

“GREAT BOWLING!”

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From the Editor

What a great year we have had. First of all, if you are reading this newsletter you are alive. The Club is in good shape overall. The committee is surpassing their duties and are still motivated to achieve the best for the Club. We have a fantastic green-keeper and all is well with the world. To all the members who have been very good, you will more than likely get a nice pair of sox for Christmas. For all those who have been naughty, that includes me, well, hopefully you will get what the picture above is depicting. Have a happy, healthy and safe Christmas. Enjoy the Yule time with your friends and loved-ones and a BIG thanks from all the committees for supporting the Club. It's a great Club and MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.



again congratulations with Taren Point fourth and Picton fifth.

By all accounts from the participants this was a highly rated tournament and a credit to our club. All Members should take pride in the fact that as a self supporting bowling club we are able to continue to promote the game of bowls through these tournaments and be able to host such a top level event to showcase our club. Also many thanks to the Match Committee putting the tournament together and giving up their weekend to officiate. And to Don Ray giving up his Saturday to umpire.



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Green Renovations

All Members will probably now realise that it is green renovation time. If any member is able to help out Todd when needed it would surely be appreciated. Just ask Todd if you see him if and when he may need some help.

Tuesday mixed mufti.

A lot of credit should be given to many helpers and supporters of Camden Bowling Club to help make it the Club what it is. But a special mention should go to the Tuesday social bowlers and organizers. They are forever trying to make the Tuesday affair as much fun as possible. The organizers do a tremendous job not just organizing the games every Tuesday

Men's Bowls News

Dennis Whittle Triples

The annual invitational Dennis Whittle Triples was held on the weekend of the 30th and 31st October.

The tournament attracted 28 teams from a good number of different clubs including Orange City and Albion Park. The weather held out for the weekend with the only rain coming at the end of the Saturday games. The greens were up to championship standard as was the level of bowling. At the end of day one there were five three game winners and a good number of two game winners waiting for them to falter. With our own Camden team of Ivor Watkiss, Dave Price and Ed Klaassen leading the board into the final game it came down to a nervous finish with the team winning on the last end and taking out the major prize. Congratulations boys. St Johns Park came second, our other team of Keith Valentine, Allan Wood and Brian Barnicoat came third,

Dec 2010

(Dates subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ham & Pork Day	2	3	4 Social Club Fours
5	6 GREENS CLOSED	7 Mixed Social Mufti 10.00am	8 Presentation & Christmas Break-up	9 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	10	11 Social Club Fours
12 Ham & Pork Day	13 GREENS CLOSED	14 Mixed Social Mufti 10.00am	15 Social	16 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	17	18 Social Premier Age Challenge
19	20 GREENS CLOSED	21 Mixed Social Mufti 10.00am	22 Social	23 Mixed Social Mufti 1.00pm	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27 GREENS CLOSED	28 Mixed Social Mufti 10.00am	29	30	31	

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but they are providing a very important fiscal support to the Club.

These unsung heroes are typical of what makes the Club the success that it is. Usually referred to as 'Dad's Army', this breeding ground for more serious players, plays a vital role into giving learners a taste of what is involved in the sport and bowlers who do not take the game too seriously.

We have had a lot of developed players come through and have honed their skills to become very good Thursday, Saturday and even Pennant players.

Forever trying to improve their game and keeping their loyal army happy they have changed the start time to 10:00am. Even offering tea and coffee at 9:30am and from all accounts has proved to be a great success.

The early start not only avoids playing in the heat of the day, but attracts people from distant clubs who can start early in the cool, play their game and be on their way home before the heat.

On Tuesday 26th of October, they had a record turnout of 47 players A little birdie told me that the organizers are so committed to increasing the numbers at Camden that they spread the 'gospel' at all the other clubs by inviting players to try Camden on Tuesdays and have some country fun. Consequently bowlers from Picton and Ingleburn and other clubs have taken them up on the offer.

The organizers have requested that the outdated term "DAD'S ARMY" should be deleted from any reference and called Tuesday Mixed Muffin. The reason is that there are now a good percentage of lovely ladies participating. And lets face it we would not like to upset the ladies.

Les Wilson, one of the Tuesday bowlers organizers told me this story, 'I attended the club to pick up the nomination sheet for last Tuesdays game when I thought I saw what looked like Tarzan lurking in the hedge at the southern end of the greens. The male was bare-chested with barely decent lower covering.

It turns out that it was Joe Rainer with his power hedge trimmer tidying up the hedgerow. Nothing more erotic than seeing Tarzan Joe with a big power tool in his hand. As hard as I looked I could not see Jane or Cheeta. What a job that man does for the Club.

To all the Tuesday bowlers the Club is proud of you and especially the treasurer Barrisic.

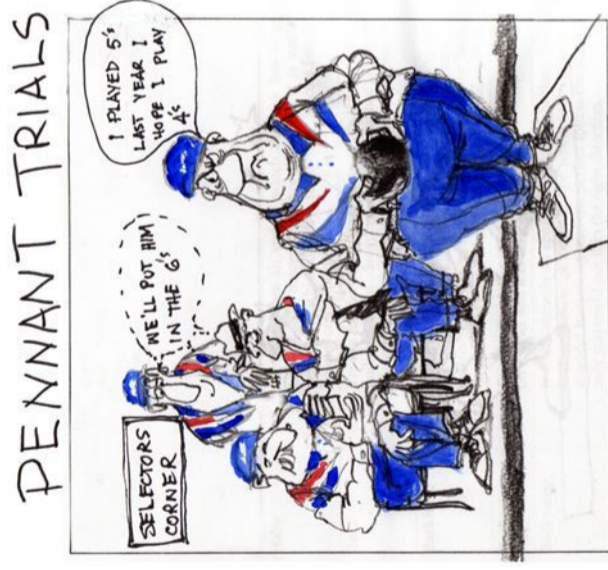


Overheard on the Green

On a social Thursday a skipper yelled out to his third, 'What do you think?' The third quickly replied 'I am not a skip. I am not allowed to think!'

A jovial member informed that the information printed in last month's calendar was incorrect. Apparently, he said that I had a committee meeting down for a Wednesday. News flash for all readers (although it was fairly obvious) - all items listed on Wednesdays are for lady bowlers. So Mr 'Who should be trees' if you wore a skirt, you could have gone to the meeting.

Pennant Season



In Search Of Gold

The 2010 Pan Pacific Masters Games were held on the Gold Coast in November with Camden Bowlers, Nadia Way, Mick McIlveen and Fran and Steve Laker taking part in the Lawn Bowls section.

The first event was the mixed pairs with mixed results for Nadia and Mick. Fran and Steve coming in just out of the medals in fourth

place. The mixed fours was a battle with all players not up to their best and finishing well out of the placings. The pairs saw Mick and Steve defending their previous gold from the last games. After day one they were in a good position in second place. The second day had them against the top seeds but after a hard fought game came up three shots short. With the wind taken out of their sails they failed to finish in the medals. The final event was the singles with Mick and Fran getting a start with two players withdrawing. Nadia and Steve elected to sit out the singles but with two more players failing to show on the day were asked to fill in. Fran broke through picking up a silver medal and Steve just making it for a bronze medal.

After eight straight days of bowls all players were ready for a few days rest and what better place to do it than the Gold Coast. The weather was magnificent and the location at Broadbeach was great.

Well done to Nadia in her first big event handling the pressure and eight days of bowls in her own carefree way. (pardon the pun) This is a great event where the emphasis is on enjoying bowls. There are a number of masters games around the country and if you can, try and give one a go. The next big one is in Adelaide next October. Hope to see you there.



Picture insert sees Fran with gold and bronze medallist in the Ladies Singles.



Annual Presentation A Big Success

Another successful night was held for the club in the organisation and attendance of this year's presentation night.

A full house attended the night to congratulate this years Champions and Winners and to also enjoy a social night with fellow members.

All aspects of the night went well from the entertainment.

Club Champion Ed Klaassen put it very well when he congratulated all facets of the club including all the Committees, the Coaches, the friendship within our club and especially our green keeper Todd.

A special mention must go to Noel for being Noel. His unique and special humour really added to the night. The story about Marshy and their bowls finals was well received. Good one Noel.

To the energetic exhibition of 'Rock and Roll' by Rhonda and Steve was something to be seen to be believed. It should be mentioned, some of the members watching were quick on their mobiles just in case 'Ambo' Pete might be required.

To the Camden Bowling Club choir what a great rendition of some popular songs. The audience even asked for an encore. To Pete, Frank and all the members, all the work and effort has well been worth the effort.

And last but not least the biggest accolades must go to the members for making it a really special night. The success of the night is reflected by the support and morale of its members. The recent Presentation Night is a certainly a reflection of that.

It is hoped that this night is a permanent fixture in the clubs calendar. It is hoped that after this night that another similar social night be organised at some other time during the year. Do we have somebody out there who would like to become a social organiser?

"To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it." Mother Teresa