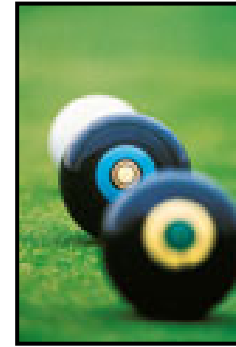


June 2009

(Dates subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 GREENS CLOSED	2 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	3 <i>Ladies Major Pairs ¼ Meeting</i>	4 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	5	6
7	8 GREENS CLOSED	9 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	10 <i>Ladies Major Pairs Social</i>	11 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	12	13 Zone5 Pen. Final Social
14 Zone5 Pen. Final	15 GREENS CLOSED	16 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	17 <i>Ladies Major Pairs Social</i>	18 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	19	20 C/ship Maj Singles Social
21 C/ship Maj Singles Dist 4s	22 GREENS CLOSED	23 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	24 <i>Ladies Club Triples Social</i>	25 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	26	27 C/ship Maj Pairs Social
28 Club Singles Final STDBA v Nepean	29 GREENS CLOSED	30 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm				



Camden Bowling Club Newsletter 6/09 “GREAT BOWL!!”

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From the Editor

Hello to all our Club members. Thanks again for the positive feed back to our monthly newsletter. The production of the newsletter is a team effort and although my boofhead name at the top, there are a lot of members in the background giving it their full support. I need photos for a slideshow that will be shown at this year's presentation in November.

Bowls News

Anzac Day

The Anzac bowls day proved popular with close to 60 players turning out for the Memorial Service and bowls.

The day began with a short Memorial service with speeches by our Patron Kevin Lawler, Men's President Bill and Lady President Joyce. Following the laying of wreaths and the raising of the flag the players then moved on to an afternoon of good friendship and somewhat confused bowls. While nobody was not too sure on what was going on, there was plenty of laughter and humour. All that played will now sympathize with Ron Russell. Ron has been bowling with his 'other' hand due to an injury to his favoured arm.

A serve of mashie peas, snags and mash completed the bowls afternoon. All agreed that it was a great day and more of the same should be held.

Great work Peter and Rob for organizing the day.

And The Winner Is....

At the half-yearly Zone 5 Meeting at Lithgow, president Bill Webb and the presidents from the Picton and Campbelltown Clubs and STDBA representative to Zone Steve Laker presented the STDBA nomination for hosting the 2010 Grade 6 State Pennant final.

Following a number of meetings and some amount of work going into the presentation,

letters of support from both the Mayor of Camden and Campbelltown and a number of other organizational requirements a somewhat nervous team put our nomination forward.

Competing against three other Districts the team had to go through two rounds of voting. The first to decide the main two nominations, eliminating two others. The majority vote went the way of the STDBA and Nepean. Following a further round of questions and submissions ,the final vote was taken. To an elated STDBA team the vote went their way 14 to 8.

So now the work really begins. I am sure all Members at the Club would be proud of this achievement and hopefully will lend a hand when asked to make this a great event to show piece our great Club.

A Zone Representative Is Amongst Us

At the recent Zone OGM the Senior Zone Side was selected. The selection for this side is very competitive with some outstanding players over sixty playing within the Zone. The final side selected saw our own Brian Barnicoat being selected as a second.

Congratulations Brian and good luck in the upcoming event in Coffs Harbour. I am sure you will do our Club proud. Go Camden.



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Pennants 2 - 4 - 6

What a fantastic result for the Camden Club. Three grades winning the District Pennant and progressing to the Zone play off's. With both the 2's and 6's heading for Lithgow for the Zone finals and the 4's a bit closer at Lawson. June should be an exciting month for our large contingent of players and hopefully as many supporters as can make it to one of the three venues.

Well done also to our other two sides who were very competitive. The 7's who only just missed out by half a point and the 5s who ran third.

To all players, managers, (well done Ladies and Gents) supporters and particularly our Selectors who have been under the pump all season, CONGRATULATIONS !!

Footnote: To all you supporters heading for the Zone finals, find all those red, white and blue streamers, shirts and anything else with the club colours. Also our mascot Macca the ram would be good to see if you have one. GO CAMDEN.

From The Ladies

Our Pennant teams performed very well this year. The No. 2 teams finished 3rd, the No. 4 teams finished 2nd and the Nepean plate side finished 3rd. This was a very good result for the Nepean Plate as there were new bowlers in this team.

Barbara Mulley, Eva Yates, Ivy Gleeson and Kay McBrydie, who were members of the No. 4 Pennant team, received their 8 pins. They won these in the first game of the Pennant competition.

Congratulations to Mary Burton, Fay Clayton, Gloria Murray and Joyce Doherty on winning the club fours.

Our major singles is now being played and is up to the semi-final stage.

FEES

The financial year is ending on the 30th June and fees are due by that date. There is definitely no 30 days grace in paying fees from the end of June. Also at the last quarterly meeting it was voted that fees will increase to \$115.00 per year due to Royal and Zone fee increases. As in previous years fees may be paid in two installments. \$60 by 30th June and the remaining \$55 by 31st October. For any hardship in paying fees, a letter should be written to the Secretary for review by the Executive no later than the 30th June. Members

failing to pay fees by the 30th June will have their Membership deleted as directed by the Royal.

On the Funny Side



Overheard On The Green

'You know the series that was just on TV 'Farmer Wants A Wife', well the Club should run something like 'A Bowler Wants A Husband'. I am sure it would be a big hit with some of the ladies.

Wanted

After much deliberation, it was muted in the corridors of power that a great idea to raise money would be to publish a Camden Bowles Calendar. Just like the movie *Calendar Girls*. So if there are any aspiring actors, members with a free spirit or bodies like Adonis or Venus see the Falcon for an entry form – male or female. It might be a limited publication but the results would be priceless.



Quotes

In bowls, there is no substitute for victory.

The only place where success comes before bowls is in the dictionary.

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

Unsung Heroes

On one of my latest photo excursion at the Club, I noticed a lonely gardener crouched on his knees. When I got closer I saw gardener Joe. Joe was weeding a garden bed in the very far corner, near the flagpole. By the amount of displaced weeds I estimated that the he had been there for some time. When most men would do nearly anything to get out of gardening at home, here was Joe volunteering his time and energy to do his bit for the Club. I was very impressed that Joe, and many other unsung heroes, do so much for the Club and ask very little in return. I thought that it was gestures like this that separates our Club from the rest.

Joe wanted to thank everyone for the pots. If you have any decorative plants to donate, camellias etc, Joe would love to hear from you.



Tuesdays Inspirational Player

Tuesday Mixed Mufti bowls continues to enjoy good numbers with the emphasis being on fun while still being competitive.

One of the most outstanding and loyal players is Steve Irwin. What is so special about Steve is that a while ago he underwent surgery that removed part of his leg. Recently he underwent further surgery and removed part of his second leg. Although Steve is limited to his wheel chair, he is still determined to continue to play bowls.

Steve played two games in his wheel chair and will return once his chair is modified.

We doff our hats to you Steve for your gutsy and determined effort - truly inspirational.



Interview with Pat Callaghan

Pat joined the Camden Bowling Club in 1993 and has been serving on the CMBC Committee since 1994.

The positions that Pat held are;

1. Publicity Officer since 1995
2. Assistant Bowls Organiser in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002
3. Bowls Organiser in 2004
4. Organised a 'Dad's Army' of volunteers from 1994 til 2002.
5. Master cook of countless sausage sizzles

Bowls achievement

1. Won Consistence Singles in 1994
2. Won Minor Singles in 1999
3. Won Minor Pairs in 2000
4. Won Club Triples in 2005
5. Runner-up Handicap Pairs 2002
6. Runner-up Club Triples 2002
7. Runner-up Club Fours 2003

Pennants participation 2s, 4s, 5s and 6s.

I am sure that there a lot more dedicated members in the Club. It is good to acknowledge them for their past efforts.