

# "GREAT BOWL!!"

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## December 2009 (Dates subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	2 <i>Ham &amp; Pork</i>	3 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	4	5 Championship Fours Social
6	7 GREENS CLOSED	8 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	9 <i>Presentation Day Christmas Break-up</i>	10 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	11	12 Championship Fours Social
13 Ham & Pork Triples	14 GREENS CLOSED	15 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	16	17 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	18	19 Premier Age Challenge Brian Douglas
20	21 GREENS CLOSED	22 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	23	24 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing day
27	28 GREENS CLOSED	29 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	30	31 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm		

### From the Editor

Now that the second green is in operation, I noticed a lot of happy 'bowling' faces around the Club.

I need your help. I am working on Bob Pinkerton chapter of the Club's book and although I have his full bowl achievements, I need stories about Bob's adventures at our Club and other clubs. These can be funny, about bowls, after the game stories, what happened on trip etc. The stories can get to me, written, on tape, by drum or even emailed. I am trying to get on print what Bob was really like. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

### Bowls News

#### The Intrepid Six go to Parkes



Team 1, Baden (Poker) Harris, Frank (Falcon) Farrugia and John (Happy) Rofo

The eventual winners hailed from Forbes with a winning margin of 5 wins +99. The winning margin indicates the high caliber of the field and the talent of these elite players. It was a memorable event with one member wearing his pants back-to-front to the local Poker Tournament. Believe it or not, in his first game he blitzed the field of 29 players. Another player built up so much 'pressure in the head' during the games that he nearly passed out. But the best of the weekend goes to the skip, when asked how he was going ran to the nearest tree and mimicked throwing a rope over the branch and pretended to hang himself – they went down by 33 points.

The intrepid Camden players did themselves and the Club proud and made many new friends at Parkes. Something also must be said, it was just 'Too Easy'.



Team 2, Bob (Eat'm up) Bracken, Corey (Too Easy) Fraser and Brian (Hang'm high) Hough.

Six intrepid Camden members traveled to Parkes on the weekend of 30 October, to compete in the annual Parkes Classic Triples. The event consisted of 3 x 15 ends on Saturday and 2 x 15 ends on Sunday, with 84 players competed for money.

Although team 1 looked good on paper, they suffered 4 losses and 1 win. Team 2 started well with 2 straight wins, but they finished with 2 wins and 3 losses. It should be pointed out that the only game that team 1 won was against team 2. The competitive nature of the Camden teams and the noisy game was enough to turn heads.



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## The Potato Triples

Two triples teams from Camden headed for the Southern Highlands Robertson Club to compete in the Potato Triples. Paul Burnes, Mick Shepherd and Bill Webb made up one team and Steve Laker, Mick McIlveen and Ivor Watkiss the other.

One of the team indicated that a check of the weather on the computer showed no rain and good conditions for the day. It was obvious that Robertson isn't on the radar as the day turned out to be miserable, with passing showers, a cold wind and fog rolling across the green for most of the day. To add to the less than ordinary weather conditions the green was like sponge pudding with lumps and bumps everywhere. While it is said that the conditions are the same for both teams the bowls were doing some peculiar things and it was near impossible to judge weight or line. The final result saw both teams doing their best but unfortunately neither were able to win their section to proceed to the next round.

There may be some careful consideration before any of the guys head down that way next year.

## Ralph Coppock Mixed Pairs

Scheduling the event between green renovations saw the event being played a bit later than usual, but again this tournament proved popular with a full entry of twenty eight teams.

On a clear spring day and two full greens of bowlers, the event was off to a great start. It was also good to see four visiting clubs taking part and mixing it with our Ladies and Men bowlers.

The talk of the day was the contrasting greens. One coming back in and being played on for the first time and one on it's last legs and looking a bit the worse for wear prior to it being completely rebuilt. But how good is our green keeper. The new green was running at a good pace and as true as a billiard table and the other, even by the end of the day, running at a great pace and also as true as a green at its best. Great job Todd!

All agreed by the end of the day that although it was a little warm and some having weary legs it was a fantastic tournament.

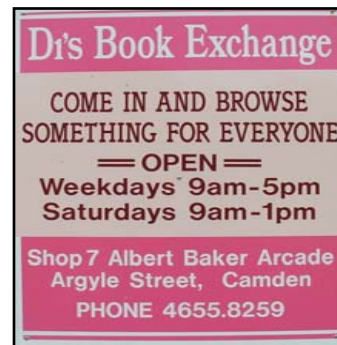
The results saw one of the visiting teams from Ingleburn taking the prize. It was also satisfying that both players were in their teens, and

showing some of us older bowlers that younger players can mix it with the best of them.

Final results were first Sharon and Daniel Farrell (Ingleburn) 81 points, second Jean and Bill Schofield 79 points on a count back, third Joyce Doherty and Ted Salmon 79 points, fourth Ruth and Col Missen 76 points, fifth Fran and Steve Laker 72 points, sixth Helen and Ken Hale (Glenbrook) 71 points. Lucky card winners were Lucy and Ron Russell.

## East verses West

What a great day the East verses West challenge day was. On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of November, all the bowlers on the east-side of the river (dressed in blue and white), challenged the west-side bowlers (dressed in red and white) to bragging rights as to who were the better side. In a torrid and sometimes heated match, the scores changed between the west and east several times during the afternoon. But eventually the west proved to be the better team with a score of 147 to 130. Well done to the game organizers. From the bowlers' general comments, it was very obvious that next year's challenge will be bigger and better.



## Finals of Veteran Pairs

The last championship for the year was finalized on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Although lucky for some, it did not prove so luck for the losers. Peter Seddon and Keith Valentine, who was the winning skip for the last 3 years, looked hot favorites and if you had a few hundred to bet on them would have seemed a sure bet. But bowls is a game of 'hit and wicks' and sure as eggs the results did not go as planned. Although Peter and Keith gave it all they had, Charley Toovey and Billy Schofield had other plans and proved to be too good on the day. So now members know why Charley's grin is from ear to ear and that perpetual smile will stay there for a long, long time. Well done to all the winners and a bigger well done to all those who competed.



Keith, Peter, Billy and Charley

## From Todd the green keeper

Todd has specifically asked that bowlers please look after the new green. They can do this by;

- Move the mat as much as possible. Do not leave the mat in one spot – especially on the base line.
- Not dropping bowls, especially on the plinth area.
- Only use bowl picker-uppers if you have to, and be careful when using them.

The No 1 green will not be in use for over 3 months, which means that the No 2 green will be heavily used for a while. It is imperative that bowlers look after your green.

## Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting was held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am. Although the meeting was quite successful the attendance was very poor. From over 142 members only 18 attended with 3 apologies. It is an accepted theory that the attendance numbers is indicative of a club's morale. A few remarks from the meeting;

- There are a number of jacks still going missing. The jacks are either misplaced in bowls bags or they are being pilfered.
- Wrong bias and remaining chalked bowls to cost players a gold coin. All money going to charity.
- New pennants, conditions of play can be viewed on the official NSW Bowls Website.
- There is a major concern that many new bowlers and some old bowlers do not understand or exercise the etiquette of bowls. Points raised were; staying in own rink when crossing, standing too close to head, clapping or cheering

when opponents do bad shots, functions an/or duties of leads, seconds, thirds and skips. With pennants just around the corner it is envisaged that this matter will be looked into. Falcon to type up etiquette rules.

## Funny Stories

My wife was hinting around what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds'. I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started.

I rear-ended a car a few days ago. So there I was along the side of the road and slowly the other driver got out of the car. You know how sometimes you just get stressed out and little things just seem funny? Yeah, well I couldn't believe it ... he was a DRAWF!!! He stormed out of the car, looked at me and shouted, 'I AM NOT HAPPY!!!'. So I looked down and said, 'Well, then which one are you?'.

## Overheard On The Green

One bowler at our recent Parkes visit asked his skipper how far was his bowl away from the jack. The skipper replied "you would have a better idea, it's closer to you than me"

Merry Bob asked his mate if his bowls was improving. His mate's reply was, 'Oh yes a lot better Bob!'. The merry bowler slurred back, 'Thanks, but I might have to give bowls up'. 'Why on earth would you want to do that', came the reply. 'It's getting in the way of my drinking'.

## Word Scrambles

Unscramble the capitalized word in quotation to solve the riddles.

- Puzzle 1  
What 'MARSH' does to your sensibility?  
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Puzzle 2  
What 'PEARSON' nature is like?  
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Puzzle 3  
What 'ROBBINS' won a lot of?  
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Puzzle 4  
When 'ROFE' plays bowls he is always in the?  
What 'BUGDEN' hated to do to his cask of port?  
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