



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

Newsletter – July 2018 *Editor: Steve Veitch*



President's Report

Welcome to the new season and to all those people who have volunteered for the various positions on the many committees – a big THANK YOU. Without you we have no club.

During the colder months enjoy your social bowls, keep in practice and have a social chatter on Thursday evenings, ensuring you introduce yourselves to the new faces you will see around the club, as we have already greeted nine new members to the club.

Enjoy our BUMPER issue of the newsletter, now being run by our new editor Steve Veitch.

For those who are travelling during the colder months, safe and fun tripping.

Carol

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Dates For Diary

Garden Working Bee.....This Sunday 8th July at 10 a.m.

Wednesday Social Bowls.....Each Wednesday for a 12:30 start

Saturday Social Bowls.....Each Saturday for a 12:30 start

Editor's Note

Please email any suggestions for layout and content to stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au.
Photos of club activities will be greatly appreciated, especially from last season's finals.

Report: Gardening Working Bee, 10th June

It was a glorious day for a working bee in the garden, warm and sunny after the fog and the 16 members who turned up cleared up the fading garden of summer and reinvigorated the creek side garden.

You will also notice that the club house garden has also had some diseased plants removed and replaced so that come the pennant season the club will look a picture.

The gardening committee, Peter Osborne, Di Debney, Meryl Spargo and Maureen Luke would like to give thanks to Bruce Irvine, John Warden, Glen Debney, Noel Spargo, Pam Flett, Ros Camera, Sue Arnott, Betsy King, Ken McGuire, Jenny Millar and two new members David Neil and Wayne Harvey.

Greens Committee Report- July 2018

There has been ongoing work done by the greenkeeper to eliminate the "poa" and the moss in the grass green. He has done some spraying now that the grass has gone into dormancy.

In preparation for use of the grass green for when the synthetic green is being replaced the following works are being undertaken:

- Removing all of the sand out of the ditches to prepare them for a new lot of sand.
- Marking of lines both north and south as well as east and west (this helps our fellows line up the roller when rolling the green)
- Regular rolling of the green.

Thanks to the members of the Greens Committee for doing this work on an "ongoing" basis.

There are still "patches" of algae on the green but there we should be able to provide up to 6 rinks for play (weather dependant).

Please note that the grass green will only be open for the period of the replacement of the synthetic green replacement and then stay closed until opening of the season on 25th August (again weather dependent)

Noel Spargo (Convenor and Green's Director)

News From The Board – July 2018

NEW MEMBERS- a “big” welcome to all of our new members.

Barbara Pavic	Barbara has been a regular Social bowler on Wednesdays.
Leon Sinnott	Leon has returned to our club and has also been playing on the Wednesdays too.
Brady Kriders	one of Kaleb’s brothers and he has been playing Social bowls on Saturdays.
Wayne Harvey	transfer from Diamond Creek B.C. and has been playing Saturday Social bowls.
Robbie Proudfoot	as above
James Miles	as above
Robert Wade	as above
David Neal	as above
Luke Roche	as above
Adam Ryan	as above
Colin Ridgard	also from Diamond Creek and has joined as a Social Non-Bowler and has been a regular observer on Saturdays.

Please make them all feel welcome as new members of our club.

REPLACEMENT OF THE SYNTHETIC GREEN.

We have received notice from Tiger Turf that the green will be installed and later half of July.

We will have the use of the grass green (weather dependant) whilst the works are being carried out on the installation of the new synthetic.

2018/2019 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees are now due and thank you to the members who have already paid their fees and have informed the Secretary of any changes to contact details.

Prompt payment all helps our volunteer members such as the Secretary, Treasurer and Handbook committee.

If you have “mislaid” the fees notice, then contact Meryl on 9493 8363 or email on noelspargo@bigpond.com and she will be happy to be of assistance in providing payment details.

MERYL SPARGO (SECRETARY)

Saturday Winter Social Bowls Subcommittee

Saturday Winter Social Bowls runs from the first Saturday after the AGM until the third Saturday in August. Eligible Bowlers are Full Members, Social Club Members & Visitors from other clubs.

Participating Members are required to either telephone between 10:30 am and 11:30 am on the day of play or record their names on lists provided at the Club.

The objective of the Sub-Committee is to provide a social day that all bowlers will enjoy with their fellow members.

Two games of 10 ends are then played with a break after the first game. Upon completion score cards are then collected & each team's score collated & placed in order of score. Cash prizes are usually paid to the Winners, Runners Up & Best Second Game (depending on numbers).

Afternoon tea is provided.



The Organisational Side of Social Bowls

The Sub-Committee for this event is comprised of 6 members who perform the following duties:

From the list of names received Players are placed into four categories, Leads, Seconds, Thirds & Skips.

The selection of teams then takes place with the emphasis being that each team is equally balanced and each has the opportunity to win. Teams are changed from week to week to try & reach this objective.

Score cards are then written & a list of the teams & the rinks they are playing prepared & posted on the Notice Board.

A further list of the participating bowlers is prepared & used to record the fee being paid by each bowler. Two members of the Sub- Committee are responsible for the collection of the fee as players arrive.

Afternoon tea is catered for, food is prepared & plated, utensils etc have to be organized & tables set up with relevant rink numbers,

Other duties include ensuring the playing surface is clean, mats & jacks set up on the selected rinks, the outside toilet is open & cups are available in dispensers also that tables & kitchen are left clean following afternoon tea.

Arrangements must be made prior to game day to ensure authorized people are available for the Bar to be operable.

At the end of the day the financial side of the day is reconciled & records kept.

Following completion of the winter season a report is compiled for the EBC board.



UMPIRES CORNER

“Laws of the game”

A player notices that the mat is not on the centre line and that the players before him have already bowled. What should happen?

The mat should be moved to the centre line even though some bowls have been played.

Law:- 6.2- During each end

After the start of play in any end, the mat must not be moved from its original position except in the following-

6.2.3- If the mat is off the centre line, it must be moved to that line.

HINT

It is good practice for leads to always turn around and face the rink number when putting the mat down rather than just looking at the lines as sometimes the lines are not marked clearly.

By “lining” up with the number, the mat will always be on the centre line.

Winter Wednesday Social Bowls

Winter Wednesday Social Bowls started in 2018 on 9 May and we are nearly half way through the season.

Winter Wednesday Social Bowls continues for another 9 weeks before Pennant Season opening day on 25 August 2018, then Summer Social Bowls follows.

As per last year, play starts at 12:30pm with 2 games of 10 ends separated by afternoon tea. Those wishing to play can enter their names on the lists at the club rooms or ring on the Wednesday between 11:00am and 12:00pm.

Lots of regular players are consistently turning up for a game, along with other members on an ad hoc basis, resulting in an average attendance of 33 players over the first 7 weeks of play. Fourteen players have paid the winter levy of \$80.

We have also welcomed a new player Barbara Pavic, returning new member Leon Sinnott and several visitors.

The weather has been kind to us in that we have not had to cancel any games, but several days have been very cold with the dedicated bowlers persevering.

On behalf of the 2018 Winter Wednesday Social Bowls sub committee-

Bob Harris (Convenor), Archie Shaw, Steve Veitch, Wendy Lyons, Graeme Dudley, Cath Andrew & Neville Jenkin.

Swap and Sell

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

Saturday Pennant

After much discussion and toing and froing, the Saturday Pennant committee has decided to enter 5x16 player sides for the coming pennant season. We originally applied for the 5th side to be a 12 a side. However Bowls Victoria has advised us that there were not enough sides entered to run this competition, so it was decided to put in a 16 player side for the fifth side. So with this in mind, we need your support to be available on most Saturdays so that we can field these sides .

Practice matches have been arranged for September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, Saturdays and the 30th, which is a Sunday this game will be amongst ourselves. A list is on the notice board so put your name down whether you are available or not.

Noel Spargo Convenor Saturday Pennant Selection.

Midweek Pennant

A brief run down on the season that was.

The number one side had a good year considering the amount of travel involved. Some of the games involved up to two hours of travel one way. They finished fourth on the ladder and played Bundoora who only lost one game for the year in the first final. It was a close tussle all day and it virtually came down to the last end and Bundoora prevailed by six shots.

The number two side had a tough year and won five games. They also had to travel long distances to play some of their games. They fronted up every Tuesday and represented the club with pride and continued to be very competitive in most games. They finished off the season with a one-shot win over Lilydale.

It is always difficult with two sides in same division especially division one. Hopefully next year will be slightly easier in division two.

The number three side finished fourth and played Donvale and won by 18 shots in the first final. They then travelled Preston/Reservoir to play Bundoora's number two side who were too strong in the end. They will be promoted to division two next year. A very successful year and next year will be a challenge.

The number four side also finished fourth and played their first final against Fitz/Vict who were the dominant side in that section and won by six shots. They then played Montmorency at Lalor and in game that ebb and flowed, the game was level after 63 ends. This was after Eltham picked up 9 shots in the last three ends. Now to one extra end which resulted in a one-shot win. They then played Armidale at Burwood and after an even game to lunch, Armidale managed to pull away for a fairly easy win. A really good year and section winner. They will be promoted to Division three.

The number five side had a very competitive year and finished fifth just missing the finals by nine points.

The Coming Season

This season we have entered five full teams in midweek season. We have had a number of new players putting their names down to play this season so that is why we have entered a full side team in the fifth side.

The selection committee will endeavour to give everybody a game on Tuesdays but on some days we might have to rotate players. We will try to make sure everyone does not miss too many games.

The selection committee this year will be Peter Toovey (Convenor), Di Debney, Treenah Wadham, Bob Harris and Riekie Sloggett.

We are in the process of arranging practice matches. There will be lists on the notice board shortly for availability for practice and for the season's matches.

Members' Other Interests

BlazeAid by Peter Osborne

BlazeAid -a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. BlazeAid is primarily about replacing fences. Farmers cannot farm without fences.

You may have noticed that I was not at our annual general meeting in May. I had intended to be there but when, with a couple of friends, Jo and I decided to help out at BlazeAid in the Western district following the bushfires in February, the most convenient time for us all was the first week of May.

We were based at the race course facilities in Terang, plenty of room for caravans and an opulent dining room to accommodate the 30+ volunteers for breakfast and dinner. It was heart breaking to see the devastation, farmers who had lost their dairy herd that had taken generations to build as well as km of fencing, sheds and in some cases their house. We believe and were frequently told that it was spirit raising for the farmers and their community to see people from all over Oz, city and country, come to give a hand in rebuilding their lives.

A normal day begins early as we had to be ready to leave base at 7.30. We worked in parties of 4 – 6 with usually one experienced fencer in the team. It isn't necessary to have fencing skills, there are plenty of jobs for everyone, women and men. At the end of each day's work, usually around 3.30, it was extremely satisfying to look back at 600 - 1000 metres of fence that your team had erected.

Since 2010 Joanne and I have been to many BlazeAid Camps, the first being to Bridgewater after the devastating floods on the Loddon that flattened hundreds of km of fences. There is a camaraderie in the camps that we enjoy and the satisfaction that you are making a positive contribution to rebuilding lives.

If you wish to find out more about BlazeAid check out the web site blazeaid.com.au/

Peter Osborne



Our Sponsors

As always, sponsors are an important part of our club. Without them, we simply would not be able to function as we do, and with some significant project coming up soon, the support of sponsors will be more important than ever. With that in mind, we need to say a massive thank you to all our sponsors, and encourage you to support these local businesses:

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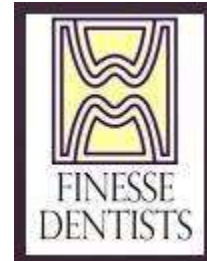
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as at 02/07/18

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Carol Schilling-Collins

Vice President: Brent Arnott

Treasurer: Paul Siostrom

Secretary: Meryl Spargo

Assistant Secretary: **1 vacancy**

Directors: Rick Allen, Rob Harris, David Hosking, Pam Flett, Peter Toovey.

Immediate Past President: Ray Carroll

SATURDAY PENNANT ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Selectors: Noel Spargo(Convenor)- Greg Lambert, Graeme Abblitt, Vincent Bok, Wayne Bryne.

Organising Committee: **2 Vacancies**

MIDWEEK PENNANT ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

Selectors: Peter Toovey (Convenor), Di Debney, Treenah Wadham, Bob Harris & Rieckie Sloggett.

Organising Committee: Sue Arnott & Jan McDermott

MATCH COMMITTEE:

Roslyn Camera (Convenor), Sue Arnott, Cath Andrew, Peter Toovey, John Warden & Greg Lambert.

BAR COMMITTEE:

Pam Flett (Convenor), Brent Arnott, Meryl Spargo (Hall Hire), Noel Spargo, John Sharp, Bob Harris & Neville Jenkin

GREENS COMMITTEE:

Noel Spargo-(Greens Director and Convenor)

Committee members: Sue Arnott, Bill Lee, Greg Lambert, David Hosking. Steve Veitch & **1 Vacancy**.

NIGHT PENNANT SUB COMMITTEE:

Paul Hickey and Pam Flett

WINTER SATURDAY SOCIAL BOWLS SUB-COMMITTEE:

Graeme Dudley (Convenor), Jenny Millar, Rick Allen, Wendy Lyons & Barbara Woodward.

WINTER WEDNESDAY SOCIAL BOWLS SUB-COMMITTEE:

Rob Harris (Convenor), Archie Shaw, Steve Veitch, Wendy Lyons, Graeme Dudley, Cath Andrew & Neville Jenkin.

SUMMER WEDNESDAY SOCIAL BOWLS SUB-COMMITTEE:

Bruce Goodman-(Convenor), Rob Harris, Jayne Krizek, Cath Andrew & **3 vacancies**.

FACILITIES SUB COMMITTEE:

Club House Manager & Convenor: Jenny Millar

Providore: Betsy King

Works Director: **1 vacancy**

Committee members: Bill Lee, Jan McDermott & **1 vacancy**.

GARDEN SUB-COMMITTEE:

Peter Osborne (Convenor), Di Debney, Maureen Luke & Meryl Spargo.

RECRUITMENT AND NEW MEMBERS SUB-COMMITTEE:

Carol Schilling-Collins (Convenor), Jenny Millar, Jayne Krizek & **1 vacancy**.

CATERING SUB- COMMITTEE:

Jan McDermott (Convenor), Jan Tindale, Elaine Shaw & Wendy Lyons.

SPECIAL EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE:

Maureen Luke (Convenor), Pam Flett, Betsy King, Ken McGuire & Bruce Goodman.

FUNDRAISING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Jenny Millar (Convenor), Di Debney, Jan McDermott & Elaine Shaw.

FORTY/40 SUB-COMMITTEE:

John Elliott (Convenor), Bob Harris, Maureen Luke, Cliff Sloggett, Riekie Sloggett & **1 vacancy**.

TWILIGHT BOWLS SUB-COMMITTEE:

Jenny Millar (Convenor), Treenah Wadham, Jan McDermott & Wendy Lyons.

JAZZ BY THE GREEN SUB-COMMITTEE:

Frank Camera, Roslyn Camera, Fidel Panzera & **2 vacancies**.

COACHES SUB-COMMITTEE:

Roslyn Camera (Convenor), Brent Arnott, Frank Camera, Wayne Harvey, Jayne Krizek, Meryl Spargo & Noel Spargo.

UMPIRES SUB-COMMITTEE:

Frank Camera (Convenor), Brent Arnott, Greg Lambert, Maureen Luke & Noel Spargo.

HANDBOOK ORGANISING GROUP:

Bob Harris, Steve Veitch & **2 vacancies**.

BAREFOOT BOWLS CO-ORD: David Hosking

WEB-SITE EDITOR: Bob Harris

ELECTRONIC SERVICES: Bob Harris

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Steve Veitch

DELEGATES: Carol Schilling-Collins, Peter Toovey

AUDITOR: Glen Debney

SPONSORSHIP: **Vacant**

ALMONER: Riekie Sloggett