

"GREAT BOWL!!"

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25 Kevin Lawler Triples	26 GREENS CLOSED	27 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	28 Social Minor Singles	29 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	30 GREENS CLOSED	31 State Pennants Finals

From the Editor



Big thanks from the entire Newsletter staff for the positive feedback on our monthly newsletter. It is OUR newsletter and any suggestion to improve it is always appreciated. Also the support and all the information that I have received for the *Camden Bowls Book* is really appreciated.

We Need You

The Grade 6 State final is only a few weeks away and preparation is well underway. There is a lot of jobs that need attending to on the weekend so if you feel you can give up some time to help support the event it would be appreciated. Ladies included. There is a notice on the board. Please put your name up or see Steve Laker for further details.

Men's Bowls News

Grade 4 Zone 5 Pennants Final

Camden was off to a good start beating the fancied Nepean side in the first round at St Marys BC. This put all the players in a positive mood for the weekend at Mudgee. The Saturday morning game had us up against Mudgee playing on their home turf. With a slower than expected green we all struggled but the game came down to the last bowl. With scores tied and Camden holding shot the Mudgee skip sent down a speculator and wicked off a wide bowl, hitting another bowl and pushing the jack to two of his teams bowls. Down by two. They say that's bowls but it proved to be our undoing. The next game against Lithgow City saw us win by a margin of 20 shots. At the end of day one there were three sides on the same points with only two shots difference in the margins. Cowra was the first game on Sunday and again we struggled and again it came down to the last shot. Al Wood, being two down, put down the drive of his life to collect the shot bowl and send the jack to the ditch where we had shot. Up by one. The final game was against Orange Newsted. This proved to be our worst result going down by a big margin but we still finished on the same points as the winning side and two other sides. Margins decided the winner, Lithgow City. Hopefully next year. Well done to all the boys. Many thanks to our Manager Fran and our supporters who came along to cheer us on. Especially at St Marys.



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The Wizard brings home the Bacon

There was more than just bowls going down on the Zone Pennants play-offs weekend. Many of our Grade 2 players travelled to Rylstone on Friday 18th June to acclimatise to the local conditions prior to their games on Saturday and Sunday. Part of this process involves a quality control check of the local food and beverage facilities. For a number of players and WAGs this meant walking to the Kandos Golf Club from the Motel rooms – although some elected to drive the whole 50 metres, saving themselves for the gruelling weekend ahead. As dinner was being consumed, an announcement was made informing patrons that the Kandos Golf Club Friday Night Darts Competition was about to start and interested parties should register. After considerable discussion, Messrs Mick "The Wizard" Shepherd, Dave "The Power" Price and Ivor

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Watkiss felt that sufficient beverage had been tested to warrant participation in this prestigious tournament. Entry fees were paid and the excitement built with the announcement of prizes for the winner and runner up.

The rules were simple .. 301 to score. Straight in, finish on a double. Knock out competition. No punching below the belt.

The out-of-towners gained an early advantage by registering late and therefore being able to study the form of the local dart squad. This was going to be a tough assignment ... the locals had their own darts and the Camden boys had to choose from a range of missiles which had obviously seen better days.

With dogged determination, Shepherd, Price and Watkiss each won their first round games, bringing an air of anticipation to the gathering crowd. The three Camden boys clawed their way through to the Semis guaranteeing an all-Camden Final. Shepherd drew his arch-rival Watkiss in the first of the Semis, edging him out with a superb 3, double 6 finish to secure a spot on the podium. Price continued to dominate with an awesome display of raw talent whisking him through to the Finals.

The atmosphere was now electric, with both finalists requiring attention from their trainers and team psychologists. The crowd watched in awe as some unbelievable darts thudded into the board, reducing the 301 to something less daunting within several minutes. As "The Wizard" approached the throw line he needed 14 to claim the title – double 7 would do it. The first dart missed the board completely, impaling itself into the timber surround. The crowd gasped. The second dart hit the board with a thud but bounced away falling to the carpet like a lead balloon, mimicking his supporter's disappointment. Sensing that the enormity of the occasion may have got the better of Shepherd, Price prepared himself to finish the game and seize the kudos and prize that awaited the victor.

With renewed composure "The Wizard" slammed his last dart right in the middle of double 7 to claim victory, generating celebrations the likes of which had not been seen in Kandos for days.

If you want to know what the prizes were, it's probably best if you make an appointment to see "The Wizard" and let him show you the spoils and re-live those magic moments.

Footnote: Shepherd is now considering only playing in 3 bowl games .. two sighters followed by one resting toucher.



Ladies Bowls Report

Fran wins Ladies major Singles

Fran Laker broke through for her first Club Champion award winning the Ladies Major Singles this month.

Playing well through all her preliminary rounds the best was yet to come winning the final against Gloria Murray 31 - 18.

Fran continued her good form with Kristie Denison winning the Ladies Major Pairs final against Beryl Selems and Gloria Murray. Most players dream of winning one major championship. To win both major titles in the same year is outstanding. Congratulations Fran. Congratulation also to Kristie winning a major title in only her second year of competitive bowls. An outstanding effort.

Ladies Celebrate Fifty Years

Credit to all the Ladies on the great day that was organised for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Camden Ladies Bowling Club.

With State, District and visiting Club Officials present the day turned out to be a resounding success.

Well done Ladies. An fantastic achievement in these times of so many clubs closing.



Jokes

Boy, I'm rich!

Silver in the Hair
Gold in the Teeth
Stones in the Kidneys
Sugar in the Blood
Lead in the Feet
Iron in the Arteries
And an inexhaustible supply of Natural Gas
I never thought I'd accumulate such wealth !!!

Rofe's Discharge from Hospital

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse at Campbelltown Hospital, I found a woman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at her feet, who insisted she didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, she reluctantly let me wheel her to the elevator. On the way down I asked her if her husband was meeting her.

'I don't know,' she said. 'Johnnie Rofe's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of his hospital gown.'



History of Bowls Discovery of the Biased Bowl

Have you ever wondered how the 'bias' in the bias bowl eventuated? Well, according to 'The Bowls News' printed in 1958 this is one version on how it happened.

On 31 March, 1522 (Henry VIII time) a game between skip Charles Brandon and John Richard brought about this discovery. During this era lawn bowls were turned from oak and were perfectly round and 51/2in in diameter. Games were largely played with four bowlers on each side of the competition and the lanes were called rinks.

This historic game was played at Goole, Yorkshire, England. In a fours game, Rink 1 composed of skippers Charles Brandon and his opponent was skip John Richard. Up to the 15th end, the games stood about even.

In the 16th end, John Richard's team had one bowl about 6in in front of the jack, and when it came to Brandon's turn to bowl, he made a vigorous running shot. When his bowl hit the opponent's bowl, which was in the way, Brandon's bowl split in half.

Brandon ran to the nearest house and with a borrowed handsaw, amputated the nearly round top from the post at the foot of the banister, then with a few easy touches with his sword, quickly had the rough spot where the disc should be smoothed out.

With his new bowl ready for action, and not knowing that the new bowl was not absolutely round, he was ready for his second shot. This, at first, seemed very unfortunate to him, for he bowled it in the usual way, in a straight line and, of course, the biased banister-post-bowl went off several feet to one side.

In the next end, he allowed for this bias and his new-found bias-bowl went out and around all other bowls on to the green and came in for shot. This he also prepared on the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st ends, and won the game by four points and discovered that the biased bowl could win against a perfectly round bowl.

After the game, it was not long before all bowlers had their bowls turned a little smaller on one side. Believe it or not and the rest they say is history.

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