

THE RAMBLER

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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

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Dear RAMMERs,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024. We have a great year of bowls ahead of us and two well rested, perfect greens to play on.

Dennis Crouch

Rambler Editor









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FEBRUARY '24			
DATE	DAY	EVENT	
1	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm	
		Club Triples Draw	
2	Fri	Club Mixed Pairs	
3	Sat	Club Fours Championship	
4	Sun	Club Fours Championship	
5	Mon		
6	Tue	Social Bowls am	
7	Wed	Ladies Day am	
8	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm Handicap Pairs Notice	
9	Fri	RAZORBACK	
10	Sat	Club Fours Championship	
11	Sun	Club Fours Championship	
12	Mon		
13	Tue	Social Bowls am	
14	Wed	Ladies Day am	
15	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm	
16	Fri	Club Mixed Pairs	
		Inter Zone Trials	
17	Sat	Kevin Lawler Club Triples Championship	
18	Sun	Kevin Lawler Club Triples Championship	
19	Mon		
20	Tue	Social Bowls am	
21	Wed	Ladies Day am	
22	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm	
		Minor + C Singles Notice	
23	Fri	Club Mixed Pairs	
24	Sat	Pennants Round 1	
25	Sun	Kevin Lawler Club Triples Championship	
26	Mon		
27	Tue	Social Bowls am	
28	Wed	Ladies Day am	
29	Thu	Social Bowls am + pm	

AROUND THE GREENS

ZONE 5 REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following members who have been selected to represent Zone 5 in interzone trials:

Matt Hooker – Open

John Bugden, Bruce Turton, Bob Hodge, Ash Beadle - Seniors

Josh Lord – U25s

Alice Winter, Arianni Winter- under 18s

SOUTH PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Camden RAMs had several players enter this competition and they all performed really well. However, the standout was definitely Matt Hooker, who reached the final of the Singles. It took a world champion, Jeremy Henry, to beat him. Congratulations Matt....what a great achievement.



AUSTRALIA DAY

Australia Day revolving triples saw everyone join in the spirit of the day with Hawaiian shirts and sunscreen all the go.

Thanks to Steve Laker and Rick Staats for organising the day and ensuring everyone had a great time.







GREEN TWO RUB-IN

Thank you to all who helped out on the #2 green rub in.





NEW MEMBERS



МІСК ВООТН



CHARLIE ZAMMIT



COL WARD

MEMBER PROFILE – BRIAN BARNICOAT

It was surprising to learn that despite his many successes at a very high level in lawn bowls, Brian Barnicoat's first love in sport was horses. Notably trotters where he was an owner, trainer and reinsman.

In his youth he played the normal Rugby League and cricket but gave those away when he married Margaret and started a family, only maintaining his trotting interest. He trained for other owners and drove four winners with many placings. Fearing injury as he slows down with age, he has only just given up his involvement with trotters at the ripe old age of 77.

Brian began bowling in 1973 at Cabramatta where he won six dollars for coming runner up in the Minor Singles his first year. He still has the voucher which in those days was a proper letter. He lost to Sam Laguzza who went on to play for Australia. His first tournament was the Opera House Fours held to celebrate the opening of the Sydney Opera House. Camden's Bob Pinkerton also played in that carnival.

Moving to St Johns Park, Brian played with the likes of Gordon Rice, Jim Morrison, Frank Hadden and John Slater all State or National players. Brian and his team were regularly highlighted in the Peter Rheuben Lawn Bowls column in the Sydney Telegraph. He was picked in the Metropolitan side that lost to Country that year and was invited to play in the Zone Under 45 team with a trip abroad as the prize.

Hoping for an opportunity for State Selection, Brian returned to Cabramatta at Ron Dennis' invitation to lead for him. Unfortunately, the pocket did not eventuate, but they did make the state finals. He found it very difficult to break into the cloistered groupings surrounding state selection with those better players always playing with each other and contesting the many mid-week carnivals when Brian was working. Not being prepared to kowtow to the selectors he was often overlooked in favour of players willing to curry favour.

He spent most of his working life as a butcher in shops and catering at Mt Pritchard Community Club then eight years spent as Cellarman and Stock Controller at St John's Park.

Brian is very proud of his achievement at St Johns Park in winning the 'grand slam' of club championships, the singles, pairs, triples and fours in a single year. The only player to have done so in the seventy years of the clubs' history. He won the triples with Steven Green, a member of the state team and Kevin Walsh who ended up playing for Australia.

Moving up from Division 1 Brian played second for Rex Johnson and Tony Laguzza in the first year of Premier League. Now games were scheduled all around the state requiring travel and accommodation as three games a weekend was the norm. He was also being paid. Asked if this put extra pressure on his game, he replied that it may have done if it was his living but for him the impetus came from performing and winning.

Playing at an elite level Brian was required to attend training regularly which he did not find a problem as there was always a friendly team atmosphere. Part of the training would be pep talks and instruction but most of his knowledge came from coaching manuals like the Modern Approach to Lawn Bowls by Frank Soars. He used to roll a bowl down the passage and carry one around the house, so it felt familiar and comfortable on game day.

In 2000 he moved to Elderslie and began playing for Camden RSL in their Division 4 side with the likes of Bruce Turton, Barry Smith and Bruce Warren.

Three years later he was head hunted to Picton along with talented players from other clubs with the sole aim of winning a pennant. With two pennants in two years for Picton he then returned to Camden Men's where this former elite player intends to remain for the rest of his playing days.

After moving to Camden, he was selected in the Southern Tablelands District Side on many occasions playing against Canberra State Side, South Coast and Nepean on alternate years. He represented the Zone 5 Senior Side in 2007, 08, 09 and again in 2016, 17, 18, 19, and 2020. He also represented Zone 12 on many occasions.

During his long career Brian has amassed a large number of badges, awards and mementoes. These include three Grade 3 Pennants for Camden and the four medals of his Grand Slam at St Johns Park in 1991. He was very surprised and felt greatly honoured to win the Camden Bowler of the Year award in 2021.

Brian Barnicoat is justifiably proud of his achievements on the green over many years. He now plays for social interaction and enjoyment but is still open to an invitation to a team championship if there is a spot available.



The medals Brian has won over the years. The Grand Slam four are on the bottom.



Brian in front of his trophy cabinet

By The Scribbler



SOME FAMOUS PEOPLE WE LOST DURING 2023



Behind playing fours, pairs as a discipline is one of the most played formats of the game of lawn bowls. Many variations of pairs exist including; 2x2x2x2, 3×3, 4×4 and also a quickfire 2×2. Even though there are various formats which can be played the same fundamentals can apply in order for you and your partner to excel and dominate at the format you prefer or play most often.

Thinking and focusing on the following three 'aspects' could propel you and your partner to performance levels unseen or explore other aspects of your game you may never have thought about improving previously. Lawn bowls game development is not just about achieving a good delivery.

ASPECTS TO REIGN PLAYING PAIRS

1 - BE A VERSITILE LEAD - SHOTS & STRATEGY

The key to a strong pairs partnership is vastly dependent on the ability of the lead, but not just for their traditional 'Lead' traits but for their ability to be versatile in their shot making ability. Tactically they must be astute and strong in their ability to read a head and select shots for their partner to play. These qualities are imperative as the lead will dictate strategy and shot making in most formats of pairs as the skip does not follow every bowl played to assess the situation and must rely on the lead's decision-making.

Look out for our online courses coming soon which will delve deeper into strategy and shot making

2 - BOTH PLAYERS MUST CONTRIBUTE

Being portrayed as a unified partnership can be just as powerful against an opposition as having all the shot making ability in your locker. Approaching the game with similar tactics (ie. one player not being more aggressive in approach than the other) and showing unification can be disturbing to opposition and provide a positive energy between partners, leading to both players being more relaxed and playing to their highest ability possible.

Both partners must have a **mutual respect** of each other and **communicate clearly and openly**. This communication in the form of small discussions, positive feedback, encouragement and collectively weighing up the risks and rewards of certain shots will ultimately be viewed as a strong pair to contend with.

3 - KNOW YOUR TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS

Playing with the same pairs partner on a regular basis can pay huge dividends when you find yourselves battling hard to play the winning shots. Having that intimate knowledge of each other's strengths and weaknesses can help to guide a strategy or tactic during a difficult game.

Eg. Your skip is struggling with maximum length jacks, but you are winning the battle of the leads and building good heads. The opposition skip is playing well at long jack lengths and winning the battle of the skips. Being able to acknowledge that potentially playing short jacks might drop your level of performance but could ultimately increase your skip's level of performance (as they love to play shorter jack lengths), increases your competitiveness as a pair and potentially turn the tide of the game. TIP – Both players write down each other's strengths and weaknesses. Compare what you both have written – see a theme and you have your 'default' strength to resort to or weaknesses to work on together during purposeful practice sessions



(Compliments of the Bowls Academy)





This image shows the results of a lab test impact between a small sphere of aluminum travelling at approximately 6.8 km/second and a block of aluminum 18 cm thick. This test simulates what can happen when a small space debris object hits a spacecraft.

Al sphere diameter: 1.2cm Al sphere mass: about 1.7 g Impact crater diameter: 9.0 cm Impact crater depth: 5.3 cm

ROOM 8

Room 8 was a neighbourhood cat who wandered into a classroom in 1952 at Elysian Heights Elementary School in Echo Park, California. He lived in the school during the school year and then disappeared for the summer, returning when classes started again. This pattern continued without interruption until the mid-1960s.

News cameras would arrive at the school at the beginning of the year waiting for the cat's return; he became famous and would receive up to 100 letters a day addressed to him at the school. Eventually, he was featured in a documentary called Big Cat, Little Cat and a children's book, A Cat Called Room 8. Look magazine ran a three-page Room 8 feature by photographer Richard Hewett in November 1962, titled "Room 8: The School Cat".

Leo Kottke wrote an instrumental called "Room 8" that was included in his 1971 album, Mudlark.

As he got older, Room 8 was injured in a cat fight and suffered from feline pneumonia, so a family near the school volunteered to take him in. The school's janitor would find him at the end of the school day and carry him across the street.

His obituary in the Los Angeles Times rivalled that of major political figures, running three columns with a photograph. The cat was so famous that his obituary ran in papers as far away as Hartford, Connecticut. The students raised the funds for his gravestone. He is buried at the Los Angeles Pet Memorial Park in Calabasas, California."



JOHN LENNON

43 years ago, on December 1980, amateur photographer Paul Goresh snapped this photo of John Lennon after he had just signed an album for one of his fans. When Lennon returned 5 hours later to the Dakota apartment building where he resided, Mark David Chapman the "fan" who was photographed with Lennon earlier that day took a .38 Saturday night special and shot Lennon in the back 5 times with hollow point bullets designed to expand when fired, ensuring the wounds would be fatal. The former Beatle didn't stand a chance. Lennon was pronounced dead from a massive loss of blood at 11.30pm. He was just 40 years old! R.I.P

Chapman has since said he shot the former Beatle because he wanted to "steal" his fame — stating that now he was a bigger nobody than he was before. He also revealed he planned the killing for three months and considered murdering other celebrities who he thought were "phonies."



WALT DISNEY AND THE BEVERLY HILLS BOWLING CLUB



Walt Disney played bowls – who knew. Apparently, he was not a very good bowler but he was a very keen member of the Beverly Bowling Club and there are competitions named after him still today. If you want to play in the up-coming Walt Disney Pairs, there is an entry form at the end of this article.



LAWN BOWLS IN THE USA

"Golf and lawn bowling have a lot in common. Both are centuries old recreations played on grass in the sunny outdoors. But that's where the common ground ends.

Lawn bowling is easy to learn and enjoy right away. It is played on a manicured 120' x120' square of grass in the sunny outdoors. It's a game with teammate interaction and team challenges, personal accomplishments, and social enjoyment. And, unlike golf, no one has ever lost a bowl on a bowling green.

The sport is inexpensive. The *maximum* cost of a set of lawn bowls is about one-third the *minimum* cost of a set of golf clubs. And a set of bowls lasts a lifetime. The *annual* fee for lawn bowling at Roxbury Park is less than the total of a couple of rounds of golf at a public course.

Lawn bowling, the world's oldest continuously played sport, virtually disappeared from United States soil following the American Revolution of 1776. (Too British, you know.) Yet, throughout the eastern seaboard, street names and local communities still carry the name: "Bowling Green", denoting the likely area where the local bowling facility once stood.

Lawn bowling (or bowls) began its resurgence in the U.S. around 1900, and came to Beverly Hills in 1926. The first green was built at the current site of the Wells Fargo Bank, at the corner of Camden Drive and Little Santa Monica Boulevard; it was built by Dr. Oscar Beasley, President of the Bank of Beverly Hills, next door to his depository.

Several years later, City fathers had a new public park on the drawing board at the site of a bean field fronted by Roxbury Drive and Olympic Boulevard, to be dedicated to local residents who had fallen in World War I. Dr. Beasley and City councilman J.L. Kennedy proposed the installation of a bowling green at the new Roxbury Memorial Park to complement several tennis courts and a community clubhouse. In October, 1929, the bowling green and clubhouse were dedicated, and the Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club took its place as an historic Beverly Hills landmark.

As the number of participants mushroomed, a second bowling green was added in 1935, and the third opened in 1946. The cost of both additional greens was underwritten by enthusiastic Beverly Hills bowlers.

During the era before major professional sports proliferated on the West Coast and recreational TV developed the ubiquitous couch potato, the Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club was the hot local gathering spot. No less than five city mayors held the club president's seat, and a who's who of Westside bigwigs and entertainment celebrities were roster members, including Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck's best friend, Walt Disney.

After Walt's passing, his Beverly Hills bowling buddies teamed with the Walt Disney & Company to organize an international tournament in the animation creator's name. The Disney Company designed and produced an array of Disney Masters Tournament items for

exclusive use of the event, which robustly continues today in its fourth decade. The unique tournament memorabilia includes a remarkable four-foot trophy made of solid Brazilian redwood, with imbeds of Walt's four personal lawn bowls, topped by a golden foot-high Mickey Mouse figurine.

Today, the game of bowls continues at Roxbury Memorial Park, but the realities of time have altered the user configuration. The footprint of three bowling greens continues, but now reflects a contemporary recreational menu for active community participants. One of the greens, the original "Beasley" green, remains a landmark dedicated to the game that has been a city activity since 1926. Of the other two greens, one is dedicated to croquet and the other has been converted to two beach volleyball courts.

Lawn bowling is a social as well as competitive recreation. Many who play the game enjoy it as much for the friendships they make as they do the sport. It is an activity that men and women, skilled and unskilled, can partake side-by-side as teammates or opponents.

Though played mostly by adults in the United States, it is a sport for all ages. There are some 35 lawn bowling facilities in Southern California. Men and women interested in the competitive side of sport will find a bountiful annual schedule of tournaments that runs almost year around. Travelers, particularly those to the American Sunbelt and Commonwealth countries, always find the welcome mat out at bowling facilities worldwide."

(Can be found on the Beverly Hills Bowling Club website)





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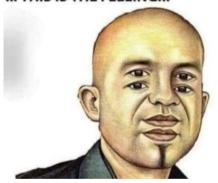
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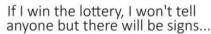




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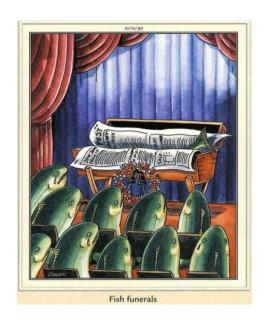
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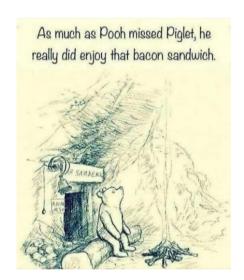




















Kids complaining about Spotify... they don't know the real struggle.



The Mrs sent me out with \$40 to buy my son a shirt and said I could buy a beer with any change

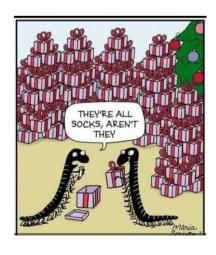




FALL DOWN

*If PEOPLE LAUGH You're young.

*If PEOPLE PANIC You're old.





FUNNY OF THE MONTH



DAD JOKES

So you think you have problems?

My wife moved my air guitar, and now I can't find it.

I recently visited a Monastery and when I was exploring out the back I came across a Monk frying Potatoes in a pan. I asked him if he was the Fryer. He said no, he was the Chip Monk.







Today I went to the toilet without my phone There are 137 tiles in the bathroom

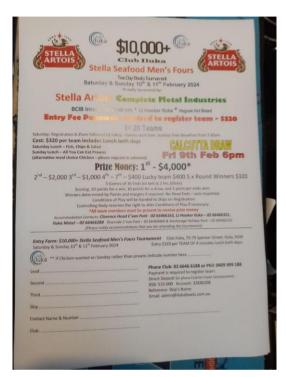
The wife and I have both made a list of 5 people who we can sleep with if we ever get the chance.

She's picked Johnny Depp, Hugh Jackman, Jason Momoa, Tom Hardy and Brad Pitt.

I've gone for her sister, her cousin, her best friend, our next door neighbour's wife and the busty checkout chick at Woolworths.

She is not happy with my choices.

BOWLS EVENTS















HENTY BOWLING CLUB

Has much pleasure in inviting you To participate in our

"INVITATIONAL 2 BOWL TRIPLES" TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th March 2024

PRIZE MONEY \$5000.00





Best performed side each game \$120

TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

3 games of 18 ends, commencing at 9.30am each day, 6 games total. Winning teams determined on games won and aggregate shots. No team can receive more than one prize. Entries accepted in order of receipt. Max 28 Teams. Draw to remain a draw. Lunch is included both days (after the first game). Accommodation available at Trudie's B&B 0456438743

ENTRY FEE: \$70.00 PER PLAYER (\$210 per team)

For further information contact: Glenn Harrison 0403087823 Email: gharrison@jasoceania.com.au Or Peter Forck: 0269 293952



























Entry fees can be paid via Direct Deposit: BSB 062-170 Account 1011 8587
Please ensure your Skip's last name is included, with reference: RJ.

Post entries to: Belrose Men's Bowling Club, 146 Forest Way, Belrose NSW 2085.

Alternatively, email entries to: mens@clubbelrose.com.au



Womens Triples Tuesday 14th May

Conditions of play

3 Games of 15 ends. 2 bowl triples. 9:30am random draw, 10am start \$60 entry fee Bowls uniform Lunch after 2nd game

Limited to 14 teams.

rust & timber CHOCOLATE BAR

First place \$750 Second place \$450

To enter please contact Rodney Crean : creany@live.com.au ph : 0408670372









Merriwa AFA Bowling Club ANY GENDER FOURS CARNIVAL Sponsored by Clarkson Hyundai



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Open to Division 2 and below

Thursday 2nd May 2024 9AM for 9:30AM START (Club Uniforms Please)

Total Prize Money \$3160 (Based on 24 teams' entry)

Entry fee \$140 per team – includes: Morning tea, light lunch, after game nibbles

Morning tea, light lunch, after game nibbles
2 games of fours (11 ends each)
Split 3 bowl pairs (9 ends each)
Email entries (including team names) to
menscaptain@merriwabowls.com.au
Entry fee to be paid to Merriwa AFA Bowling Club
BSB 036230 Acc. No. 104897 (reference skip's surname)
Please nominate and pay entry fee early to ensure a place!
Entries close 23rd April 2024 or when full
Any enquiries contact Len Paterson on 0427963462



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	8.15am—Morning tea 8.30am—Registration / Blind Draw
Palm Lake Resort.	9.00am—Commence Game 1 11.00am—Commence Game 2 1.00pm—Lunch
Phone: Sandy—0417 550 813	2.00pm—Commence Game 3 430pm—Presentation
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