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Great Bowl!



BOWLS NEWS

District Singles Championships

Shane Smith proudly represented the Camden Club in the Districts premier State Singles event at Campbelltown on Sunday 24th March. Playing an inform Ken Haynes from Crookwell the game was played at a high standard but in the end Ken proved too strong. It certainly is a credit to Shane who has only been back with the game in the last couple of years. Some say he has a natural talent for the game and that may be true but he certainly improves this by practicing most days of the week. There is no doubt the more you practice the better your natural talent becomes. Congratulation Shane.



L – R, Ken Haynes, Bob Lang, STDBA President, Shane Smith

District Senior Singles

What an effort by our Senior bowlers! Not only did we have a good number of our members entering the District event we also came away with the quadrella. Rob Heininger, Col Wetton, Bill Schofield and Dave Price fought out the semi finals with Bill and Dave progressing to the final. With a guaranteed first and second place for Camden there were plenty of spectators on hand to cheer them on. In the end Dave prevailed and won his first individual District medal and now goes on to represent the District in the Zone finals. This

will be played at Camden so Dave has a good advantage already. Outstanding!



L – R, Dave, Bob Lang (District President) and Bill

2013 Minor Pairs

Ross Pulling and Peter Kibblewhite (Kiwi) broke through to get their names on the big board for the first time winning the minor pairs against Baden Harris and Noel Mulley. The game was always going to be a hard one to win with all players fairly evenly matched. This was reflected in the final score. Kiwi has shown he is not only one of our most valuable volunteers around the club, he can bowl as well. Great effort Guys!



L – R, Kiwi and Ross

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Handicap Pairs

The final in the annual handicap pairs this year saw an exciting final between the experienced and the rookies.

Starting on the maximum handicap of +12 Rob Patane and Lou McPherson took on Bruce Turton and Ben Cummins off scratch.

As all would appreciate picking up those 12 shots is not easy and in the end it made for an exciting finish with Ben and Turto just scraping through to take the title.

All players need to be congratulated on the high standard of bowls particularly Rob and Lou in their first final. By his own admission Rob will be the

next club champion so look out for these guys in future games.

Footnote: This turned out to be a great night for Ben and Bruce with Ben enjoying the excitement of the arrival of his newly born baby girl and Bruce picking up first prize in the 200 club.



Ladies News

(Pictures and content supplied by Yvonne Alderson)

The final of the Major Pairs for 2013 was played and what a nail biting edge of seat battle it turned out to be!!! Hard fought from the first bowl the scores went back and forth as shown by the final score of 17-15. An exciting final and great to watch it required an additional end to have an outcome...the winners being Michelle Fellows and Beryl Selems who retained their title from 2012 and our runners up being Joyce Doherty and Pres. Mary Burton. Congratulations all round ladies....it was a fantastic game....if only it could have been a draw!!!



L – R, Beryl Selems, Michelle Fellows
Joyce Doherty and Mary Burton

New Arrival

Ben and Sarah Cummins have welcomed the arrival of their baby girl, Sophie Jess. By the smile on Ben's face you can tell he is definitely the proudest of fathers. His feet haven't touched the ground for the last couple

of weeks. Congratulations to both of you and a happy and healthy life to young Sophie!!



Sophie Jess Cummins
born 9 March 2013, 3.69kg, 52.5cm long

Bowls Ettique - The unwritten rules

The following was sent from one of our higher grade bowlers. These issues are often spoken about but in a lot of cases not followed. It is good information and should be followed whenever you are involved in a game. Please read and adhere to these for the benefit of not only your own game but your opponents as well.

1 - It is generally assumed that the leads job is to put away the mats and jacks at the completion of the game. The rest of the team should put down shades and clean up their rink after each game.

2 - At the completion of an end the winning lead should as soon as practically possible place the mat in the general area on the centre line so all players know where to kick the bowls back to.

3 - All players in a team (skips excluded for obvious reasons) should "kick" the bowls back at the completion of an end.

4 - Sharing the Load - At the completion of an end the "winning skip" should indicate where he wants the lead to roll the jack and centre it on the line. Whilst this is being carried out the "losing skip" should be attending to the scoreboard and adjusting it as appropriate.



Also, the skip with the "last bowl" should not have to deliver his bowl then turn and pick up the mat and place it on the bank. This little task should be done by the skip who has no more bowls to play.

5 - Riding Bowls - It is an unacceptable practice for opposition players to "RIDE" an opponents bowl as it approaches the head hoping that it finishes in a favourable position for them. This is seen as wishing bad luck on an opponent and is not necessary. If your opponent delivers a bowl and it does in fact give your side an advantage, best to keep the joy to yourself, give the opposition a gesture of "unlucky" or "bad luck" or simply say nothing and get on with the game.

6 - Applauding a Lucky Bowl - It is generally an unaccepted practice for a player to clap a bowl delivered by a team member which might get a "lucky" result. i.e. rubbing off a short or wide bowl and tumbling in next to the jack for shot or belting into a short bowl which "pineapples" in for shot. Best practice is to take your luck, say nothing and get on with the game.

7 - Clapping a Bad Bowl - It is simply bad sportsmanship for a player to "clap" a bowl delivered by their opposition which results in that opposing player to unintentionally "Give the Shot Away".

Keep your thoughts to yourself, take your luck when it comes and be happy on the inside because "as sure as bears shit in the woods" your share of bad luck will come and you do not want the opposition rubbing your nose in it!

Keeping these few simple unwritten rules in mind will result in an enjoyable game of bowls had by all. Win lose or draw.

Bowls Etiquette – The written rules

Further to the unwritten rules, players should also be familiar with the laws of the game. A couple of points that have been noticed on the green during play;

Do not stop the jack and centre it until it has completely finished rolling.

Do not stop a bowl until it has finished rolling. Even if you know it is going in the ditch.

Remove dead bowls as soon as they are declared dead. Always!

Do not assume your opponent agrees with the shots. Count each one out one at a time and make sure your opponent agrees. Always!

These are just a few but please take them on board.



If you have a question related to the Laws of the game please send them in. A lot of other players may want to know the answer as well.

Vale

Sad news this month with the passing of Col Dillon. Col was always a character on and off the green and his presence will be greatly missed.

Cell Phone Issues

After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in her seat and closed her eyes.

As the train rolled out of the station, the guy sitting next to her pulled out his cell phone and started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart. It's Eric.

I'm on the train. Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting.

No, honey, not with that blonde from the accounts office, with the boss.

No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life. Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart.

Fifteen minutes later, he was still talking loudly.

The young woman sitting next to him had enough; she leaned over and said into the phone,

"Eric, turn that phone off and come back to bed."

Eric doesn't use his cell phone in public any longer.



THE TEST

Look Left



You Failed !

