

July 2011

(Program subject to change. Please check the board)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 State Pennant Finals					1	2 Minor / C Singles
3	4 Greens Closed	5 Mixed Social 10.00am	6 Ladies Day	7 Mixed Social 1.00pm	8	9 Minor / C Singles
10 Minor / C Singles	11 Greens Closed	12 Mixed Social 10.00am	13 Ladies Day	14 Mixed Social 1.00pm	15	16 Minor / C Singles
17 Singles Finals Day	18 Greens Closed	19 Mixed Social 10.00am	20 Ladies Day	21 Mixed Social 1.00pm	22	23 Triples
24 Kevin Lawler Triples	25 Greens Closed	26 Mixed Social 10.00am	27	28 Mixed Social 1.00pm	29	30 State Pennant Finals

**Date To Remember** – The presentation night will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> November. Put it in your diary.



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# GREAT BOWL

Newsletter of the Camden Bowling Club

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**BOWLS NEWS**

**Men's Pennants**

### Report From Bathurst and Blayney

“How cold can it possibly get while we are away” was just one comment prior to heading for Bathurst and Blayney for the Zone Pennant finals. Well the answer to that can be seen by the picture of our No. 7 Grade Manager Faye Clayton.



It was literally freezing. The temperature on arrival at Blayney had the thermometer hovering on the zero mark. But not to be daunted all bowlers took to the green and put their best efforts in over the weekend. Grade 7 found the competition tuff but managed to win against one of the front running sides opening up the competition for all the other sides. Grade 5 were in the mix having to play Wentworth Falls on the Sunday morning to send the competition into a final game on Sunday afternoon. In what can only be described as a dramatic finish, the game had nearly everybody in the club watching the last few ends. Being down 7 shots with three ends to play, Ray Puyo played a huge last bowl to go from one down to winning 8 shots. Camden hit the lead by 1 with only two ends to play. Tension was at a maximum for all the players

and unfortunately the end result saw us lose by two on the big board. So close! Well done to all the players on their performances who represented our club over the weekend. It was a pleasure to be there and I was proud to be a part of the Camden Club. Special mention to our two Lady Managers, Faye Clayton and Joyce Doherty for the great job done over the weekend. Special thanks to Dave Margin who supported Grade 5 as their reserve and to Kevin Shaw who filled in for the 7's. Also to the supporters who went away to show their support for both sides including the wives of the players, Bill and Barb Wilson, John Bugden and Helen, Fran Laker, Graham Cowell and Family, John Rofe and Michael and Jane Conlon. Apologies to anybody I may have missed.

### Major Singles

The Major Singles are down to the semi finals with John Bugden playing Ivor Watkiss and Mick Shepherd against Steve Laker. There have been some close games leading up the final four and the same is expected in the finals. Good luck to all the players. Just a quick mention and thanks to Les Minall who has put his hand up several times to mark on a Sunday. Many thanks Les. Footnote – If you have one of these players in the sweep you are now in the money. It can only get better from here.



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## Australian Indoor Qualifying At Warilla

Mick McIlveen, Karl Szynal and Ed Klaassen all headed to Warilla BC this month to compete in this years Australian Indoor. All had tough opponents in their first game. Mick had to play former pairs world champion Jeremy Henry, Karl up against one of the best bowlers in Zone 5, Lee Stinson and Ed up against the current Warilla indoor champion Aaron Speers. As it turned out both Henry and Stinson went through to qualify.

Unfortunately there was no qualifying for the boys this year but certainly a great experience and one that can only make them better for the effort.

## Bert New Pairs – Campbelltown

Four teams entered the tournament from Camden including Col Smith and Adam Kurtz, Shane Smith and Glenn Adams, Bill Webb and Barry Smith along with Paul Burnes and John Selems. Peter Mahoney entered in a composite team. All had a great time but none figuring in the placed team.

Again it was great to see the new bowlers in Glenn and Adam mixing with seasoned bowlers. These guys are certainly going to be the ones to watch in the coming years.

# Ladies News

## Nepean District Representative Side

Four of our Ladies were selected to represent their District and play against the Central Coast District on the 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Beryl Selems, Michelle Fellows, Fran Laker and Gloria Murray were the four selected. Unfortunately the game was abandoned due to the weather but they can look forward, I am sure, to the next rep game.

## Ladies Fours Final

In fine but extremely cold and windy weather, our ladies played the final of the Club Fours..... conditions being so bad it was at times, a case of - if you could get a bowl to stay anywhere within the rink it would be a good bowl. Thus the hard fought battle was on, the weather continuing to worsen by the minute making conditions really atrocious.

Ultimately the game was won by Kristie Denison, Gloria Murray, Beryl Sellems and Michelle Fellows, the valiant runners up being Lucy Russell, Jill Cotter (Fran Laker stood in for Jill), Rhonda Webb and Kay McBrydie.

Well played ladies and it is hoped you have all thawed out by now.

## Camden Ladies Six's Tournament

On June 10, despite the cloudy cold weather the Invitational Sixes Day was held with resounding success and supported by the teams from - St. Marys, Cabramatta, Oak Flats, Camden RSL, Kingswood, Campbelltown, Springwood, Ingleburn, Bulli, St. Johns Park with Camden fielding two teams making 12 in all.

Included on this day is our annual "Big Cuppa" in support of Breast Cancer and this year it yielded \$ 458 which the Club rounded up to \$500....a big thank you for all the support given to this worthy cause, there being many non-bowlers who visited us for a cuppa and some tasty treats many home made. Our Raffle and Trading Table were also well supported.

Congratulations to the eventual winner Ingleburn, with Camden, St. Marys and Campbelltown completing the first four placing's. Camden's winning team was Kristie Denison, Fran Laker, Gloria Murray, Beryl Selems, Michelle Fellows and Lyn Skeen.

## The No. 2 Pennants District Flag Unfurling

On the 15<sup>th</sup> June, District President Val Cant, Secretary Norma Aussel, Match Committee Barbara Woolley C/P and Publicity Officer Jackie Lewis conducted the Flag Unfurling Ceremony at Camden for our successful Ladies pennant side. Congratulations to all the Ladies on an outstanding effort.



L-R

Lyn Skeen (Manager), Ruth Missen, Kristie Denison, Gloria Murray, Joyce Doherty, Michelle Fellows, Beryl Selems, Fran Laker, Jo Flook

**Apologies to Yvonne who has submitted these stories for the Ladies. I quoted her as Chapman last month. Sorry Yvonne**

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## The New Green Is Coming

As many would remember, believe it or not, nearly 18 month ago we renovated the Bob Pinkerton Green. Well you will be happy to know we are doing it again. The Les Murdoch, Ralph Copock green is to undergo major renovations in November. The date set is for Melbourne Cup week. We will need as many hands as we can muster for the following Friday. So please put it in your diary and try and make yourself available. It will be loads of fun.

## This Month's Health Tip

By putting your attention on the breath you are helping to eliminate stress, as well as a more efficiently supply of oxygen to the body. This is a great way to bring yourself into the present moment. Anytime you think about your breath throughout the day, follow this thought up with several deep belly breaths.

## Poetry

These are entries to a newspaper competition asking for a rhyme with the most romantic first line but the least romantic second line. You be the judge.

- > I thought that I could love no other  
Until, that is, I met your brother.
- > Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet,  
and so are you.  
But the roses are wilting, the violets are dead, the  
sugar bowl's empty and so is your head.
- > Of loving beauty you float with grace  
If only you could hide your face.
- > Kind, intelligent, loving and hot;  
This describes everything you are not.
- > I want to feel your sweet embrace  
But don't take that paper bag off of your face.
- > I love your smile, your face, and your eyes  
Damn, I'm good at telling lies!
- > My darling, my lover, my beautiful wife  
Marrying you screwed up my life.
- > I see your face when I am dreaming.  
That's why I always wake up screaming.
- > What inspired this amorous rhyme?  
Two parts vodka, one part lime

## Interesting Bowls Trivia

Prior to the last round of Grade 3 pennants this year, Crookwell led the competition over Bowral by 6 points. Crookwell also had a margin of +137 compared to Bowral +89. This was thought to be an unbeatable lead, which would give Crookwell the pennant.

As it turned out Crookwell lost the last round by 6 points -17. Bowral won with 6 points +35. This gave Bowral the pennant with equal points but 4 shots more on aggregate over the whole season. Amazing. Bowral won the pennant.

But it doesn't end there!

One of the Bowral rinks picked up 4 shots on their last end. The other Bowral skip saw scores level on the last end only to draw his last bowl to get the shot and win his the rink.

It just goes to show. Never give up in a game of bowls. Crookwell are still trying to figure out where they went wrong.

## Old Age Dilemma

An 85-year-old man was requested by his doctor for a sperm count as part of his physical exam. The doctor gave the man a jar and said, "Take this jar home and bring back a semen sample tomorrow."

The next day the 85-year-old man reappeared at the doctor's office and gave him the jar, which was as clean and empty as on the previous day. The doctor asked, "what happened, why no sample?" The man explained.

"Well, doc, it's like this--first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand, then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. We even called up Arleen, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezin' it between her knees, but still nothing."

The doctor was shocked and horrified! "You actually asked your neighbor?"

The old man replied, "Yep, and not one of us could open the damn jar."

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