
Conditions for the dining hall,
Bars and lounges.
Bringing sports equipment in
Will be treated as a sin
Under this rule.
If you wish to go upstairs for supper,
Kindly wear a formal bib and tucker;
(remember)
Jeans and T-shirts are no more
Permitted on the upper floor
At **any** time.

If these rules give you the rub,
Why don't you join Parklands Club?
(Or Nairobi?)
We are strong on etiquette
Where lesser clubs don't give a shit
How you behave.
Your committee's striving for perfection,
Leading to eventual re-election.
(and)
If you honour and obey,
We know you'll have a pleasant stay
At Karen Club.

*Petter Finne
1985*