

November 2009

(Dates subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 GREENS CLOSED	3 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	4 <i>Social Bowls</i>	5 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	6 Basil Crouch Vet Pairs	7 Robertson Potato Triples
8 Robertson Potato Triples	9 GREENS CLOSED	10 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	11 <i>Social Bowls</i>	12 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	13 Basil Crouch Vet Pairs	14 Robertson Potato Triples
15	16 GREENS CLOSED	17 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	18 <i>Social Bowls</i>	19 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	20 Basil Crouch Vet Pairs	21 Robertson Potato Triples
22 STDBA Vs South Coast	23 GREENS CLOSED	24 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	25 <i>Social Bowls</i>	26 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	27	28 Social
29	30 GREENS CLOSED					



Camden Bowling Club Newsletter 10/09

“GREAT BOWL!!”

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From the Editor

What a great response to the 70th Year Annual Presentation Night. The booked out event truly reflects the positive mood of the Club. A big thanks to the organizers who have done a marvelous job with the entire project. It should be a night to remember.

With all of the championships finally over, most bowlers are winding down and getting ready for the social aspect of the Club.

Congratulations, not only to this year's winners, but also to all those who competed in this years events. Do not forget that without all those who did not make it to the finals, there would be no winners.

Melbourne Cup day is on again and looks to be a great day with Chef Dylan preparing another culinary feast. See Dylan for more information.

Bowls News

2009 Footy Fever Finals

Every dog has his day or should it be said that say every slippery eel has his 5 minutes of glory. The 2009 Footy Fever Final was played on 3 October, in what can be said a very friendly and social atmosphere. The organization went as well as a social event can go. The theme of the afternoon was to have fun, cheer for your NRL club and enjoy bowls. And from all accounts that is exactly what a LOT of the players did. Although it must be said that the early games did begin very somber and quiet, but by the later games many victorious supporters found their voice and let all those around them know it – especially Corey.

Four rounds of 5 ends were played and the 4 top winners played the semis. There was no surprise with Woody, Coup and Burnsey winning but much to everyone's surprise the Eels team of Falcon, Lipscombe and Faida snuck in by the proverbial pubic. Burnsey took care of Coup, but Falcon's team beat Woody in

easy fashion. Before the finals started, Burnsey eyed the Falcon and under his breath mentioned that he will make it as painless as possible. The Falcon tried to smile in vain but the nerves were as evident as the beers and smokes that Burnes was devouring.

With the gallery in full voice, the finals got under way. In what was supposed to be an easy win, Burnsey and his team were struggling to say the least. Falcon's team hit their straps and played the best bowls they had played all day. It was all over – Burnsey lost.

Whenever you put your name for an event, always remember every bowler has his 5 minutes of fame and the next time it could be you.

Janome NSW Open Pairs

On October 3 2009 Karl Szynal and Eddie Klaassen sought entry into the Janome NSW Open. They had to gain entry by first winning their section of qualifying rounds held at Sylvania Bowling Club.

The day was wet and miserable. However, Karl and Eddie played well enough to win their section and gain entry into the NSW Open's Main draw on 6th October 2009 at Taren Pont Bowling Club.



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This years NSW Open Pairs had a very strong contingent namely, Leif Selby, Steve Glasson, Aron Sheriff and Jeremy Henry each vying for their share of the \$30000 prize pool. Karl and Eddie drew Mark Berghofer and Lee Schraener, two representative players. Mark and Lee won the first set 11-2, but Karl and Eddie fought back to win the second set 6-5. This resulted in a three-end tiebreaker. Mark won the toss and forced Karl to go first. The first end went terribly wrong. Mark was holding two shots. Karl decided to play with weight. Although Karl was successful in hitting the jack, the jack moved to a more favourable position for the opposition.

Eddie was unlucky and just missed the jack and the opposition ended up with 4 shots. The second end looked promising, only to be beaten by Lee's last bowl to go down by one shot. At this point Karl and Eddie were down 5 shots and needed at least five shots to force the game into another tiebreaker end. The third end was going well. Karl and Eddie were holding 4 shots when Lee managed to cut it down to three.

There was still a glimmer of hope. Eddie had a chance to roll Lee's closest bowl two turns to get a five count and put pressure on Lee's last bowl but Eddie's bowl missed by a couple of millimetres. Hence, there was no need for Lee to play his last bowl and they won the tiebreaker 5-3.

Well done to the men from Camden. The event saw some very entertaining bowls with many of the big name players being beaten. The event was eventually won by David Holt and Neil Burkett both international players who currently play for Cabramatta Bowling Club in this year's Premier League Competition.

Durrington and Auld Competitions

The tradition of the **Durrington** event between Camden and the RSL continued this year albeit with lesser teams than what has normally been played. With the RSL struggling with membership, they were only able to field four teams to make their side. In some respects, this was a good thing as it gave our selectors a bit of freedom to play some players in new positions and higher grades.

Starting with a side that was missing some of our better players, Camden still proved too strong for the RSL with all rinks having a win. The final aggregate score having a clear margin

over the RSL and after a few close scores early, the final result was never in doubt.

Well done to all the players involved, representing the club with good sportsmanship and ability.

Durrington results

Paul Burnes won 27 – 17

Bill Webb won 29 – 7

Steve Laker won 24 – 13

Allan Wood won 28 – 23

The **Auld** was very competitive and the final aggregate score was very close. Although Camden shot off to a handy lead, Camden RSL fought back throughout the game and did lead at the latter stage. At times the score varied by only a few shots. **It wasn't until Bob Clapson played his final end**, that the final score was known. Camden won by 3 shots. The annual event has always proved to be extremely competitive and hard-fought tussle between the two Clubs, but it must be said that the 'gamesmanship' by some RSL members was truly pushed to the limit. It must be also pointed out that players have particular responsibilities during the game and that those players should strictly adhere to them.

GO CAMDEN!

Auld results;

Frank Farrugia won 30 – 19

Joe Rainer lost 16 – 19

Ted Salmon won 23- 17

Bob Clapson lost 21 -10



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Ladies Bowls News

We would like to wish Olive Sach a speedy recovery; she is in hospital with pneumonia.

The final of the Major/Minor pairs is to be played between Kristie Denison and Olive Sach and Kay Price and Ruth Missen, probably in a couple of weeks time.

The Consistency Singles is to start next week.

Gloria Murray represented the Nepean District against Lansdowne District last week and Nepean won for the first time, well done by all players.

Beryl Selems also represented Nepean District against Western Districts, Blue Mountains and Nepean was successful in that game as well.

Five teams of lady bowlers went to Picton last week for a Breast Cancer tournament. Everyone had a great time and they raised lots of money for the Glen and Jane McGrath foundation.

On Saturday 24th, Gloria Murray and Karl Szynal played Col and Ruth Missen in the final of the Mixed Pairs. It was a very good game with Gloria and Karl winning, congratulations to all four players.

From the Scrapbook - Getting up early is simply a question of mind over mattress.

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Funny Stories

An old Camden top bowler sat down at the Club and ordered a schooner. As he sat drinking his beer, a young, buxom woman sat down next to him.

She turned to the bowler and asked, 'Are you a good bowler?'

He replied,

'Well, I've spent my whole life playing bowls, practice every day, going to tournaments, testing new bowls, coached by the best, going to every possible event with bowls involved, I win most tournaments I enter, I live and breath

bowls every minute of the day, so I guess I am a good bowler.'

She said, 'I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about naked women. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about naked women. When I shower, I think about naked women. When I watch TV, I think about naked women. It seems everything makes me think of naked women.'

The two sat sipping in silence.

A little while later, a man sat down on the other side of the good bowler and asked, 'Are you a good bowler?'

He replied,

'I always thought I was, but I just found out I'm a lesbian.'



A Variation of Bowls Played Overseas

Crown Green Bowling utilises the entire green. A player can send the jack anywhere on the green in this game and the green itself is more akin to a golf green, with lots of undulation. Crown Green Bowls is very popular mostly in the North of England but also in Wales, West Midlands and Shropshire. The game is played usually to 21-up in Singles and Doubles format with some competitions playing to 31-up. The Panel (Professional Crown Green Bowls) is played at the Red Lion, Westhoughton daily and is played to 41-up with greenside betting throughout play.

Overheard On The Green

At a recent event a third was having a lot of trouble finding his weight. After 11 ends the third finally planted a wrester and the smile on his face was here 'ear to ear'. The skip yelled out, 'Welcome back from your holidays'. The third pointing to his watch quickly replied, 'I told you it might take a few ends to warm up'.