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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

EDITOR RAMBLINGS

Members,

We've got a couple of championship competitions going on at the moment. The Major Pairs will be completed in a couple of weeks and team Clarke doing battle with team Everingham. Should be a cracker. Also, the Mixed Pairs is getting close to the final.

The sheet is up for the Challenge Pairs.

On the Pennants front, The Rams have not had the success we were hoping for in the higher grades but the 6's and 7's are still in with a great chance.

Cheers,

Dennis Crouch

Rambler Editor









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CAMDEN MENS BOWLING CLUB

ALL MEMBERS OF CMBC AND CAMDEN WOMENS BOWLING CLUB ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL:

HALF YEAR MEETING

SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2025

COMMENCING 10AM UPSTAIRS AT SPORTS CLUB

Members of Camden Womens are welcome to attend and have their say <u>if</u> <u>invited</u> but cannot vote.

AGENDA

Attendance and Apologies

Confirmation of 2024 minutes of AGM

Matters arising from minutes

Presidents Report Treasurers Report

Endorsement of Lincon McLaren as Treasurer

Notice of Motion: That Thursday Social Bowls be conducted both AM and PM during the daylight-saving period.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Report to be tabled by Unification Steering Committee.

Report on Financial negotiations with Sports Club.

Recommendations to the Board.

Ken Morrell (Club Secretary)

·		MARCH '25
DATE	DAY	EVENT
1	Sat	Open Pennants Round 5
2	Sun	Club Minor Pairs 9:30am
3	Mon	
4	Tue	Social Bowls am
		Turn around Triples pm
5	Wed	Social Bowls Womens am
6	Thu	Social Bowls pm
7	Fri	
8	Sat	Open Pennants Round 6
9	Sun	Club Minor Pairs 9:30am
10	Mon	
11	Tue	Social Bowls am
		Turn around Triples pm
12	Wed	Social Bowls Womens am
13	Thu	Social Bowls pm
14	Fri	Friendly Friday am
15	Sat	Open Pennants Round 7
16	Sun	Club Minor Pairs 9am + 1pm
17	Mon	
18	Tue	Social Bowls am
		Turn around Triples pm
19	Wed	Social Bowls Womens am
20	Thu	Social Bowls pm
21	Fri	Handicapped Pairs
22	Sat	Open Pennants Round 8
23	Sun	
24	Mon	
25	Tue	Social Bowls am
		Turn around Triples pm
26	Wed	Social Bowls Womens am
27	Thu	Social Bowls pm
28	Fri	Handicapped Pairs
29	Sat	Open Pennants Round 9
30	Sun	
31	Mon	

AROUND THE GREENS

MIXED PAIRS



Hundreds of people flock to Camden Bowling Club to witness the opening round of the mixed pairs!!



HOW GOOD IS PENNANTS!!

ORANGE GOLDEN EAGLE COMPETITION



Well done to Buggo and Ash. Third place in this very tough event.

CAMPBELLTOWN TURNAROUND FOURS



It was a full field at the hugely successful Turnaround Fours at Campbelltown on a Friday night in January with several Camden teams present. Second place getters were Mick Shiner, Ken Morrell, Pat Phibbs, organiser Simone Wilkinson and Steve Hole. GO CAMDEN.

TUESDAY BOWLS

What a great success story Tuesday bowls is. Every week we see a full sheet and dozens of bowlers out on the greens having the best time.

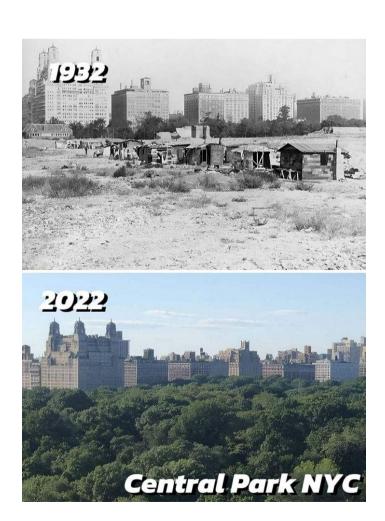


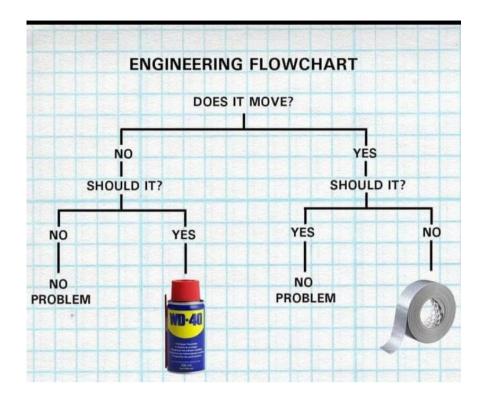
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Thank you to Alex and June....legends.

NOBODY IS COOL ANYMORE BECAUSE THE 1970S USED IT ALL...







MEMBER PROFILE - BRUCE KING

Bruce King was born in Ryde Hospital on the 9th June 1954 so he is one of our younger members. He grew up in the nearby suburb of South Wentworthville in the house his dad and Uncle built. His parents lived in boarding houses until constructing their own house in Monterey Street which at the time was surrounded by cow paddocks with no sealed roads, sewerage or even septic facilities. He can still remember the night cart man coming by to pick up the creosote treated can from the outside dunny.

In1960 Bruce began his schooling at Wentworth Public School. Hilltop school was the closest one, but it did not have sewer, so Mum decided Bruce had to attend Wentworthville because that was sewered. When his class graduated to high school all his mates went to Greystanes High, but Bruce was sent to Merrylands because that was where his elder sister went. There he played Rugby League and cricket and was soon accepted by his peers. He was a member of the team that won the Lansdowne Rugby Legue Zone Q competition in 1968.

Leaving school at 16 he completed an electrical apprenticeship with Prospect County Council before leaving to work with Stowe Australia where he stayed for most of his working life. Here

he eventually reached the position of Client Manager installing infrastructure for Optus. One night he spent a whole shift at the peak of the Centrepoint tower maintaining a generator throughout the night with the lights of Sydney sprawled out below and a universe of stars above.

He was foreman on many large construction projects in Brisbane and Sydney managing teams of people and a constant flow of materials but in the early 2000's Bruce decided to be independent and work for himself. He bought a six-tonne truck and began local deliveries. Unfortunately, no matter how hard he worked the money wasn't there, so he returned to electrical work at Stowes and stayed with them until his retirement.

Seeking the laid-back country lifestyle Lyn and Bruce moved to Queensland for five years working as a foreman with Stowes. One of his first major jobs was renovating the Brisbane Industrial Prison, Wacol (Now the Brisbane Correctional Centre). Here the workers were warned not to run their fingers under the tables or above the doorjambs as the prisoners would stick razor blades there to catch unwary guards on their contraband searches. As their work left them exposed to the prison population they had to be escorted everywhere by two guards. It made working very difficult.

Family and their growing grandchildren drew them back to Sydney and the Narellan area which was affordable and quiet at that time. Still employed as a construction foreman he was head-hunted to control work on two of the three entrance lobbies to the International Towers commercial skyscraper complex in the Sydney central business district at Barangaroo. Lend Lease were the contractors for the buildings with Stowes subcontracting the electrical work and they needed someone who could get the job done.

One of his many memorable experiences was walking underground all the way from Broadway to Martin Place in the old convict constructed tunnels which are now service tunnels under the city. They were hand hewn and lined with handmade bricks. Millions of them. He has also walked the convict tunnels used to transport prisoners from Victoria Barracks to the courthouse.

Bruce took up lawn bowls on retirement at the urging of his wife Lyn who wanted him out of the house and doing a sporting hobby. Alex Matheson gave him a few lessons before he was 'ready to go.' Alex encouraged him to play Trific Tuesday and then move onto Thursday Social.

When he was younger, he used to watch the ABC show Jack High in black and white with players like Rob Parella and Ian Schubeck featured, so this gave him an idea of what the game was about.

Asked, what were his most notable achievements on the green, besides winning the C Singles in 2021, he replied that he was still waiting but skippering a rink into the Grade Seven Pennant finals in his first year of bowls was pretty satisfying.

A club does not function without volunteers, so Bruce put himself forward to serve on the Match Committee. It's no good sitting on your hands and complaining unless you can help run the club by volunteering for some part of it.

His best experience with Camden Bowling Club has been meeting and playing with a great bunch of people. This includes cleaning up after the floods and helping with topdressing the greens when required.





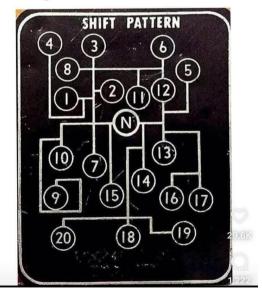






THIS IS HOW BIG REDWOODS ARE

The shift pattern from a 1962 Freightliner semi truck.





THE ENIGMA OF THE EGYPTIANS

The Great Pyramid of Cheops contains an enigma that no historian or archaeologist likes to talk about. All archaeologists agree that the structure of the pyramid is composed of some 2,400,000 rock blocks weighing between 2 and 70 tonnes. Each of these rock blocks was positioned with absolute precision, as the pyramid has a margin of error of only 1 centimetre at the base, and only 1 degree of alignment to the north. A similar result can only be achieved today with laser-guided construction systems.

But it is not the precision with which the Great Pyramid was built that is impressive. Nor do we want to go into how the blocks were transported. Instead, the 'hundred-gun question' is another: how long did it take them? Why is this 'the question of all questions' to be asked?

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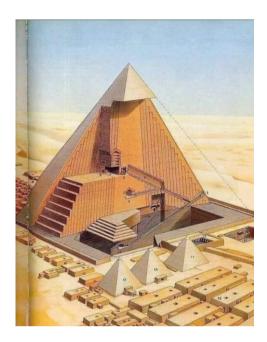
Assuming that Egyptian workers managed to cut, transport and place 1 block a day, it would have taken exactly (2,400,000: 365) years to build the Great Pyramid, i.e. 6,575 years to finish it. This means that the pyramid, given for completion in about 2,500 B.C., would have been started in at least 9,000 B.C. But according to archaeologists, the Great Pyramid was built in only 10 years around 2,500 B.C. What does this statement imply?

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To be built in about 10 years, as official archaeology teaches, calculating that work was only done in daylight and thus 10 hours a day, each block of the pyramid must have been cut, transported and placed at the rate of minus 1 every minute, i.e. one every 60 seconds or so. (1 block x 60 minutes x 10 hours x 365 days x 10 years) = 2,190,000. Can you imagine a group of workers with tools as soft as copper, who do not even know the wheel in that time, cutting blocks from 2 to 70 tonnes, transporting them on logs via ramps and placing 1 every minute without interruption, every day, every week, every month, every year, for 10 years? I honestly have some difficulty.

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The Great Pyramid was certainly built by people who lived in the place where it was found. But it is quite evident that the time it was built, and perhaps also the people who built it, are probably not what many people think.



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Rathbone Dental Unit 1933.



PATIENT BUYING CIGARETTES IN HOSPITAL IN THE 1950S

During WW2, the Germans built a fake wooden airfield with wooden aircraft, vehicles, and hangars in order to trick the Allies. The RAF, having known of the secret project for months, patiently waited for them to finish and then dropped a single fake wooden bomb on it



and deliver to WAYNE, as their sole obligations the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00).

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If you think you've made some bad decisions in your life, think about this. Apple's third cofounder Ronald Wayne, sold his 10% stake for \$800 in 1976. (The stake is currently valued at \$270 billion).





"Hey! They're edible!... This changes everything!"

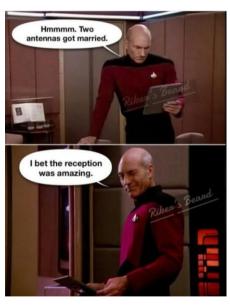
BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!

I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.













How to avoid stress at work:

1. Don't go to work.



If you watch Jaws backwards it is a heartwarming story about a shark who gives arms & legs to disabled people.





I don't know what crime he committed, but he should have heard the police coming.



MY FAMILY TOLD ME TO GET HELP FOR MY DRINKING... SO I HIRED A BARTENDER.

"Excuse me, the birds want me to ask when you might be refilling the feeder."



Me asking everyone how they like their burger before I cook them all exactly the same









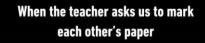




Friend: You have failed in english exam







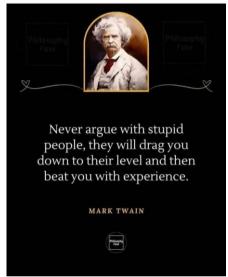




A man sees his wife is busy in the kitchen and says"Can I help?" She says, "Sure, take this bag of potatoes,peel half of them and put them in a pot to boil." No matter what men do, somehow, we still get yelled at...







Kids exploring ancient ruins

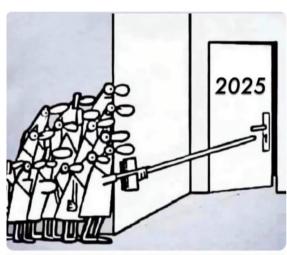


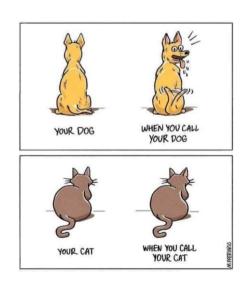


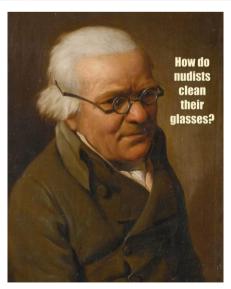












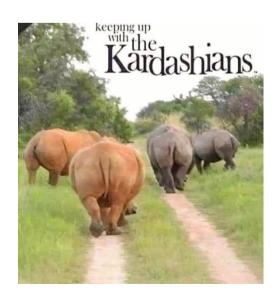
"You left the toilet seat up"

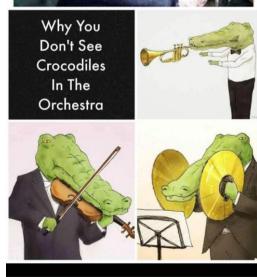










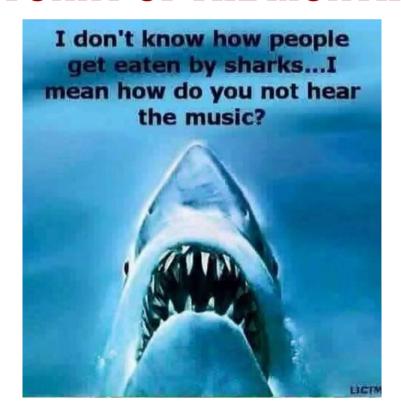




When your birthday falls in the month of January



HUNNY OF THE MONTH



DAD JOKES

"I think it is just terrible and disgusting how everyone has treated Lance Armstrong, especially after what he achieved, winning seven Tour de France races while on drugs. When I was on drugs, I couldn't even find my bike"....

Willie Nelson

Apparently you can't use "beefstew" as a password. It's not stroganoff

I am swift as a gazelle. An old one. With arthritis. Run over by a land rover. Seven days ago.

• I met my wife at a singles' night. I was surprised because I thought she was home with the kids.

I was so suspicious and paranoid about my wife having an affair, that we moved to a new town 700 miles away.

I couldn't believe my luck when we still managed to keep the same gardener.

Honey is the tastiest of all the insect vomits we have tried so far.



Life after 40: You can't remember where you parked, but you can remember all the lyrics to '80s hits.

The boat used as the S.S. Minnow in Gilligan's Island was a 1964 Wheeler with a cruising speed of 12 knots, which means they couldn't have traveled more than 41.5 miles. Honestly I'm starting to doubt if the show was even real.



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with: Team Name or Club, Contact Person, Phone number & Email address.

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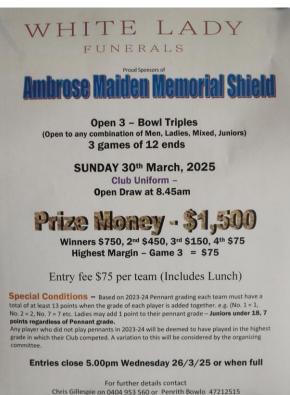




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