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BOWLS NEWS

District Championships

District Championships are currently under way and Camden, as usual, nominated a good number of entries for this year's events having no less than 83 individual entries.

Camden is off to a great start with two of our teams making the semi final. John Bugden's team was edged out by Shane's Smiths team to make the final. In a quality game of bowls the boys just came up short and were beaten by last years runners up from Crookwell. Well done guys.



It was also good to see a couple of Camden Members who turned up to support the guys. Well done Wayne, Baden and Fran.

L – R, District President Bob Lang, Shane Smith, Craig Cooper and Glenn Adams.

2013 Junior District Championships

On the 8th & 9th of January, Camden BC hosted the 2013 Junior District Championships. While the District does not have a lot of junior bowlers they do boast an Australian Representative. Ellen Ryan from the Goulburn Club is currently in the U/18 State and National side. This talent was reflected on the green with Ellen taking out both the Singles and the Pairs with fellow Goulburn player Jodie Marshall.

Well done also to our two new junior bowlers, Kieran Shaw and Zane Droscher, who represented our club and stepped up to the mark competing in both the singles and pairs events. Well done guys. Many thanks again to our Members who turned up on both days to organize and set up the event.

Razor Back Challenge



On what can only be described as a hot January night, the annual Razor Back Challenge was held at Picton bowling club between our 2 & 5 grades.

It was a great start to the year with good performances across the green with Camden taking back the trophy with a comprehensive aggregate score of 135 to 88. Let's hope this form continues into our Pennant season. Go Camden!

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Michelle Roffe Funeral Services, for the third consecutive year, supported this popular day for the Men's Club. Michelle is a great supporter of our club and announced on the day that all

Members of the Camden Bowling Club would be entitled to a special rate should her company be used. Michelle did emphasize that she is keen to support our club and she didn't want people to rush out to take up the offer. Many thanks for your continued support Michelle!!



Bob Pinkerton Player of the Year & Rookie of the Year Trophies

As most would know there are now two new trophies being awarded each year. These have been kindly supported and donated by Shane and Mitchell Smith from Wollondilly Electrical Contracting & Sales. Just so you know what you have to do to be a chance to win these trophies the following outlines the details.

The aim of the Bob Pinkerton Trophy is to single out and reward the best performed bowler over the calendar year (From Presentation Night to Presentation Night). All point events that fall between these two nights that are fully completed will be counted.

Who Can Win – All registered bowlers in the club are eligible.

Winner – Bowler with most points accumulated over the specified time that satisfies the criteria.

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Award – The winner will have their name on the perpetual Bob Pinkerton Trophy (which will stay at the club on show). They will also receive a smaller Bob Pinkerton Trophy to keep and a cash award.

Points System – All points are tallied from events listed below that are completed between presentation nights.



NB – Included are the events that everyone can enter. So no minor events are listed. Representative selection is not included. Quarter final points will only be awarded if the player has won a previous round. i.e. not if the quarter final is

the first round.

District Singles – Winner 40, Runner Up 20, Semi Final Loser 10, Quarter Final 5

Club Major Singles, District Pairs, District Triples, District Fours = Winner 30, Runner Up 20, Semi Final Losers 7.5, Quarter Final 3.5

Club Major Pairs, Triples, Fours = Winner 25, Runner Up 15, Semi Final Losers 5, Quarter Final 2.5

Consistency Singles, Handicap Pairs, Major / Minor Pairs, Graded Triples, Mixed Pairs = Winner 15, Runner Up 10, Semi Final Loser 2.5, Quarter Finals 1

The aim of the Rookie Award is to single out and reward the most improved bowler over the calendar year (from Presentation Night to Presentation Night). All point events that fall between these two nights that are fully completed will be counted.

Who Can Win – All bowlers who have played less than 5 years of bowls up to the date of the presentation of the award.

Winner – Bowler with most points that satisfy criteria.

Award – Winner will receive their name on the perpetual trophy (which will stay at the club on show), they will also receive a trophy to keep and a cash award.

NB – Once a player has won the award they cannot win it again.

District Singles – Winner 40, Runner Up 20, Semi Final Loser 10, Quarter Final 5

Club Major Singles, District Pairs, Triples, Fours = Winner 30, Runner Up 20, Semi Final Losers 7.5, Quarter Final 3.5

Rookie District Tournament = Win Tournament – 30, Runner Up – 20, Semi Final Losers 7.5, Quarter Final 3.5

Senior District Singles, Senior District Pairs, Reserve District Singles, Major Pairs, Triples, Fours = Winner 25, Runner Up 15, Semi Final Losers 5, Quarter Final 2.5

Minor Singles, Minor Pairs = Winner 20, Runner Up 12.5, Semi Final Loser 5, Quarter Final 2.5

Consistency Singles, Handicap Pairs, Major/Minor Pairs, Graded Triples, Mixed Pairs, Veteran Pairs, C Singles = Winner 15, Runner Up 10, Semi Final Loser 2.5, Quarter Finals 1.

Good luck to all and remember the only way to win these trophies is to get on the green.

Club Policies

There has been some discussion regarding our club policies which we have introduced to come into line with the legal requirements of a sporting organization. These are based around government legislation, the Australian Sports Commission, State bodies and Play By The Rules. All our policies are available for any Member to view and they will also be posted on our web site.

In short the main focus is Member Protection. Below is a short extract of what a Member can expect at our club and what is expected of our Members.

- People participate in sport and recreation for many different reasons and they should be able to do so knowing that they'll be safe from harassment and abuse and treated fairly with dignity and respect.

Regardless of your role in sport, you have a number of rights and responsibilities.

You have the right to:

- not be subjected to abuse or harassment while competing or at practice, undertaking administrative duties, in the club room and at other club social events;
- not be unfairly discriminated against by decisions made by your club or association (e.g., decisions about membership, selection, access to facilities and equipment);
- complain about inappropriate and unlawful behaviours and for complaints to be taken seriously and acted upon promptly;
- a fair process and not to be victimised if you make a complaint or are complained about.

You have the responsibility to contribute to safe and harassment-free sport by:

- **treating** others with dignity and respect
- **behaving** in a manner that does not put either yourself or others at risk of harm
- **responding** to situations where you see others being treated unfairly, bullied or harassed.

Should you feel at any time that you have an issue or complaint regarding any personal matter within the club your first point of contact would be either the President or you can approach the clubs Member Protection Information Officer, Steve Laker, who is accredited with the Australian Sports Commission, to have a confidential discussion.



For further information please review the Play By The Rules web site.



Wedding Bells

Late last year two of our bowling Members tied the knot and started a new life together.



Mick and Nardia McIlveen are now husband and wife and enjoying their life together. Good luck to the future Guys!

Some of our Members helping them celebrate on the day.

Vacation News

Was Humbo Scared??



On a recent holiday to Asia Len 'Humbo' Humberstone decided to play Tarzan and mix it with the big cats. A picture tells a thousand words. You can work out for yourself whether he thought it was such a good idea.

This sounded like a great holiday. For further information I am sure

Cath or Len would be happy to pass on the details.

Turto and Suzie Check Out Samoa



You always here about the usual holiday spot that people head to but Bruce and Suzie headed to somewhere a bit different. Sounds like a great deal.

Some of the details.

Location – Addie Greys Beach Resort, Samoa.

15 minutes from the airport on Upolu Island. 45 minutes from the capital of Apia.

Food - Good basic meals with plenty of variety (5 restaurants and bars all within the resort). Things to do - Plenty of swimming, relaxing by the pool,

with plenty of attentive staff to come and take food and drink orders.

Currency - The Australian dollar was worth \$2.26 in Samoan Tala, we found most prices pretty much the same as Australia if not cheaper.

Verdict - Samoan's are relaxed and friendly and nothing is too much trouble. We would recommend it as a holiday destination but 7 days would probably be enough of the good life!

Shoe Talk Camden

If you are looking for a new pair of bowls shoes our local shoe shop is currently stocking Asics Gel bowls shoes for men and ladies. These are a really comfortable shoe, look good, long lasting and now locally available. Please support Shoe Talk and this will give us somewhere local to at least buy a good pair of bowls shoes.



GEL-Hotjack 2 LB ♂



GEL-Hotkitty 2 LB ♀

They are also able to order in the Asics Scorcher which is a popular shoe around the club for the men.

Claude the Hypnotist

It was entertainment night at the Senior Citizens Centre.

Claude the hypnotist explained: "I'm here to put you into a trance; I intend to hypnotize each and every member of the audience."

The excitement was almost electric as Claude withdrew a beautiful antique pocket watch from his coat. "I want each of you to keep your eyes on this antique watch. It's a very special watch. It's been in my family for six generations."

He began to swing the watch gently back and forth while quietly chanting, "Watch the watch, watch the watch, watch the watch..."

The crowd became mesmerized as the watch swayed back and forth, light gleaming off its polished surface.

A hundred pairs of eyes followed the swaying watch until, suddenly, the chain broke; It slipped from the hypnotist's fingers and fell to the floor, breaking into a hundred pieces.

"Shit" said the hypnotist.

It took three days to clean up the Senior Citizens Centre - and Claude was never invited back...

