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Central Coast team enjoys International Experience

In late March, Dick Love Davistown RSL, David Cameron Avoca Beach and Frank Powter Ettalong travelled to Hong Kong and China for the Tiger Bowls World Invitational event in Hong Kong and the China Open near Xing Xiang in Central China. Unfortunately the fourth team member Sid Winslade Halekulani had to pull out at the last minute on doctor's orders and we had to get a replacement from the host club. There were some 72 teams participating from all parts of the world including New Zealand, Cook Islands, USA, Canada, Fiji, Malaysia, Singapore, Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Macau, Thailand, Netherlands, China, Hong Kong / China. The team performed credibly in Hong Kong on a mixture of grass and carpet greens, finishing 12th out of 36 teams in the Plate division.

The China Open was staged at a factory complex called Janda which is in a remote county of Henan province. Until five years ago all the residents were rural farm workers but many are now employed in the factory which produces 3 Million square metres of Bowls carpet annually and exports to 43 countries. The local area is very important in China's history as the centre of Zen Buddism and several World Heritage sites. The massive Yellow River provides irrigation for the vast agricultural products. We visited a local school with 4,000 students who study from 6 am to 10 pm and all are learning English. Most of these students had never seen a white person and we were in demand to sign hundreds of autographs. We qualified for the quarter finals with the best margin in our section of eight over six games. This was our best result in China in five visits. Unfortunately Singapore was too strong for us and they went on to play Canada in the final, with Canada coming out on top skipped by Michel Larue a former Commonwealth gold medallist in the pairs. The presentation was impressive with a march past behind National flags, National Anthems and many groups in traditional costume. The Ladies event was won by Zambia with a last bowl win over favourites China. The Central Coast team thoroughly enjoyed the experience and in particular to visit a rarely seen part of our world. **Dick Love**

SPOT THE AUSSIES

From Left to Right..... 2nd Dick Love, 6th Frank Powter, very end David Cameron

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What's Your Verdict? **- Q. A sudden squall hits the green during the play of and end and causes bowls to move. The Skips cannot agree on the original positions of the bowls moved. What shall happen?**

A. The end should be declared dead. See Law 53

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A clean sweep of the Under 18 Championship titles

It was an outstanding three days of bowls for Terrigal's Jayden Moody who won all three events in the

Bowls Central Coast Under 18 championships played at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club. Jayden skipped the winning four's team then teamed with Mitchell McDonnell to win the pairs and then played his pair's partner Mitch McDonnell in the final of the Singles. He came from behind and won the last six ends on the trot to snare a well earned victory. The respective winners will now contest the NSW State Junior Championships at Warilla from Monday 7th July to Saturday 12th July 2014.

Aron Sherriff congratulates skipper Jayden Moody Terrigal and team mates Mitchell McDonnell Halekulani, James Burton Terrigal and Josh McDonnell Halekulani on becoming the U18 Fours Champions.

Ettalong Bowls Coordinator John Roberts congratulates Jayden Moody on winning the U 18 Singles over Mitch McDonnell 31-27

Locker Room Whispers

Drinks All Round:-There is an old tradition in Bowling Clubs that if all the pennant sides win in the same round, the President shouts. Presidents of clubs that only field two or three pennant sides are constantly vulnerable but you would think a President of a club fielding 10 pennant sides would be on pretty safe ground. But the Ettalong Memorial pennant bowlers blew that theory out of the water in Round 2 by winning all ten grades and it cost Chairman Robert Henderson a keg. Cheers!

New Money Game: - For those short on pocket money Everglades B C has introduced a new opportunity for bowlers to supplement their income with an Open Two-Bowls-Triples competition on the second Wednesday of every month. Starting at 12 noon two games of 15 ends will return the winning team at least $150, with presumably some small change for the minor placings. If you would like to enter Contact Beth Quinlan or Bob Brien on 4341 1866

Rare Achievement: - The pennant competition produces more than its share of "highs" and "lows" so not surprisingly the Terrigal Grade 3 lads of Jack Fernance, Jason Gouw, Fred Douse and skip Ian Griffith were on a high when they scored the ultimate 8 at home in round 2 against a shell-shocked Entrance.

Charity Auction a Winner: - Thanks to the initiative of Woys Woys Gayle Wise and the generosity of Aron Sherriff the Leukaemia Foundation and Gosford Hospital's Cancer Treatment Ward are $4,000 richer. At Gayles suggestion they invited Aron to sign a shirt, Jacket and a bowl for auction at the club. President Jim Cassidy was delighted with the outcome and commented "our small bowling club continues to support the community in so many ways and we encourage local residents to continue to visit our facilities."

The passing of a Champion: - One of the all time greats of our game Peter Rheuben passed away aged 84 on 3rd April. Peter was Bowls NSW most capped player representing NSW in 386 tests Peter was inducted into both the NSW and Australian Hall of Fame as a tribute to his achievements and contribution to the sport of bowls. He will be sadly missed by his many bowling mates.

How Close Can It Get?: - Spare a thought for The Entrance Grade 3 Pennant Side. In the first six rounds they had five games decided by less than two shots on the master scoreboard. Three losses by one, another by two and a win by one. And they say play pennants to relax and unwind, that's heart attack material.

A Tipple Taste Test

- **A meal without wine is called breakfast**
- **If one glass of wine is good for you, just imagine what a whole bottle could do?**
- **Wine improves with age……..the older I get the better I like it!**

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Mirror Mirror on the Wall

Who is the "Senior" Super Vet of all?

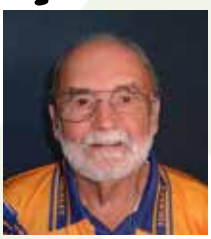
Jim Kearsey
Munmorah
95Yrs

Stan Moran
Woy Woy
82 Yrs

Ted Carpenter
Everglades
81 Yrs

Sam Andrews
Woy Woy
89 Yrs

Noel Leonard
Everglades
81 Yrs



Arthur Crews
Toukley
86 Yrs

Stan Johnson
Everglades
81 Yrs

Bruce Hailey
Wyong
87 Yrs

Bill Hammond
Munmorah
89 Yrs

Bruce Heard
Woy Woy
82 Yrs

Mal Smith
Woy Woy
81 Yrs

Veteran / Super Vets Day

Held on 18th March 14 this was once again a most successful and well attended day thanks to the hospitality of Munmorah United on behalf of the northern clubs and diggers@ theentrance on behalf of the southern based clubs. A total of 120 vets were in attendance from 20 different clubs.

Winners are Grinners

Give your Club Champions and extra "Pat on the Back" by sharing their success with our readers.

Ettalong Memorial 11+ Easter Handicap Triples: - Mitch Douglas, Michael Douglas Phil Barclay

Ettalong Memorial Major Singles: - Greg Pigram 31 d John Roberts 23

Everglades Don Leggot Memorial Fours: - Mick Maycock, Terry Gains, John Aldersley, Wayne Hensley Breakers BC Wamb

Gosford City Major Singles: - Selva Panchadcharam d Peter Andrews 31-25

Gwandalan Fours Championship: - Brian Schilf, Brad Eaton, Todd Harris, Chris Willingham

Gwandalan Triples Championship: - Gary Staunton, Todd Harris, Chris Willingham

Munmorah United Major Pairs:- Reg Kelley and Ron Spek,

Norah Head Mixed Fours: - P.Moulang J.Stokoe H.Moulang P.Warner

Norah Head Fours Championship:- B.Windle, R.Ellis, B.Butterfield, P Warner

Norah Head Pairs Championship: - Pat Reed & John Brands

Ourimbah Lisarow Club Fours: - Bill Davison, John Dawson sub for Dirk Van Spronson, Steve Butler, Keith Cooper

Quad Triples(March) Av/Break/Davis/Terr: - Garry MacFadyen, Dale Phillips, Peter Coombes 3w+24

Terrigal Good Friday Triples: - Neil Massey, Darren Morrison, Bruce Jewell 3W +42

Terrigal Minor Singles:- Josh Farnsworth d Brett Jacobson

Terrigal Ken Hawkins Pairs: - Josh Farnsworh & Tony Sydenhyam 3W+44

Terrigal Tess & Alec Frewin Mixed Pairs: - Tess Koutsellis & Darren Morrison

The Entrance Major Singles: - David Neilsen d Phil Flippence 31-18

Umina Beach Handicap Pairs:- Vas Tsellos T Brown

Umina Beach Fours Championship:- Ron Fitzgerald, Allan Kable, Ken Miller, Allan Hancock

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National Friendship Carnival an Outstanding Success

The Bowls Past Presidents Association of Australia held its 21st National Carnival on the Central Coast from 2nd - 8th April. 230 bowlers, from all states except Tasmania, participated in competition games over four days with games played at Ettalong Memorial, Davistown RSL, Terrigal and Avoca Beach BC's. A range of sightseeing tours were arranged for non bowling days and for the wives and spectators whilst partners were playing, which included the Hunter Valley, Watson Bay, Hawkesbury, Reptile Park and a Mystery Tour. The Welcoming and Farewell Presentation Dinners were held at the Ettalong War Memorial Club for up to 300 guests on each evening. National and State President Bert Dodd was delighted with the Carnival's success which was largely due to the outstanding effort and organization by Carnival Organiser Peter Arnold. The next Friendship Carnival will be held in Adelaide from 13-19 April 2016.

2014 State Titles Part of Anniversary Celebrations

As part of Ettalong Memorial B C's 50 year Anniversary celebrations they will host the 2014 Bowls NSW State Championship titles. It is the first time that the prestige State titles will have been decided on the Central Coast and they are sure to attract large spectator crowds. So pencil in these diary dates:-

Sat Oct 18 State Pairs & State Senior Pairs Rnd 1/ Quarter finals

Sun Oct 19 State Pairs & state Senior Pairs Semi-Finals / Final

Mon Oct 20 State Singles & Senior State Singles Rnd 1 / Quarter finals

Tues Oct 21 State Singles & Senior State Singles Semi-Finals / Final

Wed Oct 22 State Fours & Presidents Reserve Singles Rnd 1 / Quarter Finals

Thurs Oct 23 State Fours & President Reserve Singles Semi-Finals / Final

Fri Oct 24 State Triples & President Reserve Pairs Rnd 1 / Quarter Finals

Sat Oct 25 State Triples & President Reserve Pairs Semi Finals / Final.

AT THE HEAD WITH OMAR

March and April were a very busy time for me at Interstate and International level. Firstly, the NSW Blues were successful against Victoria at Wodonga BC with a 3-0 series win, followed by a 2-0 series win over WA at Taren Point BC. Then it was down to Tassie for the annual Alley Shield round robin. Unfortunately we finished 2nd to QLD this time with a narrow 1 shot loss in our 5th round tussle. A positive from the trip was my rink of Matt Baus, Terry Antram and Wayne Turley were the Best Performed rink winning 6 of our 7 games!

March saw the Aussie team take-on our old rivals the Kiwis in the annual Trans-Tasman tussle at Traralgon BC in Victoria. As usual it was a tight contest but fortunately the Aussie 'Jackaroos' won the series 2-1. There were 10 trophies on offer at the Trans-Tasman with Australia winning 9 of them. Afterf this event the Commonwealth Games team was announced and its with great honor and pride I can inform you I've been selected to compete in my second Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland from the 23rd July to the 3rd August.

My 'Handy Hint' for this edition is again about practicing effectively! If you play short ends great and long ends not so well there is no point practicing short ends all the time and vice versa, same as if you play one hand better than the other. In practice you should try and improve you're weaknesses rather than keep practicing your strengths which in turn will improve your all round game!

Good Bowling Omar

Quotes to Ponder Upon

- One of the hardest things in life is to learn which bridges to cross and which ones to burn
- Losers let it happen, Winners make it happen

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