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BOWLS NEWS

2013 Club Triples

The Championship season was completed this month with the final of the Club Triples being played out.

In a close game and good sportsmanship last year's winners, Ian Couper, Ben Cummins and Mick Shepherd came up just short against the gun team of Shane Smith, Dave Price and Col Smith. (Is this the first father and son club champions? Maybe not with Bob Pinkerton and Jim winning a number of titles together, but a great effort all the same)

Well done guys and we can only look forward now to the presentation night when all our champions are given the recognition they deserve.



L – R, Ian Couper, Ben Cummins, Mick Shepherd, Shane Smith, Dave Price, Col Smith

The JB Challenge Pairs

It was a case of JB x 2 taking out the final of the 2103 Ted Salmon Challenge Pairs.

John Bugden and John Barrs teamed up to reign supreme in the final although they didn't have it all their own way having to play a tie break to decided the winner.

The first set was won with a big margin by their opponents Shane Smith and Geoff Brown but the two Johns turned that around in the second set. The tie break was an exciting way

to finish the final with a good number of spectators watching and cheering them on. Congratulations Johns!!



L – R, Shane Smith, Geoff Brown, John Barrs, John Bugden

Asquith Junior Pairs Tournament

We had better start looking over our shoulder at our juniors who are improving every day. Two of the boys, Josh Lord and Same Dukes represented Camden and headed to Asquith to compete in their first individual pairs tournament. Not giving their opposition any sympathy the guys won their games 18 - 5, 22 - 2, 24 - 3, & 18 - 3.

They won their division easily and picked up their first pay cheque.

Top result guys. Go Camden!

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Fire Brigade State Titles

(Submitted by Craig Cooper)

The NSW Fire Brigades held their State titles this year at Soldiers Point B.C. from 8th to 11th October 2013.

Camden B.C. were well represented with John Bugden, Craig Cooper and Steve Lyons competing.

The trio made the final of the Triples but unfortunately stumbled and were comprehensively beaten 22 / 2.

Craig Cooper had a memorable tournament knocking out some big guns in the qualifying rounds of the Singles only to be beaten by the eventual singles winner.

He made the final of the Triples and after playing 190 ends of bowls over 4 days went on to win the Pairs with Steve Finnerty from Ingleburn BC (not a member "yet" but working on it) 2 sets to 0 - 10/0, 7/6

Craig was beaten by one point on a count back for "player of the tournament".



L – R, Craig Cooper, Steve Finnerty

Inter Club Challenge

The side entered by Shane Smith bounced back in the third round having a resounding win against the leaders Campbelltown. Winning all three rinks in relatively easy



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fashion the boys are scratching their heads wondering what happened in the first two rounds against Kemps Creek and Picnic Point. The form continued at Picnic Point winning overall on the night and being right back into the competition now with two wins.

Hopefully we will see a good number of supports at the club over the next couple of weeks to cheer them on in the final two preliminary rounds.



Junior Lawn Bowls Gala Day

(Submitted by J. Murphy)

During the holidays Hannah, Abbey, Bryce, Noah, Imogen and Ryan played in a Junior Lawn Bowls Gala Day against Kingswood Juniors at Camden Bowling Club. The team played 3 games of 8 ends. Thanks to Alex Matheson, Jo Flook and Jane Conlon for coaching advice on the day. Well done bowlers.

A Word From The Coaches

We now have a number of qualified coaches at the club who are working hard to improve not only the bowls but also the way the game is being played at Camden.

As you would all be aware, there is an etiquette when we play the game but sometimes this is lost while on the green.

So to help improve this coaches will, when they see an apparent issue with how a player is behaving, have a quiet word.

Please take this as good advice and not somebody having a go.

This is the domain of the coaches and Executive of the club so if you think there is an issue with how a particular player is behaving or not showing due respect to an

opponent, please approach one of the coaches or Executive who will progress the issue. Chipping other players while you are playing can only lead to disharmony on the green and that is exactly what we are trying to avoid. Good bowling everybody!

A Huge Thank You

*(A message from Danny Richardson
danrich@optusnet.com.au)*

Hi fellow supporters

I have now completed the 2013 Ride to Conquer Cancer 2013.

A total 1043 riders participated raising \$4.1 Million dollars.

On behalf of the team at RTCC, Chris (my support crew) & myself thank you for your on going support. I have registered for 2014, hopefully you will support us next year.

Skills Practice

A number of players turned up in very ordinary weather conditions on Wednesday for the first skills session of the season to work on their game and go through the skills lay out set up by club coaches, John Bugden and Craig Cooper.

This is not a coaching session but purposeful practice and a way to practice game situations. It also helps in identifying parts of your game that may need more practice or a visit to the coach.

This will be run each Wednesday from 4 pm to at least 6 pm. If you turn up at 6 pm it will be kept going until 7 pm.

At least one qualified coach will be available at all times with five of the coaches there on Wednesday to see how things went and work on improvements for next week.

All Members of the Men's and Ladies club of all levels are most welcome so please take advantage of this initiative.



Above – Brian Fogarty sending one down in one of the skills set.

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Shirt Update

Like Christmas they are still coming but the sample shirt with the new design was on display on the weekend with plenty of positive comments. So the order is now going in and we should see our shirts before Christmas.

Vale

A very sad month for the sport of bowls this month with our own Jim O'Farrell passing away on 28th October after battling ill health for some time. Jim was a Life Member of the club.

Also John Long from Campbelltown passed away suddenly on 25th October. John was heavily involved in our sport for over thirty years being the backbone of our District over those years. He was a former President, Secretary, Treasurer among numerous other positions over the years. He will surely be missed.

Late Extra - Picton Triples

Another great result for Camden and our Members with Glenn Adams and Shane Smith teaming up with Keith Sargent from Bargo to win the Picton Triples this year.

Going to the office

Hubby - You always carry my photo in your handbag to the office. Why?

Wife - When there is a problem, no matter how impossible, I look at your picture and the problem disappears.



"When I retire, I'll sit around and do nothing for a change."

Hubby - You see, how miraculous and powerful I am for you?

Wife - Yes, I see your picture and say to myself, "What other problem can there be greater than this one?"