



“GREAT BOWL!!”

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Thanks for the positive feedback. Because of the limited printouts please pass the newsletter to other members after you have read it.

Don't forget if you have photos, articles or even humorous anecdotes see Frank Farrugia, 4647 7735, frank69@westnet.com.au Also if you wish to receive the Newsletter by email please give your email address to the Falcon.

The editor and both bowls committees would like to wish all its members a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

On the Funny Side

A Selector's Prayer

Blessed are they who can play sport
Blessed are they who can still be taught
Blessed are they who accept with grace
To play in any selected place.



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Tournament News

During November a number of members travelled to various parts of the country to represent the Club and have some fun.

Mick McIlveen and Fran and Steve Laker travelled to Southport in Qld to participate in the 2008 Pan Pacific Masters games. This is held bi annually on the Gold Coast and incorporates about 20 different sports including lawn bowls. Fran and Steve Laker contested the mixed pairs taking out a bronze medal. Fran and Mick also contested the singles with Fran winning bronze and Mick just missing out on a medal coming in forth. Steve and Mick finished off a great week by



Above -Mick and Steve show off their gold medals.
Right – Fran and Steve with Bronze



taking out gold in the men's pairs. If you are in for a good time in a great part of the world I would recommend you put this in your calendar for 2010.

Two teams from Camden headed west to play in the Parkes Triples. For a few of the guys this is the third year in a row they have entered this tournament.

Dave Margin, Bob Bracken and Brian Hough, Dave Murray, Graeme Power and John Rofe by all reports came away again having a great weekend with John's side winning one more game than the other guys so bragging rights sit with his team for the next year. This is another great tournament and should be considered by any of those wishing to have a look around the Parkes area. The beer is apparently very good as well.

The annual Robertson Potato Triples has again seen players from Camden represent the Club. Ed Klaassen, Mick Shepherd and Paul Burnes played outstanding bowls throughout the tournament to reach the final. With Mick unavailable for the final Barry Robbins stepped in and helped the team to a great victory. This is another great result for Camden and a great result for the boys.

The mixed pairs final was played on Saturday 15th. John Bugden and Gloria Murray beat Bill and Rhonda Webb, 30 / 10 on the 20th end.

Vale

Dennis Whittle passed away on the 18th November. A Life Member and a stalwart supporter of the Camden Club with an outstanding bowling career behind him, Dennis will be a big loss to the Club and sadly missed.

Umpires Call

I would like to touch briefly this month on attire. In particular the BA logo. In NSW the only articles of clothing requiring the BA logo are shirts, vests and jackets. Not pants, shorts, hats, caps or socks. Also BA logo attire need only be worn in RNSWBA affiliated events. These being club championships, pennants, District and Zone events and RNSWBA sanctioned tournaments. So when creams are required to be worn for a Saturday social it is quite permissible to wear a white polo shirt in lieu of the club shirt although it is good to show the Club colours whenever you can.

If you have a particular question regarding the laws of the game please drop a line to the editor and we will do our best to get it answered.

Until next month, good bowling.

December Program

13th Sat. Ham and Pork Triples (mufti dress)

14th Sun 2009 Club Championship Fours

20th Sat Presentation Day, Premier Age Challenge

Coaches Corner

When giving bowls instructions to your team mate ensure that; the instructions are loud enough for the other person to hear, keep the instruction short and use clear and distinctive hand gestures. Sometimes points are lost from misunderstood communication.

From the Kitchen

The kitchen staff would like to thank the patrons for their past support. Can you also keep in mind that we can also cater for small and large parties. These can include; birthday parties, presentations, get-together, reunions and wakes. Our prices are very competitive and the friendly service is guaranteed. So pass the word on.

From the Committee

1. If you need to order Royal Blue club shorts or long pants for pennants, you will need to see Peter Seddon ASAP. Orders must be in no later than the end of November. Note: Blue pants / shorts will

be the Club uniform for the 2009 Pennant season.

2. New short sleeve club shirts will be on sale for a special offer of \$10 (long sleeve shirts are a little dearer). Subsequent shirts will cost \$40.
3. Players are asked to have their names embroidered in Royal Blue – not gold. Players are also asked to refrain from using offensive nick names.
4. Mr. Kevin Lawler is our new club patron.
5. Remembrance plaques to be installed for past male and female players



A quiet chat with Paul Burnes

Q. How long have you played bowls?

A. About 7 years

Q. What's your preparation before you bowl?

A. I do not use bank or green markers at all. I focus on the target and visualise the line and bowl. To me the position of the mat is of no importance.

Q. How hard is it playing zone or higher grade?

A. Mate they are really deadly. Every shot counts and if you're not in that zone you haven't got a chance.

Q. How would you improve bowls generally?

A. Leads do not practice rolling the jack enough. When the skip needs to vary the distance, the lead's roll is critical. Also leads should not be committed to one side, but should be comfortable playing both sides.

Q. What about pennants?

A. I was a selector for a few years, but gave it up this year. It's a tough thankless job and if there were more club players, the selectors' job would be a lot easier. It should be interesting this year with a few of the RSL players coming back.

Q. What's your goal for 2009?

A. I have won a few titles over the last seven years - except for the major singles. I have been runner up four times and never won it. My goal is to win the major singles.

Q. Favourite vices?

A. Heaps of VB and a packet of fags a game