

July 2009

(Dates subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Club Triples Social	2 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	3	4 C/ship Maj Pairs Social
5 C/ship Maj Pairs	6 GREENS CLOSED	7 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	8 Club Triples Social	9 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	10	11 C/ship Triples Social
12 C/ship Maj Pairs am & pm	13 Ladies Wolinski Shield	14 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	15 Social	16 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	17	18 C/ship Triples Social
19 C/ship Triples	20 GREENS CLOSED	21 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	22 Minor Singles Social	23 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	24	25 C/ship Triples Social
26 Kevin Lawler Triples	27 GREENS CLOSED	28 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	29 Minor Singles Social	30	31	



Camden Bowling Club Newsletter 7/09

“GREAT BOWL!!”

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From the Editor

The bowling greens are sure a hive of activity with both major and minor singles well on the way with games played between showery days. Congratulations to ALL players. A big thanks goes to Peter Seddon, and his trusty assistant Rob Mellor, for doing a great job with the cards.

What a great effort from our 2's, 4's and 6's. See Bowls News below.

The response for the club's archive collection seems to be going OK but the trickling information is slow. I am sure that there are members with a wealth of information that is sitting at home collecting dust. If the members do not want to donate their memorabilia, I would gladly copy them and return their information. The material gathered, is going to be used to compile a detail history of the club. Nothing frustrates authors more than members saying, 'Oh I had a lot of information about that stuff – you should have just asked me' after the book is printed. I am particularly looking for humorous anecdotes that happen in the club in the earlier years. See the Falcon.

Bowls News

Grade 2 freeze their bowls off at Lithgow

In the first game, the 2's won 2 rinks at Lithgow Workers but eventually lost by only 8 shots. Lithgow Workers were the eventual winners. Considering the adverse weather conditions (chill factor of about -8 degrees) and the artificial surface, Grade 2 pennants played exceptionally well.

In the second game, the luckless 2's unfortunately started on the wrong foot. With dogged tenacity, they hung on to the last. Although still mathematically in the game with a chance, a win evaded the 2's. Eventually the deficit was too great.

Congratulations to all the players for their Camden effort. A special thank you to the team manager, Kay Price. As cold as it was the warmth from the camaraderie and good spirit that the game was played was a credit to the players and the Camden Club.

Grade 4 - Luckless at Lawson

Grade 4 Pennant Teams had three games to play at Lawson to progress through to the State Finals. Game 1 against Lithgow Workies was a one sided affair with the Camden side wiping them off the green with a win and a margin of +48 shots. This was a great start. Game 2 saw Glenbrook a harder nut to crack with Camden eventually going down by only 2 shots. With Saturday's results, it came down to Camden V Grenfell on Sunday to decide the winner.

There was a great atmosphere with a good number of Grenfell supporters only being out done by our own Grade 2 who not having to play on Sunday turned up to cheer us on. With all 3 teams putting in good performances against strong opposition and scores level with only a handful of ends remaining the crowd was cheering every shot. Coming down to the last end Camden was 4



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shots down and just fell short of the target losing by only 2 shots. So close yet so far away to a State final.

Credit needs to go to the whole side, not only for their performance on green but for enjoying a great weekend together.

Special thanks to John Rofe. John was our number one supporter and ready to fill in if there was a need. A special thanks to Fran Laker for managing the side over the weekend. It was also great to have the Grade 2 players turn up and show their support. It nearly made the difference.

Grade 6 – Just miss out at Lithgow

On Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June, in freezing conditions, the Grade 6 Pennant Teams played three games at Lithgow City Bowling Club

Games played were very closely contested and the scores going up and down throughout the games. Although the Camden Boys played very well our teams did not win a game. They lost two games by 8 shots and one game by 1 shot. All their opposing teams were in the running to win the zone pennant.

The officials at Lithgow City Bowling Club proved to be perfect hosts and couldn't do enough for our team. The lunches on both days were very enjoyable.

I think everyone enjoyed the weekend and were happy with their accommodation.

Les Sims and Bill Richards both won a pair of bowls shoes in the raffles and Bob Clapson won a bottle of wine.

It was a great effort by players, managers and supporters.

Bowlers head South for the winter

The Blue Water Classic held in Narooma on the south coast on the long weekend saw two Camden teams competing. A high level of competition over the weekend is seen with some of the well know bowlers along the east coast nominating. Among these were Eric Johannes (eventual winner), Ryan Bester and Jeremy Henry to name a few.

This is the second year for one of the teams and the first for the other. Arriving two days before to settle in and enjoy the hospitality both teams were off to a seedy start. The event is held over three days with five games. Results were even with both teams winning two games

each. Not to bad but there were definitely the ones that got away.

Which leads to the added story of not only there being great bowls but great fishing. With Rob Heininger taking his boat, fishing was the other pass time. This had a great result with a number of fish being caught including the best of the weekend shown in the picture.

A round of golf finished off the weekend at the renowned Narooma course. Another great way to spend a day.

Bookings have already been made for next year. This could be a yearly event for some time to come.



Funny Story

An elderly bowls couple had dinner at another bowls couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.' The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?' The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know.... the one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?' 'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'



Funny Signs

- Sign on the door of a vet's waiting room, 'Back in five minutes, Sit.....Stay'
- A sign over a gynaecologist's office: "Dr Jones, at your cervix"
- On the door of a plastic surgeon's office: We can help you pick your nose!"
- At an optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."
- On a maternity room door: "Push, Push, Push,"
- In the front yard of a funeral home: "Drive carefully We'll wait."
- Ad on the side of a plumber's truck: We repair what your husband fixed,"
- Another slogan on the truck of a plumbing company; "Don't sleep with a drip. Call a plumber"



Overheard On The Green

'When I went to play at Lithgow for the pennants play off I made sure I was rugged up. I was really cold so I put on my thermal long johns, thermal singlet, tee shirt, club top, woolen jumper and jacket. I felt really worm. The only trouble was that I could not move and delivering bowls was near impossible'.

You are invited to the 2009 CMBC Presentation Awards – celebrating 70 years

- *Date Sat 28th November*
- *6pm Start*
- *\$30 per ticket*
- *Tables of 8 – see Ted Salmon*
- *4 course meal*
- *Dress semi formal*
- *Live entertainment and dancing*

The awards night is the Club's main function. Support your Club and make the night a great success. Please book early



A quiet chat with Peter Watson

The Falcon's quest for the club's archival information took me to the Peter Watson house a few weeks ago. Peter, who is a life member and a past stalwart of the club, was very generous with his time and donated a wealth of photos and information.

Peter is in his early 80s enjoys relative good health, apart from his failing eyes. This is what he had to say.

'The Club was so different in my days. Joining the club was not as easy as it is today. I had to wait a while because the books were closed at 250 members. Because of the large number of members, games were virtually continuous. We would entertain other clubs from all over the district. It was a very busy club and a very busy restaurant. Camden Bowling Club was one of the strongest clubs in the district'.

We all know that Bob Pinkerton was a great bowler, but what was he like as a person?

'Bob was a gentleman's gentleman on and off the green. But, when he played he was totally focused on the job. On his bowls his logo was a pink curtain – 'pinkerton', get it. He was a great man. Bob loved to teach anyone who wanted to learn. He nurtured many young kids and many learners and had time for them all'.

As Peter was telling me his story, I noticed that for a brief moment the passion and love for his beloved Camden Club was there again.