



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

Newsletter – February 2019 Editor: Steve Veitch



President's Report

Well hard to believe, but January 2019 has come and gone. Pennant is back and saying that, only has about four more rounds to go. The hot weather has been a real challenge in recent times and while I understand no one wants to let their team down, your health is number one priority at all times. In some instances, soldiering on is not the way to go. Good luck for the last rounds and hopefully we may have a couple of teams in the finals.

A big thanks and congratulations go to all who contributed their time, especially Ken & Jenny, at the latest Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, around \$1,000 was raised for the club.

I would also like to thank several members who have approached me with little improvement suggestions, for the smooth operation of various areas of the club. What I appreciate most is they haven't just pointed out areas of improvements but have suggested solutions and offer to action these solutions. As you know, my main catch cry has and is always, that many hands lighten the load.

Stay cool if at all possible and continue to enjoy your bowls, at whatever level of participation you may have.

Regards,

Carol

Dates For Diary

Wednesday Social BowlsEach Wednesday, 10:30

Friday Twilight BowlsEach Friday, 18:00

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Tuesday Selection Committee Update

Tuesday Pennant is now down to the last four rounds.

The first and second teams have a chance to play finals but they both have very hard run home playing sides in the four. But if they can manage to win their last four games, they will play finals. Their fate is in their own hands. The second side had a really good win against Craigieburn on Tuesday.

The other three sides have had a tough season, but their enthusiasm has not waned during the whole season and have always given their best even when faced with some really tough opposition.

Good luck to all sides in the last four rounds.

Prepared by Peter Toovey for the MidWeek Pennant Committee



Jim and Peter at Bowlers Arm State Championships

The Victorian State Singles and Pairs Arm tournament was held at the Armadale bowls over 3 days, 9th – 11th January 2019.

Day 1 - Singles

In high temperatures, **Peter Toovey** and **Jim Yarwood** played in the open singles on Wednesday in Sets play competing against 2 other teams in their Sections. This was 4 bowls 21 up in the morning, then knockout in the afternoon.

Jim was eliminated by only 2 shots in Sectional play. Peter went through to the final 16 but was narrowly beaten by the eventual runner up Vern Rehe (Moama). Vern was beaten in turn by Wayne Fraser (Burden Park) on the Friday in the final.

Days 2 and 3 - Pairs

Day 2 was the Men's and Ladies' pairs. This was played also as Sets play with 4 teams competing against each other.

Jim and Peter won their 3 matches. They then competed in knockout play that finally finished with the final on Friday. They won six matches on the way.

Doug Corrigan and Ian McLeod (Ringwood) (also shown on the right) being previous winners and State players, beat Jim and Peter 17-7 in the final.

Well done and Congratulations Jim and Peter as State-wide runners-up.

Venue

The Armadale bowls club has 2 greens 1 Tiff and 1 Carpet. The finalists will be invited to trials to qualify for the State squad later in the year.

The ladies' final was deferred until a later date because of excessive heat conditions on the Friday.

Prepared by Jim Yarwood



**The Boys with their medallions
as Pairs Runners-Up**



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THINKING ABOUT MOVING TO SUPPORTED ACCOMODATION?

Our local Bendigo Bank has organised a presentation on the possible problems when downsizing into supported accommodation. There will also be discussion on dealing with Centerlink.

This presentation is being arranged as a community assistance activity because making the correct decisions in the correct order can save people a lot of money and it is not easy to obtain independent advice.

The presentation is open to anyone who is interested and is being conveniently held in our club rooms Thursday 21 February.

See notice on the next page

The Club On-Line

Visit us and like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/elthambowlingclub>.

The club's website is <http://elthambowlsclub.com.au/>

Editor's Note

Please email any suggestions for layout and content to stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au. Photos of club activities will be greatly appreciated.

I thank Peter Toovey (a.k.a. Dr T) for his prolific and interesting contributions.

I thank Frank Camera for his continuing photos and Umpires Corners.



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When	Thursday 21 February 2019
Time	10am
Where	Eltham Bowling Club 20-50 Susan Street, Eltham
RSVP	14 February - Kellie Jones Ph 9439 0188

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Men's and Ladies Club Pairs Championship

The second blue ribbon event for the men's and ladies, the club pairs is now up and running. First round for the men was played on the 20/1/2019 with some interesting matchups in the first round.

Summary of the first round of the men's games.

On rink one; we had a battle between the new and the old in **James Miles** and **Luke Roach** and the old stagers, **Ernie Richards** and **Noel Spargo**. After a fairly even tussle, Ernie and Noel were able to pull away but James and Luke gave them a run for their money.

On rink two; we had the defending Champions; **Hugh Robertson** and **Peter Toovey**, against last year's singles champion, **Graham Abblitt** and his fellow selector, **Greg Lambert**. Hughie and Peter got control of the game early and ran out convincing winners.

On rink three, we had the experienced pairing of **Ron Stafford** and **Joe Bartolo** against a couple of rising stars in **David Hosking** and **Glen Hudson**. The game ebbed and flowed and both pairing looked like winning at different stages. In the end it was the experience of Joe and Ron that prevailed.

On rink four, we had the game between two of the newcomers to the club, **Wayne Harvey** and **Bobby Wade**, and two of the quieter members of the club, **John Sharp** and **Jimmy Yarwood**. The game was close early but the quiet achievers were able to have a fairly convincing win in the end.

On rink five, we had a game between **Wayne (Chuckles) Wilson** and **Bill (Bruce) Lee** and **Neville (Nifty) Jenkin** and **Rob (Bobby) Harris**. Nev and Rob got off to a flyer and never gave Wayne and Bill a chance and had big win.

On rink six, (The television rink) we had the feature game between **Bruce Irvine** and **Steve (S.O.N) Spargo** against the interesting pairing of **Shane Waddingham** and **David (Cowboy) Neal**. The game was close all day and with one end to go, Shane and David were two up. Steve put three of his four balls on the jack holding game. Up steps Shane, first bowl drive just misses. Last bowl drives hits Steve's three bowls out of the head and Shane and David survive to the next round.

The afternoon session was between last year's runners up, **Eric Butcher** and **Frank Camera**, against the previous winners from a couple of years back, **Paul Hickey** and **Brent Blackwell**. Eric and Frank were able to get the job done and are on track to go one better this year.

Mixed Over-65 Singles Finalists.

The Mixed over-65 singles finalists have been decided. The final will be between **Ernie Richards** and the defending champion, **Bruce Goodman**.

Men's Century Handicap Winner.

The Men's Century Handicap has been decided. The final was between **Ernie Richards** (4 times winner) and **Brent Arnott** (once before). Both players off 36 Handicap. The game was close all morning with no player able to get any sort of lead. Nearing the end Brent was able to sneak ahead and hold the advantage to win by eight points.

This is the second time, that Brent has been able to get the better of Ernie in Championship events this year. Something he has not been able to do in the past.

Congratulations to Brent Arnott our Men's Century Handicap Winner for this year.

Second Round of the Men's Pairs.

The second round of the men's Pairs was conducted on Sunday 27th January.

On rink three, we had clash between **Wayne Byrne** and **Nev Pawley** up against **Shane Waddingham** and **David Neal**. The game was close early but Shane and David started to put pressure on and they ran out convincing winners.

On rink four, we had clash between **Ernie Richards** and **Noel Spargo** against **Eric Butcher** and **Frank Camera** in a replay of last year's semi-final. The game was close right to the end with only three shots difference coming into the last in favour of Frank and Eric. With the skips having one bowl left, Ernie and Noel were holding five shots. Eric's last bowl drew in and cut the advantage to two. Ernie couldn't dislodge Eric's bowl.

On rink six, **Neville Jenkin** and **Rob Harris** came up against **Peter Toovey** and **Hughie Robertson**. Peter and Hugh started well and built a big lead which Nev and Rob couldn't overhaul.

Another game was played earlier in the week between **Ron Stafford** and **Joe Bartolo** against **Jimmy Yarwood** and **John Sharp**. Apparently, this was another game which went down to the last end. Jim and John were two up but Ron and Joe picked up a four to run out winners.



Ladies' Pairs.

The Ladies Pairs also started with a game between last year's winners **Sue Arnott** and **Carol Schillings-Collins** up against **Lisa Bartolo** and **Reikie Sloggett**. Sue and Carol got off to really good start in both sets and did not give Lisa and Reikie any chance to get into the game.

Another game between **Maureen Luke** and **Betsy King** up against **Meryl Spargo** and **Crystal Bo** was played earlier in the week. Meryl and Crystal ran out fairly convincing winners.

Report from the Match Committee.

Pennant Fixture and Results On-Line

Here are links to Pennant fixtures, results and ladders on the Bowls Victoria site.

Saturday Pennant

ELTHAM 1 in Division 2 Section 3	Link
ELTHAM 2 in Division 3 Section 3	Link
ELTHAM 3 in Division 5 Section 3	Link
ELTHAM 4 in Division 6 Section 4	Link
ELTHAM 5 in Division 7 Section 4	Link



Mid-Week Pennant

ELTHAM 1 in Division 1 Section 2	Link
ELTHAM 2 in Division 2 Section 2	Link
ELTHAM 3 in Division 2 Section 3	Link
ELTHAM 4 in Division 3 Section 3	Link
ELTHAM 5 in Division 5 Section 3	Link



You may wish to bookmark your favourite sides. Pressing Control-D works in most browsers.



UMPIRES CORNER – Movement of Bowls While Determining Shots

By Frank Camera

I was asked an interesting question at pennant a couple of weeks ago; the two Thirds had declared the number shots just before a bowl fell over, what should they do?

The answer here is really a combination of good sportsmanship and the rules. The end has been declared so the number declared should be final as I'm sure the "unfortunate" third would not want to change.

The rules say that if a bowl looks likely to fall you can wait up to 30 seconds before starting the measuring. But, if the end has NOT been declared yet the following rules apply:

At any time during the process of deciding the number of shots scored:

- 23.6.1 if a bowl is likely to fall, either opponent can use the best available means to secure it in its position; (*ie chocks*)
- 23.6.3 if a bowl falls of its own accord, it must be left in its new position while deciding the number of shots scored continues, *and all the shots agreed before the bowl fell will count.*

BUT:

- 37.4.1 If a bowl is displaced by a player when marking it as a toucher, or by the equipment being used by a player during measuring, an opponent must put it back to its former position.

It also happens quite often that a third or skip accidentally kicks a bowl while moving back behind the head. The rule here is also quite clear – the opposing skip or third must replace the bowl where he thought it was originally. The "kicker" cannot disagree with the replacement and ask for a dead end as it was not moved by a neutral person or object.

Similarly if the jack is moved, the opponent puts it back in position. This usually happens during measuring. The rule says

Jack displacement during measuring:

- 38.4.1 If the jack is displaced ... an opponent must put it back to its former position.

It is important that no bowls be moved before until *both Thirds agree* and declare the head. The exception is where both Thirds explicitly agree that a specific bowl can be moved; usually to facilitate measuring. This includes bowls which are obviously not in the count.

In the case of a clash of bowls from adjacent rinks; if both bowls were delivered legitimately then they can both be replayed by their respective bowlers.

Notes on the Role of a Third for Newer Players

Discussion with the Skip

When the Skip crosses over, engage in discussion or get an understanding of the skip's tactic and shot, usually very brief, and do not hold up the game if you are not in possession of the mat.

Indicate the current shots

When in possession of the mat, if needed, indicate to your Skip who is holding shot and how many, by indicating with fingers and/or voice e.g. "two up", "one up", "one up and a measure" or "no change". You may omit this if the opposing third has accurately shown this.

Do the Ticks

Mark the Skip's Performance Card in the two rightmost columns. See the article on page 12 about Performance Cards.

Advise the state of the head to your Skip

Advise the state of the head to your Skip when necessary and only when in possession of the mat.

Examples would be

- the head has changed,
- a possible better shot is now open,
- they now have a bowl to rest on, or
- there is now a catcher behind the jack.

Determine the result for the end

Agree with the opposing Third which team has shot and how many. **Don't move any bowls without the explicit agreement of the opposing Third.** Please see Frank's article on the previous page.

Call the Umpire if needed

Call the Umpire if it is not clear after measuring who has shot.

If a measure between bowls is within two centimetres when the jack is in the ditch, call the Umpire. The box string measure carried by the Thirds is not suitable for accurate measuring into the ditch.

Indicate shots to our Scorer

After each end indicate the shots to our Scorer who is usually our Second.

Possession of the Mat

The term, “possession of the mat”, is universally used by players and so is used above.

However, the rulebook uses instead the alternate term, “possession of the **rink**”.

Rule 13, Possession of the Rink

- 13.1 Possession of the rink will belong to the player or team whose bowl is being played
- 13.2 As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink will transfer to the opposing player or team after allowing time for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest.

Rule 13.2 states that players in possession of the rink must not be interfered with, annoyed or distracted in any way by their opponents. Umpire may penalise offending players.

By Steve Veitch with assistance from Roslyn Camera

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

On Sunday 27 January, we had another Sausage Sizzle for Eltham Bowling Club at Bunnings Eltham.

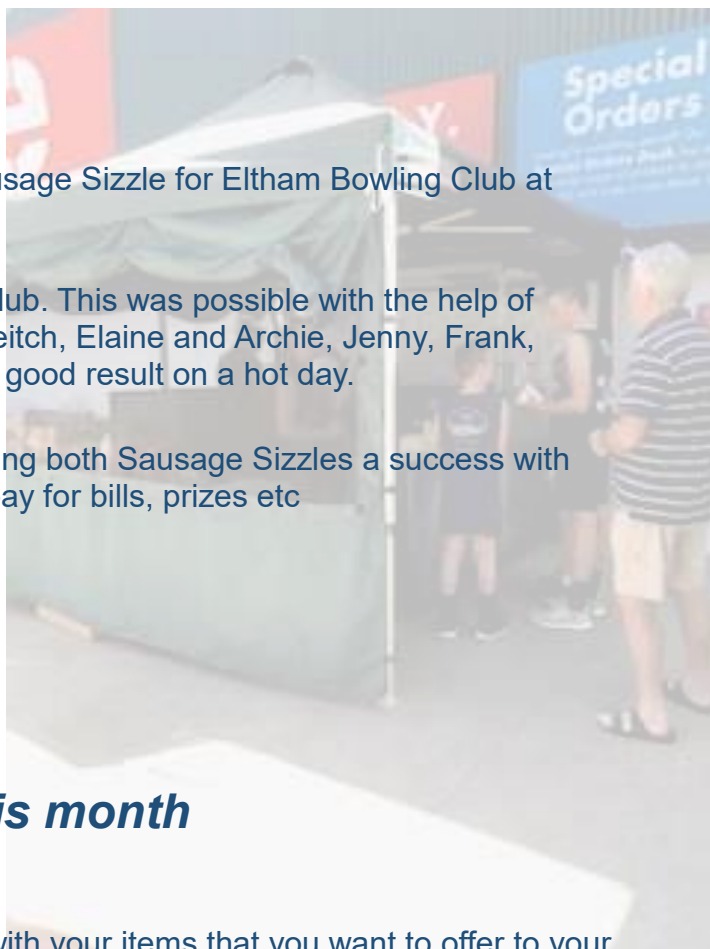
We ended up with \$965 profit going to the Club. This was possible with the help of Carole Stafford, Fidel, Brent Arnott, Steve Veitch, Elaine and Archie, Jenny, Frank, Betsy and a small army of onion peelers – a good result on a hot day.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to making both Sausage Sizzles a success with your time and effort. It all helps the Club to pay for bills, prizes etc

Ken McGuire.

Swap and Sell – Nothing this month

Please email stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au with your items that you want to offer to your colleagues.



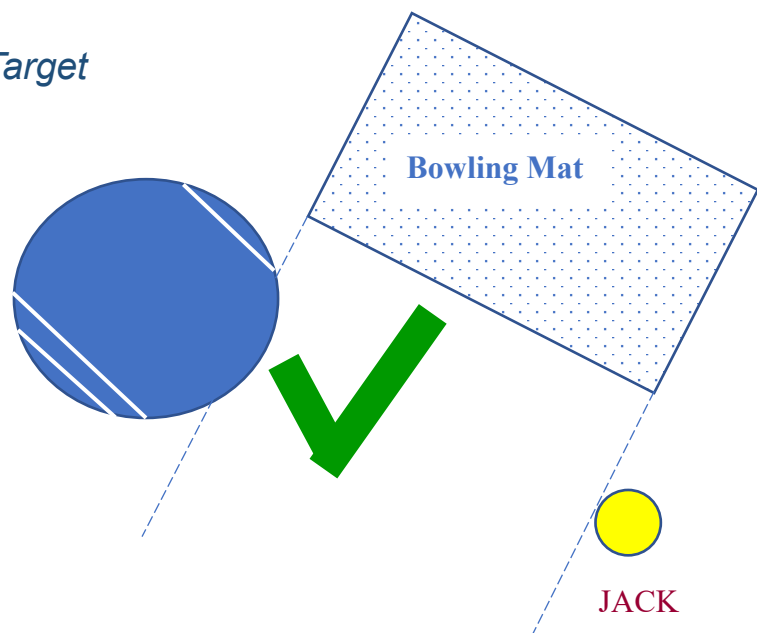
How To Mark Performance Cards For Bowls In The Zone – A Guide For Skips And Thirds

Reprinted from October 2016

Tick for Drawing to the Jack or Other Target

The performance cards are used to record the number of bowls “in the zone”. A draw bowl is in the zone if it is within a 1 mat radius of the desired target, the target usually being the jack.

However, there are other situations where the target is not the jack, such as when a position bowl is called for. Similarly, a skip may want to reduce the number of short bowls of the lead and second by declaring the target to be, say, a mat behind the jack.



Skip's Last Bowl

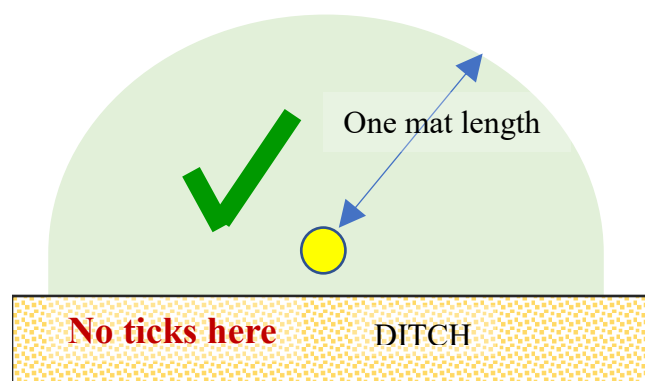
There is one exception to the above and that is when the skip has the last bowl of the end. If his or her bowl adds to the count or gets the shot when previously down, then it gets a tick regardless of how far away from the jack it is.

No Tick for Lucky Unintended Shots

A draw bowl that finishes within the zone is only considered “good” if it got there without undue luck. For example, deflecting off a bowl just short and wide off the jack is one of the options available by wisely playing that side and warrants a tick, whereas a bowl that is obviously delivered way off line but gets a lucky deflection or two does not. Some common sense and considered judgement are required.

Jack Near Ditch or Boundary

When the jack is in or near the ditch or near a side boundary, you need to consider the target to be wholly within the rink as a bowl finishing within a mat but out of play is obviously wasted. In such situations you should consider the 1 mat radius to be wholly within the playing surface of your rink.



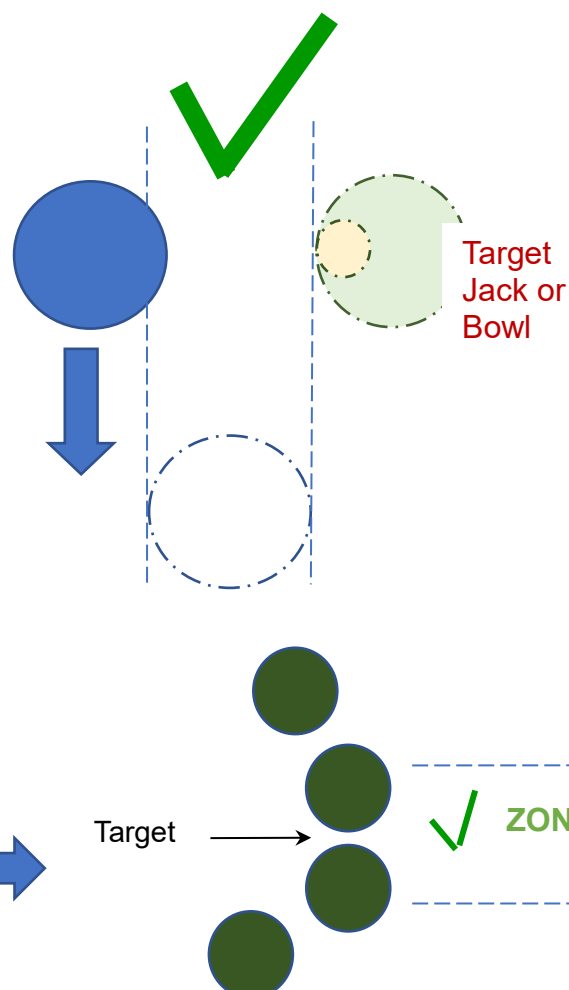
Assessing Upshots

Any upshot, regardless of the speed at which it is delivered, is considered to be in the zone if it passes within a 1 bowl width of a 1 bowl wide target.

Getting a good result doesn't necessarily warrant a tick whereas not getting the desired result may well warrant one if the bowl was delivered with the requisite accuracy.

For example, if there are 4 opposition bowls in a row and the outside one is clipped it may well improve the situation, but it wasn't particularly accurate which is what the performance card is used to assess. Logically, the target was most likely the middle of the 4 bowls.

When there is, say, a 2 bowl target and the gap between them is less than the width of a few bowls then a well-played upshot could well pass between them without disturbing either.



Marking the Card

The marks you put on the card are important as someone has to interpret them.

Please use only a tick (or a clearly distinguishable 1) for a good bowl and a cross for a bowl not delivered, whether as a result of a dead end or a skip electing not to bowl.

For a bowl that is neither a tick nor a cross either leave the square blank or use a dash or a dot.

Some older cards will have an instruction on them to mark a **0** or **C**. These are not being used. Do not enter a **0** or **C**.

Extravagant ticks and crosses are not helpful – please confine the marks to the appropriate square. It would also be of great help to the tabulator if you were to work out the totals for each player and write them in the boxes at the bottom – something like 14/43 is what we're after.

ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB: SKIP'S CARD

Side 3 Division 3 Date 1/2/20

Lead A. Bowler Sec B. Bloke

Third C. Ladies Skip D. Driver

C = Conversion

✓ in 1 mat 0 in 2 mats X not delivered

	Lead	Second	Third	C
1	✓	✓	✓	
2	✓	✓	✓	
3	✓	✓	✓	
4	✓	✓	✓	
5	✓	✓	✓	
6	✓	✓	✓	
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22	✓	✓	✓	
23	✓	✓	✓	
24	✓	✓	✓	
T	25/44	27/44	28/42	

Not used (pointing to C = Conversion)

Third marks separate card for Skip (pointing to C column)

Bowls not delivered when opposing Second killed end (pointing to X marks in Third column)

Members with Blue Tongues

Pictures taken by Jim Yarwood

Taken when the blue jellybeans went onto the bar and then onto member's tongues





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