

Nov 2010

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Social Bowls Comm. Meet	4	5 Bazil Crouch Vet Pairs	6 Social
7	8 GREENS CLOSED	9 Mixed Social Mufti 10.00am	10 Social	11 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	12 Bazil Crouch Vet Pairs	13 Social
14	15 GREENS CLOSED	16 Mixed Social Mufti 10.00am	17 Social	18 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	19	20 Social
21	22 GREENS CLOSED	23 Mixed Social Mufti 10.00am	24 Social	25 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	26	27 Social
28	29 GREENS CLOSED	30 Mixed Social Mufti 10.00am				



"GREAT BOWL!!"

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From the Editor



It has got to be said that there were a lot of colourful, well dressed players at the recent NRL Footy Fever bowls game. But, without a doubt 'Swampy Marsh' took the cake. Swampy does not do things by half. His attire was a cross between Angus Young (AC/DC) fame, a Parramatta school boy and one described as 'where is your lolly bag'. Well done Swampy! Except for the intermittent rain it was a great day and thanks to the committee for organizing the hot dogs.

Annual RSL Games

Harold Auld Shield

Although Camden Bowling Club proved on paper to be the hot favourites to win this year's Harold Auld Shield, unfortunately it did not come to fruition. Even with the home advantage RSL proved to be too strong. As hard as Camden tried, RSL proved to good and too experienced to defeat. The final score was Camden RSL 82 defeating Camden 47.



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Men's Bowls News

2010 Footy Fever Finals

The annual NRL Footy Final was held on 2nd October and a wet one at that. It must be said that none of the passion of the dedicated fans has waned over the years. This could not be more evident than Corey's support for Parra. I'm sure Corey's voice could be heard at the RSL Club across the road.

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. Three rounds of 7 ends were scheduled to be played but because of the rainy weather it was changed to two 7 ends and the last 3 ends.

The fickle weather played havoc and games had to be played around the intermittent down pours. Mind you this only gave a lot of players an excuse to go to the bar AGAIN. At the eventual soggy end winners were decided and congratulations to the team of John Bugden, Allan Dodd & Mick McIlveen representing St George.

Last year's winner, Falcon and Co., went from the Penthouse to the S...house and came stone motherless last by a long chalk.

Durrington Cup

On a cold and extremely blustering day Camden took on Camden RSL for the annual Durrington Cup challenge. Desperately needing a win after last weeks thrashing by the RSL, some of the senior bowling fraternity showed club support by lifting the players morale by suggesting, 'be victorious or come back on your shield'.

RSL started strongly and won the early ends with little effort. Camden were looking at another defeat. But with sheer tenacity and finally handling the fickle strong wind, Camden took control after about the 18th end. By the 21st end Camden were unbeatable. The final score was Camden 73 defeating Camden RSL 57.



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Bowlers find humor everywhere. A female supporter suggested, 'you guys will need rocks in your pocket to stop you from being blow away'. The bowler replied, 'we ain't got rocks but we got a couple of stones'.
A special thanks to the markers, organizers and especially to MR Barrs who froze his little butt off.

From Todd the green keeper

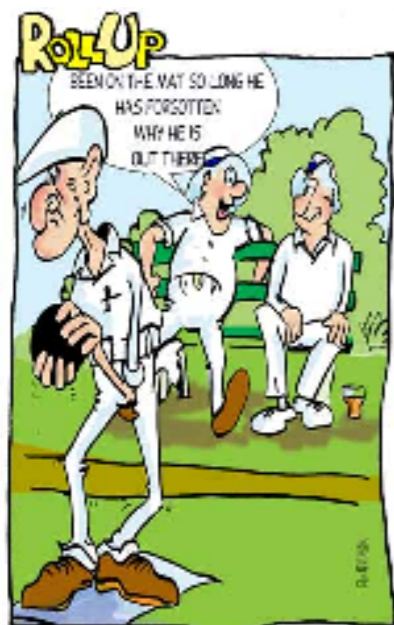
Players are reminded that with summer nearly here to please look after THEIR green. Players can help out by Not dropping their bowls on the green and to MOVE the mat as much as possible – especially on social days.

Overheard on the Green

After Bob the 'Merry Drinker' went to the bar on a social Thursday, he was late back to his game. Bob apologised and merrily explained that the reason why he was late was because he got pulled over by the breathalyzer. Although not believed by his teammates – you must admit it was original.

On a Thursday social bowls day, a dedicated bowls devotee was enjoying not only his bowls but the glorious weather. Filled with a euphoric buzz he had to share it with a mate on the next rink.

'You know this is better than SEX!!!' he exploded His mate gave him a stern look and replied, 'I think you should get your priorities right.'



Jokes

One day a bowler, who has been stranded on a deserted island for over 10 years, sees a speck on the horizon. Suddenly there emerges from the surf, a drop-dead gorgeous blonde in scuba gear!

The glamorous blonde strides up to the stunned bowler and says; 'Tell me, how long has it been since you've had a cigarette?' 'Ten years,' replies the amazed bowler. With that, she reaches over and unzips a waterproofed pocket on the left sleeve of her wet suit, and pulls out a fresh pack of cigarettes. He takes one, lights it, and takes a long drag. 'Bonza,' says the man, 'that is so good I'd almost forgotten how great a smoke can be!'

'And how long has it been since you've had a cold beer' asks the blonde. Trembling, the castaway replies, 'Ten years.' Hearing that, the blonde reaches over to her right sleeve, unzips a pocket and removes a cool one and hands it to him. He opens the bottle and takes a long drink. 'Nectar of the gods!' says the bowler. 'Truly fantastic!!!'

At this point the gorgeous, buxom blonde starts to slowly unzip the long front of her wet suit, right down the middle. She looks at the trembling man and asks, 'And how long has it been since you played around?' With tears in his eyes, the bowler falls to his knees and sobs, 'Holy Smokes! Don't tell me you've got a set of bowls in there too!'



From the Sick Bed

Our Mr. Bill Wilson recently spent a stint in hospital. Having to relieve himself and being bed ridden he was compelled to use a wee-bottle. Mr. Wilson, being very particular about most things, wanted to make sure that the bottle was empty, but instead of shacking it he absentmindedly tested the bottle by pouring it

over. Much to his surprise the bottle was not empty. 'NURSE HELP!!!'



The History of the Jack

Although it may seem that the Jack would be a most natural part of the game of lawn bowling itself and that it would date as far back as the game, the term 'jack' actually has many different theories as to how it came to be in existence. The first time the term 'jack' has ever been documented was in Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*, which is believed to have been written in 1609. In this, Shakespeare writes, "Was there ever man had such luck! When I kissed the jack, upon an up-cast to be hit away." Others believe that the term 'jack' comes from the Latin term *jactu lapidum*, which refers to a sport in which stones were thrown at a target, thought to be the jack.

Still, yet another theory points to another writer, R. Pierce who wrote in 1967, "He had not strength to throw the Jack-Bowl half over the green." In this theory, it's thought that 'jack' is meant to refer to a lesser or smaller version of something else (such as a jackrabbit is a small rabbit.) Here, the Jack-Bowl would be a smaller version of the regular bowls.

Interview with Steve Irwin

I have had quite a few interviews in the newsletter, but I must add that the interview with Steve is definitely the most interesting. When I asked Steve the following questions I imagined that I would need to produce a special edition newsletter to accommodate the long, detailed answers that Steve would give me. But, Steve being Steve believes in two things, brevity and humor. You tend to hear a lot of bowlers talking about their ailments and dedication to the game, but arguable Steve stands out on his own. Recently I played against Steve and I got and looked tired, Steve yells out, 'Ah Falcon you tired? I can lend you a couple of legs to

help you out'. And that readers defines Steve to a tee.

How long have you been playing bowls? roughly
About 2 year's

How often do you play and where?

I play 13 days out of every 14 days. That includes every 2nd Monday at Austral Bowling Club; Tuesdays and Thursdays at Camden Bowling Club; Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Mounties Bowling Club.

What do you find attractive about bowls?

It's the only sport and activity that I can still do since I lost both leg's.

What motivates you to keep a positive and sometimes humorous attitude about bowls?

It's a bit late to let it upset me and if you can't laugh at yourself no bugger can.

What do you hope to achieve in bowls?

To one day kick Steve Glasson's butt in the Australian. Singles - ha! ha!

Do you have anything you would like to add?

Only that I really enjoy playing bowls and really enjoy the people I meet through the game.



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