

"GREAT BOWL!!"

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From the Editor

Welcome to another exciting issue. The bowls committee would like to welcome all the new members who joined the Club recently and hope that they enjoy the game and support as much as they can.

Well done to the winner and runner up of the recent Fours final, also a big congratulations to ALL the competitors.

Pennants is just around the corner and rumor has it that there are many players 'chafing at the bit' to get started. Remember that if any member has any problems with selection, games or what ever, please solve the problem as quickly and efficiently as possible and to especially follow the correct protocol. Competing in Pennants is the highlight of the year and every member should do his utmost to support his Club in whatever capacity he can.

appreciated. But in the end the 50's winning all three rinks took home the trophy and the bragging rights for being the PREMIER AGE for the next twelve months. Question is can the other age groups pick themselves up for next year after such a belting.

Thanks to Buggo and Rob for cooking the BBQ and for Rhonda Webb's help during the day. Also to Joe Rainer who saved the day by going out and filling the gas bottle.

Special mention should also be made of the attendance of Meg Douglass and her daughter. It certainly capped off a fantastic day and what most would have to say has been a very good year for our great Club.

Anonymous 50 something year old.
 Go Camden

Footnote: As everybody would know this was our charity day for Mater Dei and there was good support for the day and the raffle. The final tally crept up just over \$1,000.00, which is a great result. Hopefully adding all those wrong bias and touchers left on bowls it will be even bigger this year.

Bowls News

The 2009 Premier Age Challenge, Brian Douglass Trophy

While a lot could be said for the superiority shown by the 50's age side on the day, (I am sure we could fill a couple of pages) it would be sufficient to say that the other ages just weren't up for the challenge in 2009. With perfect weather and green there were no excuses apart from the winning side just being too good.

It was great to see a more than full contingent for each age group and with the interchange working well everybody played at least half a game. While there has been a lot of suggestions on how this event should be run this is surely the best format to include as many of those who want to be a part of the day on the green. It was also great to see some of our non playing members turning up and supporting the day and staying for the BBQ at the end.

There were some good results by individual teams at the end of the day especially one of the over 70's teams having to let one of the under 50's teams score a couple of shots to avoid the embarrassment of them having to disrobe. A very kind gesture and one I think everybody



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Club Fours Champions

Saturday and Sunday the 9th and 10th January saw the finals of the 2010 Club Fours being played. The semi finals on Saturday had two good games with Ed Klaassen beating Rob Heininger and Paul Burnes winning against Brian Barnicoat.

What turned out to be two of the better teams in the competition playing each other in the final a close game was expected. But as bowls go Ed's team got out to a good early start and were never in too much danger with Greg Thackeray, Barry Taylor, Karl Szyal and Ed winning the day with a 22 -10 margin. Congratulations guys.



Greg Thackeray, Barry Taylor, Karl Szyal, Ed Klaassen, Paul Burnes, Allan Wood, Mick McIlveen, Barry Robbins

South Pacific Bowls Tournament

The South Pacific is one of the biggest organized bowls tournaments in Australia and was again well represented by Camden players. Played in the Illawarra District, there is a fours, pairs and singles tournament. Played over a couple of weeks starting the day after Boxing Day sectional play is played out down to knockout with sectional winners. While we didn't have anybody on the winning dais it was great to see a number of our players down there. Well done to Frank Lipscombe, Baden Harris, Noel Gleeson, Bill Webb, Mick McIlveen, Dave Price, Allan Wood and Steve Laker. A special well done to Barry Robbins and Paul Burnes in winning their section in the pairs.

One not so notable occurrence happened during one of the pairs games (not Barry and Paul). After only four ends a total of 20 shots

were scored. It was 10 all. Try and figure that out. Thankfully that Camden team settled down a bit and went on to win their game.

District Championships

Good luck to all the Camden players representing the club at the 2010 District Championships. If you are not playing get to the venues if you can and support our players especially at Camden.



Quote of the Day

After the recent disappointing loss in the Fours I consoled Burnsey by buying him a beer. 'Well what happened?' the Falcon asked. Shaking his head Paul replied, 'What can I say. There was nothing at the head and we were not in it. Bowls can be a cruel game.'

As we all know bowls can be a cruel game and your fortunes can be as fickle as the weather. But then again for every frown there is a winner with a big grin – ay Eddie

Funny Stories

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 KPH. He says to himself, "this driver is just as dangerous as a speedster!"

So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five Camden lady bowlers on their way to a bowls tournament - two in the front seats and three in the back – wide-eyed and white as ghosts.

The driver, obviously confused, says to him

"Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly.. Twenty-two kilometres an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.

The Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that 22 was the highway number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask.. is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't made a peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Highway 189."

A Bowler's Life

Another year of bowls has passed and we bowlers are a little older.

Last summer felt a little hotter and winter seems much colder.

There was a time not long ago when life was quite a blast.

Now I fully understand about 'Bowling in the Past'

We used to go to pennants, tournament games and lunches.

Now we go to funeral homes, and after-funeral brunches.

We used to have hangovers, from parties that were gay.

Now we suffer body aches from bowls the previous day.

We used to go out dining, and couldn't get our fill.

Now Dylan gives us doggie bags, come home and take a pill.

We often used to bowl at places which were near and far.

Now we get bad flatulence from riding in the car.

We used to go to nightclubs and drink a lot of booze.

Now we stay home at night and watch the evening news.

That, my friend is a bowling life, and now my tale is told.

So, enjoy each 'end' and live it up... before you're too darned old!



Camden Men's Bowling Choir

Hello to all members who recorded their names for the proposed Club Men's Choir. Frank Lipscombe and Peter Seddon have been very busy behind the scene with respect to the formation of the choir, practice location, choice of songs, range of voices etc. We will in touch very soon to get the ball rolling. We need an accompanist. Someone proficient in playing a piano.

Looking forward to start this exciting project.

District Triples

Well done to Mick Rae, Bruce Turton and Barry Smith making the semi final of the STDBA District Triples.

A great effort to get that far but unfortunately were beaten by the team who went on to win the title.

Great effort guys!

John Dawson, Mick Spong and Mick Armstrong from Picton won the final and in their winning speech congratulated the Camden Club on their hosting of the event and especially for the high standard of the green.

Overheard on the Green

'Are you talking to your wife yet?', asked one bowler.

'Well it's like this. We were watching TV the other night and my wife asked me what was on TV. Quick as a whip I replied – dust. Then it started all over again.'