

April 2009

(Dates subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pennants	2 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	3	4 Dist Pennants
5	6 GREENS CLOSED	7 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	8 Pennants Social	9 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	10 Good Friday	11 Easter
12 Easter	13 Newcastle Visit	14 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	15 Pennants Social	16 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	17	18 Dist Pennants
19	20 GREENS CLOSED	21 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	22 Pennants Social	23 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	24	25 Dist Pennants
26	27 GREENS CLOSED	28 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	29 Maj Singles Social	30 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm		



Camden Bowling Club Newsletter 3/09

“GREAT BOWL!!”

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From the Editor

Hello one and all. Great to see that the Friday night Handicap Pairs is going very well and that playing under the lights has made bowling interesting for some. If you are wondering what the ‘heck’ a dog is doing on this month’s newsletter, well bowling can be a real b.... sometimes and the picture is just a reminder.

To all the Pennant, District and Zone competitors, give your best shot. Do not forget that hard work and perspiration always beats dreaming and hoping.

Klaassen and Karl Szynal. With ends being won by each team on an alternate basis it came down to the last couple of ends before Rick and John overcame their opponents. What an outstanding result for Camden having both Camden teams in the final of the District State Pairs. Well done to both teams. I am sure we wish both John and Mick all the best for the upcoming Zone finals. Go Camden.

Bowls News

2009 District State Pairs Championship



A great site. An all Camden Final in the District State Pairs

From left, Camden ‘Top Guns’ John Bugden, Rick Plumridge, Ed Klaassen, Karl Szynal

On a much cooler Sunday at Bowral than the scheduled date for the final of the District State Pairs the players took to the green to decide the Champions for 2009. With a bit of a set back for team Bugden, Mick Shepherd deciding to shed himself of his gall bladder the week before the final, John needed to find a sub. Rick Plumridge came to the rescue and filled in for Mick against our other Camden finalist Ed



A pensive, cogitative devote (President Bill) views the contenders with awe and deep, parochial admiration.

Great to see at least a few supporters there to cheer our teams on especially those that spent the morning doing the clean up Australia bit around our club and then driving to Bowral to watch the end of the game. Thanks Gloria, Barb, Eric and Dave.



Job Well Done!

Thanks to the guys who turned up for the working bee this month. The jungle, located at the front of the club, was attacked by Joe and his ‘green thumb gang’. The gardens look much better. Also to the crew who spent some considerable time in the locker room cleaning

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DOWNS**

up and cleaning out. I am sure all would agree it looks a lot tidier. Hopefully we can keep personal belonging in lockers or at home. A special thanks to Pete Seddon who has again put his trade skills to the fore and made an umpire's box to house the umpires gear. Mention also to Ted Salmon and the team on the Australia Clean Up Day. While only a few turned out a large amount of rubbish was collected around the club and surrounds. To those Members who helped out, THANK YOU!

On the Funny Side

Kitty and Jack

My husband took up bowling and he bragged upon the phone about some dame called Kitty whom he couldn't leave alone
 He played with Kitty
 he stayed with Kitty
 he picked her up without a hitch
 He missed Kitty
 he kissed Kitty
 he even laid beside her in the ditch
 So I took up bowling
 to win my hubby back
 and found that what he could do with Kitty,
 I could do with Jack



Coaches Corner

When playing pennants you usually play with two bowls, but you should pretend that you have three. Your first hypothetical bowl should be the bowl that you visualize before you get on the mat. Closely examine,

1. How the other bowls react to the green (waves, bumps, gullies etc)
2. Look at the flags (both main and ground) for wind direction
3. How fast is the green running?
4. Place your palm on the green to feel the heat, moisture etc
5. Look at where the other bowls finish. Is there a cluster to the left, right, short or long of jack

6. Most important of all, be confident in yourself. When things go wrong do not be too hard on yourself. This leads to low esteem, tightening of muscles and a grumpy disposition.

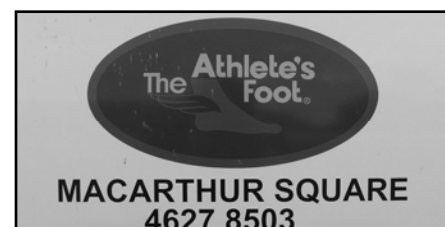
Overheard on the Greens

Recently at a pennants game just up the road, one concerned player asked his mate what the green was like. The other replied, "Mate I had to stop looking at my bowl because I was getting sea sick".



Open Season On Selectors

A few years ago the Falcon played at Majellan Bowling Club. While at the Club he befriended a member named Bergo. Now Bergo was a real dedicated member and a stalwart of the Club. Bergo mowed and rolled the greens every Saturday, served behind the bar and did whatever he could to promote the Club. Bergo was also a pennant selector. One day over a beer Bergo told me that of all the jobs that he has done to help the Club out, being a selector was without a doubt the hardest and 'crappiest' job of the lot. 'You know Falcon it doesn't matter what you do, who you select or who you promote there are always those who complain. Sometimes their talent is not as big as their egos. Then Bergo looked at his beer and whispered, 'It's sought of like open season on selectors'.



Quote Homer Simpsons (TV) was never a skipper but if he was this is what he would have said.
 "You can't keep blaming yourself. Just blame yourself once, and move on".

Interview with the Falcon

How long have you been playing bowls?

Off and on for about 7 years. Sometimes it feels like seven decades.

Why do you find bowls so interesting?

Firstly I love to study the biomechanics of the swing and its effects. But mostly I love to watch people's reaction to good and bad shots. I am always fascinated by members who are in their seventies are still so passionate about the game. I would just be happy to be breathing by that age. Humour and enjoyment is paramount and if you win, it's a bonus.

What do you think of Camden Club?

I love it, because of it's a friendly members and has great greens. The first time I walked in the Club it reminded me of my old club Majellan at Bathurst. It has a real country feel. I personally think that the committee do a great job.

What would you like to see changed?

I know it's a pipe dream but I would dearly love to see the Club somehow buy the club house back and make it a complete bowling club. Yea, yea I know, if my aunty had test..... she would be my uncle. I does not hurt to dream.

Most Embarrassing Moment

At a recent Pennant game a very embarrassing moment occurred for one of our Camden 5 player. It was the last end and one of the Camden 5s team needed a few points to win the game. By this time the other two sides had completed their games and were both victorious, but the overall points were very close so every point was paramount. Nerves were getting the better of a few players and this was evident by some of the poor shots delivered. Two down at the head as the confident Falcon steps on the mat. The Camden gallery hushed to a whisper and then total silence. The Falcon did his preparatory bowl routine and released his bowl. His bowl was smooth, deliberate and for the first few meters dead on track. At once and in unison the gallery urged his bowl with load encouragement. But all of a sudden the Camden gallery hushed to a low rumbling and could not believe their eyes. The Falcon had bowled the wrong bias.

Quote of the day

The difference between a successful bowler and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.

Try This Cryptic Name Game

How many members' surnames can you pick out from the badly written paragraph? Some are obvious and some cryptic. There are about 20. Spellings could be slightly different. (Example Cobbler = Shoemsmith). Answer next month.

The Biscuit and the Cobbler

An old, brown hawk and a falcon scanned the sky looking for tucker. Over the Murray, over the woody marsh and over the orchard they soared. They finally spotted an old, king salmon trying to catch a white spider tending its web. Using their x-ray, the Falcon and the Hawk powered down towards their prey. With little margin for error and with almond and burning eyes they swooped. The Falcon clutched his target with his sharp talons. The Hawk scowled. The last thing the Hawk heard as the Falcon disappeared over the lake, 'You just don't know what you're missin'



FREE

10,000lt above ground pool parts, plus safety fence (no liner or metal wall). Pump, filter, ladder, safety gate, miscellaneous brackets etc. all included. First in best dressed. You need to pick up.

See Frank de Falcon

Wanted

'Brown Thumbs Joe' needs a number of FLOWER TUBS to spruce up the surrounds of the clubhouse. The TUBS should be in a reasonable condition. Joe will accept terracotta, concrete, PVC and wooden half-barrels. Minimum size 300mm (12inches) - but preferably bigger - up to 760mm (28inches) in diameter. If you find anything suitable - please donate it to the Club.

Pick up from your place can be arranged.