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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,

While the Minor singles has concluded, the Major singles and Consistency singles are still limping along and won't be finished until December.

This month also saw a very successful day at the RSL club with both clubs competing for the Durrington Shield. Always a great day between our two clubs.

The Camden Club hosted the Regional pairs with Heidi and Steve Finnerty going through to the State playoffs.

The new Super Veterans Pairs event is also still under way.

Merry Christmas to all our members. Thank you to the Board, committee members, volunteers, coaches and helpers who keep this great club running so well.

Dennis Crouch

Rambler Editor











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		DECEMBER '24		
DATE	DAY	EVENT		
1	Sun	Divisional Pennants Finals		
2	Mon	Open Pennants Closes		
3	Tue	Social Bowls am		
4	Wed	Ladies Social Bowls am		
4	wea	State Indoor Singles Close		
		Social Bowls am + pm		
5	Thu	Club Men's Major Pairs Notice		
		Club Mixed Pairs Notice		
6	Fri			
7	Sat	Bob Pinkerton Men's Major Singles S / Finals		
8	Sun			
10	Tue	Social Bowls am		
11	Wed	Ladies Social Bowls am		
12	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm		
12		HAM and PORK Day Closes		
13	Fri			
14	Sat	Bob Pinkerton Men's Major Singles FINAL		
15	Sun	HAM and PORK Day		
16	Mon			
17	Tue	Social Bowls am		
18	Wed	Ladies Social Bowls am		
19	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm		
20	Fri			
21	Sat	GREENS CLOSED		
22	Sun	GREENS CLOSED		
23	Mon	GREENS CLOSED		
24	Tue	GREENS CLOSED		
25	Wed	XMAS DAY		
26	Thu	BOXING DAY		
27	Fri	GREENS CLOSED		
28	Sat	GREENS CLOSED		
29	Sun	GREENS CLOSED		
31	Tue	GREENS CLOSED		

AROUND THE GREENS

STATE MIXED PAIRS



Congratulations to Steve and Heidi Finnerty for going through to the State playoffs. What a great effort!



Some of the action at Camden Bowling Club in the recent State Mixed Pairs.

MINOR SINGLES

Congratulations to Michael Ryles and Dennis Crouch for making it to the finals of the Minor Singles. Michael came home a strong winner.



STATE ROOKIE PAIRS



Garry Pauley and Chelsea Renouf recently competed in the State Rookie Pairs at Raymond Terrace. They had a great experience and performed very well. Congratulations.

SHERBROOKE - The village that disappeared.





Sherbrooke, once called Bulli Mountain, was a small village that only existed for a short time before the land was taken over for building Cataract Dam and creating its surrounding catchment area. It was located above Bulli Pass, east of where the dam is now. The village spread over a large area, reaching from above southern Thirroul in the north to west of Broker's Nose near Corrimal in the south. However, the main part of the community was just above the top of Bulli Pass. Sherbrooke was still a thriving village until around 1903 when the Water Board began buying up all the properties for the dam's catchment. Back in 1888, the farms there were highly valued.

Timber and fruit orchards were the main industries, with some men heading down Bulli Mountain to work in coal mines, while others went up to pick blackberries for Sydney's jam

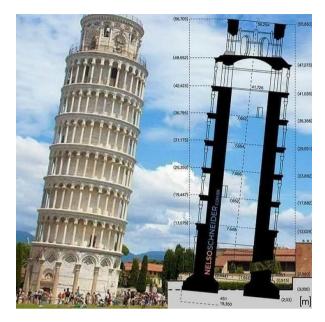
factories or husk corn from local farms. Besides timber mills and orchards, people in Sherbrooke also grew vegetables, kept bees, and made honey, which were successful local trades.

Sherbrooke was first settled in the late 1860s with the discovery of softwood forests. William Brown is believed to be the first European settler in the area, selecting land on "Upper Bulli" or "Bulli Mountain" around 1868. He and his sons cleared the land for an apple orchard, which they called "Ferndale." (pictured). Timber from Sherbrooke's red cedar trees was used to build Bulli's Uniting Church. It's thought the area started with about 16 families and grew to over 60 by the time the land was reclaimed. The village had a school, boarding houses, and a Union Church, which opened in 1882 on land donated by William Loveday.

Today, only a few old water tanks, remnants of English gardens, stone walls, and rusted barbed wire show where the village once was. Now part of Sydney Water's catchment area for Cataract Dam, the valley is off-limits except by permit. Reclaimed by nature, Sherbrooke can't even be called a ghost town — it's simply a quiet valley with traces of where people once lived and worked.



THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA



Did you ever know that the Leaning Tower of Pisa is empty from the inside and not a multistory residential tower?!

It is a cathedral bell tower in the Italian city of Pisa, built in the Field of Miracles. Let's get acquainted with the Leaning Tower of Pisa from a structural point of view: Its construction began in 1173 AD and they began to establish the bases and then the walls, and after the building reached the third floor, it was noticed that there was a slope. Can you imagine that a tower weighing 14,500 tons is built on foundations 3 m deep and installed on sand and silt?!!

After discovering the slope, the engineers built the rest of the floors (external walls) so that the height of the floor in the inclined direction is greater than its height in the other direction.

This increased the inclination of the tower due to the sinking of the foundations in a greater proportion in the soil, due to the increase in the weight of the floors.

Among the reasons why the tower did not collapse:

The construction continued for 199 years, and the construction halt in it for a long time is one of the reasons that allowed the soil to compact, which reduced the rate of inclination, and thus the tower did not collapse completely.

The clay soil helped and the main reason for the tower's tendency not to collapse and its resilience in front of 4 earthquakes.

The engineers calculated the centre of gravity of the tower, and it was concluded from the calculations that the tower collapsed completely upon reaching a slope of 5.44 degrees. The tower was closed in 1990 at a tilt of 5.5 degrees, yet the tower did not collapse.

Attempts made to stop the tilt of the tower and not collapse:

Digging deep holes in the ground at a depth of 40 m, and installing the tower with iron cables through the holes. Liquid nitrogen was pumped, which led to the freezing of water in the soil and its expansion and contraction again, which led to the subsidence of the soil and the subsidence of the foundations, and consequently the slope of the tower at the rate of its inclination throughout these years.

They dug 361 holes and injected the soil with 90 tons of cement, which led to the tower's tilt strongly.

And finally, Soil Extraction was used in 1990:

The soil was removed from the non-slanted side so that the tower tilts in that direction, then iron cables were used to fix the tower bases in the ground and the slope was reduced to 4 bikes, and this was what it was at the beginning.

The engineers could have made it vertical, but they didn't want to lose its fame and tourist value because of its tilt.

And after that was completed, the tower was opened.

And it was confirmed that the tower could endure without any collapse for 300 years.

VICTORIA'S WEST GATE BRIDGE DISASTER



On 14 October the West Gate Bridge was nearing completion when an 11 cm gap was reported between two spans. The solution was to use kentledge weights, often employed as ballast in ships and as counterweights in cranes, to push down the structure and realign the girders. However, by all accounts too much weight was used, causing the bridge to buckle.

On 15 October, attempts to straighten the buckle failed. Soon before midday, a 112-metre span between two piers, weighing 2,000 tonnes, plummeted 50 metres into the mud of the Yarra River.

Here is National Nine News aerial footage of the scene, with voice-over from reporter John Bailey:

"Ambulances rushed to the site from all over the city and volunteers soon arrived to assist. Survivors with injuries had to be restrained from trying to locate their fallen co-workers."

In total, 35 construction workers were killed and 18 injured. Many who died were on their lunch break underneath the bridge in workers' huts, which were crushed by the falling span. Others were working on the span when it fell.

The noise of the impact was heard 20 kilometres away and buildings hundreds of metres from the disaster were shaken and sprayed with mud.

Here is Seven Network file footage of the aftermath of the disaster and operations underway to clear the wreckage:

AFTERMATH OF THE TRAGEDY

The following morning while rescuers were still searching through the rubble, Victorian Premier Sir Henry Bolte announced a royal commission into the disaster. News of the tragedy was widely reported overseas and bridges of similar design in Europe were closed temporarily and tested for safety.

The royal commission concluded in 1971, and its findings paved the way for strengthening occupational health and safety laws in Australian workplaces.

Work recommenced on the bridge project in 1972, and many of the surviving workers returned to finish the job. The West Gate Bridge opened in 1978.

Today, six fragments of the collapsed bridge are located in Monash University's Clayton campus gardens to remind students of the potentially tragic consequences that can result from errors in engineering. A West Gate Bridge Memorial Park, dedicated to the victims of the disaster, opened at Spotswood in 2004.

MEMBER PROFILE – JOHN BUGDEN

Where were you born and grew up?

Born in Willoughby, NSW. I grew up around Merrylands, Greystanes and Wentworthville.

What sports did you play as a young man?

As a kid I played Rugby Union and cricket.

What achievements did you make in those sports?

I was an average but keen cricketer. In rugby I played for the Parramatta two blues, mainly 3rd grade. Also played Sub District and 3rd division for Wentworthville Rugby.

You worked for the fire brigade.

Before joining the Fire Brigade I was a Sheetmetal Worker for 9 years with Harvey's Air Conditioning at Parramatta.

During my 31 years with the Fire Brigade, I had many interesting positions. Firstly, as a firefighter at Auburn, Parramatta, Silverwater, Northmead and Busby

Fire Stations. I also had stints in the Rescue Section and Equipment Development Unit.

What other jobs did you do in your younger days?

I had many part time jobs including truck driving, forklift driver and youth worker at Minda Detention Centre.

When did you come to Camden and why?

I first moved to Camden in 1994 after buying a property in Mt. Hunter

When did you take up Lawn bowls and why?

1st started playing bowls in 1992 at Wentworthville Bowling Club (now long gone) Moved to Camden Bowling Club in 1995.

Who were your coaches or mentors?

Never really had much coaching but gained a lot of knowledge and advice from the many talented bowlers Camden had when I first joined.

What were your most important achievements on the green? What did you win?

I have been lucky to play with a host of great bowlers at Camden and have won many championships with them, but I am most proud to have won our Club Major singles. Also, being a part of many Pennant teams that represented Camden in the State Pennant Finals was very rewarding.

Who are the best players you played with and what made them the best?

Don Durrington, Bruce Warren and Dennis Whittle were very good bowlers I had the fortune to play with when I first started bowls at Camden. All were great Skips, and I learnt so much from them. Bob Pinkerton also gave me many tips and advice during my early years. More current bowlers I have enjoyed playing with, and having success, are Mick Sheperd, Bruce Turton and Ivor Watkiss among others.

What is your mental approach before a big game?

Don't have too many distractions in your head before a game or you can end up with a lack of concentration. And No 1 rule – Don't be short.

Why did you take up the very difficult work of coaching?

I have been coaching now for about 10 years. I enjoy watching new bowlers improve, get hooked with bowls, and becoming a valuable member in our great club.

What do you consider to be your biggest achievement in Lawn bowls?

I have been lucky to have played with some legends of the game including Cameron Curtis, Ian Shueback, Peter Bellis. But my biggest achievement would be the great friendships I've developed through bowls.





The Scribbler











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I just wanna say thank you



To all my fans 🥮









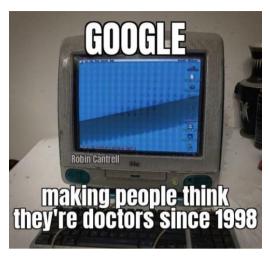




Scientists have discovered a black hole that absorbs all food falling to the floor









If you get this joke I automatically have more respect for you :)

RECIPE FOR BLACK CHICKEN

- 1. Wash chicken
- 2. Add spices and herbs to taste
- 3. Put into pre-heated oven
- 4. Go on Facebook.



BREAKING NEWS: A man was admitted to the hospital today with 25 plastic toy horses inserted in his rectum. Doctors have described his condition as stable.





Looks like a very serious leak under the sink







The lottery gives you a
1 in 200 million chance
you won't go to work
tomorrow.
Alcohol gives
you 1 in 5.

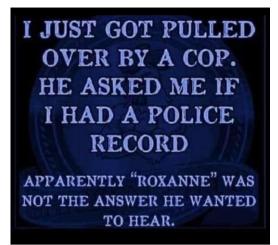
Isn't it funny how drinking 8 glasses of water a day seems impossible



but 7 beers and 5 shots in 2 hours goes down like a fat kid on a seesaw







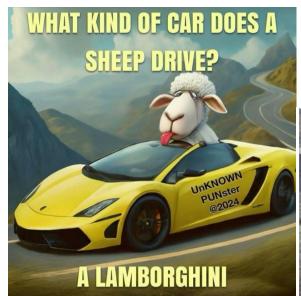


the grim reaper came for me last night
I managed to fend him off with my
vacuum cleaner
talk about Dyson with death!















FUNNY OF THE MONTH



For Sale Camouflage Jacket and Trousers £35

DAD JOKES

My boss said he was going to start firing employees with bad posture.

I have a hunch I might be first.

According to my chocolate advent calendar, there are only three days till Christmas.

When I was a kid, my dad would put me in a tire and roll me down a hill.
Those were Goodyears.

I hate hotel bath towels. So thick and fluffy I can't even close my suitcase!

My electric toothbrush broke, so I have to, well, I have to use my acoustic one. I went to an exotic gardener and asked him what he knew about Bonsai Trees. He said ... Very Little.

BREAKING NEWS:.

A man fell into a display of 300 golf clubs at a sports shop.Doctors have said he should be ok, but not out of the woods yet.

My friend Jack thinks he can communicate with vegetables,

Jack and the beans talk.

The funeral for the man that invented
Tupperware, was delayed while they tried to find the right lid for his coffin.

Would it kill the makers of avocados to put a different toy inside. I have like 50 wooden balls...

I called veterinarian to come out and and check up on my horse that refused to leave the barn. Upon assessment, the Veterinarian was quick to announce his findings.

"The horse is in stable condition."

What kind of shoes do frogs wear?
Open toad shoes

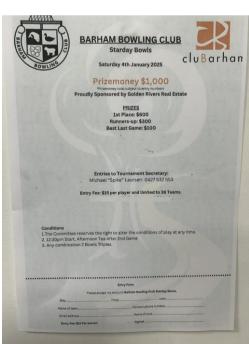
A horse walks into a bar...

The bartender says, "Hey". The horse replies, "Sure".









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SECTIONAL PLAY - ROUND ROBIN IN ALL EVENTS - SECTIONS OF FOUR 1ST DAY FOURS - COMMENCE 27Th DECEMBER 2024 PAIRS - COMMENCE 28Th DECEMBER 2024 SINGLES - COMMENCE 29Th DECEMBER 2024 MIXED PAIRS - COMMENCE 29Th DECEMBER 2024

KNOCKOUT GAMES 31ST DECEMBER – 2ND – 3RD – 4TH – 5TH JANUARY (SAME ROTATION AS ASECTIONAL PLAY) (Length of Qrifs – Sr/s depends on entries and players in multiple events)

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY = \$2,1450

INCLUDES \$1000 FOR PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL - MUST
PLAY IN 3 EVENTS

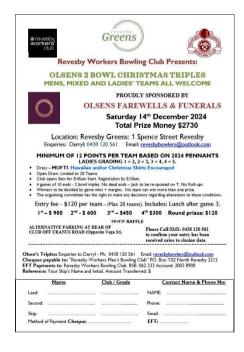
SINGLES, FOURS AND ONE OF THE PAIRS EVENTS
SEE C.O.P FOR PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL POINTS

	SINGLES	PAIRS	FOURS	MIXED PAIRS	
WINNERS	\$2,000 X 1	\$1400 X 2	\$ 750 X 4	\$750 X 2	
RUNNER UPS	\$1000 X 1	\$ 700 X 2	\$ 375 X 4	\$375 X 2	
LOSING S/FS	\$ 350 X 2	\$ 250 X 4	\$ 150 X 8	\$150 X 4	
LOSING Q/FS	\$ 100 X 4	\$ 100 X 8	\$ 75 X 16	\$ 75 X 8	

Entry Fee = \$20 Each Player in Each Event (Must Accompany Nominations)

PLAYERS TO BUY THEIR OWN LUNCH

ENTRIES CLOSE 1ST DECEMBER 2024



Community ~	Sat 11		iro 🧷			
_	Up to \$	\$4000	In Prize	Money!		
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Bombala	Limited to 28 teams. enly paid nominations will be accepte Nomination Fee \$ 120 per Team Nominations Close ~ 6 January 2025 at 5.00 pm or when fill * Teams may consist of 3 men, 3 women or mixed.					
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