



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

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President's Notes

Pennant competition has started with some promising early results. Both Tuesday and Saturday committees hope we all stay well because having entered extra teams to make sure we can offer places to everyone who indicated they wanted to play in either competition, we are already struggling to fill all teams.

Our gates have been found unlocked on a number of occasions during the past month. All members have a key to the padlocks and all members are asked to make sure the gates are locked if you think you might be the last one leaving for the day.

Grass Green News

Our new grass green is starting to look like the real thing. The Club has purchased a "fat boy" roller that has been fitted to one of our lawn mowers to help prepare a couch green. The fat boy roller has tufts of brutal looking steel wire that scuffs up the surface before mowing which helps achieve the close cut needed for bowling.

Regular rolling has started to firm up the base and the final top dressing and level adjustment has been confirmed for Monday 19th December.

Even though the green looks good it is still closed for all bowling until after Christmas.

Graeme Climas



Melbourne Cup Day.

Play bowls, win a horse in the Calcutta, clean up the sweep and take home a door prize!

It's all possible at the club **10am Tuesday 1 November.**

Non-bowling family and friends welcome.

Put your name on the Special Events Notice Board by Thursday 27th October. BYO lunch.

Enter the sweeps at the bar.

SOCIAL BOWLS

The Wednesday Committee would like to inform all members of the club, plus visitors of a change of start times for the balance of the 2011-2012 season.

Starting October 19th, Wednesday social bowls will commence at 1 pm with 2 games of ten ends, with afternoon tea in between games. To9 book a game, ring us on the club phone number between 11.30am to 12.15pm on game day or write your name on the sheets that are on the notice board outside the club rooms or in front of club office. Please note that time printed in syllabus will be incorrect.

We invite all members to participate and look forward to seeing you.

**Garry Battershell
Convenor of Wednesday Social Bowls**

Tuesday Pennant News

There are a number of new players who have not yet taken part in Duty rink requirements. If you have a new player in your midst please show them the ropes. The most important things to remember are making sure the outside toilets and the umpire's box and the back gate (if your car is the last in the carpark) is locked when you leave.

We would remind all Tuesday players that we have two Thursday games this season. These are in addition to Tuesday so there will be 2 midweek matches. They are Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th of November. Tuesday December 13th and Thursday 15th December. They are marked in your Club Handbook..

Saturday Pennant News

Teams who are playing their home games at Hurstbridge and Diamond Creek should take a few moments to read the two notices on the Pennant notice board relating to home team duty rinks.

There are a few minor matters to take care of when playing anywhere if you are nominated as the duty rink and it is important particularly when representing our club that we do our bit.

The members draw at 6pm on Saturday after bowls has had its first winner. John Baker was present and happily took away the \$40 jackpot (or should I say Rina helped to carry it) after the previous week's winner was not present.

New Club Shirts

The delivery of shirts to the club is now complete. If you have not collected your order please see Di Debney or Sue Arnott. There are a few stock shirts remaining should you wish to update your current uniform. If you still need to pay for your shirt we would be pleased to see you.

Almoner's Report

We have a number of our members who are presently not in the best of health. June Beer, one of our social bowlers, is unwell and undergoing further treatment.

Joyce Gee is recovering from a procedure on her leg and Jan McDermott is shortly to have a hip replacement. Treenah Wadham is recovering from a broken wrist and should return to bowls shortly. Rob Ludeman has had a knee replacement and is well on the way to recovery. Les Engblom is recovering at home from his heart attack and stent procedure. All visitors welcome.

Jim Yarwood took a backward step off a stage when working and received several broken ribs and vertebrae and was incapacitated for some time. He is now back and enjoying his bowls.

Bev Sharp has been conspicuous by her absence following a procedure on her back and a problem with a knee. She has been seen having a practice roll and we hope is back bowling very soon.

We have also been advised that Don McVeigh has suffered a stroke but we have no further news on his condition at this time. Don and Lexie were keen club members in past years and we wish them both well.

To all these current and past bowling members we wish them a speedy recovery and look forward to their return to bowls.

Fund Raising

The time for preparation of the Christmas hamper has arrived. We would like a donation of goods of a Christmas theme to get this underway. Please look on the notice board for suggestions of items. Please note all food items must be sealed (to prevent the tenacious ants nibbling).

Marj Baussman & Phyllis Dight

Last month's quiz solution:

7 Wonders of the World
1001 Arabian nights
12 Signs of the Zodiac
100 runs in a cricket century
54 cards in a deck with jokers
9 planets in the solar system
21 ends in a pennant game
88 piano keys
13 stars on the Australian flag
32 degrees at which water freezes
18 holes on a golf course
11 players in a cricket team plus a twelfth man
12 months in a year
21 metres is minimum length in bowls

Please forward your items for inclusion in the newsletter at any time.
A friend sent me the following piece. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Editor

Church Ladies with typewriters.

Those wonderful Church Bulletins! These sentences (with all the Bloopers and Typos) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water". The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus".

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone to doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

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