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# Great Bowl

Newsletter of the Camden Bowling Club

December 2013

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## BOWLS NEWS



2013

Another year draws to a close and again the Club can be proud of its achievements and its Members achievements throughout the year.

Camden is now the fourth largest club within our Zone and we continue to go. This is a direct result of hard work by the Committee and the Members. Also to the tireless team of volunteers who continue to put their hands up to help out whenever asked.

Well done to All and to All a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year and may you all receive the best gift of all around the tree this year, the love of your family, all wrapped up in each other.

### 2013 Presentation Night

Presentation night has come and gone and for those making the effort to attend were fortunate enough to enjoy a great night out with their fellow members and applaud our Champions.

There were a lot of notable achievements recognized during the night but non more so than John Bugden picking up the Club Champion of the year as well as Camden Bowler of the year for the second year running. Also Brendan Gallagher taking out the Rookie of the Year. A fitting result for both of these players who had an outstanding year on the green.

Also of note were the recipients of the Bowls NSW awards who were our champions off the green. Mary Burton and Elaine Shaw were recognized for their continued support of the Bowling Club. Alex Matheson and Rob Mellor both receive tie pins and Ivor Watkiss and Paul Burnes being award Merit Badges. All well deserved for the efforts these people have voluntarily put into our club.

Presidents awards were also presented to Iain Ross, Ray Jones and Wayne Stanton for their volunteer work during the year.



The standard of bowls continues to grow at the club and one can only wonder who will be holding up the trophies next year.

### 2013 Veteran Pairs

Charlie Toovey went into battle this year with a new partner in Dave Price aiming to win his fourth Veteran Pairs event. You chose well Charlie taking out the event in fine style.

While Dave would not like to admit he is now playing in the Veterans he is still getting the runs on the board at all levels of bowls having another outstanding year in both Club, District and Representative level.

Congratulations to all those that entered this event especially Charlie and Dave.

### 2013 Consistency Singles

Shane Smith capped off a good year on the green winning the Consistency Singles against Allan Wood.

Both players had to battle a strong breeze on the day but it was Shane who handled the



conditions just that bit better and took out the title this year.

Congratulations to all the players who nominated for the event this year. It was one of the biggest entries we have seen at the club for some time. Something that is really making the Match Committee and Henry earn their high salaries.

### **Inter Club Challenge**

The first attempt by Camden entering a side in the State run Inter Club Challenge ended at the quarter-final stage against Taren Point at Picnic Point Bowling Club.

The boys put up a great fight with the fours fighting back from a bad start and just going down. John Bugden had a resounding win in the singles and it then came down to Craig Cooper and Shane Smith in the pairs. The game had to go to an extra end and all but the last bowl to see Taren Point win the day. A disappointing result in the end to go so close but it was a great job by the whole side that participated over the seven weeks. Players included, Shane Smith, John Bugden, Ed Klaassen, Karl Szynal, Rick Plumridge, Ivor Watkiss, Dave Price, Paul Burnes, Ian Couper, Craig Cooper, Mick Shepherd and Steve Laker. Also thanks to Kay Price for turning up and cheering the boys on in the quarter-final.

Entering a side in this competition has been spoken about since it's inception a number of years ago but up until this year there has been no interest. Well done to Shane Smith for



taking the initiative and doing all the hard work and entering the side. Hopefully next year we will see more than the one side putting in the effort to enter a side.

### **After School Junior Program**

If anybody has been to the club of a Tuesday afternoon lately they will have seen a tribe of young budding bowlers all over the green. It really is a great sight.

Alex Matheson and his crew of volunteers, especially one of our juniors, Joel Ringuet, have been doing a wonderful job showing



these kids the fundamentals of the game and how much fun it is.

Bowls NSW and Bowls Australia have all taken interest in how the program is being run at Camden and representatives have turned up to take notes to pass onto other bowling clubs. Alex was also invited to Albion Park BC to give them tips on how to run their program.

And it must be working with one senior representative noting that he couldn't see one kid standing around on the green picking their nose.

### **District Championship Nominations**

Nominations sheets are up on the board for the 2014 District Championships. This is a great opportunity to play at different venues around the District, improve your bowls and meet new people but to also get out there and represent your Club.

Let's see if we can break the number of entries from last year. Get your name up now. Entries close at the club on the 29<sup>th</sup> December to have them at the District on time.

### **Southern Tablelands District BA V South Coast District BA**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> November no less than nine Camden bowlers played for the STDBA at Robertson Bowling Club against the South Coast District Bowling Association in the final representative game of the year.

It was a great day for the District winning right across the green including our Junior and Senior Teams.

There were several highlights on the day apart from the big win with Shane Smith being promoted to skip on one of the rinks and our three Junior reps performing outstandingly and winning their rink by close to 20 shots. But with all those good bits the icing on the cake was John Bugden being awarded District Player Of The Year for the second year

running and the third time in six years. Congratulations Buggo. Sensational Guys!!



The STDBA Representatives at Robertson BC. (Notice the three bottom left. Our Juniors ready to do a job on the SCDBA)

### New Sponsor

Camden have recently picked up a new sponsor. Camden Mower and Chainsaw Centre have come on board to support our club. So please everybody, if you are going to buy something look at who our sponsors are first and if possible use them. Also let them know that you are a Camden Member and thank them for sponsoring our Club. Our sponsors are surely one of our major assets.

### New Members

We have had a good number of new members join the club in the last few months and all are on the green enjoying our great game. So welcome to you all.

Our Members are sure to make you feel more than welcome at our friendly club.

Footnote: There seems to be one Member who is going for spotters' fees with new members seemingly bringing one or more in nearly every week. What a great effort.

A good lesson for all of us to encourage all our friends and acquaintances to come down and have a go.

While his choice of shirts leaves a bit to be desired he is certainly doing a great job for our club. Well done Mr Wetton!!



### Ladies Charity Day

A great initiative by the Ladies running a Charity Day event for the Salvation Army and Bushfire Appeal.

Not only was it a fun day the Ladies managed to raise close to \$2,500.00. How good is that!! For the Camden Bowlers that turned up you have again done us proud. It's great to be a Camdenian Bowler isn't it.

### Coaches Comment

After a close game where all the players of the two teams played well several players commented on how much fun they had during the game because they had played so well. The reverse was probably the case. They had played well because they had enjoyed themselves.

There is a difference between the two and studies of leading athletes has proven that if you enjoy yourself during competition your game will surely improve. Enjoy the game and the challenges during the game and see if you don't play better.

### The Great Outdoors

During my physical examination, my doctor asked me about my physical activity level.

I described a typical day, "Well, yesterday afternoon, I took a five hour walk about 7 miles through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through brambles. I got sand in my shoes and my eyes. I avoided standing on a snake. I climbed several rocky hills. I took a few 'leaks' behind some big trees. The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank eight beers."

Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoors man!"

"No," I replied, "I'm just a lousy golfer."

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