

September 2009
(Dates subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1¼ Meeting Social	3	4	5 Mixed Pairs Social
6	7 GREENS CLOSED	8 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	9 Social	10 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	11	12 Mixed Pairs Social
13 Mixed Pairs	14 GREENS CLOSED	15 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	16 Social	17 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	18	19 Mixed Pairs Social
20	21 GREENS CLOSED	22 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	23 Major/Minor Pairs Social	24 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	25	26 Mixed Pairs Social
27	28 GREENS CLOSED	29 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	30 Major/Minor Pairs Social			

Camden Bowling Club Newsletter 8/09

“GREAT BOWL!”

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From the Editor

Welcome all to another exciting publication of your monthly newsletter. The 2009 championships are completed, with only the Consistency Singles and Mixed pairs to finish off our 2009 program. A great effort to ALL those who competed and a special congratulations to the winners.

What a great AGM. The AGM was very well attended, well organized and took only 50 minutes (sparing us of timely, bombastic flatulence).

Bowls News
2009 Triples



Steve Laker, Dave Price, Eddie Klassen (winners), John Rofe, Frank Farrugia and Bill Marsh

Our final Club Triples were on Saturday 8 August. The hopefuls, also nicknamed F Troop, took on the hot favorites nicknamed The Smiling Assassins. On one side of the mat stood Marshie, Falcon and Rofie the Pieman shinning their bowls hoping to make them glide to the jack. On the other side of the mat hovered ‘Steady’ Laker, Pricey ‘The Bowl Tearer’ and ‘Cool Hand’ Eddie. The Smiling Assassins licked their lips and perused the easy prey. They were taking bets to see how long F

Troop would last before they cracked and if their winning margin would win by 20 or 50 points.

After the roll up they shook hands, while F Troop whipped perspiration from their brows. The Smiling Assassins smacked each other’s faces that would have made Tommie Raudonikis proud.

After the first few ends ‘Cool Hand’ Eddie knocked his teams only bowl out of the head and they dropped 5 points. What has happened? Not only was the score 5-1 but there seemed to be a faint glimmer of hope that the under dogs might have a chance. Hope turned to despair for F Troop as Eddie and the boys regrouped and once again took control of the game.

From end to end the lead changed hands and each side trying harder and harder to maintain the lead. By this time, the pressure and stress started to show on the skippers faces. Rofe the Pieman began to chew his cigarettes and his once smiling demeanor slowly turned into a scowl. Marshie, once jovial and always quick with a joke, began to talk to himself as if he was ready to snap. The Falcon just wondered whose shout it was.



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On the other side ‘Steady’ Laker kept on looking at the wind and was worried that ‘Cool Hand’ Eddie was going to berate him for his wayward lead shots. Pricey looked nervous and could not look defeat in the face. The best of all was ‘Cool Hand’ Eddie. He was in full control of his emotions, his game plan and the idiosyncratic green. He read the green as easily as ordering hot chips from Dylan’s kitchen.

The lead changed hands as often The Falcon changed his underwear. However, it was not until the 20th end that the better side finally put their stamp on the final out come. As hard as F Troop tried, they could not conjure the deft and superior play of the The Smiling Assassins. And justly so, for as hard as they tried, experience and sheer talent is something that has to be developed over many years. And yes, the Assassins did smile as the final bowl came to rest. On the 24th end The Smiling Assassins had 7 points lead, giving them the 2009 Triples Championship (31–24). ‘Cool Hand’ Eddie did not play his last bowl and did what he does best – just look cool.

Such is the game of bowls, you roll the dice and if the bowling gods smile on you, you are victorious, if not, you polish your bowls and just wait for next year.

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Dennis
Tournament

Whittle

Invitational

Congratulations to the winners and organizers of the Dennis Whittle Invitational Tournament held on 15th and 16th of August. It would be remiss not to specially thank Peter Sedden, Rob Mellor, John Barrs and ALL the helpers who

made the weekend such a friendly and great event.

The weekend was highlighted by the high level of bowls and the friendly, competitive spirit in which it was played. The tournament proved a success and the visiting team pledged to return next year.

The presentation and presentation speeches were very well received. Jenny Kurtiak, Dennis’s long time partner, gave a very emotional speech and there were very few dry eyes in the room.

The eventual winners were Todd Heyward, Ben Cummins and Liam Garrett. It was ironic that the winners were Dennis’s Club Fours Side and was greeted with a standing ovation.

The sponsors should also be acknowledged for their continued and generous support. They are Turffection, Beauty On Argyle, Camden Sports Club, EEK Concreting and DTC Catering.

From the Ladies

Lucy Russell, Barbara Brown and Robyn Homburg won the 2009 Ladies Club Triples. Runners up were Kristie Denison, Kay Price and Fran Laker. Congratulations to all competitors.

Congratulations also to Fran Laker on becoming Treasurer for the Nepean District. Well done Fran, we are sure that you will carry out your position in a very professional way and that you will only reflect pride in yourself and your club.

On Friday 18th September, we are hosting a district game between Nepean District and Southern Tablelands District, called the May Bunter Memorial Shield. Both greens will be needed between 9.30 and 2pm. Camden has had six ladies selected to play in this game, Mary Burton, Gloria Murray, Joyce Doherty, Olive Sach, Ruth Missen and Beryl Selems. The ladies will be conducting a Fathers Day raffle to be drawn Wednesday 2nd September, great prizes, tickets will be sold soon. So dig deep and support your club.

From our scrapbook

If at first you don't succeed, you will get a lot of unsolicited advice.

2009 AGM

Committee elected

President	Bill Webb
Vice Pres.	Ted Salmon, Dave Margin
Secretary	Steve Laker
Treasurer	John Barrs
Bowls Organiser	Peter Seddon
Assistant Bowls Org.	Rob Mellor
Match Committee	Corey Fraser, Rob Mellor, Steve Laker, M McIlveen, E Klaassen
Selectors	John Bugden, Rob Heininger, Barry Smith, Paul Burnes, Ian Couper
Publicity Officer	Pat Callaghan
Welfare Officer	G Cowell
Recruitment Officer	Ted Salmon
District Reps	Bill Webb, Allan Wood
Patron	Kevin Lawler
Life Members	Pat Callaghan, Phil Spencer

Funny Stories

I got a new set of bowls for the wife last week! Best deal I’ve made in years.

The soldier serving overseas and far from home was annoyed and upset when his girl wrote breaking off their engagement and asking for her photograph back.

A creative fellow, he went out and collected from his buddies all the unwanted photographs of women that he could find, bundled them all together and sent them to her with a note stating the following:

"Dear Mary,

I can not remember which one is you ... please keep YOUR photo and return the others!"

Overheard On The Green

Interview with John Barrs

How long have you been playing bowls and how long with the Club?

I have been a member of Camden Bowling for about 18 years. During that time I have played bowls on and off - more off than on (off meaning - lack of prowess).

Do you have any other hobbies besides bowls?

Being involved in another organisation for about six years as their treasurer, as well as the

Bowling Club, there has been little time to pursue my hobbies of washing, ironing and general domestic duties to the extent I would like.

How many positions have you had with the Club and for how long?
I have been involved as treasurer for two years.

How is the Club going financially?

For those who attended the Annual General Meeting and studied the financial reports, they would note that we had a reasonable successful year financially. However, in saying that we need to stay focused for the years ahead. As we basically, (with help from the Camden Women’s Bowling Club), look after ourselves. It would be hoped in future years that support from other areas would come to fruition.

Is the Club looking healthy for years to come?

A difficult question. A couple of years ago it was envisaged that we had two to three years to survive. Two years have since passed, so we are in a better position than anticipated. However, we cannot be complacent.

What is the best aspect you enjoy about bowls?

The great people who play and enjoy the game whether it be socially or in competition.

Where do you see the Club in the future?

There are many dedicated members in this club who have strong feelings for the club to succeed. The friendly spirited atmosphere, mixed in with jaunty, jovial, jeers, will see the club succeed. In saying that, there are those who put in many hours of their own time, and sometimes are let down by comments that generally are not really in the spirit of the job that they do, I suppose that is life!!

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