



Eltham Bowls Club
THE ELTHAM BOWLER
July 2021 Newsletter



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President's Report:

Greetings everyone,

The morning chill has certainly made us aware we're in a Vic winter. When we do see the sun it makes for a great day outdoors and especially on the green.

Back in May we held our AGM and Presentation Day. I would again like to congratulate all trophy winners and also to extend a huge thanks to everybody who nominated for positions in the club. Our clubs continued success depends on the wonderful commitment of you, our volunteers. The board and I look forward to working with you all this season.

The new pennant season dates are out. Disappointing that we only have fourteen rounds again this season, but for some reason Bowls Vic are determined to go down this path. We are meeting with a representative of Bowls Vic in early July to discuss our concerns with the changes. I will update you after the meeting.

The board held their monthly meetings in both May and June. We are looking brighten up inside the club rooms with a coat of paint and replace the carpet. John Sharp found a bargain with some outdoor chairs to replace the red ones around the greens. There are other ongoing items under discussion which can be viewed in the minutes folder at the club.

We held a sausage sizzle at Bunning which raised well over a \$1200 profit. Well done to Jenny for all her hard work in organising the day and to everybody who helped out.

Frank and Shane have been busy inspecting issues affecting the grass green and are hopeful that they have worked out the underlying problem. All things going well, we should see the benefits of their efforts this season.

Social bowls on Wednesday and Saturday are back again and numbers have been strong. It's a great opportunity to have a bit of fun with a game of bowls and a cuppa with your mates.

The footy tipping is also back in the club rooms on Thursday night. Bruce Hill is currently leading the competition and will be hard to catch. This is another great opportunity to come down, have a practice and catch up with everyone.

Saturday and Tuesday selectors are finalising numbers for pennant for the coming season. We have to submit our sides by the 4th of July. So please don't forget to either ring Helen or write your name down at the club by the end of June.

The Gardening Committee and our resident painter Wayne Wilson have continued to keep busy working around the club keeping the place looking its best. Well done guys.

You will have all received Invoices for this year's membership fees which are now due, thank you to those members who have already paid.

Till our next newsletter stay healthy and warm.

Peter Toovey, President EBC

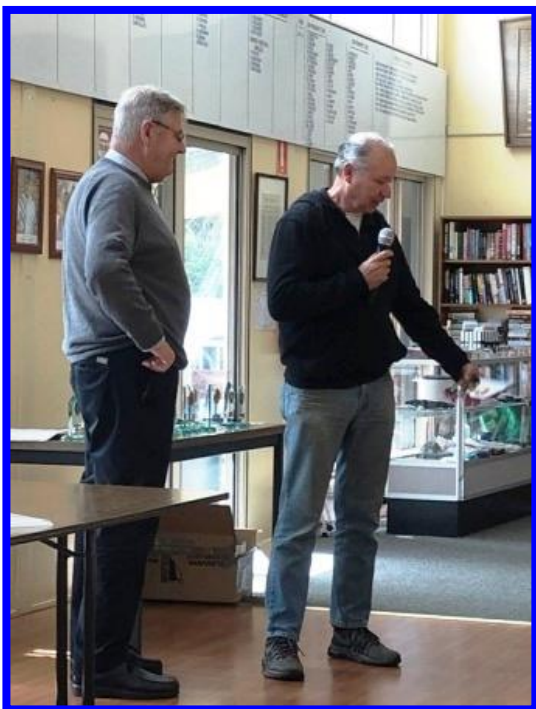
A word from our Secretary:

All members please note that the annual fees are now due. Payment in full or first instalment to be paid by the 1st July 2021 and the 2nd instalment or remaining balance due by the 1st August 2021. If you have changed any of your contact details from last year, can you please let me know via email smith-helen@bigpond.com or by txt 0408 596 917, so we can keep our club records up to date.

Please remember that the current government and council rules state that you must check in via the QR code every time you enter the club premises, even if you do not enter the clubhouse. QR codes are posted around the greens as well as at the gate and at the clubhouse entrance.

Helen Smith, Secretary EBC.

Match Committee Notice:



The Match Committee have already been busy organising the coming seasons championship games calendar and finalising the few changes to some of the games as detailed at the AGM in May. Details will be in the new season's handbook.

Hopefully we can boost player participation and highlight the interest of draws for the singles and pairs, etc. as a club gathering. We will also be promoting championship final games and encourage/welcome spectators.

The committee for the coming season is: Ros Camera (convenor), Sue Arnott, Betsy King, Dan Henery, Bruce Irvine and Peter Toovey.

Joe Bartolo accepting his well earned trophy for the men's club singles championship. Women's singles champion, Ros Camera, was not present on the day.

Ros Camera, Match Committee



A few brave bowlers ventured out on a very cold and wet day for the Club Triples Championship finals.

We have no photos of the men's final players but here we see the women's triples champions well rugged up and on a very wet green post match.

Coaching Notes:

We have a number of very experienced and very approachable coaches at the club for anyone who wants some helpful advice, skills coaching, good practice drills, building heads, etc.

I have also found some very good videos on coaching and will put some links to these in this and future newsletters. You may want to follow up on some more once you see how to access each one.

But first have a look at what some international players can do (with a little bit of practice of course!!) Make sure you can hear the commentators and watch it all:

[Nick Brett makes a brilliant shot during the World Bowls Tour Pairs Final! - YouTube](#)

Now for some tips on the stance and delivery – fairly basic but good revision for all bowlers:

[2 Delivery - YouTube](#)

[3 Common Faults - YouTube](#)

Off-season Coaching Experience – Dan Henery

(Editor: Heard a little while ago about Dan having some personal coaching with a top coach at Sunbury, so I asked him to write a piece about this experience, very interesting.)

During the current off season I have teamed up with coach Mark Cowan based over at Club Sunbury. After a few seasons of brushing off the cobwebs on the delivery I realised I had it as good as I could personally. On the recommendation of Shane, Mark has been a great help. Having an expert set of eyes critique my action and pick up little nuances that I wasn't even aware of has been a huge benefit. Along with some minor tweaks to my action I have now got a structured practice routine and some set drills to log data. I have found it great to have the data on a month to month basis and see the areas of weakness and strength. This has helped me focus on the areas to practice rather than simply rolling bowls down for an hour.

For the little time since pennant ended, and teaming up with Mark, I have certainly found that having a focus and direction to the time I was going to be putting in on the green anyway a huge benefit. If anyone would like some details or info on the drills I am using please reach out. More importantly we have such a wealth of talent and knowledge within our club and a vast array of contacts, so taking a step to improving just the smallest aspect of your game is only a matter of asking.

Dan Henery

Saturday Pennant Notice:

Greg Lambert (Convenor), Ros Camera, Wayne Harvey, Helen Smith & Peter Toovey

We plan to field 5 sides again this year for Saturday Pennant.

Important Dates:

Opening Day will be on Saturday September 11

Practice matches will then follow:

Sat Sept 18 Eltham v Hurstbridge (3 sides)

Sat Oct 2 Eltham Intraclub

Sat Oct 9 Eltham v Rosanna (4 sides)

The tick system is under review at the moment with suggestions from some of our members being considered as well as systems used by other clubs. However, no decision has been reached as yet.

Greg Lambert, Convenor

Tuesday Pennant Notice:

The Tuesday pennant for the coming season will comprise four full teams of 12 and one 6-a-Side team. If you haven't already notified the committee that you wish to play full time or as an emergency then please do so soon.

We are organising practice matches for the few weeks before Pennant starts - on Tuesday October 19th. More details will sent out closer to the start of the season.

Treenah Wadham (Convenor), Riekie Sloggett, Pam Flett, Greg Lambert & Helen Smith

Fund Raising:

Great work by Jenny Millar to organise the Bunnings sausage sizzle on the Queen's Birthday Monday holiday resulted in a profit of over \$1200 for the club. And thanks also to the many helpers on the day, the onion choppers on Sunday and especially Helen and Tim who had to buy and deliver more sausages (twice) on the day and cut up some more onions.



Jenny and some of the late afternoon shift at Bunnings. We actually sold \$1698 of sausages and drinks.

A few of the "onion choppers" at the club on the Sunday before.



Social Bowls:



The weather has not been the greatest for bowls so far this winter but that hasn't deterred the many keen bowlers who have turned up for the Wednesday and Saturday social bowls last month.

Saturday social bowls June 26. A typical winters day this year, sunny on the greens but lots of black clouds too.

The Greens

A lot of very necessary work has been done on both greens since Shane has taken over the position of Greenkeeper, and even more to be done in the next six months. We initially thought the grass green had an underground drainage problem but a bit of digging and after a lot of research by Shane, has shown the problem to be on the surface, especially in the couple of large very bad areas.

We can now plan out the mostly physical work that needs to be in the next six months or so. Both greens have been sprayed for moss and algae. Some follow up work to clean up the synthetic green is also on the cards.



The grass green after deep scarifying in late April-yes the grass is still there!

The diggings, no we did not find any gold, but also no blocked drainage pipes either, which was a good thing.



Shane, not in his normal on-green uniform, but an essential one for spraying algae and moss.

Painters Corner

You may have also noticed a lot of other changes around the club and greens, and the man responsible for all of that is our very busy resident painter in Wayne Wilson. Wayne has given a bright new look to all of the shelters, the main maintenance shed and the clubhouse decking and steps. Many, many days work, and many thanks Wayne.



Umpire's Corner:

This section is for all members to help understand the Laws governing the game of Bowls, in particular, any area that may be troubling you and would like clarification. Decisions are being made on behalf of your team during a game which may affect the outcome of not only your rink but the overall match. In the past, have you felt that maybe a decision was wrong or you doubted the action taken? Please share your question with us and it will be answered in this newsletter section.

This month's items:

1. This situation was brought to my attention at the end of last season. The mat was placed on the wrong line and subsequently so was the jack. This was noticed after few bowls had been delivered and both the mat and jack were moved to the correct line! Is this right?

NO! Only the mat can be moved to the correct line, once one bowl has been delivered the jack cannot be touched and must remain where it was spotted.

2. If a bowl from the next rink looks like interfering with bowls in your head then you may either stop it before it hits or maybe lift a bowl on your rink to let it through. A bowler from the other rink must not lift or move a bowl in your rink. If the offending bowl seemed not to be rolling back into its own rink (e.g. wrong bias) then it is a dead bowl and not returned to be replayed.



The club would like at least one or two more umpires (or measurers) to help out on Pennant days, especially in teams 3 to 5. If anyone is interested, it's not that difficult to do, please speak to any of the existing umpires or directly to the secretary who will be able to organise a training course.



Frank Camera, on behalf of the umpires committee.

Jazz by the Green

After missing most of last year the Jazz by the Green shows have made a bit of a comeback this year with four shows in the six months so far. The live jazz is still very popular and, given the covid problems with numbers, the shows are always a sell-out. The ticket sales profit is shared equally with the Nillumbik U3A Jazz appreciation group and the club gets the bar profits and hall hire and, given the amount of work before and on the night, it is a very good income for the club.

The Jazz sub-committee is: Ros Camera (convenor), Frank Camera, Sue Arnott, Pam Flett and Kaye Pepyat. And lots of help on the night by our regular hard working bar attendants Rob and Marion Harris.



The April show featured the Stephenson's Rockets Jazz band, a great night of Trad jazz by five of the best jazz musicians in Melbourne. Would you believe the leader, Dr Joe Stephenson on the base saxophone, is a GP by day.

The second show in March saw another very popular band entertaining us all, Paul Ingles Lightning Jazz Band, their third appearance at Jazz by the Green.



Wonderful Craftwork for Sale at the Club



Some of the wonderful craftwork on sale at our sales table in the corner near the book shelves, mostly done by some very skilful club members and arranged here by Di Debney. See Di or Jenny Millar about this wonderful display.

Bowlers on the move:



Pam, Helen, Lisa and Ros, at the Country Women's Carnival Moama and District. Seen here at the Rochester Bowls Club.

Tim at the Golden Square BC (Bendigo), State Disabilities Pairs Championships.



Now what else would you do on a beautiful day off from bowls at the Rich River Golf and Bowls Club in NSW. Lisa certainly knew what to organise for the four ladies! Helen is the one hiding behind the camera.



The mob at the Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club Annual Triples Tournament.



Yarra Region Representative Side, Shepparton Friday April 31st to Sunday May 2nd 2021. Helen, Ros and Pam front and centre. A great result for the club to have three members in the Victorian Regional sides championships.



“If you don’t like something, change it. If you can’t change it, change the way you think about it.” — Mary Engelbreit

A note from the Editor:

A newsletter can only be as good as the contributions. I hope you like the setup and feel you could contribute something of value and interest to other club members. Please consider this, especially if you are a committee coordinator but all members are invited to contribute. I will include any relevant, interesting, informative, helpful notes, particularly on bowls but not necessarily if you think it will be of value to all.

Any contributions, comments, questions, etc. email me at frankco1@tpg.com.au

As it is a quiet time of year the next newsletter will most likely be late August or early September. Unless I get flooded with lots of interesting articles or special reasons for one earlier.

Frank Camera