



# **ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB**

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## **President's Report**

Our Christmas Breakup on Sunday December 16th was, from all reports, a great success, to a large extent by the wonderful smorgasbord of food, that Jan, Wendy, Elaine & Jan prepared and served with several other helpers on the night. The arrival of and drawing of the raffles with Father (?) Christmas brought some comic relief to the night as well as raising some funds for the Club. Also thanks to everyone for pitching in in the kitchen, it made the clean-up quick and social.

While we have our break from Pennant, remember Wednesday Social Bowls is back on the 9th. Also don't forget "Club Championship" events that are coming up and get your name down – it is about participating (winning is just the cherry).

Have a Happy New Year and see you in 2019!

Regards,

Carol

## **Dates For Diary**

*Wednesday Social Bowls ..... Starts again Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January*  
*Mixed Over 65's Singles, first round ..... on or before Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January*  
*Friday Twilight Bowls ..... Starts again Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January*  
*Saturday Pennant ..... Starts again Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January*  
*Men's Century Final ..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January*  
*Tuesday Pennant ..... Starts again Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January*  
*Forty/40 nominations close ..... Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January*  
*Men's Pairs, first round ..... on or before Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> January*  
*Australia Day Medley (B.Y.O. lunch) ..... 10:00 a.m. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January*  
*Women's Pairs, first round ..... on or before Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January*

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### **Midweek Selection Report**

Christmas and New Year's celebrations are all done and the time for the resumption of pennant is not far away. The season so far has not been what everyone might have been expecting but as long as everybody is enjoying their bowling; that is the main thing.

The season so far for all the sides.

Number one	Frustrating year with a lot of close losses. Sitting eighth and need to win a couple more games to avoid relegation.
Number two	Up and down season but still a chance to play finals. 24 points behind the fourth placed side.
Number three	Tough year. The experience of playing in division two will be a benefit to all players next year.
Number four	Have struggled against tough opposition all year. Will appreciate the experience next year.
Number five	A lot of new bowlers having their first taste of pennant. They appeared to have enjoyed the season so far.

A new year so let's hope all the sides finish the year off on a good note.

Mid week selection committee

## ***Match Committee Report***

### ***Men's President Handicap***

The only Championship Game which has not completed since the last Newsletter is the Men's President Handicap.

The final will be held at 10.00am on the 13th of January 2019 between Ernie Richards and Brent Arnott. Ernie has won this event four times before and Brent once. Brent beat Ernie in the quarterfinals of the singles by a very narrow margin, so I think Ernie would be still smarting from that loss and will be out looking for revenge.

Both players will be off 36 Handicap, so it has been a difficult effort for them to get to the finals having to give large starts in most of their games. But it shows that the handicaps must be just about right. A few of players in the top side have commented that the handicaps are too great for players in higher sides. The whole idea it gives players in the lower sides a chance to play against players in the higher sides and be competitive.

### ***Championship Games in the New Year***

There are number of Championship games coming up in the New year.

The Over 65 Mixed Singles closes on Thursday 3rd of January.

The Men's Club Pairs closes on Thursday 10th of January.

The Ladies Club Pairs closes on Thursday 17th of January.

Why not put your name down on the board for the singles or grab a mate and enter the pairs. You never know if you don't have a go. It's a cheap game of bowls for \$3.00.

Good luck to everyone in the forthcoming games.

*Match Committee members*

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## CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER 2018



After the Bowls, we were greeted at the door by Jenny and Di, admiring Jen's flashing Christmas brooch as invited.

Carol welcomed us as President.



Malcolm Hackett from Bendigo Bank responded to Brent's welcome.





Serving up dessert by Wendy, Elaine, Jan and Jan



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*Many thanks to the Fundraising Sub-Committee for their great work.  
Thank you for all of the great donations for the magnificent hampers.*



Di Debney won number one hamper and Peter Claringbold won the second.

Les Engblom tucks in.



**Here comes Santa**

They say Barb Woodward is in there somewhere.







Younger bowlers, Adam, Jayne, Brady and Caleb with their families.



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## ***Greenskeeper's Notes on the Grass Green***

The grass green was double scarified over Christmas. 15 barrow loads of grass have been taken off from mowing.

The bare patches are covering well. They will continue to be oversown for the rest of the season. Once the patches on the eastern side of the green are gone, play will be switched to East-West to even up wear and avoid future patches.

Phil Grant (as told to Steve Veitch)

## ***Swap and Sell but Mostly Free***

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## ***Editor's Note***

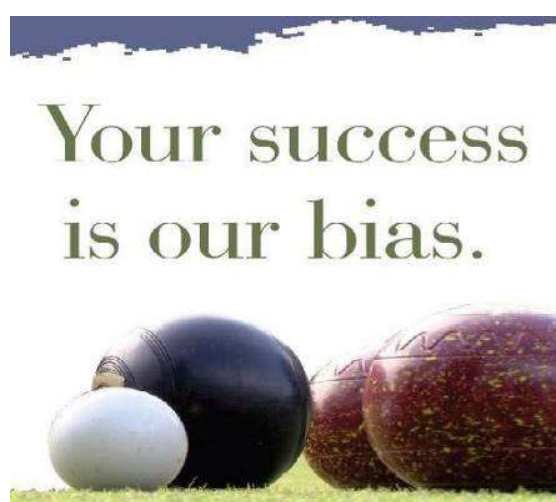
Please email any suggestions for layout and content to [stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au). Photos of club activities will be greatly appreciated.

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.

## ***The Club On-Line***

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### ***Pennant Bowls Special Member Profile for October: Harry Ophetveld***



Known as "Harry O" for as long as anyone can remember, Harry has lived in Eltham and Briar Hill since coming to Australia as a 22 year old under the £10 migration scheme in 1955. (The oldest of nine children, Harry could have some interesting stories about the not so easy life as a child in occupied Holland during the war.) He was a qualified bricklayer and after a short stint working at GMH and the railways he managed to work at his trade for about a year before getting a job with W R Grace plastics where he stayed for over 30 years, latterly as factory foreman. He finished his working life as a cleaner for 4 years at the Repatriation Hospital Heidelberg.

Above, a handsome young Harry O, about one year before migrating to Australia, and right, Harry the 700 game man.



Harry joined the ERBC in 1984 after 7 years as an indoor carpet bowler. Within 4 days of joining he was asked to join the Committee of the Men's Section. Of the current membership only Joyce Vine, Jim McKenzie and Eugene Snopkowski were at the club when Harry arrived.

Harry has won every club championship at Eltham except the singles, in which he was the runner up in his first full season in 1984-85. The list includes men's pairs, men's triples (twice), Presidents, Vice Presidents, mixed singles, mixed pairs, mixed fours (four times), over sixties singles, and three Saturday Pennant premierships. He has also served the club well in official positions: RVBA committee ( 5 years), selection (3 years), match committee (3 years), greens committee (2 years), ground maintenance (1 year) and ERBC Co-operative director (3 years).



Harry is the first EBC member to have reached the significant milestones of 300 and 500 Pennant games, and also just recently an incredible 700 games, which include Saturday, Midweek and Night Pennant.

Above, the concrete retaining wall on the West and North sides of green 2 was the work of "Harry O", as was the concrete path on the North end of green 1. Below, a snapshot of the minutes of the men's committee meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 1984.

MINUTES OF THE ELTHAM MEN'S BOWLING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON THE 7-11-1984.

#### PRESENT.

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