

“GREAT BOWL!”

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From the Editor



I am after any funny stories about the early years at the Club. Does anybody have photos of the earlier 1956, 1961, 1964, 1975, 1978, 1988 floods. If any member can help me out please see Frank. Good luck with your bowling and remember to watch out for the coming working bees.

Men’s Bowls News Don’t Be A ‘Tossa’

The bad old habit of dropping bowls onto the green has reared its ugly head again. After all the effort that our beloved green keeper Todd, and the great job the volunteers did to achieve such a great standard, OUR beautiful greens are in danger of been damaged by ‘Tossa’ bowlers. Some ‘naughty’ bowlers are dropping their bowls at delivery and sometimes at the start of the game, even tossing bowls onto the greens from the banks. If you see these bowlers ‘tossing’, please tell them not to do it. Dropping bowls is also a big NO NO in The Etiquette of Bowls. If we do not support OUR Club and our green keeper by looking after our greens - no one else will.

This notice was requested by a very livid green keeper ‘Don’t Be A Tossa’.

STDBA Visits Newcastle

For the 52nd year the reciprocal visit between the STDBA and the Newcastle DBA was held over the Easter weekend. The Camden Men’s and Ladies Club were well represented with no less than fourteen members and their partners taking part. There were a total of forty eight travelers taking part. Three clubs were visited including the newly built Belmont club, the outstanding Raymond Terrace facility and finishing the weekend with a game at Marks Point. By all accounts everybody had a great



Handicap Pairs

A belated congratulations to Ivor Watkiss and Dave Price on winning the Handicap Pairs. Well done and a big thanks for all the other players who competed in the tournament.



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(Dates subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 GREENS CLOSED					1 Pennants
2 Major Pairs	3 GREENS CLOSED	4 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	5 Ladies Social	6 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	7	8 Pennants
9 Mother’s Day	10 GREENS CLOSED	11 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	12 Ladies Social	13 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	14	15 Pennants
16 Major Pairs	17 GREENS CLOSED	18 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	19 Ladies Social	20 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	21	22 Social Dist. Fours
23 Major Singles	24 GREENS CLOSED	25 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	26 Ladies Social	27 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	28	29 Social Singles Dist. Fours



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Pennants

The 2's and 4's have excelled so much in this years competition that they have already made the zone finals. The 5's are going well and also positioned at the top of the ladder. The 4's will be playing at St Marys BC on the 5th of June for the first round of the finals against Nepean. If you can make it to the game your support would be greatly appreciated. Go Camden!



Interview with Ted Salmon

How long have you been playing bowls?

First played bowls in 1963 and have played on and off since then - some would say more off than on.

How long have you been on the committee 'on and off'?

Joined Camden in 1994, became Treasurer in 1995 and except for a 6 months break, I have been on committees since then.

How do you think the club is going?

I think the bowling club has more strength and depth now then any other period that I have been associated with it.

What's the best thing about bowls?

I would say competition and friendship just to mention a few. Bowls can be as good or as bad as you care to make it.

Where do you see the club in the future?

The future of our club greatly depends on the survival of the Sports Club, which appears to be struggling at the moment.

Would you like to see any changes?

The bowling club is performing very well considering that we maintain our own greens, I can't see any need for changes except perhaps to take back control of the club.

Do you have any other pastimes?

Gardening, touring, church and enjoying my family and friends.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to think about our club. Good bowling;

Member's Name Cryptic Quiz

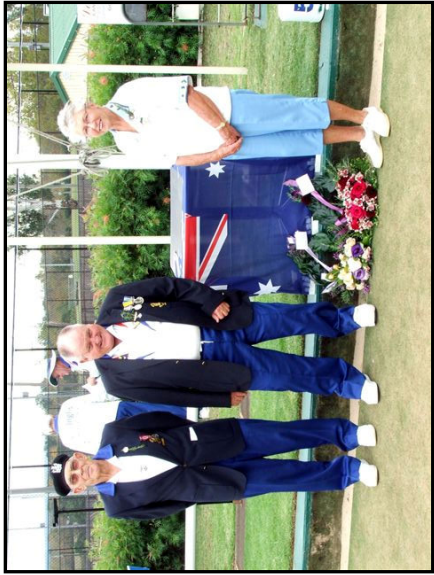
Try to solve these cryptic clues to identify member's names. (Spelling is a bit dodgy).

Eg, Question, Nicest of all the fish. Answer is Salmon.

1. Nice with a cuppa.
2. He likes to have a fight and cover himself
3. He certainly has a ring about him
4. A popular machine gun in WWII and than some
5. He was popular at the recent rodeo
6. A delicious soup
7. Popular fast little car in our younger years
8. Gunsmoke was a good sheriff
9. Popular psychiatrists TV show
10. Say hello to planks
11. Viagra
12. Rex
13. King of the jungle
14. Rhymes with 'baloney'
15. She puckered them and brushed her hair
16. Just a man
17. Makes good hats
18. Big River
19. His bigger brother is Three – W
20. Oh he's my darling ...



Anzac Day



The Camden Bowling Club held its annual Anzac Day Bowls Day on Saturday 24 April, 2010. Although the day included a social fun bowling day, the main reason for the day was to pay respect to the fallen Allied Force in all the past and present wars. Club President Bill Webb and Madame President Joyce Doherty conducted the wreath-laying ceremony. Past President and long time committee member Kevin Lawler read a very moving tribute. Kevin spoke of the past sacrifices that our brave service men and service ladies endured in all theatres of war. Peter Sedden, bowls organiser, must be commended for organising a very successful day. After the game, the bowling fraternity enjoyed a free sausage sizzle and a social afternoon. The newly formed Camden Bowling Club Choir sang a few popular renditions to create the perfect ambience.



What Is Bowls Really About?

At the end of the year, when Presentation Night comes around we enjoy the awards and accolades that are bestowed on the championship winners. And justly so, the cream

of the club rises to the top and they deserve every praise possible. Nevertheless, usually the road to achieving that success is a long and arduous one.

The games that lead up to the finals are extremely competitive, where some bowlers treat the competition as a 'life and death' situation. Conversely, others just play for something to do and often cite the mantra that 'it is only a game'. Pride and reputations are placed on the line and some of our distinguished bowlers really give the game everything they have. Some players are so absorbed that they sometimes forget to breath.

The grimace and excruciating expressions on some faces are obvious when shots go awry or fail to reach their objective. On the other hand, the sheer joy and ecstasy of watching their bowls hit the target is also worthwhile watching. One particular elderly bowler is so absorbed in his game that he chases his bowl with the enthusiasm of a junior and, much to the chagrin of adjacent bowlers, sometimes crosses over to the adjoining rink.

A lot can be written about the hypnotic power of watching a bowl leave a player's hand and travel on its intended line and later nestle next to the jack. The dance like ability and the deft skill that the better bowlers execute is nothing short of 'beauty in motion'. But then again we should not get too carried away.

But the main question one should ask oneself is, 'What is bowls really about?' One possible answer is that it is the second most enjoyable thing that your body can do. Why second? Because we all know what the first best thing is!!!

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Trivia Question

Do you know of any other husband and wife team who have won the Major Singles Club Championship besides Col and Ruth Missen? Let me know.