

Oct 2010

(Dates subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Dennis Whittle Triples					1 Mixed Pairs PM	2 Social
3	4 GREENS CLOSED	5 Mixed Social Mufti 12.30pm	6 Major & Minor Pairs	7 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	8 Mixed Pairs PM	9 Social Auld Shield
10	11 GREENS CLOSED	12 Ralph Coppock Mixed pairs	13 Social Consistency Singles	14 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	15 Basil Crouch Vet Pairs	16 Social Durrington Cup
17 Mixed Pairs	18 GREENS CLOSED	19 Mixed Social Mufti 12.30pm	20 Social Consistency Singles	21 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	22 Basil Crouch Vet Pairs	23 Social Mixed Pairs
24	25 GREENS CLOSED	26 Mixed Social Mufti 12.30pm	27 Social Consistency Singles	28 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	29 Basil Crouch Vet Pairs	30 Dennis Whittle Triples



"GREAT BOWL!!"

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From the Editor



Our esteemed dulcet-voice Frank Lipscombe, informed me that people who sing extend their life span by three minutes for each song they sing. I might add that if the singer sings flat, off-key and loud all those listening might loose three minutes of theirs.

Men's Bowls News

Do You Want To Be In The Movies

Coaching at Camden has taken a step forward with the purchase of a video camera. Commonly regarded as one of the best coaching tools available you may now book a time with one of the coaches and have a review of your bowling technique done. From this, you will see what the problems are and work on those with the help of the coach.

Hopefully we will see players keen to improve their game and take advantage of not only this initiative but also general coaching and skills practice, which can also be organised, by the coach.

Special mention must go to Phil Spencer for his kind donation towards the cost of the video equipment. Thanks Phil.

Wentworthville Toyota Open Pairs

Sacrifices continue to be made by our Members with John Bugden and Steve Laker giving up a day at work to go and represent the club and compete in the annual open pair's event at Wentworthville Leagues Club.

On a beautiful day with 'quickish' greens, the standard of entries was quite high with some notable players there including several premier league players and a couple of NSW juniors.

While the bowls were not up to the standard hoped for both had a great day and came away with the best card in the afternoon game. Expenses covered. Both agreed that the sacrifice was worth it and more sacrifices may need to be made.

Code of Conduct

All Members should be mindful that the club still endorses and will enforce the club Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct is based around the Bowls Australia requirements, which can be accessed via the internet. The clubs booklet also outlines the basic and minimum Code of Conduct expectations.

The Camden Men's Bowling Club will always be an equal and fair place to visit and play bowls.

Should any Member feel that they have been victimized, harassed or discriminated against please approach the President.

Should a Member wish to discuss any of the above issues, Steve Laker is accredited by the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation and the Australian Sports Commission as a Member Protection Information Officer and would be happy to have a talk. All these matters would of course be confidential.



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District News

Congratulations to Allan Wood on his re election as Vice President to the District for the coming year. Also to Steve Laker being re elected to Secretary/Treasurer for his fourth term. I am sure all Members wish them well in their support of our District and as representatives of our Club at District level.

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Peter Kellond from Bundanoon was re elected as District President with Picton's Bob Lang and Bowral's Robert Ashburn as the other two VP's.



Management Committee

The first monthly meeting of the new Management Committee was held this month and it was great to see all but one Member of the Committee turn up. There was a positive feel throughout the meeting with all Members having good input and both the Selectors and Match Sub Committees presenting good information and progressive ideas.

The Selectors have placed a nomination form up for next years Pennants and are looking for all those players in a position to represent the club to put their names up.

The Match has done a draft of next year's program and will be ready to present that to the Management Committee next month. Should any Member have any suggestions now is the time to put them forward.

Albion Park Pennant Flag Unfurling

The Grade 6 Albion Park side had their unfurling day on September 12. On what was a beautiful South Coast day, it was good to see not only the State President but also the State Treasurer, the Zone 5 State Councilor, the Zone 16 State Councilor, the Illawarra District President and other District Officials and Clubs present.

On invitation as the Host and Event Coordinator for the State Finals and representing Camden, Steve and Fran Laker attended. It turned out to be a great day but more to the point were the constant accolades mentioned about the Camden Club and its Members during the speeches. The Camden Club and all Members associated with the finals weekend can certainly hold their heads high.

STDBA Defeats ACT

The Southern Tablelands DBA annual game against the ACT side took place on the 18th & 19th September at the Bowral BC.

With Camden players John Bugden, Ivor Watkiss, Mick Shepherd and Karl Szydal being a part of the home side, a rare victory was taken against the State side. With the STDBA, winning the big board on the Saturday by 15 shots Sundays game came down to the ACT pulling out all stops to overcome the deficit and do their usual scenario of beating the home side. However, it was not to be this year. With the STDBA getting off to a slow start early they fought back hard closing the margin to only 6 shots by the end of the day giving the STDBA the win by 9 shots. A pleasing victory for the District Manager and certainly one for our boys.

Green Vandalism

It was devastating to see that somebody decided to take a souvenir of our new green on the night of the 18th. The damage, obviously done by a spade or shovel, was done in two places.

If any Member knows or has any information related to this incident that can be passed onto the police please see Todd or one of the Executive Committee. There are not usually too many people walking around Camden with a spade under their arm.

For the offenders benefit I hope the police get them before Todd does.



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Interview with 'Prezzo' Billy Web

How long have you been playing bowls and what clubs were you previously involved with?

I have been bowling for about 14 or 15 years. I started bowling at a club, now known as East Lakes Sports. We enjoyed a certain amount of success being runner up in grade 5 in only my second year of bowls. To receive a bit more experience I moved to the Coogee Club. During this stage in our lives, we had thoughts of moving out of Sydney. We had friends at Taren Point, so we eventually moved there. We had a great time but found the travelling time just too arduous. Our final move was to the Camden area where we are very happy.

How do you think the club is going member wise?

When I joined Camden Club, the future was somewhat precarious. However, working as dedicated club members and as a team we have turned things around. I dare say that there would be only a few Clubs that would be sole self-sufficient. This of course is most certainly due to the dedicated management and the support the members have given.

How do you think the club is going financially?

We need to increase the major supporters, by way of advertising. The success of the 200 Club is crucial. We must try to maintain the current commitment by members. If the fore

mentioned three items are ensured, I see nothing but a bright future for our bowling club. Under the current set up the main aim is to see the Licence Club become debt free. After they do become solvent, although it may take a couple of years, this will give them the opportunity to support the bowling fraternity as we have supported them in the past.

What areas are you happy with and what areas would you like to see improved?

It would be great if we could get sufficient finance to fix our green lighting. I would like to see the third green back in play; however, that might be asking too much. At present, the most important thing is to see the licence club in the black. Another area of improvement would be to see the future of our Club guaranteed by seeing an influx of juniors.

What has been your happiest moment at the Club?

There have been many good times within our club. To mention a few would be; championship finals, club members making the district sides, but the greatest moment was the response when we renovated our No 1 green. The number of volunteers at Camden waiting to help with the hard, manual work and the look on Picton's green keeper, Nathan, was priceless. Todd, our greenkeeper, coordinating members to cover the green with the newly acquired turf was something to watch. From memory, we had more helpers at Picton than they had and when he arrived, there were about 26 willing hands waiting to help. The response we receive from our members was nothing short of sensational.

Where do you see the Club in the future?

The future is in our own hands. As long as the licence club continues and we maintain a steady list of active bowlers our future should be assured.

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