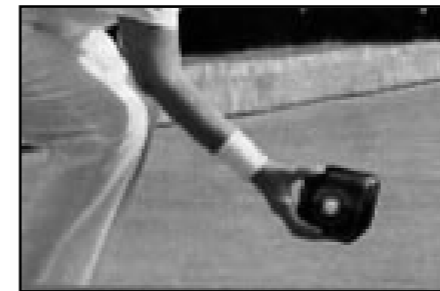


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Camden Bowling Club Newsletter 5/09

“GREAT BOWL!!”

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From the Editor

Welcome to another exciting newsletter edition. Although the newsletter is going well we need more articles from both male and female readers. These can be humorous anecdotes, bowls news or other interests. We have tons of jokes. Even interests stories outside bowls.

Bowls News

The AER (Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation) Foundation regional mixed pairs finals were held at Albion Park BC on the 5th April with our own Ruth and Col Missen representing Camden.

Playing sets play for the first time and a strong team from Albion Park Ruth and Col were off to a nervous start and without getting into their rhythm found themselves down with a large deficit after the nine ends and losing the first set in quick time. Starting the second set on equal terms Ruth was soon into her stride playing great bowls supported well by Col making some great conversion shots. After the end of the second set it was Albion Park 1, Camden 1. With a sudden death three end play off it wasn't to be but both Ruth and Col can be proud of their efforts and certainly doing our club proud.

Thanks also to the supporters who went down to cheer them on including Bill and Rhonda Webb, Fran Laker and Les and Ann Minal.

Corrimal Classic Triples

On the 25th and 26th March Brian Hough, Steve Laker and Dave Price ventured to Corrimal to play in their annual triples tournament. A high level tournament with substantial prize money saw three full greens and a good number of elite bowlers competing.

With six games to play over the two days it was great to play against some of these top line players. With every bowl needing to count, bad bowls were soon punished with lost ends.

Winning the first two games we were in high spirits but soon came back to earth with a loss in the third. Disappointing but happy with our efforts on the first day. Facing the formidable team of Ryan Bester from Canada and Cabramatta Premier League fame in the first game of the second day we were off to a good start winning 5 of the first six ends. But with driving accuracy Ryan blew us off the green with some incredible shots. But what a great experience playing against an international player. With nothing to lose both the last two games were won and a final tally of four wins from six games. This was a thoroughly enjoyable tournament meeting some great guys. I would encourage all players when they can to get out there and play in these tournaments which I am sure helps to improve your bowls.



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Ruth and Col Missen with their medals.



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Newcastle District visits Camden

Camden Bowling Club was the host of the Newcastle District visit to the STDBA on Easter Monday. Following visits to Bowral on the Saturday and Goulburn on Sunday, Camden was the final venue prior to heading home.

A full compliment of visitors travelled south this year in a tradition that has now been going for 51 years. On a reciprocal alternate basis, the STDBA and Newcastle make the visit to each others District every Easter.

Being lucky with the weather following heavy overnight rain all players were on the green and enjoying the company and social bowls that goes with this visit. With the clouds again closing in it started to rain but not before some close games were played and the bell was ready to go for lunch anyway. A lovely meal was served up by our Chef, Dylan and his crew followed by the official side of things. Both the Newcastle and STDBA Executive commented on what a wonderful day they had and the wonderful hospitality of the Camden Club and its Members.

Thanks to all those that supported the day and especially our green keeper Todd, working on his day off and Dylan, also happy to support the day on his day off.

Camden of course one the overall score on the day. Great work.

Footnote: This is a great weekend away when the STDBA heads north every second year. Notices for next year will be up towards the end of the year if you are interested or see Steve Laker for further details.



Bowlers enjoying a great meal

2009 Handicap Pairs

A delay in the date to play the final of the 2009 Handicap Pairs made no difference to the high quality of bowls played between the finalists. Both teams, Mick Shepherd / Ian Couper and Ed Klaassen / Barry Taylor played a game where the winner was only decided on the last end.

With less than ideal weather conditions each end usually came down to the last bowl and had all the spectators engrossed in the game. After a marathon five hours Mick and Ian had the upper hand on the last end holding a one shot lead. But Ed and Barry showed why they are a couple of the form players at the Club scoring two on the last end and taking the final by one shot. Congratulations to all players especially Ed and Barry.



2009 Handicap Pairs winner,, Ed & Barry

2010 Grade 6 State Pennant Final

On the 3rd May Steve Laker, President Bill and Club Presidents from Campbelltown and Picton will be making a submission to the Zone 5 delegates at Lithgow to host the 2010 Grade 6 State Pennant finals at the three clubs. It is intended to host the preliminary finals at Campbelltown and Camden with the final to be played at Picton.

Zone 5 is scheduled to host the final in 2010 and have asked for submissions from each District. Three Districts have nominated including the STDBA, Nepean and Western Districts.

The results of the submission will be passed on in the next news letter. Wish us luck.

Women's Bowl News

Our pennant teams have done very well this year. No 2 Pennants finished 3. No 4 Pennants have finished 2.

One team received an 8 pin in their first match. Nepean Plate has started and they, too are doing well.

We are holding our annual sixes tournament on Friday 22nd May. Raffle tickets, to go to this event will be coming out soon. There are some great prizes. Your support, both men and ladies, is urgently needed.

The Ladies Club turns 50 next year and we will be holding a 50th Birthday celebration some time in May 2010. To support this great event we will be holding a series of fund raising events during the next 12 months. We would appreciate any support and ideas for fund raising from ALL members.

On the Funny Side

One of our older bowlers went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw him walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to him and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' he replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

Just before a pennant game one of our bowler shuffled slowly into an ice cream shop and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?' 'No,' Big John replied, 'Arthritis.'

At social bowls last Thursday a bowler said, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.' Second bowler says, 'Windy, isn't it?' Third bowler says, 'No, it's Thursday!' Fourth one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'



Oh To play Bowls at Camden

Bowls they say is an old man's game and is older than Noah's ark.

But those who play it, say it's tough and the knockers are left in the dark.

The winners, the losers and the guns on the green always have their say.

They forget all their troubles, and those woes and they just want to play.

The Camden boys are a funny lot, some big, some small and some new, Some can bowl and some just try while others just don't have a clue.

They grunt and they puff and they give it best 'cause the game is a real tester.

But now and then when bowls look bleak, they finally get a wrestler.

Pennant time is the best part of the year where the bowlers just give it their all

But selectors do know that at the end of the day some egos will just have to fall.

They jostle and shove to get to the top and it's tough at the top of the grade

But when they win by 'toughing it out' they know that they have it made.

It's not the cheers or who won or who lost, that bowlers are really after

It's the mates and the jokes they love to share and of course the 'jackular' laughter.

When all is done and the bowls are packed and the hand shakes are all over

The Camden Boys will be back next week and they'll gladly do it all over

The Falcon

Cryptic Name Game Answer

The Biscuit (Arnott) and the Cobbler (Shoemith)
An old (Old), brown (Brown) hawk (Hawke) and a falcon (Farrugia) scanned the sky looking for tucker (Tucker). Over the Murray (Murray), over the woody (Wood) marsh (Marsh) and over the orchard (Orchard) they soared. They finally spotted an old (Old), king (King) salmon (Salmon) trying to catch a white (White) spider pulling (Pulling) and cleaning its web (Webb). Using their near x-ray (Ray) vision, the falcon (Farrugia) and the hawk (Hawke) powered (Power) down towards the prey. With little margin for error and with almond (Almond) and burning (Burnes) eyes they swooped. The falcon (Farrugia) clutched his target with his sharp talons. The hawk (Hawke) scowled. The last thing the hawk (Hawke) heard as the falcon (Farrugia) disappeared over the lake (Laker), 'You just don't know what you're missin' (Missen)