

February 2009

(Dates subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Dist Pairs	2 <u>GREENS CLOSED</u>	3 James Wall Shield Social	4 Club Fours James Wall Shield	5 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	6 Ladies Alternate Day Rollup	7 C/ship Minor Pairs Dist Pairs Social
8 C/ship Minor Pairs AM Dist Pairs PM	9 <u>GREENS CLOSED</u>	10 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	11 Club Fours Social	12 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	13 Dist/Pairs	14 C/ship Minor Pairs Dist Singles Social
15 C/ship Minor Pairs Dist Singles	16 <u>GREENS CLOSED</u>	17 Mixed Social Dist/Pairs	18 Club Fours Social	19 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	20 Handicap Pairs Evening	21 Pen Trials Dist Singles Social
22 Dist Singles	23 <u>GREENS CLOSED</u>	24 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	25 Dist Singles Social	26 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	27 Handicap Pairs Evening	28 Dist/State Pen begin Social
<u>Date to Remember</u>						
<i>The 2009 70th Anniversary Ball and Presentation of Awards Night is scheduled for the 28th November. Put it in your diary now.</i>						

Camden Bowling Club Newsletter 1/09 - 70th anniversary

"GREAT BOWL!!"



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From the Editor

Hope you all had a great Christmas Holiday and a very merry New Year. I certainly did and the two extra kilos certainly proves it.

From the look of next month's bowling calander it looks like a very busy bowling month. All the very best to all competitors involved and I am sure that the game will be played in the right competitive and friendly spirit that it has always been.

Go Camden Pennant Teams!!

Congratulations Camden Bowling Club on your 70th Birthday, 1939 to 2009.

On the Funny Side

Lead: "How much am I short, skip?"

Skip: "You ought to know, you're closer to it"

NOBODY'S DARLING

Up and down, walking walking,
Often measuring, sometimes chalking;
Shifting mats - keeping score,
thirty ends, maybe more;
Aching back - tired of limb,
Cheers for others, none for him,
Night draws on, darker, darker,
No one cares for he's the marker!

When the Falcon first joined the club I rang up and asked "Is that the local bowling club?" Pete said "It depends where you're calling from."

Overheard on the Greens

After a prominent, top-club bowler delivered a really bad bowl at the recent pennant trial, he expressed his disappointment by a tirade of profanities and deep Neanderthal grunts. The Falcon overheard his tirade and asked, 'Do you mind if I put that in the newsletter?' A sheepish embarrassed look on his face was his obvious reply.

Coaches Corner

With pennants around the corner the following article is very worthwhile trying.

What's In a Rollup

The question is, 'Is a rollup a fun time or is it a training session to improve different aspects of your game?'

For a bowl to be fairly successful it must be practiced.

Meaningful Practice;

1. When you begin a practice session, you should ascertain what your goals are.
2. Single out the 'must' you need to correct your poor shots. Practise until you achieve at least 60% accuracy.

Good Practice (about 5 mins for each section);

1. Practise drawing, (leads practice rolling jack to set distances) then-
2. Place 2 jacks, medium and long. Bowl forehand medium, then backhand long, then forehand long and lastly backhand medium. Mentally record ineffective shots, then -
3. Roll the jack, do not centre, and draw to where the jack stopped, then -
4. Place the jack about 1 meter short of ditch and draw to jack, then -
5. Lastly practice on-shots and drives.

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Did You Know How Bowls are made?

STAGE 1

A lawn bowl begins life as a composite powder, which is compressed into a shape of a solid cylinder. After further pressure, at very high temperatures, it becomes a sphere – not unlike bakelite.

STAGE 2

Composition blanks are carefully inspected and electronically weighed, the first of many inspections which are carried out during the course of production.

STAGE 3

The material is so hard and abrasive the blanks are turned using diamond tools. Consistency of shape and performance is ensured by the use of computer controlled machinery.

STAGE 4

Continuing with the accuracy of shape and size other C.N.C. equipment is used at the secondary operations. Further weight checks to confirm compliance with W.B.B. (World Bowls Board) requirements are also carried out.

STAGE 5

Computers are also used to engrave the sets of 4 bowls. At this point the set has its unique set number, serial number and the W.B.B. & manufacturer's identification engraved on it.

STAGE 6

After engraving, painting of the print and emblems is carried out to enhance the appearance of the bowls. This also aids identification when in play.

STAGE 7

Final testing using the approved and licensed test table. All bowls are tested to the W.B.B. "Master" bowl.

And after all that testing we hackers at Camden bowl 'all over the shop'.



*"There's nothing wrong with saying hard luck!
Just learn to do it without the snigger."*

Try This Quick Quiz (No Cheating)

1. How many size bowls are there in the modern game and name them?
2. What is the name of the dark, dense, oily wood once used to make bowls?
3. True or False. In the sixteenth century sailors once rolled cannon balls as a form of bowls on ship?
4. What is the name of the swing that is taught by accredited coaches to deliver bowls?
5. Name the oldest current playing male and female member?
6. True or False. The 'Thumb on Top Grip' deforms the fingers, wrist, and forearm and is not recommended?
7. What are the dimensions of the green and rinks – in metres?
8. How many current male and female committee members are there?
9. How many accredited male and female coaches does the club have?
10. What is Billy 'Swampy' Marsh's favorite drink?

Entries closed one week after distribution. Place entries in box at office. First prize – date with Swampy. Second prize – drink of choice.

Quiet chat with Baden Harris

Q Tells us about why you decided to play bowls and how you are going?

A I started watching bowls on TV and decided to give it a go. It's been about 4 months since I started and I quickly realised that there is more to the game than meets the eye. A few of my friends tell me its and old man's game etc etc etc, mind you none of them play the game. I am really enjoying playing, meeting people and being part of the Camden Club.

Q What interest do you have besides bowls?

A I raced and bred greyhounds for about 15 years. Overall I would have done alright except that I could not get rid of the dogs when they were retired. So I ended up with a lot of dogs and they became a part of the family.

Bowls News

Ham and Pork Triples

On Saturday the 13th the Ham and Pork Triples was heavily contested. It was great to see that players got into the Christmas mood and there was more tinsel on the green than in the club. Congratulations to Eric and Todd and their teams. From the size of the prizes it is quite evident that the teams' family did not run out of ham or pork over the Christmas break.

Premier Age Challenge – Brian Douglass Trophy

On Saturday 20th it was literally the battle of the ages when four teams (under 50s, 50s, 60s and over 70s) vied for 'bragging rights' to see who were the 2008 Premier Age Champions.

Half way through the challenge it was 'toe to toe' with each age group winning the lead at every end. But like all things everything must come to an end and the 50s team were the winners.

After a touching and moving presentation, President Bill announced that \$1026 was raised for Mater Dei. GO THE 50s.

Presentation and Awards

Congratulations to all the 2008 winners. A special thanks to all the Club supporters – the flag 'tuggers', garden people, game organizers, committee, raffle 'bucketeers', selectors and all the ones I have forgotten to mention.

Karl Szynal, our head coach, played in the prestigious South Pacific Bowls Tournament over the Christmas break. He contested the singles winning through his section to play in the sudden-death finals. He was eventually knocked out by Eric Johannese, international player for South Africa, who in turn was beaten by Steve Glasson, the eventual winner. Great result Karl.

Club Fours What a great tussle it was in the semi finals and final of the Club Fours. Every ounce of energy and concentration was exhausted by players vying for the prestigious title. But alas there can be only one winner. Barney's magnificent four 'guts' it out and proved too strong for Todd and the 'young guns'.



'Top Gun' Eddie winner of Major Singles



A quiet drink after a hard fought game



*Billy 'Nunnya' Marsh recipient of the
2008 Stirrer's Award*