

# March 2009

(Dates subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>GREENS CLOSED</b>	3 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	4 Social	5 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	6 H/cap Pairs evening	7 District Pennants
8	9 <b>GREENS CLOSED</b>	10 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	11 Pennants Social	12 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	13 H/cap Pairs evening	14 District Pennants
15	16 <b>GREENS CLOSED</b>	17 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	18 Pen / Social Vet Day Picton G/Rail	19 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	20 H/cap Pairs evening	21 District Pennants
22	23 <b>GREENS CLOSED</b>	24 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	25 Pennants Social	26 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	27	28 District Pennants
29	30 <b>GREENS CLOSED</b>	31 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm				



## Camden Bowling Club Newsletter 2/09

# “GREAT BOWL!!”

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### On the Funny Side

#### Bowling balls

A little old man boards a bus with a bowling ball in each of his front pockets. He sits down next to a beautiful young lady, and she can't help but glance quizzically at the man and his bulging pockets. It's an uneasy few minutes before, finally, the little old man can take no more. "Bowling balls," he nods reassuringly. The lady seems a little shocked, and stares on. Moments later, she says: "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

#### Four bowlers

Four bowlers were out on the 'Green' practicing. As one of them was about to bowl at the 15th end, which was next to a busy road, they saw a funeral procession go by. Instead of bowling, the bowler removed his cap and placed it on his chest until the funeral had passed. At this point, the other three said, "You know, that was the most touching thing I've ever seen." And the bowler answers, "Well, I was married to her for 15 years. It was the least I could do!"

#### Overheard on the Greens

The Falcon was trying in vain to explain the wind conditions and the effect on bowls to a lead. 'Read the flags... Read the flags'. End after end the lead would bowl narrow. This happened time and time again. Finally the lead asked, 'OK! what do the flags say?' 'Winner of Div 5 Pennants' came the reply.

#### Quote of the day

*A man never tells you anything until you contradict him.* - George Bernard Shaw

### From the Editor

Hello to all you happy bowlers. Thanks for the positive feedback regarding the monthly newsletter and thanks to Steve for his support. From next edition we are starting a for-sale, wanted and freebies column. If you have anything to swap or sell, let me know. Please no old wives to trade in. Congratulations to all the winners and especially the runners-up. Without the runners-up there would be no winners. The bowls office has a new photocopier. After all the profanities and office stationary thrown at the old copier it was decided to either purchase a new copier or replace some very frustrated committee members. Contact numbers for the office;  
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### Some issues from Quarterly Meeting

1. New Major Sponsors join CMBC. See back page. (Support our sponsors)
2. Sunday raffles urgently needs your support. Possibility of postponing raffles and loss of urgently needed revenue.
3. Courtesy bus now running on Fridays.
4. Need players (male and female) for Newcastle visit on Easter Monday.
5. Working Bee, Monday 2nd March to clean up men's locker room.
6. Presentation Night, 28th Nov. Give your support to this important event. SUPPORT YOUR CLUB.
7. There were only 19 members at the meeting. The attending members were very concerned about the possible apathy creeping into the Club. 'Apathy will kill the best of intentions'.



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## Umpires Call

The skip releases the bowl with a full blooded drive. The bowl misses the intended target and is heading for the ditch. The opposing third puts his foot out and stops it before it enters the ditch. The skip asks for the bowl back to have the delivery over again. The opposing team is not happy and calls the umpire. What will he do?

Law 28.1, para. 1 dot point 5 to 8 states;

If the bowl is displaced by an opponent and it has not disturbed the head after it is displaced, the skip of the team that played the bowl should choose weather to;

Have the bowl replayed. Place the bowl where the skip believes it would have come to rest or leave the bowl where it came to rest.

The umpire has no choice but to let the skip play the bowl again. While this would be seen as a some what unsporting action by that skip some players will do anything to win a game. Know you opponent.

Until next month, play fair and enjoy the game.

## Bowls News

### 2008 Ralph Coppock Mixed Pairs

The postponed 2008 Ralph Coppock Mixed Pairs was held on Sunday, 25th January. This event again proving popular with a full compliment of 16 teams competing. In conjunction with the event this year the AER (Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation) Foundation mixed pairs national event was included. This is a Bowls Australia initiative to raise funds for the Foundation. Winning Club pairs go through to a regional final, then to State and then to a national final.

In better than expected conditions following days of high temperatures the weather proved to be much more comfortable and perfect for a day on the green. All games were closely contested with mistakes being costly with only eight ends per game. Going into the last game there were only three two game winners with two of these teams playing each other in the final game. This proved to be the final with the other team being beaten in their final game. The final results saw the formidable team of Ruth and Col Missen taking out the top prize being the only three game winners, Fran Laker and John Bugden coming in second and Robyn Homberg and Steve Laker coming in third.

Margret Coppock and her family again attended the presentation with Margret thanking her sons for being major sponsors of the event.

Ruth and Col will now be invited to play in the regional final of the AER event. I am sure I speak for all in wishing them all the best of luck. Go Camden.

### District Pairs

In the recently held District Pairs Championship Camden was represented by no less than 15 teams across the State, Senior and President Pairs. All teams performed well with 4 teams in the State Pairs losing games by a single shot.

The finals weekend was played in extremely hot conditions but saw three teams progress to the finals day. Ian Couper and Bill Webb played in the semi final of the Senior Pairs being beaten by a strong Bargo team in a very close game by one shot. Great effort Ian and Bill.

Results in the State Pairs saw outstanding efforts by John Bugden and Mick Shepherd easily accounting for the Goulburn team in one semi final and Eddie Klaassen and Karl Szydal coming from a 15 - 0 deficit to beat a shattered Campbelltown team. This made it an all Camden final in the afternoon but we will have to wait and see who represents us at Zone as the game was abandoned and postponed until the 1st March due to the extremely hot weather.

To all who played and especially those who made the finals, fantastic results. Go Camden!

It would be great to see as many members as possible watching the final and cheering our Camden teams on. This is one we can't lose. The final will be completed at Bowral on the 1st March starting at 9:30 am.

### 2009 Razor Back Challenge

On Saturday the 21st February Pennant Grades 2's, 4's and 7's headed over the mountain to contest the inaugural Razor Back Challenge against the strong Picton Club. With a number of players unavailable due to District and personal commitments, the selectors had their hands full changing sides around to find a winning combination. It all came down to the aggregate score of the three sides to decide the winner and with the 7's having a day in the park and winning by a big margin Camden brought the trophy back over the mountain. The 2's had a very positive result only going down by 2 on the big board but winning two rinks to one. The 4's found the going a bit harder going down by 4 but also winning two rinks to one. The 7's winning all three rinks. This is a good

start to our Pennant season and with a bit of fine-tuning by the selectors it should be a good year.

### District Singles

Well done to all the players representing the Club in the 2009 District Singles. Camden again showing it's strength by having a number of players reaching the finals. Bill Skeen played Brain Barnicoat in an all Camden semi final with Brian going onto the final. In a very high quality game Brian came up just short against Joe Cooke from Goulburn. Karl Szydal played off in the semi final against the eventual winner in the State Singles only going down by one shot. A disappointing result for Karl but one the Club should be proud of. Well done Karl and Brian.

On an added note the winner of the State Singles, Hilton Charnock from Goulburn heaped praise on the high quality of the green that was supplied by our green keeper. This was also the general comment from all players who played on the day. Without doubt we have the green keeper setting the standard within the District. Thanks Todd.

Also to all the guys giving up their time to mark the District Singles games a big thank you. Job well done!

ATTENTION all Members. We are currently looking for a Club mascot to bring out on home pennant games and similar events. What we are after is a Ram. While a live ram would be interesting, they are a bit hard to control around the green. So if anybody knows where they can get their hands on a large stuffed ram or sculptured ram please see Steve Laker.

### Coaches Corner

Sometimes it is better to correct bowling problems, which have evolved over time, by seeing a qualified coach. Instead of being frustrated and 'down on your self' just get help. This problem could be a small, physical gesture that has crept into your game without you being aware of it. The friendly, dynamic coaching team is always ready to help.

### Answers to Quick Quiz

1. Ten in all, 00,0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
2. Lignum Vitae
3. True.
4. Pendulum swing

5. Ron Russell and since a woman will never reveal her age no one will know.
6. True
7. The dimensions of the green and rinks is a tricky one. Greens can be a minimum 30m to max 40m. Camden is 35 to 36m and on social days can be divided into 8 rinks but on comp. days can only divided into 7 rinks
8. How many current male and female committee members are there? Lots
9. There are 5 male and ? female coaches.
10. Hahn light

There were no winners

### Fitness2live

There is a new site sponsored by BA with a wealth of different information from health related topics to recipes. If you have access to the internet it is worth a look. Follow the attached link or visit the BA site for further information. Registration is free.

<https://bowlsaustralia.fitness2live.com.au/>

### Mater Dei

A recent visit was made by President Bill and Steve Laker to Mater Dei to present the cheque for the money raised at last years Brian Douglass Trophy. Bill and Steve met with Debbie Gates who was most appreciative of the donation. Debbie was sure the money would go to good use and wished to extend a thank you to all the Camden Bowlers. It is hoped that we can continue this fund raising on an annual basis.

*Shown above is Debbie accepting the cheque from Bill.*

