



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The Synthetic Green

The Club is still trying to arrange for Tigerturf to make a further adjustment to remove the "bubbles" that appear during hot weather. We have had a difficulty making contact with Tigerturf and having agreements honored. Now we learn that the private owner of Tigerturf has sold the business to Ten Cate, large European manufacturing company. Among many other products, Ten Cate manufactures the synthetic yarns used to make synthetic greens. There has also been significant management changes and few of the people we have been negotiating with still work for Tigerturf.

The promising result of these changes is that the current management acknowledges that Tigerturf's after sales service has been unsatisfactory and they are committed to "fix it". Tigerturf recently had a visit from the manufacturer of the fabric laid at Eltham where they studied a selection of photos showing the dramatic bubbling that occurs during hot weather that we had supplied.

We are now at the point where Tigerturf and the fabric manufacturer agree that the surface needs to be stretched again. The manufacturer has been successfully using a modified stretching method that they believe will correct our problems. The final hold up is now the weather because the stretching needs to be done after a hot dry spell which will probably not occur until after Christmas.

That Smell

The Club has made representations to Yarra Valley Water about the offensive smell that can sometimes be detected on our green. The high vent pipe near our northern boundary is suspected as the source and not the bar nuts. Yarra Valley Water has recently replaced the wind vane at the top of this pipe but the sensitive noses report that there has not been any noticeable improvement.

SES Neighbours

As expected, Council has approved the application from the SES to construct large sheds in the area on the north side of the Club. One of the conditions imposed by Melbourne Water is the construction of a flood protection wall along our northern fence. This will require the current "back gate" to be moved to the north east corner of the site and some changes to our sand and garden rubbish storage areas.

New Shelters

Cliff Lynch and helpers has extended the roofing above the seats along the southern end of the synthetic green. He has also obtained some second hand seating that will fill in the current gaps in the fixed seats and replace the white plastic chairs. These improvements will make a big difference during rain and on hot days. Thanks Cliff.

Finally, thanks to all the volunteers who have either taken on new roles at the club or have changed their roles to try something new. This helps enormously in the smooth running of our club.

Brent Arnott

TUESDAY PENNANT NEWS

Eltham won the Yarra Valley shield played against Yarra Valley Country Club at Eltham on Tuesday 20th September, which was a welcome reverse on the previous year. This match is played as a practice match for the coming season. A relaxed and fun day for all.

Next Tuesday we will be celebrating our traditional Blue & Maroon Day with an intra club match for a final hit out before the season competition begins. Refer to the handbook for times.

The change of 21 ends will bring lunch officially earlier. The ruling from Bowls Victoria is that we shall break at 12 for a half hour lunch.

Enjoy your season.

**Ros Camera
Convenor**

SATURDAY PENNANT NEWS

Pennant Practice Matches

Pre- pennant practice matches have been conducted over the first three Saturdays in September with good attendance from playing members. Results have been:

Sat 3 Sept.

Div 1 - Mitcham a win (at Eltham)

Div 3,5,6,8 - Diamond Creek, 1 win and 3 losses

Sat 10 Sept.

Div 1 - Ivanhoe a loss (at Ivanhoe)

Div 3 - Ivanhoe a win (at Eltham)

Div 5 - an interclub game

No Div 6&8 games

Sat 17 Sept.

Div 1 - Donvale a win (at Donvale)

Div 5 - Donvale a win (at Donvale)

Div 3 & 8 - Greensborough (at Heid. Golf) both losses

Div 6 - Greensborough a win (at Eltham)

Scheduled matches for Sat 24 Sep are Div1 vs Montmorency at Eltham, Div5&6 at Heidelberg Golf while Div3&8 will be interclub games.

After Match Social

As you have probably noticed over the past few Saturdays we are making snacks available after bowls each Saturday for a small cash consideration. There is likely to be the same situation when playing at other clubs and we understand that you may like to socialize in your after match time where you are playing. However should you return to Eltham we will have a players draw that will include every **Eltham** bowler each Saturday for a \$20 cash prize. The draw will be at 6.pm and your presence will be required to win. Should the lucky person not be present the prize will jackpot until the following week. Please note that visiting teams are welcome to join us for after bowls snacks.

Good luck for the first match of the 2011-2012 pennant season. Remember if you have anything you wish to discuss with the selectors, you are welcome to come to arrange to attend the meeting on a Wednesday evening.

TWO VERY IMPORTANT MATTERS TO BE NOTED BY ALL SATURDAY PENNANT PLAYERS

The first match of the season is to be played on Sunday 2nd October (due to the Grand Final) not Saturday as noted in the handbook.

This day is also the first day of daylight savings so please have the time set correctly. Hate to see you arrive an hour late.

**Colin Hines
Convenor**

SOCIAL BOWLS

The traditional Wednesday bowls has resumed for the summer season. There is always an attempt to balance the teams with members and visitors and this can make for an interesting mix. The proposal of a change of start time was suggested, accepted, and thus 10.30 was adopted. If you have difficulty with this change we would love to hear from you. The club values our Wednesday social gathering and we are happy to discuss any changes or hopefully solve any problems you may encounter.

After 4 weeks, the 10 top leading bowlers in this year's competition: Cath Andrew, Tom Bakker, David Cripps, Di Debney, Les Engblom, John Gee, Ron Lawrence, Cliff Sedgeman and Mike Theodore.

**Garry Battershell
Convenor**

FORTY/40 TOURNAMENT

Our forty/40 organizing group are still looking for extra teams for the first round commencing on Friday 7 October. A team consists of three bowlers and can include one experienced bowler. Entrants do not need to be club members and no prior bowling experience is required. The series lasts for 5 weeks and brings with it handsome cash prizes for the participants.

If you know of anyone who may be interested contact one of the forty/40 organizers listed on page 5 in the handbook.

Scott Jarrod

COACHES CORNER - SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

On the 11th October Mark Jacobsen will be visiting our club. Mark has represented Australia many times and has had extensive national and international competitive experience. He welcomes the opportunity to spend time with our club bowlers and has suggested that we set up groups for coaching sessions. The session times will run from 4-6pm. You will need to nominate your preferred position i.e. lead, second, third or skip. These sessions are open to all club members.

Please write your name on the list on the notice board in the clubrooms if you would like to take advantage of this one off occasion. Hope to see you there.

Noel Spargo
Convenor Coaching Committee

HOW GREEN IS OUR VALLEY

The wonderful warmth and continuing rain has had a magnificent effect on the new grass green. Everything is on track for top dressing during November. Our green keeper Michael is well pleased with progress. However, you will need to keep your enthusiasm in check for a several more months at least. The surface is still soft and cannot be played on at all....no matter how appealing.

Graeme Climas

A WORD FROM THE UMPIRES

Over the course of this Summer Bowling Season we hope to cover a number of rulings that are likely to be of interest to members. If you have a question for the umpires please mention it to either an umpire or the newsletter editor and we will feature it in future editions.

Question - What is the ruling when playing 3 players in a side game of 4's either

(1) Starting with 1 player short on a rink or, (2) A player dropping out of a rink during a game?.

Answer - (laws 46.2.2,46.2.2.1, 46.2.2.2)

(1) 3 bowls to be used by the lead and second right from the start if no replacement or substitute can be found within 30 minutes of the scheduled start of the game. At the conclusion of the game 25% of the score on that rink shall be deducted.

(2) After 10 minutes if a player cannot resume or a substitute found then a line shall be drawn across the score card after the last end in which the 4 players competed. The lead and second shall then have 3 bowls. At the conclusion of the game 25% of the score after the line was drawn shall be deducted.

Most Important - Once a rink has gone to 3 players it cannot go back to 4 players.

Until next month - good bowling.

The Umpires Team

NOTICE BOARDS

While the world of bowling is in a state of change our notice boards are not exempt. We hope the changes represent a more rational distribution of the various activities of the club. Look for clear title signs to assist you.

The Pennant Notice Board will now be the central rear board. This will be where you find all notices relevant to Tuesday, Saturday and night Pennant, including unavailable lists.

The board at the rear right hand side of the hall (previously VLBA Board) will contain all club championship entry forms and results.

The board on the right hand side wall (previously advertising notices that were many and varied) will contain general information from the secretary, state events and notices from other clubs.

The portable board will be used as a whiteboard (great for planning strategy against the blitz).

Working Bee

There have been 2 working bees over the winter that addressed a number of chores around the club. One of these was the cleaning of the deck area. Another working bee is planned for January at which time we hope to stain the decking and paint handrails. We welcome your participation.

Facilities Sub-Committee

CONUNDRUMS AND TEASERS

You may have seen these before. See if you can work them out. Solutions in next month's newsletter. The first is an example of what to look for.

- 26 L of the A.....26 Letters of the alphabet
- 7 W of the W
- 1001 AN
- 12 S of the Z
- 100 R in a CC
- 54 C in a D (with J's)
- 9 P in the SS
- 21 E in a PG
- 88 PK
- 13 S on the AF
- 32 D at which WF
- 18 H on a GC
- 11 P in a CT plus a TM
- 12 M in a Y
- 21 M is ML in B