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BOWLS NEWS



2014 Club Fours Championship

The first of our club championships has been completed with John Bugden starting the year how he finished in 2013. Johns team of Sam Dukes, Brian Barnicoat and Rick Plumridge took out the title against a strong team in Bill Matthews, Graham Reeves, Bruce Turton and Barry Smith.

It was a game that all thought would be a close final and for the most part it came down to some great conversion shots to decide the end. Players on both teams played great bowls and had all the spectators watching every bowl. It was also great to see one of our juniors scoring his first major championship at the club. Who would hazard a guess as to how many titles these new up and coming bowlers are going to win. Something to look forward to.



L / R – Sam, Brian, Rick and John

2013 Premier Age Challenge

It was a fun afternoon of bowls with sides being organised from the players that turned up. There were still four age groups

challenging each other but balanced out to slightly different ages from previous years.

It was a close affair after the first game but as was expected from the strong 50's / 60's teams skipped by Ross Lawrence, Barry Smith and Steve Laker the inevitable result was posted with this side being the obvious better bowlers at the club for the coming year. Oh yeh!

On a serious note it was reflected by the winning captain of the side that it had been an outstanding year for the whole club and all it's Members, rounded off by good sportsmanship and friendship as was shown on the day. It was something that Brian Douglass, the name on the trophy, would surely have been very proud of.

New Shirts

The new shirts are now out and about and are being worn by a good number of members turning up for bowls.

While there are still some detractors out there many more are being positive with the shirts with them adding a bit more color and a new dimension to our club.

Either way, no doubt, the shirts will be worn with pride and be the envy of other clubs, not by design but who is wearing them. Go Camden!

South Pacific Bowls Tournament

Three of our Members took the challenge this year down in the Illawarra area and entered the South Pacific Tournament.



Mick McIlveen contested the pairs in a composite team and the singles. Karl Szynal and Rob Patane also contested the singles and teamed up in the pairs.

While all played well it was Karl and Rob in the pairs that took all before them making the round of 16. This is certainly the pointy end of the tournament where you are sure to come up against top-level bowlers and as it turned out their opponents were Steve Glasson (current Australian Coach) and his son Ben.



Not being overwhelmed by the occasion the game was in the balance on the last end with Steve Glasson's last bowl just dislodging a bowl to win by one shot. Oh so close.



With out doubt this is the best way to improve your bowls and there is also no doubt that Rob is that one step closer to being 'the worlds best bowler'.

Pictures from top – Rob and Karl at Bulli BC (the day before the club closed for good). Steve Glasson, Rob, Karl, and Ben Glasson. Mick under lights at Warilla BC

Razor Back Challenge



A great turn out by both Picton and Camden with two teams from grade 3, 6 and 7 making the side for each club. There was some great bowls. In the end it was Picton taking the big board by a good number of shots but all

the side can be proud of the way they represented the club.

It was a good hit out and something for the selectors to work on.

A big thank you to Mick Barrett who toiled away over the BBQ (again) in very hot conditions to supply the weary bowlers with a feed. Thanks Mick!

Interesting Conversation

Peter Fahey, our local BA CDO, has been frequenting our club quite a bit lately.

In a conversation with him he mentioned Warilla BC and how well they are doing financially and how good the facilities are. The club is well worth a visit if you haven't been there. But at their AGM some members challenged the club on what they 'weren't' doing for the bowling members.

The CEO replied that indeed one of their biggest challenges was in fact the personal perception of some bowlers who only think about what's in it for them. "Take a look around" he says. "And you complain".

While all Committees are keen for new ideas they must be constructive. The famous words of a President once said. "Don't ask what the club can do for you, ask what you can do for the club" Well something like that anyway. Wise words.

Junior District Championships

Great effort by four of our juniors being runners up in the District Junior Fours. All the juniors represented the club well over the three events held at Bowral. It's a certainty that one of them will be holding up the winners' trophy next year.

Australia Day 2014

Great to see a good turn-out of marchers on Australia Day, giving some time for our club. It was quite a site this year walking up the main street and getting plenty of cheers from the crowd. Camden is certainly a recognized part of the Camden Community nowadays. Plenty of information sheets were handed out on the way so hopefully these will result in more members joining the club.



Above and below the group of Men and Ladies doing their bit for the club. Well done Guys!



Dying Wish

Doug Smith is on his deathbed, knows the end is near.

His nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons, are with him.

"So", he says to them: "Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses."

"Sybil, take the apartments over in Pall Mall."

"Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in City Centre."

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the Thames".

The nurse is just blown away by all this, and as Doug slips away, she says, "Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property".

"PROPERTY" Sarah replies, the bugger had a paper round!"



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Old Age Home

During a visit to the doctors, the question came up about when is the time right to go into a nursing home.

"Well" he said. "We fill up a bath tub and give the person a bucket a teacup and a spoon and ask them to empty it".

"Oh I understand, a normal person would take the bucket".

"Well no" said the Doctor. "the normal person would pull the plug".

"Would you like a bed near the window"?

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