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Newsletter of the Camden Bowling Club

September 2011

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## 2011 / 2012 Camden Men's Bowling Club Management Committee

L to R – Les Wilson - Match, Kevin Lawler – Patron, Bill Skeen – Match, Bill Webb – President / Welfare / Elected Delegate to the B of D Camden Sports Club / STDBA Club Delegate, Mick McIlveen – Selector / Match, Dave Margin – Vice President / Selector, Steve Laker – Secretary / Match, Henry Dallas – Match / Assistant Bowls Organiser, John Barrs – Treasurer, Dave Price – Bowls Organiser, Allan Wood – Selector

Not in picture – Ted Salmon – Vice President, Paul Burnes – Selector, Jack McGarrity – Selector, John Bugden – STDBA Club Delegate, Pat Callaghan – Publicity Officer

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## BOWLS NEWS

### 2011 Annual General Meeting

It is said that meetings take minutes and waist hours. That may be the case but I think all that attended the meeting this year would have been happy with the status of our Club and the outcomes of the previous year.

Member attendance at the meeting was to some extent disappointing but to those that were there all participated in the business at hand with several major decision being made.

The major issues were the endorsement of the Members in rebuilding the second green and the refurbishment of the lights on the second green. This should give the Club the enviable position of having not only another championship green during the day but also having the infrastructure to make them available during the evening. The

new Match Committee will surely welcome this decision.

The new Committee has the same familiar names in the Executive with Bill Webb President, Dave Margin and Ted Salmon Vice Presidents, John Barrs Treasurer and Steve Laker Secretary, being



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elected unopposed. The new face being Dave Price, also elected unopposed, taking up the Bowls Organizers job. Henry Dallas was elected Assistant Bowls Organiser for his first year on the Committee.

The new Match Committee is Mick McIlveen, Steve Laker, Bill Skeen with Henry Dallas and Les Wilson putting their hands up to take up a position on this and the Management Committee. If you have any suggestions for these guys for the coming year now is the time to pass on your suggestions.

The brave and extremely dedicated group of Jack McGarrity, Paul Burnes, Allan Wood and Mick McIlveen have taken on the Selectors job. Good luck guys.

The other elected Members are Pat Callaghan who does a great job in Publicity, Bill Webb welfare and the recruitment job is still open.

I am sure I speak for all Members in thanking these guys for giving up their time and efforts for the benefit of the Club and it's Members and in wishing them every success in the coming year.

#### Zone 5 12 a Side Inter District

Two of our top grade players were selected and played in the 12 a side event this year at Orange City Bowling Club. John Bugden, skip, and Shane Smith, lead, both done the club proud playing outstanding bowls all weekend.

This event is the toughest representative event of the year bringing all of the best bowlers in the six Districts together to play against each other. Five games are played over the two days, which, by Sunday lunch, all are doing it hard.

I had the pleasure of managing the Southern Tablelands side and was more than impressed with the high standard of bowls being played. There were mixed results over the weekend with the STDBA running 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Not as well as we hoped to go but a big improvement on last year. Lachlan Valley took out the trophy being equal on points with Nepean but winning on a better for and against margin.

#### State Rookie Finals

There have been two outstanding results over the last month by a couple of our Rookie bowlers.

John Selems had a well-deserved result in the sectional play of the Rookie singles to win the final at Picton BC and move to the Zone finals which will be played at Bathurst.

John then backed this up with Glenn Miller and won the pairs sectional final to move on to the Zone finals at Bathurst.

I am sure we will all be wishing them the best when they go away representing our Club and

District for the opportunity to play through to the State finals.

Good Luck Boys. Go Camden!!!

#### Taren Point Mixed Pairs

This proved to be a popular event this year for Camden Bowlers with no less than five teams entering. Mr & Mrs Webb', Conlon', Dallas', Schofield' and the team of Dave Price and Fran Laker all headed east to the high profile club and challenged the event.

With weather not allowing the original format to go ahead, it was changed to three bowl pairs.

There were some good games played by all the Camden teams with some of the honors going to Dave and Fran taking out fourth position.

Well done to all these bowlers for getting out there and representing our Club.

#### Champion of Club Champion Pairs

Ed Klaassen and Karl Szynal headed to Picton for the play offs of the Club Championships for 2011. Scoring a bye in the first round they came up against the eventual winners in Cliff Fay and Eric Haynes from the Picton BC. Both these bowlers are on top of their game now and proved to be to good for our guys. But by all accounts the bowls were of a very high standard and both of the guys can be proud of their effort.

## Ladies News

#### Nepean District President's Day

The annual N.D.W.B.A. Veteran's Day was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August at Kemps Creek Bowling Club in sunny conditions and a big turnout including fourteen of our Ladies most of whom bowled.

There were ten Super Veterans pinned by District President Nancy Wilmington including two of our own Super Veterans, Moya O'Farrell and Iris Britten. Also three Ladies from our neighbours at the RSL.



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#### This Month's Health Tip

Keeping your cool and staying positive decreases stress, and can even increase immune system functioning. Next time you are about to loose it take several deep inhales and remind yourself that this moment will eventually pass in time. This is particularly handy advice when playing mixed pairs.

#### Driving Quiz.....



You are driving in a car at a constant speed. On your left hand side there is a valley and on your right hand side there is a fire engine travelling at the same speed as you. In front of you there is a galloping pig, which is the same size as your car, and you cannot overtake it. Behind you there is a helicopter flying at ground level. Both the giant pig and the helicopter are travelling at the same speed as you. What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation?

Get off the merry-go-round - you're drunk!

#### Is it Possible?

Heads turned in amazement to see a bowl on it's right bias heading for the edge of the green and into the sink on the side of the rink. While we are all guilty of putting a bowl in the ditch there are not too many who could admit to the above feat. It doesn't cost any more to take a bit of real estate when you put your bowl down but this is taking it a bit far.

Don't worry Ed, we will price some bumper pads to put in when you are playing on a ditch rink in future.

#### Good Advice and Wisdom

- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.
- Having sex is like playing bridge. If you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good hand.
- The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea... does that mean that one enjoys it?
- Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.
- Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

#### Sounds familiar

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'what is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know the one that's red and has thorns.' 'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'



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