



Cocky's Squawk

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AWESOME !

DERWENT CITY BAKER BOYS WIN STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2009



Joshua (16) and Daniel (18) Baker

Congratulations from all at Derwent City Bowls Club

INTERVIEW WITH JOSHUA AND DANIEL BAKER

Q1. Do Lawn Bowlers need to make changes for the public to alter any misconceptions it might have with regard to bowls being an "old persons" sport?

Daniel: In the game today I think the players are more attacking and more aggressive rather than just drawing shots. Players are a lot younger – the average age has come down – the Australian teams are more in their twenties and thirties.

Q2. Are girlfriends an asset or a liability in your young bowling careers?

Joshua: Both. They are assets in that they want to come out, watch and bowl with us, and liabilities because some times when we have to train we have to try and train with them also. It is hard to fit it all in and socialise and have a bit of fun as well.

Q3. Did your mum (Vicki) and dad (Shane) help you celebrate your win?

Daniel: They couldn't really celebrate too much – Dad did a bit, but Mum hasn't as yet. When we go up North and receive our award I reckon they will probably go out and celebrate with us.

Q4. What is a good club member?

Daniel: Not only just a good bowler but a good social member who will respect everyone. They will talk to people, they will go out and volunteer for a bit of work around the club, a bit of coaching as well and help others improve their game.

Q5. What other sports would you have chosen if not lawn bowls and would you really recommend lawn bowls to young guys?

Daniel & Joshua: Mainly basketball. We have both played it when younger and Mum's played it as well. I've recommended bowls to a lot of my friends and they reckon it is a lot of fun when they have had a game – it is a challenge for them, even if they just play socially, have competitions, have a bit of a muck around game.

Q6. What do the young guys say when you tell them you play lawn bowls?

Daniel & Joshua: They are a bit shocked, have a bit of a giggle, but once they have seen it they have a second thought about it. They think it is alright after they have seen the game and know what it is about. First of all they think it is just an "old mans" sport and you can't be good at it.

Editor's note: It was a pleasure to speak with you both. Your outlook on life is a credit to you both and to your family. My personal thanks for your time.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BOWLS RULES?

Q1. If a forfeit occurs part way through a game what happens to the scores?

Q2. If two or more games are forfeited in sectional play what is the outcome?

Q3. What happens when there is a bye?

Q4. What happens when measuring if the opposition declares the head and moves the bowls before agreement is reached between measurers?

Bill's Health Tit Bits:

Dietary cholesterol can raise blood cholesterol levels, but the saturated fat in foods affects levels much more. Don't assume that products labelled "no cholesterol" are healthy. Check for their saturated fat content.

One reason many people feel so tired and often nap after a traditional Christmas dinner is that turkey is especially rich in the amino acid tryptophan, a natural sleep inducer.

PONDER THESE IMPONDERABLES:

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?



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CAUGHT AT LAST!!



Retired policeman, **Ian Callinan**, still on the job, restraining **Bill Rankin**.

FOR A LAUGH

"Of course I won't laugh, I'm a professional nurse. In over twenty years of private practice I've never laughed at a patient."

"Okay then," Fred said and proceeded to drop his trousers, revealing the tiniest "man thingy" the nurse had ever seen. Length and width, it couldn't have been bigger than a AAA battery. Unable to control herself, the nurse started giggling loudly, then fell laughing to the floor, crying/laughing hysterically, unable to catch her breath.

Ten minutes later she was able to struggle to her feet and regain her composure. Clearing her throat and being serious, she felt awful. "I am so sorry", said the nurse. "I don't know what came over me. On my honour as a nurse and a lady, I promise it won't happen again. Now, tell me, what seems to be the problem?"

"....It's swollen," Fred whimpered.

DID YOU KNOW?

"**Stewardesses**" is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

"**Lollipop**" is the longest word typed with your right hand. No word in the English language rhymes with **month**, **orange**, **silver** or **purple**.

Dreamt is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

CONDOLENCES

To **Ian Callinan** and family on the sad passing of **Jean Callinan**, mother and grandmother.

DERWENT CITY BOWLS CLUB FUTURE

President's message:

The days have gone when members and committee could just roll up and play bowls and spend money like there was no tomorrow. The committee should be looking in all areas where there could be less waste and more productive output.

The people who have the jobs for the greens, bar, repairs, etc, should always be looking to keep costs down to a minimum wherever possible without depleting quality.

Without the help of club members and an influx of younger members helping on the committees to run functions and the like over the slow winter period, the club will close.

Both Derwent and City are great clubs but will cease to exist if people are not prepared to roll up their sleeves and pitch in and help.

This is a warning to all players who want to play at Derwent City - dig in or lose three of the best greens in Tasmania and a great club.

Merv Read, President

JUST FOR LAUGHS (AGAIN!!)

A Vietnamese doctor says "Medicine in my country is so advanced that we can take a kidney out of one man, put it in another, and have him looking for work in six weeks."

A German doctor says "That is nothing, we can take a lung out of one person, put it in another and have him looking for work in four weeks."

A Russian doctor says "In my country, medicine is so advanced that we can take half a heart out of one person, put it in another, and have them both looking for work in two weeks."

The Australian doctor, not to be outdone, says "You guys are way behind. We recently took a man with no brains out of Queensland, put him in to Canberra for four years, and now half the country is looking for work".

PONDERABLES (AGAIN!!)

Our eyes are always the same size from birth but our nose and ears never stop growing.

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious". (Yes, admit it, you are going to say a e i o u.)

Typewriter is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard. (All you typists are going to test this out.)

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds. (Some humans have that too!)

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

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