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Great Bowl



BOWLS NEWS

Pennant News

The District pennant season has come to a close and we can now look back on how we performed as a club.

Unfortunately this is the time when everybody has an opinion of where we went wrong and how it could have been done better. Let's not be critical but constructive and use these arguments, if they are valid, to look forward and use this year as hopefully progressing to even better things for next year.

In saying that it really was a job well done by our selectors running the six sides and giving nearly 80% of our membership at least one game over the season. Also in running the six sides Camden won the Grade 5 pennant which is excellent for the club. The overall final results can be seen on our web site for all the other grades.

Well done to the Grade 5 side that now progress to the Zone finals being held at Bowral. They are sure to do us proud.



Our successful Grade 5 Side L – R, Col Wetton, Keith Pocock, Jack McGarrity, Bill Schofield, Peter Mahoney, District VP Allan Wood, Barry Taylor, Rob Mellor, District VP Graeme Tutt, Kelwyn Jones, Patron Kevin Lawler, Manager Joyce Doherty, Geoff Brown, Col Missen, Steve Tajsic, Ed Droscher, Baden Harris, Wayne Stanton To all those that supported the club this season during pennants well done to you.

Many thanks also to our lovely Ladies who took care of all the sides each week. This certainly takes the pressure off the guys before and during the game.

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2013 Major Pairs

The major pairs champions for this year are Ivor Watkiss and John Bugden. In a turn around team, Ivor took the reigns this year to skip following their 2011 victory where John was skip.



While Ivor is certainly recognised as one of our best leads his obvious ability with the complete game is coming to the fore. This is a great lesson for all new bowlers to learn the art of draw bowling prior to wanting to skip. Ivor has certainly served his apprenticeship as a lead and his overall game is now paying dividends.

Ivor and John jumped out to an early lead but the game then settled in to a close tussle but their opponents, Dave Price and Bill Schofield were unable to bridge the gap. Well done to all the finalists and good luck to Ivor and John at the District Champion of Champions later in the year.

2013 Club Fours Championship

Delayed for several months due to our busy program and inclement weather, the final of the Club Fours was finally played out on the 18th May. Being played on the second green with the Grade 5 playing their final game on the other green, it was not attracting that much attention but that didn't detract from the players involved giving it their full attention. The game was always in the balance

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with the score being 8 – 4 after 12 ends. With the game finishing under lights it was the team of Craig Cooper, Steve Laker, Dennis Smith and Wayne Stanton taking the prize over John Bugden, Mick Shepherd, Brian Barnicoat and Rick Plumridge. Congratulations to all the finalists.



Australian Indoor Qualifying

A few of our members headed to Warilla and entered this year's event. Bruce Turton and Barry Smith who are yet to paly and Fran Laker won her first round game but in a close second round just missed out. Good effort guys and great to see the Camden colours on the green in such a prestigious event.

Camden Juniors (Submitted by Alex Matheson)

On Friday the 10th May three of our juniors played in an interschool tournament at St Johns Park Bowling Club. After a slow start the Elderslie High School Team and Camden Members of



Jake Presland lead, Sam Dukes second and Josh Lord skipping were able to qualify for the final eight knock-out again to be held at St Johns Park on Friday 17th.

This proved to be an exciting day with the boys improving with every game and eventually making it through to the final.

Playing against Picton, who they lost to by over 20

shots in the preliminary round, tied the final sending it to an extra end. Holding 2 shots with Picton having one bowl left, their skip drew the shot to win. Disappointing for the boys but what an outstanding effort. Well done and thanks to Wayne Stanton who supported the boys throughout the two days.

Pictures top to bottom – Josh Lord, Sam Dukes and Jake Presland.



Club News

At the May Quarterly meeting it was recommended by the Management Committee to increase fees for the 2013 – 2014 year to \$130 per member. This was endorsed by the meeting and will be payable on or before the 30th June.

There was also a vote on changing our shirt design for the coming year. This went through and the wheels are now in motion to get a sample shirt and put it on display prior to ordering.

Coaching Course

There will be a coaching course being run at Camden on the 3rd and 4th of August. There are still a couple of spots left so if you would like to attend please see Steve Laker as soon as possible.

Zone Pennant Finals at Camden

Camden will be hosting the Grade 4 Zone 5 pennant finals on the weekend of the 15th and 16th of June. Our Match Committee and Dave Price will be coordinating the weekend but there is always plenty to do. If you would like to lend a hand please see Rob Mellor and let him know you are available.



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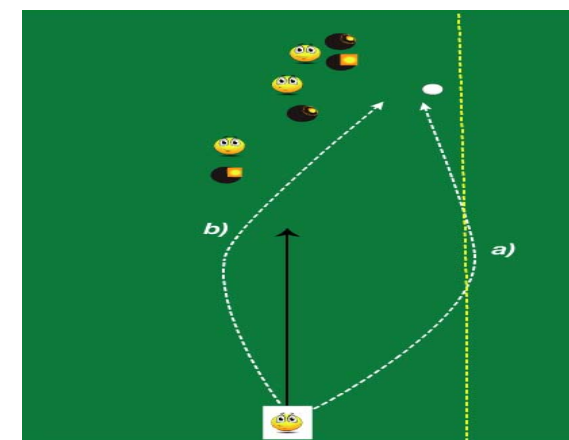
Umpires

Back to our question from last month regarding the dimpled bowls with two of the dimples on each bowl being painted but not in the same place. All umpires agreed that this should not be a problem and would not necessarily challenge the bowls until the final bit of information was added. While the owner of the bowls rolled the jack his opponent picked up one of his bowls for him. His reply was "No thanks, I play my bowls in a certain order". Oops. Advantage or not it doesn't sound good. So the bowls were declared illegal until he removed the paint from the dimples. He wasn't happy.

Coaching Tip

What shot to play?
Shot selection and good decision making
By Rob Huddle, www.ecoachbowls.com
Inside or out?

Situation:	Jack has been shifted over to just inside right boundary line. Skips to play last bowls. Your team is -2 shots down with about 1 metre to draw shot.
Options:	<p>a) Draw on F/H on open hand ...but your Skip bowls a bit wide, stays out of bounds and other skip draws for -3 shots.</p> <p>b) Draw on B/H under the head ...but your Skip plays B/H a bit heavy, runs into an opposition bowl on the way in for -3 shots down. Other Skip draws another for -4 down!</p>
Comment:	Care is needed to play either side. On the open F/H side out wide often the green is a bit slower as it does not get much traffic and the grass is not flattened. This will also decrease the amount of turn and the bowl may hang out wide and finish out of bounds. Playing the B/H requires great skill also as weight and line must be spot on.
Decision:	Personally I would play the open side with less danger as a bit heavy is OK and a bowl slightly narrow can get a result drawing onto the shot bowls.



Lisa Phillips (Courtesy of the 'Shot' magazine)



On the green, she strikes you as an in-your-face exuberant tyro; one of the new breed of

young bowlers taking the sport by storm. Here is a bowler not afraid to take on the difficult shots, one who exudes the dauntlessness of youth. Bold and brave, she is a bowler without fear. But away from the rink Lisa is a touch shy and mild mannered. Currently Lisa is the only Victorian in the open Australian Side and appears to be 'out there' if any body has seen her play.

Here is a short extract from an interview with her. It's a good in-site into the game from one so young.

"It's a good sport and it's not one of those like basketball or soccer that everyone plays. People bag it out because they think it's easy and then they come and try it and they realise it isn't. It's a sport that takes a long time to get used to and it's great because anyone can win and the worst player at the club can beat the best player on any given day."

She is currently the youngest ever winner of the Australian Open winning at 17.

Certain Cure

A woman goes to the Doctor, worried about her husband's temper.

The Doctor asks: "What's the problem?"

The woman says: "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason. It scares me."

The Doctor says: "I have a cure for that. When it seems that your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or goes to bed and is asleep."

Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn.

The woman says: "Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?"

The Doctor says: "The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that seems to do the trick...."