



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

Newsletter – July 2019 *Editor: Steve Veitch*



President's Report

Winter is well and truly upon us and while a few lucky ones have escaped to the north, the rest of us will have to endure another long winter. A few things have been happening around the club.

The never ending story with the solar panels continues with the council requiring more strengthening supports on the roof. (at their expense)

The repair of the retaining wall has stalled as the council say they do not have the funds available at the moment. They have again erected plastic barriers.

The Greenkeepers contract has been renewed for another year and he is confident that we will have full use next season. It is looking good at the moment.

Our thanks our resident handyman Bill Lee who has been busy around the club once again. He has erected the new fence near barbecue area, renovated the men's toilets and replaced some of the plinths on the grass green.

Vice President Jim has taken over the club sponsorship role. If anybody knows somebody who would be interested in sponsoring the club see Jim and he can explain the packages available.

Winter social bowls numbers have been strong considering the cold weather. If you want a game ring between 10.30am and 11.30am for a game.

We have had a number of new members join this season. Welcome to John Classon, John Quinn, Hope and Hayley Wilson, Gareth Toovey, Michael and Robert Foster. Also returning is Razzle Dazzle Daryl Chidley.

The board would like to welcome back Rick Allen onto the board to fill the last position.

The Thursday night boys tipping competition is starting to get interesting with Hughie Robertson now leading the way. All members are welcome to come down between 4pm and 6pm to catch with your fellow members for a chat and a bit of a laugh.

President's Report continued

The Pennant Committees have finalised the entries for next year and practice matches are organised. Please see lists are on the board and confirm your availability for practice matches.

Opening of the season will be on the 31st of August.

Regards Peter

Dates For Diary

Wednesday Winter Social Bowls Each Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.
Saturday Winter Social Bowls..... Each Saturday, 12:30 p.m.
Opening Day Saturday, 2 p.m., 31st August
Round 1, Tuesday Pennant 1st October
Round 1, Saturday Pennant 5th October

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Greens Director Report

By Steve Veitch

Grass Green

The grass green has now turned brown and entered dormancy. The couch grass is expected start growing again in October.

The bright green grass growing throughout winter on the formerly bare patches, is bent grass. This will be suitable for playing on from August until the couch grows through and replaces it.

Synthetic Green – Bowling East-West

It is necessary to bowl in an East-West orientation as well as in a North-South orientation. This is to even up wear, to comply with our warranty conditions, extend the life of the green and ensure trueness of line in both directions.

The East-West rinks are currently being relocated to line up with seams in the surface. This will stop the seams hijacking the bowls as they slow to nestle the jack. The seams will alternate between being centrelines and rink boundaries. The width of the rink will be reduced but still be well within required limits.

It is expected that Pennant and Competitions on the synthetic will bowl in the preferred North-South orientation.

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Joyce Vine's Passing

Life member, Joyce Vine, passed away on Sunday, May 26th 2019.

Her funeral was held at Le Pine Eltham on the 3rd June 2019.



Ros Camera provided this tribute from all members of the Eltham Bowling Club.

Joyce had a very notable participation and contribution to our club. She was honoured with Life Membership in 1999. Joyce and her husband, Cyd, were members in the very early days when the club had just started.

She took on nearly all the committee roles between years 1984 and 2008, including President of the Women's Section and a director on the Board.

She was certainly a very good bowler and won many championships. Winning the Women's Pairs 4 times, and Women's Triples once. Joyce achieved a magnificent record of 500 Tuesday Pennant Games. She was in Pennant Flag winning teams 4 times.

Joyce also received an Australian Queens Sports Medal Award.

She put in endless hours, over many years tending the garden, especially the roses. She always had plenty of energy and kept busy and fit. Joyce was a member who steered the club along the successful path we are on today.

Farewell to Joyce a well-respected member, from all at Eltham Bowling Club.

1998/1999 Tuesday Pennant Division B1 Section Winners



Back L-R: Lorraine Robertson, Lexie McVeigh, Pat Rose, June Baker, Ros Camera (nee Meyer), Marj Baussman, Veronica Merio, Barbara Simpson, June Campbell, Lorraine Pulham, Sydney Finney

Front L-R: Margaret Bailey, Peg Macklin, **Joyce Vine**, Glennis Page, Win Marshall, Teresa Dall'amico, Roma Trotman

The Bowls Show

Back on Sundays on SBS. Next Sunday at 5 o'clock.

Or catch up on past episodes at <https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/program/the-bowls-show>. You may need your tech-savvy friend or offspring to set up an account.

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/>

Catching Up with old friends:



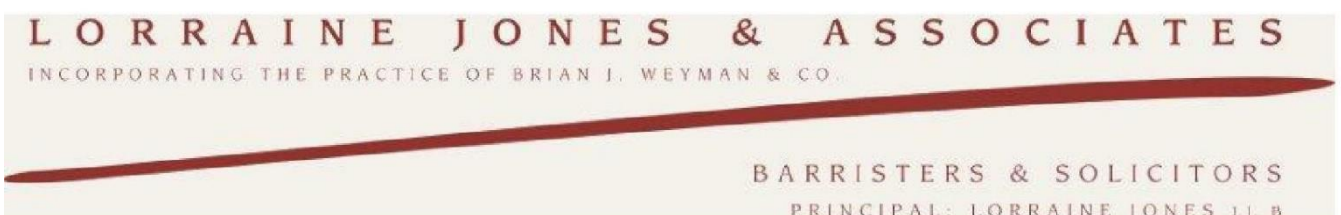
As part of a 2 week holiday in New Zealand recently, we decided to start off in Christchurch to catch up with some old friends and past EBC members, **Leo** and **Nyra Crimmins**.

Many current members would remember Leo and Nyra who moved from Christchurch to Eltham for about 5 years before returning “home” in 2014. They are both well and enjoying retirement in Christchurch again. Leo still bowls a bit and also joins a bowls club walking group every week. Nyra no longer bowls but has joined two mahjong playing groups and plays at least twice each week. They have a nice little home in an outer suburb and are both very keen gardeners.

They asked us to pass on their regards to all their old friends at the club and hope to come back for a visit in the near future.

We had a great time over four days in Christchurch and thank Leo and Nyra for looking after us so well and hope to return the favours over here soon.

Frank and Ros Camera



Wednesday Social Bowls Photos

Ring between 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday or put your name on the lists on the noticeboards.

From left to right

Newer member Kaye Pepyat

Barb Woodward

Betsy King

Wendy Lyons

Regular visitor from Heidelberg
Golf, Ann Nicholson

Out of shot on the right,
Elaine Shaw



Regular Visitor from the North
Diamond Creek's Don Turner
and his lift, Sharon

Editor's Note

Please email any suggestions for layout and content to 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.



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Joke of the Month

From a Sassenach

Jamie McDougall was a poor labourer from Glasgow. One day, he was surprised to get a letter from doctor in America. The doctor attended Jamie's distant relative, steel mogul, Samuel McDougall. SM had an unusual blood disorder and required regular injections of blood products derived from compatible relatives.

As luck would have it, Jamie's blood was worth bottling and off it went to America. Back came a cheque for \$ 100k. Jamie sped over the glens with his newly attracted female neighbour. Six months later, more blood was sent off. Back came \$120k and a new Mustang. Jamie put down a deposit on a wee mansion. Six later, more blood was dispatched and back came...nothing!!!!

Jamie was ropeable. After an hour on the phone, he eventually got through to SM. "What are you up to? You sent money. You sent me cars! Now nothing!"

After a long pause, SM replied "Och aye but Ah hae scottish bluid noo."

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