



# **ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB**

**Newsletter – December 2018** Editor: Steve Veitch



## **President's Report**

It's hard to believe, but Christmas is just around the corner. So for us this means our Christmas Breakup on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>, either from 2.00pm for bowling and/or 6.30pm for dinner. Come eat, socialise and be merry for only \$15 for the yummy dinner. Put your name down early so the Catering Committee can be prepared and drop those donations in the raffle boxes. Also remember on the night to offer your services in the kitchen, another instance where many hands will make light work.

I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing success of the Jazz nights, which apart from being a good night out, brings welcome income into the club, not only through the hall hire and bar takings, but also through the ticket and raffle sales. We had our second distribution of \$5,000 to the club this month, so thanks to Ros, Frank, Fidel and Ken of the Jazz By The Green Committee who continue to organise, with our U3A counterparts, a fun night once a month.

Finally while I am onto the thankyou's, the Bar Committee work hard to ensure the bar is stocked and manned so people can imbibe at their leisure and what about our new signage, supplied by John Sharp that gives the "Kookaburra Bar", a name and some style all in one fell swoop – thanks John.

Twilight Bowls is now running on a Friday at 6.00pm, so for a relaxed way to enjoy/practice your bowling, put your name down and enjoy the mixed weather of Melbourne summer evenings.

Regards,  
Carol

## **Dates For Diary**

*Wednesday Social Bowls ..... Each Wednesday for a 10:30 start*  
*Friday Twilight Bowls ..... Each Friday for a 6 p.m. start*  
*Christmas Break-up ..... Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December*

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## **ELTHAM BOWLS 2019 Forty/40 Competition**

If members know of any friends, family or work colleagues who would like to try bowls this is the perfect opportunity.

### **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.

The competition is run on Friday nights from 6.00 – 7.30 p.m. during February and March 2019. There are weekly prizes as well as an Overall Competition Prize. Bowls are supplied by the club and any new bowlers will be shown how to bowl.

Participants can nominate a team or as an individual. Nominations close on **18th January 2019** but earlier nominations would be greatly appreciated by the organising committee.

If you have any questions or for further information please contact me on 9435 1937 or 0487 818 224 or email me at [jelliott2699@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jelliott2699@yahoo.com.au)

John Elliott (Forty/40 Convenor)

## ***Vale Jack Diamond***

It is with great regret that we note that Jack Diamond, aged 91 has passed away.

Jack was one of our long-term members up until a couple of years ago. He was actively involved in the running of our club in the early years, including the ERBC secretary for two years, from 1994 to 1996.

The funeral was held at Ballara Receptions Chapel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

The eulogy prepared by Ros Camera on our behalf is reproduced on page 15.



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## ***SATURDAY PENNANT SELECTION REPORT***

Generally mixed results overall. Very hard for selectors to “please” 80 people each week and whilst we are mindful of “compatibility” we need to focus on merit.

So far, we have been able to fill all 5 sides utilising some emergencies and social bowls members.

**DUTY ROSTERS-** We have re-assessed which sides are allotted to either duty for the day. If you are at all unsure as to what the duties entail, you can ask your skip or there is a list displayed on the front of the fridge in the club kitchen. The list covers duties before and after the game.

Noel Spargo (Convenor- Saturday Pennant Selection Committee)

# CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

**Bowls and Dinner. Do either or both.**

**SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER**

**If bowling, bring 4 bowls for a 2 p.m. start.**  
**Entry for bowling is FREE. ENJOY DOOR**  
**PRIZES, SPECIAL DRAWS AND MORE**

**Contact Maureen Luke- 0409 163 700 with queries**  
**re the bowls.**

**Dress-code is casual. Bowling only is FREE**

**Stay or come down for the dinner at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Your family and friends are welcome. Enjoy the**  
**turkey, ham, vegetables, Christmas pudding and**  
**fruit salad- all provided by our Catering Committee.**

**Dinner is \$15 each.**

**Any enquiries re catering- Contact Jan McDermott 9459 6543**

**Please put your name/s on the list on the noticeboard at**  
**the club by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**



Christmas in 2015.  
Who is the secret Santa?  
*Hint – CA.*



## ***Club Championship Final Results***

### ***Men's And Ladies' Club Championship***

Under gloomy skies on Sunday the 25th of November 2018, the men's and ladies' Club Championship were contested.

The men's final was between Hugh Robertson and Peter Toovey.

The **Ladies' final** was between Pam Fleet and Lisa Bartolo.

The final between Lisa and Pam was played on rink two. Pam got off to a really good start and led 4/1 at one on the forehand. Lisa then drew a back toucher on the forehand with her last bowl. A magnificent shot under so much pressure.

Pam tried to dislodge Lisa's bowl without success.

Congratulations to Lisa a wonderful effort.

Commiserations to Pam for two final losses by two shots two years in a row.



## **Club Championship Final Results**

### ***Men's And Ladies' Club Championship (continued)***

The men's final was played on rink four.

After four ends the score was 4/4. Peter started to slowly draw away and after fifteen ends Peter led 18/8. Hugh started to claw his way back into the game and was within six shots at 14/20 and holding three shots and Peter was able to draw the shot on his last bowl. Peter then closed the game out with a three and one.

A very high standard game.

Congratulations to Peter and commiserations to Hughie, a very gallant runner up.



So we have two first-time winners in the blue ribbon events in the Men's and Ladies bowls calendar.



## ***Club Championship Final Results (continued)***

### ***Mixed Singles Event***

The Mixed Singles Event was conducted on Sunday the 18th of November. We had 23 players entered for the event.

There were some interesting results during the course of the day. Barb Pavic beat the eventual winner John Warden 10/1, Jan Krizek beat Joe Bartolo and Tim Smith beat Vicki Williams.

After everyone had played their four games, we had six sectional winners and two lucky losers.

After the quarter-finals and semi-finals were played, we had John Warden and Wayne Harvey playing off. In a very entertaining six ends of bowls John Warden prevailed by three shots.

Congratulations to **John Warden**.

### ***Novice Singles***

The Novice Singles final was played on 11/11/2018. The games were between Helen Smith and Luke Roche. The game was close all the way. Helen seemed to have the match under her control but Luke picked up a three and made the score 19/20 in Helens favour. Helen managed to pick up a shot and win the match 19/21. A really exciting match to watch; congratulations to both Helen and Luke.

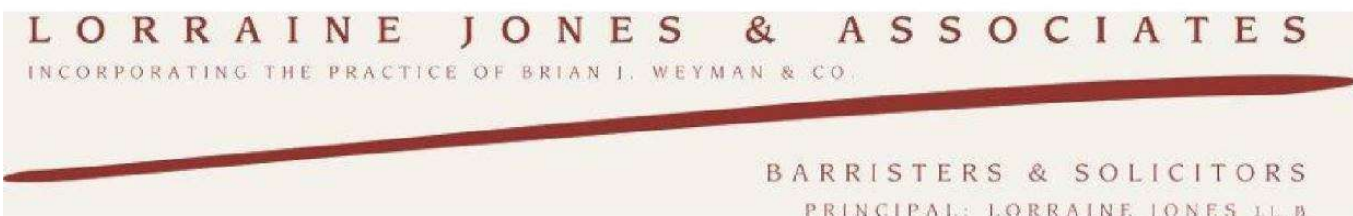
Congratulations to **Helen Smith**.

### ***Ladies Century Handicap***

The Ladies Century Handicap has been played and won. Ros Camera has picked up her fourth Century Handicap. **Well done Ros**.

### ***Men's Century Handicap***

The men's Century Handicap is now done to the pointy end. Ernie Richards is into the final after beating Glen Hudson last Sunday. Ernie awaits the winner of Jim Miles and Brent Arnott game.



## ***Club Championship Final Results (continued)***

### ***Mixed Triples Championship on Sunday 2nd December***

Last Sunday, we had the Mixed Triples Championship. We had ten teams entered which was a really good response. After three games of ten ends, the top four sides went through to the semi-finals.

In game one of the semi-finals, we had Wayne Harvey, Bobby Wade and Wendy Lyon taking on Shane Waddingham, Jim Yarwood and Crystal Bo in a ten-end decider to see who went through to the final. The game ebbed and flowed and after nine ends, Shane's team led 10/8. Wayne's team then held two shots so it looked like an extra end till Shane dead drew the last shot.

In the second game, Neville Jenkins, Jenny Miller and Irene Baker took on Peter Toovey, David Hosking and Vicki Williams. After a fairly even game, Peter's team gradually pulled away and for a fairly convincing win.

The final began with Shane's team picking up one shot. Next end, Peter's team picked up a six after Shane drove at the head and somehow hit three of his bowls out of the head. For the next five ends, Shane team picked up 5 shot to get within 1 short. Peter's team picked up 2 shots. Shane picked 2 shorts. Last end with Peter's team 1 up, Vicki drew a resting toucher and that was the shot to win the final.

A really exciting final. **Congratulations to Vicki, David and Peter. Commiserations to Crystal, Jim and Shane.**

I think everybody enjoyed the day and there were some very close matches during the day.

### ***Victorian Open***

This year we had two players who represented the club at the Victorian Open. **Shane Waddingham and Crystal Bo** played in the Mixed Pairs. They won their section but were beaten in knockout phase.

Shane played in the singles but sadly lost his sectional game.

Well done to both of you.

Peter Toovey. Match Committee





## ***BENDIGO BANK SUPPORT***

Last month a group of Club Directors attended a community celebration organized by the local Bendigo Community Bank. At the function the Club was presented with a cheque for \$2,769 to pay for our new vacuum and leaf blower.



At that function a total of \$76,874 was distributed to thirty one local community sporting groups including three other local bowling clubs.

This was made possible by the policy of the local Bendigo Community Bank to distribute 80% of local bank profits to community groups.

The extent of future community grants will depend on the future profitability of the bank which is why the Club is encouraging all members to consider the local Bendigo Bank for their banking, insurance and credit card needs.

***Brent Arnott***

## **MID-WEEK PENNANT REPORT - November 2018**

As the half-way point of the season approaches the season has not been as successful as we might of had expected. Even though results have been slightly disappointing the spirit is good amongst all the players. Hopefully the second half of the season will see a few more wins for all the sides.

This is a quick run down on all the sides performances so far.

No 1 side is sitting in 5th position after an agonising last four matches where the result has come down to the last end of the day. Losing all four matches.

No.2. Side is in 7th position on 4 wins so finals is still a chance.

No 3 side is struggling at the moment and are 10th on the ladder.

No 4 side is also sitting in 10th position on the ladder.

No 5 side also sit in 10th position.

Although the bottom three sides are on the bottom of the ladder it has to be said that a lot of the time they have been playing against teams that are either there number one or number two side of the club against them.

We realise the season has been difficult. But as long as you are enjoying the challenge your bowls will improve from playing against a better opponent.

### **Mid-Week Match Committee**

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## **GREEN'S DIRECTOR'S REPORT - November 2018**

### **SYNTHETIC GREEN**

The new vacuum ("Billy Goat") is doing a very good job, picking up a lot of rubbish and is a lot quicker to use than the previous one. It is used by the Green committee members with a lot of care.

Many thanks to Brent for doing the "bird droppings" parade on a regular basis as this has to be done separately to the vacuuming.

### **GRASS GREEN**

As you will have seen, the greenkeeper has been doubled scarified recently to take advantage in the Pennant "break" and the predicted weather pattern.

Otherwise the coverage is coming along very well. It was pleasing to have another grass club member's comment on "how good our grass was running" after all the problems that we have had in the past.

In the next few weeks it planned to top up the east ditch with sand as I "misjudged" the amount needed when the other ditches were filled and have not had a chance to finish this task.

The roofs were put back on the shelters on Friday 20/11/18 the assistance of some "taller" members of the club.

Line marking on the grass green is a weekly task that is usually done on a Friday morning by the Greens committee.

### **ROSTERS- rolling the green**

Many thanks to Sue for managing this roster and also for "new" jack and bowls markers for the synthetic green.

NOEL SPARGO (GREEN'S DIRECTOR)





## **CARE NEEDED BEHIND SEATS ADJACENT TO CARPARK**

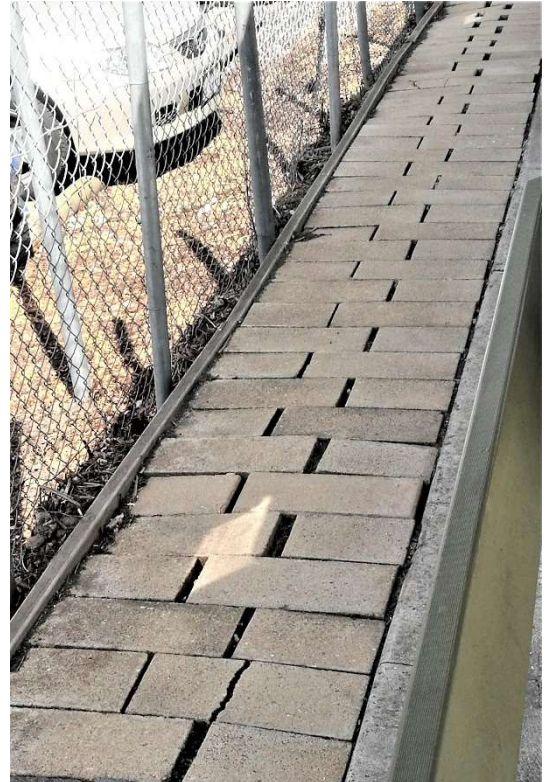
Please watch your step behind the seats at the Southern end of the synthetic green.

The paving stones have become uneven and separated due to slippage of the retaining wall down to the carpark.

It would be appreciated if you would also warn our visitors and fellow members, and draw their attention to the warning signs.

We cannot close this area off fully because this would congest the area in front of the seats. This would cause an alternate danger.

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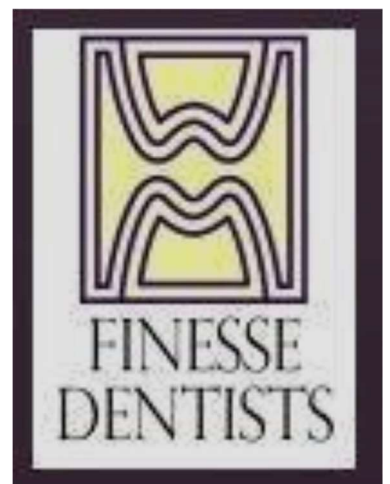
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Large canvas **tarpaulin** in good condition, **free to good owner**. Approximately 5 by 4 metres. Formerly used as an eating shelter. Eyelets in corners and along the sides for connection to supports. Contact Noel Spargo 0409 962 930.



FREE Large **Sideboard** 180cm X 180cm in perfect condition. See noticeboard for a photo. Call Betsy 0404 211 695

A three-seater **coach**, **armchair**, **round kitchen table**, **solid chest** and **cabinet** (TV stands on it). All in very good condition. See Don White. See noticeboard for photos.


## The Club On-Line

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### **Editor's Note**

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

Please encourage other club members to write an article on their outside volunteering and similar interests. We all need a bit of a push for this sort of thing.



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# ***The Eulogy For Jack Diamond's Funeral***

***by Ros Camera***



***ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB***



## A Tribute to JACK DIAMOND from all Members of the Eltham Bowling Club

November 2018

In recognition of the more than 30 years as a member of the bowling club and a great friend to all who knew him there.

Jack had all the attributes of a good clubman and a team player and served the club very well in many official positions. Most notably as Club Secretary for 2 years and Financial Auditor for 9 years. He also served for many years on the RVBA committee and the Garden and Greens committees.

Jack's playing record included a total of 266 Pennant games and a club championship in the Men's Century Handicap in the 1988/89 season. His reputation as a very good draw bowler and outstanding lead was recognised by all pennant and social bowling members.

Jack was greatly admired for his fortitude.

Firstly, when suffering a broken shoulder after falling off a ladder, he continued to bowl by changing from a left hander to a right hander. He practiced long and hard and became very adept and competitive. The club recognised his effort and Jack was presented with the Jenny Macklin encouragement Award for that season.

Secondly, despite his failing eyesight in the latter years he set himself up with some homemade visual aids and again with lots of determination he continued bowling very well for many more years. Jack hardly missed a week of Social Bowls both in summer and winter.

Some extra encouragement to keep up his bowling came the year Jack won the club raffle, which was a set of the latest style of Aero bowls. Everyone was delighted to see Jack change from his old black bowls to a set of red speckled ones. He was able to adapt to these new bowls very well and kept up his reputation as a spot on draw bowler.

Jack was a very amiable member and a gentleman. He was a special person around the club always cheerful and with something of interest to say to all around him.

We were delighted to see Jack continue to bowl until his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Farewell Jack from your friends at Eltham Bowling Club.