



# ***ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB***

***Newsletter – April 2019***    ***Editor: Steve Veitch***



## ***President's Report***

This will be my last report for the season.

The end of year break up is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, so if it isn't already in your diary, make sure it to put it in now. Look out for the email with all the details, coming soon.

You should have all received your Annual General Meeting (AGM), notification and I hope many will consider and put forward a nomination for one or more of the positions on committees, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round if you missed the first round.

As I will be stepping down as President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have supported me over the last 2+ years. The people I have worked with on the Board of Management have all been proactive and dedicated to putting the "Club" ahead of themselves. While we didn't all agree on all matters at all times, everyone was prepared to bring their views to the table and accept the consensus of the group. It made for a very cohesive working group.

Our Greens Committee and Greenkeeper expedited all opportunities to bowl, by maintaining both surfaces, despite the many demands that were placed upon them. I would also like to single out Noel Spargo, who is stepping down as Green's director, if I had a dollar for every hour that Noel has spent tending the greens I could shout the bar, so thank you Noel.

The selection committees successfully secured full teams to take the green each Tuesday and Saturday, the Match Committee facilitated smoothly run Club competitions and Special Events allowed many opportunities for bowling and socialising on the green, as did the Social Bowls committee. Also thanks to the Umpires and Coaches, who ensured we followed the rules and executed our moves with style.

Around the Club, Betsy ensured that the kitchen was fully stocked for all members to enjoy and Bar Committee members and staff enabled a cool brew to be sampled as desired. The Facilities committee made sure the buildings looked good inside and out and the Garden committee, that the surrounds complimented the rest.

## ***President's Report (continued)***

The new fixtures around the club; a new synthetic green, which is bedding down and being appreciated by many, a new look for the "Kookaburra" bar and new fencing near the barbecue. Thanks to the Synthetic Green implementation group, John Sharp and Bill Lee.

Between the Hall hires, the Fund raisers, (especially Jazz by the Green volunteers), have helped top up our coffers so we can get the "new" around the club and maintain all the other.

This newsletter, produced and edited monthly by Steve Veitch, has kept us up to date with club news, new and historical, which I, as I am sure many members, have enjoyed.

I would also like to thank those individuals who see the little jobs and do them without asking or expecting fanfare, emptying of the bins, picking up rubbish, washing dishes and the like, they all help make our club a success.

Finally, I would like to recognise Meryl Spargo, who has fulfilled the necessary role of Secretary very competently over the last seven years, the last couple for her challenging as she had to keep me on the straight and narrow; which she did admirably, thanks Meryl.

Regards,

Carol

## ***Dates For Diary***

*Wednesday Social Bowls ..... Each Wednesday, 10:30*  
*Easter Saturday Event..... Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 12:30 p.m.*  
*Easter Monday Event ..... Monday, 22<sup>th</sup> April, 12:30 p.m.*  
*Blumes Fashion Show of Women's Clothing ..... Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 10:00 a.m.*  
*ANZAC Day Event ..... Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 12:30 p.m.*  
*End-of-Year Break-up ..... Saturday, 27<sup>h</sup> April*  
*Bowls ..... 2:00 p.m.*  
*Dinner and Presentations ..... 6:00 p.m.*  
*Second round of nominations close..... Friday, 3<sup>h</sup> May, 12:00 p.m.*  
*Annual General Meeting..... Saturday, 4<sup>h</sup> May, 10:00 a.m.*

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**Easter Saturday 20th** 12.30 p.m. start. \$5 entry

**Easter Monday 22nd** 12.30 p.m. start. \$5 entry

3 bowls triples

*Please put your name down at the club room.*

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**ANZAC Day** 12.30 p.m. start. \$5 entry

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## **End of Season- Presentation Evening & Bowls Afternoon**

**Saturday 27th April at 6pm**

Bowls at 2pm to 5pm

2 course meal - Main and dessert - \$15

*Please put your name down at the club*

*or if you can't get to the club , email [schillingsc61@gmail.com](mailto:schillingsc61@gmail.com)*

**Closing date Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

## **GREENS COMMITTEE REPORT**

SYNTHETIC GREEN- rotating now on a regular basis north south to east west to get a more “even” wear.

More lines will be marked to help with wear.

Regular vacuuming and blowing of this green have been carried out throughout since installation in August

Continuing to have a problem with some players “dropping” their bowls from the bank onto the green which is a “big No-No”.

Regarding changing the lines on this green so that the centre line matches the seams for E/W play. If this happens then we will end up with a small number of rinks on this green.

The new lines have been marked (22/3/19) according to usual practice.

GRASS GREEN- liaising with the greenkeeper on a continual basis either in person or by phone. Have been rolling the green regularly. I believe that next season that the green will be a lot “better” next season.

Would like to add my thanks to the other members of the Green’s Committee for their work and support.

Noel Spargo (Green’s Director)

## **SATURDAY PENNANT SELECTION COMMITTEE-**

### ***final report for 2018/19***

Division 2 – Finished on top but got beaten in the first final -won 13 Lost 3 and drew 2.

Division 3- Finished 8th “fought back” from relegation won 6 Lost 12.

Division 5- Finished 5th Won 10 lost 6 drew 2 – hopefully consolidate for next season.

Division 6- Finished 6th, Won 9, lost 8, drew 1- as above.

Division 7- Finished 5th, Won 6, lost 6, 2 drawn and 4 byes- disappointing with the lack of games played with walkovers and byes.

Big thanks to all our emergency players who helped out during the season when and where needed.

Also, thank you to rest of the selection committee which at times has not been easy to please everyone which is a big “ask” and is a common theme in all bowling clubs.

Noel Spargo (Saturday Pennant Selection Convenor)

## ***Club Championships***

By Peter Toovey for the Match Committee

### ***Mixed Fours Club Championship***

On clear Saturday morning we had the mixed fours club championship. We had had eight teams entered in two sections of four with the top teams playing off in the final.

After the sectional games we had two teams playing off in the final. Winner from first section was Team **Joe Bartolo** with **Bill Lee, Wendy Lyon** and **Maureen Luke**. The winner from the second section was Team **Brent Arnott** with **Jan Tindale, Crystal Bo** and **David Hosking**.

After six ends, the score was 4/3 with Team Arnott with their noses just in front. After the seventh end, the score was 11/3 in team Arnott's favour. Team Bartolo was unable to make any ground on the opposition in the next three ends.

Congratulations to this years **Mixed Fours Champions, Jan Tindale** (second time in three years) **Crystal Bo, David Hosking** and **Brent Arnott**.

An enjoyable day had by all. Congratulations to John Warden and Sue Arnott on a very well run day.

### ***Men's and Women's Triples Club Championships***

On Sunday the 24th of March, we had finals of the Men's and Women's Triples Championship.

#### ***Women's Triples***

In the Women's playoff we had last year's defending champions **Ros Camera, Di Debney** and **Jenny Millar** taking on **Carol Schilling-Collins, Rina Baker** and **Cath Andrews**. After a fairly even first couple of ends Ros's team started to stamp their authority on the game and ran out fairly convincing winners.

Congratulations to this year's **winners in the Woman's section. Ros Camera, Di Debney and Jenny Millar** for the second year in a row.

Commiserations to Carol Schilling Collins, Rina Baker and Cathy Andrews.





## Club Championships (continued)

### Men's Triples

In the Men's final we had the team of **Hughie Robertson**, **Eric Butcher** and **Rick Allen** up against the trio of **Shane Waddingham**, **Jim Yarwood** and **Robbie Proudfoot**. The game was very even for the first eight ends with the score was eight all. Robbie and Jim started to get on top of Rick and Eric and they started to slowly pull away forcing Hughie to become aggressive without much luck. In the end, Team Shane were able to pull away for a very convincing win.

Now congratulations to the new **Men's Triples Champions Shane Waddingham, Jim Yarwood and Robbie Proudfoot**.



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## ***Club Championships (continued)***

### ***Mixed Pairs Club Championship***

On Saturday the 30th of March we had the Mixed Pairs Club Championship. The day began under gloomy skies with sixteen teams rugged up, not certain what the day would bring. Each team played three games of eight ends 2x4x2.

At the end of the sectional we had the top four from each section. They being **Joe and Lisa Bartolo, Shane Waddingham and Crystal Bo, Luke Roach and Jan Mc Dermott, Peter Toovey and Di Debney.**

In the first semi Joe and Lisa played Luke and Jan. Joe and Lisa got control early and had a fairly convincing win.

In the other game Shane and Crystal out played Peter and Di and apart from a seven on the sixth end which narrowed the margin to five they were never in danger of losing the match.

The final was a one-sided affair with Lisa getting there side off to really good start and putting pressure on Shane and Crystal. On most ends Joe was just adding to Lisa's bowls. In the end they were very resounding win.

Congratulations to **Joe and Lisa the new Mixed Pairs Champions.**

Commiserations to Shane and Bo.

A special thank you to all the sixteen teams who braved the wintery conditions and to all players who stayed and watched the finals. Also to John Warden for organising and running the day which went very smoothly and Noel Spargo for preparing the grass and synthetic green.



### ***SECTIONAL PLAY***



Big thank you to John Warden for the pictures.

No picture of the winners, Joe and Lisa Bartolo. They shot through like everyone else shortly after finishing, from the cold of the green to the warmth of home.



## Club Championships (continued)

### President's Trophy and Vice-President's Trophy

The last event for the season was held on the 7th of April being the President's and Vice President's Trophy. This was after the time of writing of this article and a report will follow later.

## CLUBROOMS

Members, we need your help in the following:

1. We are having trouble with birds coming inside the clubrooms and it is difficult to get them back outside. So, whenever you enter or leave the clubrooms, please close the wire or glass door.
2. Please don't lean backwards on the two legs of the red chairs as this weakens them and they break and are hard to fix.

Thanks for your co-operation- Jenny Millar-  
Facilities Sub Committee.



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## **ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB 2019 FORTY/40 COMPETITION**

Another successful competition of Forty/40, has been completed at the Eltham Bowling Club. This competition is played on Friday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.30pm during February and March with the final night being played on March 22nd. The weather was kind to us this season despite threatening weather on the night of the final.

There were 12 teams participating this year. The competition was divided into two sections. Both sections consisted of 6 teams who played each other and a final was contested on the 6th week.

In an endeavour to keep the competition as even as possible, a number of the teams are handicapped with this handicap being revised after three weeks of competition.

As Forty/40 is no longer a Bowls Victoria sanctioned competition, this year there was a \$20 per team Entry fee and participants paid \$5 each week to compete in the competition. Each week there was prize money for winners and runners-up as well as a winner and a runner-up prize at the end of the competition.

### **What is Forty/40?**

Forty/40 is a quick bowls game designed for members of the community who have no or limited bowling experience. It's fun, fast, social and competitive.

The format is 2 bowl triples played over 12 ends (2 x 6 end halves). Each takes approximately forty minutes to play, thus Forty/40.

There are a few other rules pertaining to Forty/40. Each player rotates position after every 2 ends. The mat is always placed on the 2metre T and the winner of each end decides on the length by placing the jack on the centre line. There are no dead ends and each team is allowed one powerplay each half. The powerplay team gets double their shots on the powerplay end.

The committee would like to thank the people who manned the bar during this competition as well as Ros Camera and Leon Sinnott who helped on the green.

### **Forty/40 Committee**

Maureen Luke, Riecki Sloggett, Cliff Sloggett, Bob Harris, John Elliott

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## **Return of The Bowls Show**

The Bowls Show back on SBS from May 26 at 3 P.M.

See related details on the Bowls Australia website at [bowls-returns-to-sbs-and-fox-sports-in-2019.](#)

## ***Saturday First Team Semi-final – played 9<sup>th</sup> March***

Photos courtesy of Jan Tindale and Jim Yarwood, words by Steve Veitch



The Eltham First Team gathered before their Semi-final against Greensborough. They topped the Division 2, Section 2 ladder after home and away rounds earning a home final.



With Emergencies, Helen Smith and Maureen Luke, and Team Manager, Vincent Bok.



And a large turnout of supporters







Shots were fairly even throughout the day. Eltham edged ahead by 9 shots with a handful of ends to play.

Unfortunately, Greensborough came back to sneak home, 75 to 73, with their Skip lucky enough to trail the jack on the very last end played.

*Commiserations to our First team.  
Wishing them another strong season  
next year with better results in the finals.*

Greensborough went down the following day in the Section Final to Whittlesea.

## ***NEW POLICY ON USING BOWLERS ARMS***

**From the 1<sup>st</sup> of May**, the restrictions on the use of bowlers arm (a.k.a. bowling arms) will be greatly relaxed.

Players will be able use a bowlers arm **without the need for a medical certificate and without approval from Bowls Victoria.**

This is being done with a view to encouraging participation by persons with physical restrictions or impairment.

### ***Continuing Restrictions***

These other restriction on the use of a bowlers arm apply now and **will continue to** apply after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. If a player does not comply with them, he is liable to forfeit the game.

Bowlers arms must be approved by Bowls Australia and must display this logo. If the logo comes off, a replacement may be obtained as described below.



Once a game has started after any trial ends,

1. a player must use the same designated brand or style of bowlers arm throughout the game,
2. a player must complete the game using a bowlers arm from the time he or she first uses it,

During trial ends, a player may use any number of different bowlers arms.

When rolling the jack, a player may roll the jack by hand or by the arm chosen for that game.

This article is adapted from this story on the Bowls Australia website - [here](#). The policies and other documentation on the website, continue to reflect the laws that will be in force until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

### ***Getting A Replacement Sticker***

If a bowlers' arm's, logo sticker has worn off, been painted over or similar, Bowls Australia may be contacted to request a replacement sticker be posted out, to then affix to the arm.

Players will need to provide details of their arm (ideally a photo) so that Bowls Australia can confirm that the device is indeed an approved bowlers arm, which can be done by post or email to [admin@bowls.com.au](mailto:admin@bowls.com.au)



## ***Newsletter Editor Job***

By Steve Veitch

The Board suggested that each committee or role should have an article in the newsletter during 2018/19. This is mine as Editor.

I have been editor for ten issues. I have had some satisfaction in putting the newsletter together. However, if another member would like to have a go, I will relinquish the plumed pen and fill one of the many other vacancies for the coming year.

### ***Getting the content***

So far, people have been submitting enough off their bat to avoid embarrassment. I keep my phone handy at the club for photos as I invite you to.

We have invited the committees etc, to write themselves up; with about 70% success.

We invited stories about our member's other worthy interests but just got Peter Osborne's BlazeAid and Ken McGuire's Austin Auxillary Op Shop stories. ***Still wanted, folks.***

### ***Publishing Process***

The articles first have the typos and obvious slips rectified. The articles are then dumped into the draft newsletter. Any available photos are added. The text fonts and colours are changed to match the newsletter style. The sponsors' ads are great fillers to get the article to start on a new page. I usually modify photos by cropping and tweaking the contrast and brightness.

I send the draft newsletter to Meryl as Secretary for corrections and comments. I then send it to Carol as President for final approval before issuing by Meryl.

We aim to send the newsletter out on the 6<sup>th</sup> of each month but often wait a day or two for promised articles. The May issue won't be coming out until the middle of the month so that we can cover the AGM.

### ***Style Guide***

I try to make minimal changes to the submitted article so that you can ideally picture the author.

The most popular typo is by far the use of THERE in place of THEIR. I suspect that people's auto-correct function has run amok.

A lot of us when speaking will extend our sentences indefinitely by adding "and"s. Often the article reflects this. I generally draw the line at three clauses per sentence. That is just one conjunction (e.g. and, but, or) and one relative pronoun (e.g. that, which, who).

The only significant changes I made to previous newsletters' formats, was to add an index for the articles and to push the sponsors ads towards the front of the newsletter where they would be seen. The latter point just seemed fair to me.

## Swap and Sell –

Please email [stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au) with your items that you want to offer to your colleagues.

Old or new Eltham Bowls Club hatbands wanted. \$15 or negotiable. Please contact Steve Veitch 0487 588 912.

## Editor's Note

Please email any suggestions for layout and content to [stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au). Photos of club activities will be greatly appreciated.

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