



THE RAMBLER

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GENERAL RULES



AT CAMDEN BOWLING CLUB

Our Club and Greens are managed and are maintained to a high standard for your use and enjoyment. You can assist in keeping this high standard by:

1. Bowls shoes or thongs (roll ups only) to be worn on greens
2. Bowling the bowls ensuring no damage to the greens
3. No running or skipping on the greens
4. Stepping in or walking in the sand ditches is NOT permitted
5. No sitting on the banks or standing close to the plinths
6. Smoking is not permitted on the greens or surrounds
7. Drinking and eating is NOT permitted on the greens
8. Roll ups are only permitted outside of organised event times and not before 10 am and on the furthest available rink
9. Children are to be supervised by a Member at all times

BOWLING GREENS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY



CHRISTMAS EDITION

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EDITOR **RAMBLINGS**

Dear RAMs,

Well, the Camden Rams Club has had another successful year. Our finances remain strong, thanks to the world's best treasurer, and our membership numbers continue to grow.

We are half way through the competition year but have much to look forward to with the Pennants commencing, the Triples, Fours and other important events yet to come.

Thank you to our board for keeping us on track and committees for continuing to carry out their difficult tasks. Thanks to the volunteers and helpers and thanks to Todd for giving us the best greens in the zone.

And a big thanks to all the members who entered our events and congratulations to all winners.

We look forward to great times in 2024.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members and their families.

Dennis Crouch

Rambler Editor and roving reporter

Camden Rams Bowling Club

Friday Arvo Scroungers



Starting Time 4:00 pm
 Random Rink Draw From 3:45 pm
 All Entry Money Paid Out In Prizes
 \$5 Entry Per Player
 Visitors Welcome (must be a financial member of a registered Bowling Club)



Camden Men's and Ladies Bowling Clubs

PRESENT

FABULOUS FRIDAY

MIXED MUFTI SOCIAL

Second Friday of Each Month

3 Bowl Triples

Pick your team or single entries welcome

9:00 a.m. Start

Cost Per Player - \$18 (includes lunch)



Camden Bowling Club

200 Club



1ST PRIZE - \$1500
 2ND PRIZE - \$300
 3RD PRIZE - \$200
 4TH PRIZE - \$100
 5TH PRIZE - \$80
 6TH PRIZE - \$80

Total Prize Money
\$2200

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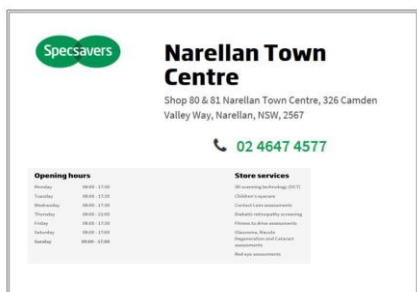
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DATE	DAY	EVENT
1	Mon	NEW YEARS DAY
2	Tue	GREENS CLOSED
3	Wed	GREENS CLOSED
4	Thu	GREENS CLOSED
5	Fri	GREENS CLOSED
6	Sat	GREENS CLOSED
7	Sun	GREENS CLOSED
8	Mon	GREENS CLOSED
9	Tue	Social Bowls am
10	Wed	Ladies Day am
11	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm
12	Fri	
13	Sat	Social Bowls pm
14	Sun	
15	Mon	2023-24 NSW State Championships - Zone/Region Winners Due
16	Tue	Social Bowls am
17	Wed	Ladies Day am
18	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm
19	Fri	CHARITY NIGHT
20	Sat	Pennant Trial Club 4s Nominations close Mixed Pairs Nominations close
21	Sun	
22	Mon	
23	Tue	Social Bowls am
24	Wed	Ladies Day am
25	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm
26	Fri	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
27	Sat	
28	Sun	
29	Mon	
30	Tue	Social Bowls am
31	Wed	Ladies Day am
1	Thurs	Social Bowls am + pm Club Triples Nominations close



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Peter Mahoney

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CAMDEN BOWLING CLUB



AROUND THE GREENS

MAJOR PAIRS

Saturday December 16th saw a very good crowd of spectators present to watch the final of the Major Pairs. This was a very high standard game played in difficult conditions. Congratulations to the finalists Bob Hodge, Rick Staats, Gary Trick and Pat Phibbs. Bob and Rick won a very good game of bowls.



VETERAN PAIRS

Congratulations to our Veterans Pairs winners, Karl Szydal and Brian Cooke, who had a close win over Mick Everingham and Phil Lubke.





ROOKIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

What a great effort from our guys at the recent Rookies State Finals held at Raymond Terrace:

Garry Pauley and Guy Wilton

Peter Williams and Corey Eason

Well Done to both teams winning 2 out of 3 games and just missing out on going to Q/Finals
Guy also went very well in his singles matches.

As usual, a fantastic group of supporters were on hand to witness some fabulous bowls.





SECOND RUB-IN

Thanks again to everybody who helped with this job. The green is already looking amazing.



Good to see a couple of RAMS out and about in a recent tournament. Well done guys.

Wiseman Park Bowling Club Wollongong hosted the Avondale Grange Over 50's Pairs bowls tournament.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Champions - M Hobill & B Suckley 3 wins +40

2nd - G Gillespie & N Bartley 3 wins +34

3rd - B Dileva & Smith 3 wins +32

4th - R Hodge & M Hooker 3wins +26

5th - C Brooks & P Grub 3wins +23

1st Round winners - C Ward - M Luckwell

2nd Round winners - R Ryan & W Boyce

3rd Round winners - M Wallace & P Westcott

HAM AND TWO-PORK-CHOP DAY

What a great day this was. 64 starters on one green, 8 rinks of fun. There were some pretty scary outfits but **almost** everyone looked great.

Thank you to the organisers for the day, Michele Rolfe for the hams and a special thank you to our new patron, Sally Quinnell for taking the time to come down and get involved.



BOWLS WINNERS





MEMBER PROFILE – KARL SZYNAL



Karl Szynal's father was taken prisoner when Germany invaded Poland at the commencement of World War Two and transported back to Germany as forced labour on a farm. There, in true romance style, love blossomed with the farmer's daughter but was thwarted when the young prisoner was returned to Poland at the conclusion of hostilities. Finding home devastated by the last four years of conflict he returned to rekindle the flames of passion and start a new life abroad. His mother was pregnant when they arrived in Australia as displaced persons, so Karl likes to say with a rueful smile that "he was manufactured in Germany but constructed in Australia".

Born in Parkes the young Karl tried and played many sports, but touch football was his game. Whilst living in Toongabbie he played in the Seven Hills competition and won leading try scorer for three years in a row. Karl moved to Camden in 1975 and played in Campbelltown, Parramatta, and Picton competitions from 1976 to 1991. He was selected at a representative level for Campbelltown and Parramatta with minimal success. Karl follows Wests Tigers, again with minimal success.

He worked as an accounts clerk before qualifying as an accountant employed in private industry for ten years. He then took up a position with Camden Council where he remained for the rest of his working life.

Karl turned to lawn bowls with his close friend Ross Newport in 1992, both joining the Camden club. He has played for 28 years at Camden and 3 years at St John's Park. He was originally coached by Col Dillon but also received help from the great Bob Pinkerton who gave him the opportunity to compete in the South Pacific Fours. They defeated some very strong opposition.

His time in lawn bowls has been very successful with many wins at club, district, and Zone level.

Karl has won the Club Singles three times, Club Pairs seven times, Club Triples three times, and Club Fours twice. Only recently he added a Zone 5 Reserve Fours to his credits.

Over the years Karl has played in NSW Open and Australian Open events and has won games in all disciplines. His most notable result was beating Ian Schuback in the Australian Open Senior Pairs with fellow club member Robert Patane. They lost in the Quarter Final to Rowan Brassey in contentious circumstances but were gracious in defeat. He considered it a fantastic feeling to be able to play against such champion players.

Before such a big event he relaxes and reflects on the upcoming game. Considers himself to be happy and grateful to be playing this event. He thinks about his delivery routine and especially his rhythm speed.

Karl believes in practise and working on your game. He throws the jack to various lengths followed by delivering bowls to the length thrown. He places bowls around the jack and plays shots to draw and remove bowls or trail the jack. Practising with fellow bowlers is also important.

Looking to return something to the sport Karl qualified as a coach to help aspiring members to learn the game at a social level. However, Eddie Klaassen, Steve Lyons, Alex, and June Matheson were some of his students who went on to higher achievements. He took a greater satisfaction in watching his students win at local, district and Zone events.

Asked about his most memorable victories, Karl singled out his two wins in the Bob Pinkerton Bowler of the Year awards in 2016 and 2018 and being able to represent the club in higher competition.

Camden honoured Karl with Life Membership in 2021 and he looks forward to continuing his relationship with the club for many years.

By The Scribbler

COACH'S CORNER

Secrets To Singles Success Playing Lawn Bowls

4 Fundamentals to Improve Your Shot Selection

What's more important? Being able to play all the shots, or being able to play the right shot at the right time? Lawn bowls shot selection is a critical component to your game and can be a hugely neglected skill in itself that is not fully understood, improved or focused on as part of a 'how to improve' approach.

What is shot selection? Putting it simply, it is **choosing the correct shot to play at that particular moment in the game to achieve the maximum outcome** for you or your team.

The correct shot to play can be highly debatable and many a bowl is replayed, discussed and criticised in the club house after a game. The important point to remember is the fact that we all fail with shots every single game, the only difference from a new bowler to an elite bowler is the number of times they fail throughout the game.

We can all interpret the game differently and have varying styles to our game but whether your style is defensive, attacking or somewhere in the middle we can all consider the following **4 fundamentals to shot selection** as a key part of improving your chances of delivering match winners more often.

1 – NUMBER OF ENDS PLAYED/REMAINING

The number of ends played or remaining is a key principle which needs to be factored into your shot selection. If only a few ends have been played then it is fair to say that playing a riskier shot for a high reward is something that can be considered.

Conversely if there are only a few ends remaining in the game, risky shots which could go badly should rarely be considered as there will be few ends to recover if you concede multiple shots choosing a risky shot.



2 – CURRENT SCORE (RINK AND/OR TEAM)

Comprehension of not only your own game score line but importantly other rink games also is imperative and consideration of the overall picture across multiple rinks. Also known as thinking about the 'big board' or 'overall score'. Weighing up your shot selection as to what could go right and what could go wrong will have an impact across the green depending on the outcome.

For example, the home team is 2 shots down across the 'big board' with 1 end remaining on each of the three rinks competing. Rink A is 1 shot down with the home skip playing the last bowl. They have 4 second shots and a chance to drive out the shot bowl for 4 shots, however if they are a bowl tight and they ditch the jack they have no back bowls and could possibly go 5 down depending on where the jack ends up. The other two rinks playing are holding one shot each. What do you do?

Firstly, before you consider your shot selection, make sure you confirm with the other skips the exact situation on their rinks and take some time to discuss each skips shot selection and potential for things to go right or wrong.

In this instance it may be wise to hold off on your shot and let the other games pan out, as your shot selection may be made easier knowing exactly what you have/haven't to score. In this instance ploughing ahead, being the hero and playing the 'match winning' shot could

backfire and not only cost the overall game but not give the other rinks any chance of winning the game either. A more conservative and considered shot selection could ensure at minimum an overall draw.

3 – CURRENT GAME MOMENTUM

Constantly evaluating if you are playing better than your opponent or they are getting the upper hand over you should be part of your shot selection consideration. Not necessarily who is winning as the score line may not reflect who is playing the better bowls generally. Selecting a more defensive or a more aggressive shot may be the shot that changes the game momentum in your favour or in the favour of the opponent if it all goes a little 'pear shaped'.

TOP TIP – not playing a 'risky' shot to try and score a multiple and settling to try and draw an extra shot for 2 can be the momentum changing shot selection, settling to just score and win the end saying the opponent has won the previous 6 ends and playing the length of jack they are dominating. **Win the end – change the jack length – change the game momentum**

4 – RISK V REWARD

Ultimately the vast majority of your shot selection decision should consider the 'risk v reward' thesis. What is 'risk v reward'? It is a systematic approach to assess the relationship between the cost or risk of an undertaking to the prospective reward. In other words, risk versus reward is an analysis of the pros and cons of a given situation or course of action.

Weighing up what could go right v what could go wrong should be at the forefront of your decision. **Ultimately the more successful players tend to play shots that have high reward for low risk,** hence why it may seem like more successful players always seem to be 'more lucky' or always get a 'good result'. This is the outcome of playing high reward low risk shots

FINAL END

Anyone can play an ultimate bowl or unbelievable shot at the perfect time, however considering the four fundamentals and consistently selecting more high reward and low risk shots over the course of a game will tend to pay off on a more regular basis.

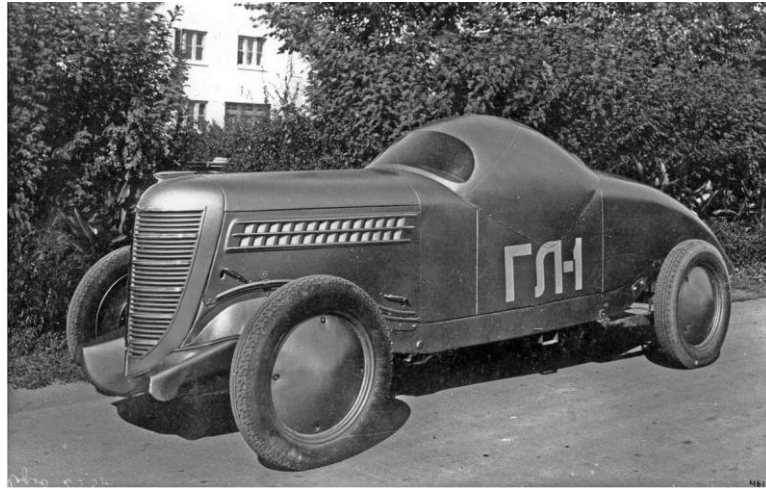


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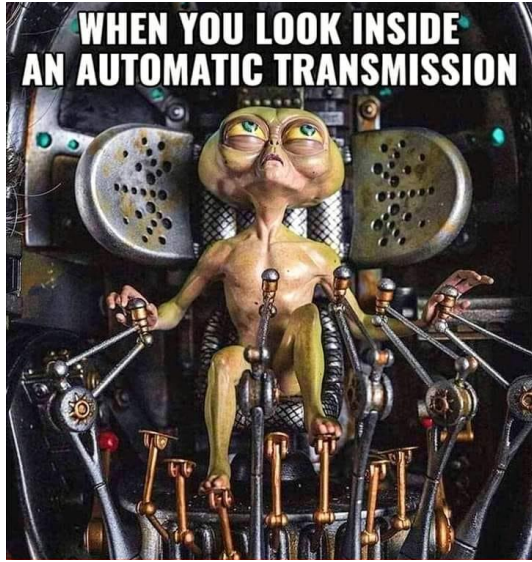


GL-1 Soviet racing car, 1938.

Clementine, Sir Winston's wife, was talking to a street sweeper for a while. "What did you talk about for so long?" asked Sir Winston. She smiled, "Many years ago he was madly in love with me." Churchill smiled ironically, "So you could have been the wife of a street sweeper today. "
"Oh no, my love ", Clementine replied, "If I had married him, he would have been the prime minister today.

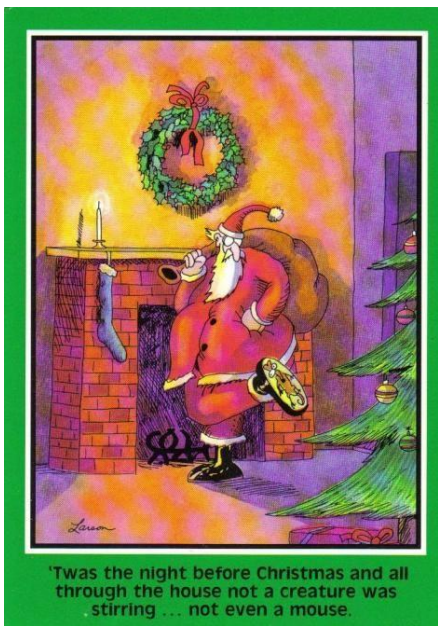
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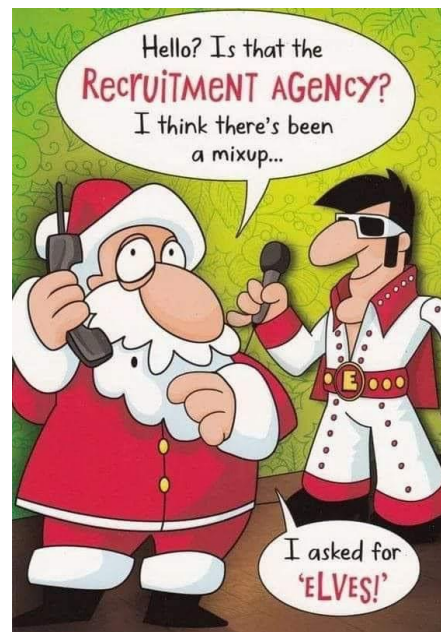
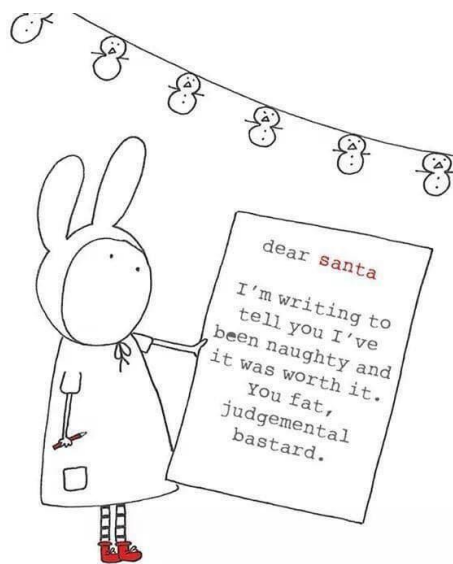


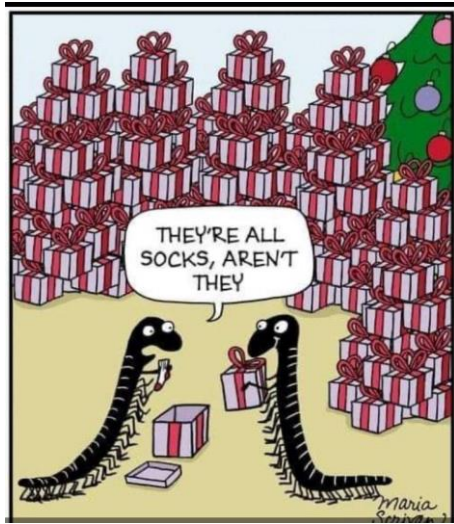


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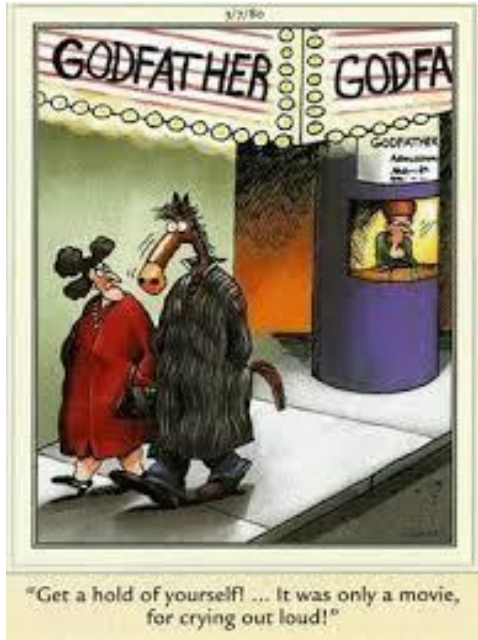






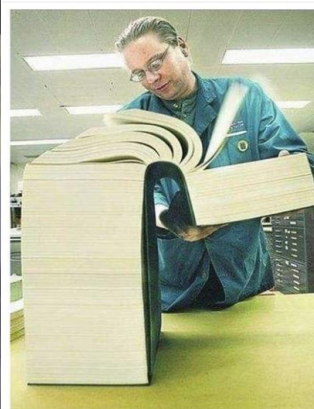
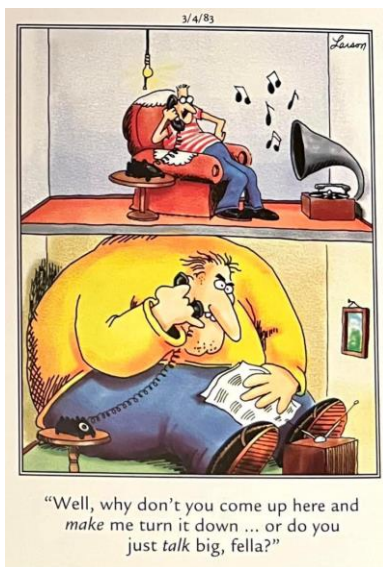
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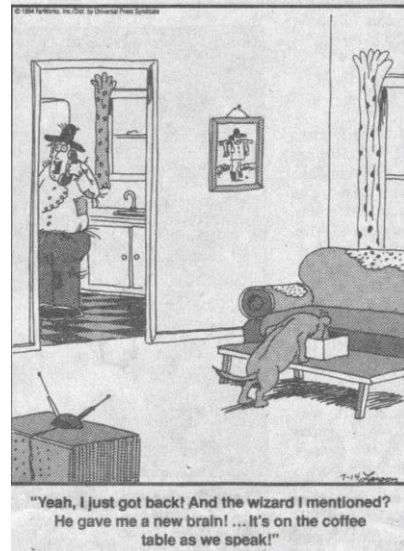
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Psychology ——— P is silent

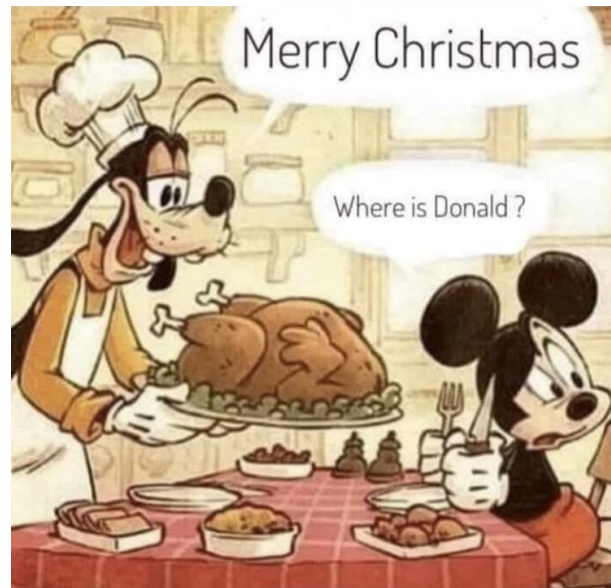
Knife ——— K is silent

Wife ——— Husband is silent

Class dismissed ...



FUNNY OF THE MONTH



DAD JOKES

Someone threw a giant bottle of Omega-3 pills at me. But I only suffered super fish oil injuries.

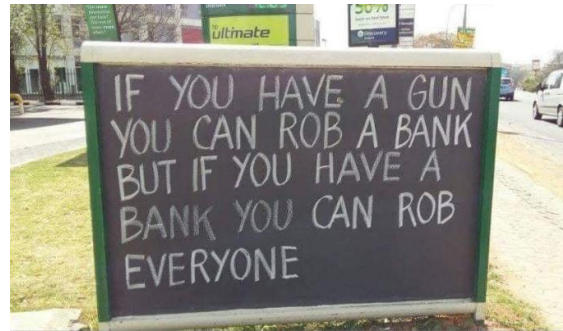
Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular.

In 2021 I joined a support group for procrastinators. Our first meeting has been postponed 87 times.

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says 'A beer please, and one for the road.'

**To the person who lost a
stack of \$100 bills with
a rubber band around
them:**

I found the rubber band.



**My favorite childhood
memory is my back not
hurting**

I met Tom Hanks once. He was so rude

I asked for his autograph and all he wrote was
thanks.