



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

Newsletter – December 2019 Editor: Steve Veitch



President's Report

Christmas is upon once again, where has the year gone?

The Catering Committee under the leadership of Jan Mc Dermott and her band of merry helpers Elaine Shaw, Wendy Lyons, Jan Tindale and Edna Roden put on a beautiful two course meal for our Christmas Breakup. Father Christmas and her little elves livened up the night. Steve and Noel Spargo worked behind the bar all night, thanks for doing that.

Jenny Millar and her committee put together twelve hampers for the raffle. The night was enjoyed by all who attend.

Just a brief summary of what happened at the last board meeting. Council have decided not to go ahead with installation of the solar panels. This is disappointing but they were worried about the attaching of the panels to the roof. The Board have decided to replace the rubber mats around the grass green with synthetic grass. This should make the area a lot more safer. The greens committee will be levelling the synthetic grass around the southern end of the synthetic rink over next couple of weeks.

Tickets for the major raffle will be distributed shortly to all members.

The grass green will be closed from Sunday 23rd of December for around a month to enable the greenkeeper to carry out work on it.

The club is running a Family & Friends Day on the 26th of January 2020. The day will kick off at 1pm with barefoot bowls till around 3pm. We will then be having live music till 7pm. Included in the price is a barbecue. Cost is \$15.00 per person and \$5.00 per children under 16yrs. Why not grab a few friends or bring your better half for some barefoot bowls and some live music? There is a list on the board.

Mike Theodore has decided to retire from bowls. Mike has been a wonderful contributor for the club over a long time and will be missed around the club. From everyone at the club thanks Mike for all you have done at the club.

Till next year I hope you all have lovely Christmas and happy New Year.

President Peter

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Dates For Diary

Social Bowls STARTS AGAIN Wednesday, 8th January, 10:30 am

Scroungers Special Event.....Saturday, 11th January, 12:30 pm

Midweek Pennant starts again..... Tuesday, 21th January

Saturday Pennant starts again..... Saturday, 25th January

Annual Parliamentary Challenge

Report and pictures by Jim Yarwood

The Annual Parliamentary Challenge was a again a huge success with Montmorency winning the day over Heidelberg Golf and Etham. Thanks to Vicki Ward and her team for a great day and a very informative tour through Parliament House.

Many thanks to Jim Gundrum (see left) from the Men's Shed who supplied and drove the bus



Local member and the host, Vicki Ward





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Eltham Members in Regional and Vic Events

By Peter Toovey

Report from Regional events

The regional events have just been completed for this part of the year. We had a couple of really good results.

Triumphant at Rosanna- Monday 9/12

In the **Women's Open Fours**, our team of **Ros Camera, Debbie Code, Helen Smith** and **Lisa Bartolo** won the event beating a Richmond Union team.

The game was all level on the last end and the girls picked up a five on the last end. They are now off to represent the region in Bendigo next year. Well done girls.

Special mention to Pam Flett who filled in for Lisa in the first round.



In the **Men's Over 60's Pairs**, **Wayne Byrne** and **Peter Toovey** were beaten in the final by one shot after being down 4/14 and were leading 15/14 going into the last end but sadly dropped a two. Disappointing but it was a good fight back.

Other members who also completed, were **Jim Yarwood** and **David Hosking**, **Graeme Abblitt** and **Daryl Chidley**.

In the **Men's Over 60's Singles**, we had **Graeme Abblitt**, **Neville Pawley**, **Daryl Chidley**, **Jim Yarwood**, **Peter Toovey** and **Wayne Byrne** playing. Neville and Wayne won their first round, Neville lost his next game. Wayne won his next two games before losing in the last 16.



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Report from Regional events continued

In **Women's Over 60's Singles**, **Debbie Code** played but lost her first round.

In **Women's Over 60's Pairs**, **Sue Arnott** and **Debbie Code** played but lost their first round.

In **Men's Open Singles**, we had **David Neal**, **Dan Henery**, **Daryl Chidley**, **Joe Bartolo** and **Shane Waddingham**. Joe and Dan both won their first round but played each other in the next round with Dan winning. Dan was beaten in the next game.

In the **Women's Open Singles**, **Helen Smith**, **Ros Camera**, **Debbie Code** and **Vicki Williams** played. Debbie and Vicki played the first round with Debbie being victorious. Debbie lost her next round.

In the **Men's Open Pairs**, **Shane Waddingham** played but lost his first round.

In the **Women's Open Pairs** **Helen Smith & Lisa Bartolo** played, getting off to a good start, but lost by 1 shot on the last end.

In the **Novice Singles**, **Gareth Toovey** played but lost his first round.

To all players who represented the club in the regional events, **Well Done** its nice seeing the club colours being represented.

Victoria Open

In this year's Victorian Open, we had a number of players representing the club. They were **Debbie Code**, **Daniel Henery**, **Gareth Toovey**, **Daryl Chidley** and **Shane Waddingham**. The best performed player was **Daniel Henery** who won his singles section. He then lost his second knockout game.

To all those players who journeyed to Shepparton for the Open, I hoped you enjoyed the experience.

Sayings of Bowlers

More etymology from the mat.

"Crikey" or "cripes" (not Cripps): terms of surprise or amazement which have their origins in early Australian slang for "Christ", when it was not appropriate to use the Lords name in vain.

"How the cookie crumbles": probably from C18th Italian - **Cosi va'l mondo** - accept that you are not always at your peak performance!

from Denis M. and Cath.



Annual Classic Triples Tournament Report

By Jim Yarwood, photos contributed by Helen Smith and others

It is with great pleasure I give my report on one of our biggest events of the year, especially when the huge effort from many people made the day run smoothly without any problems and a well-planned day came to fruition.

We had 28 teams x 3 totalling 84 players who played 4 games of 11 ends and from all reports everyone was very satisfied and happy.

The tournament and its proud father, Jim Yarwood.

A special mention must go to Jan McDermott and her team of Elaine Shaw , Wendy Lyons and Jan Tinsdale for a very special lunch provided on the day. There were people asking for the recipe for the crunchy salad which was a huge success.

I want to thank Helen Smith who worked tirelessly on the day and prior to the start of proceedings, (she made my job so much easier), Frank Camera who did the score cards and Maureen Luke who assisted Frank with the Umpiring. A huge job Frank, thanks again.

We were extremely happy to have had the day sponsored by TRAVEL BOUTIQUE, a new concept in travel services owned and operated by Jacki MacWilliams.

Jacki presented the winners' cheques and enjoyed the atmosphere on the day.

Don't forget to contact Jacki if you are booking holidays, etc.

Pictured on the right with our Sponsor, Jacki, are the overall winners left to right, Dom Mitchell, Robbie Proudfoot and Joe Bartolo.



Triples tournament report continued

The winners on the day,

1st were Dom Mitchell, Joe Bartolo and Robbie Proudfoot

2nd John Leitch Team (Hurstbridge)

3rd David Maloney Team (Bundoora)

Best 1st Game Jim Yarwood team

Best 2nd Game Wayne Harvey team

Best 3rd Game Grant Dinsmore team

Best 4th Game Peter Templeton team

At this stage, Jacki has said that she would be proud to sponsor the Classic again next year.

Jim Yarwood Tournament organiser.

Preparations



Goanna in place? – CHECK!





Best first Game – Jim Yarwood, Gareth Toovey and Peter Toovey





Anyone want to claim these?
But still plenty of room to draw in, Skip!

See page 20 for additional pictures

CATERING COMMITTEE RECENT EFFORT

It is worthwhile reiterating the thanks given by organisers of the Tournament and Christmas Breakup to the Catering Committee.

The Convenor, Jan McDermot, has the comments.

"I would like to thank Elaine, Wendy and Jan (Tindale) for all the hard work they put in for the Tournament and the Christmas dinner. I would like to thank Edna for her help for the Christmas dinner, and for the great Christmas aprons she made. Thank you to anybody else who helped to make these functions a success, particularly those who did the cleaning up. After you have done the cooking, it is great not to have to clean up.

Jan"

Already well into it at half-past eight on the morning of the Tournament

From the right, Elaine Shaw, Jan McDermot and Wendy Lyons and onlookers Dave Cripps and Paul Lamotte.



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AND BACK AGAIN FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAKUP



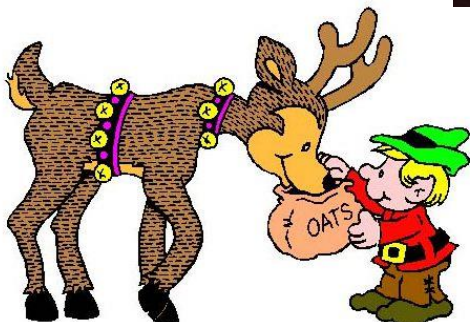
Still hard at it while we tuck in.



After serving up a selection of delicious meats and veg, it is a selection of Christmas desserts.



Finally, a chance to eat except for that annoying photographer.



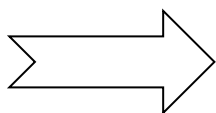


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Christmas Breakup – 8th December

By Steve Veitch

The quiet before the storm



Firstly, out to the greens for a two short games.

But first line up and bowl to the Champs.



And celebrate like Kaye Taylor if closest.



Then wait for the 6 pm dinner call.



Current members, Crystal Bo and Shane Waddingham with their (hopefully) future member.

Newer father and son members, Michael and Robert Foster





WELCOME BACK TO

Peter Claringbold and wife



Mike Theodore catching up
with Harry Ophetveld

The President, Peter Toovey, welcomes all, especially
those who we haven't seen for a while.



At one end of the table



and at the other.



Santa's baaaacck!

To draw the raffle for the hampers.





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Less Reliable Definitions

Bratwurst: The very naughtiest of children.

Fauna: A whirlpool bath for young deer.

Herbivore: An animal that only eats Volkswagon Beetles.

Tinsel: Gretel's more flamboyant brother

Brouhaha: A hilarious drink.

Apollo – Roman god of chicken

Gladiator: An unrepentant cannibal.

Lymph – mythical woodland seductress with a sore leg

Accomplish: one who aids and abets Sean Connery

Finish: A bit like a Finn

Bunny: A bit like a bun

Britanny: A bit like Britain.

Malady: A bit like a duck

Well... you get the idea.



Eggshell: Sean Connery's favourite Microsoft spreadsheet

ADDITIONAL PICTURES FROM TOURNAMENT











