



# ***ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB***

***Newsletter – March 2019***   ***Editor: Steve Veitch***



## ***President's Report***

At the time of writing this, Pennant season 2018-19 has one week to go plus hopefully finals for one or more teams, dependant on the last round. So good luck to those teams and well done to all players for their participation and effort during a tough season for many.

Now on to more serious matters. Our Club is run by members who by volunteering their time and talents make it possible for members to bowl and enjoy the club facilities. Almost every able-bodied member makes some contribution.

You should be aware that our Annual General Meeting (AGM), in early May all of these many roles become vacant, and the Club will again be depending on members volunteering to fill the vacancies, so the action can continue on the green.

This year will see an unusually large number of key roles becoming vacant as the current office holders have decided to take a break or participate in a different manner.

The Club will be seeking a President, Vice President, Secretary, Greens' Director, new Selectors, Bar Committee members and almost certainly a number of other positions.

If you are even a little bit interested, talk to the person currently doing the role to find out what is involved. As Meryl did (see later article), you may find you have a skill set and talent that is just waiting for an opportunity to shine.

Regards,

Carol

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## Dates For Diary

<i>Wednesday Social Bowls</i> .....	<i>Each Wednesday, 10:30</i>
<i>Friday Twilight Bowls</i> .....	<i>Each Friday, 18:00</i>
<i>Labour Day Event</i> .....	<i>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Mixed Fours All rounds &amp; Final</i> .....	<i>Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Men's and Women's Triples Final</i> .....	<i>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Entries - Presidents &amp; Vice Presidents Mixed Singles</i> .....	<i>close on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March</i>
<i>Mixed Pairs All rounds &amp; Final</i> .....	<i>Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30 a.m.</i>

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## **ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB- SECRETARY'S ROLE**

### **as at 2018/2019**

The AGM is not that far away, and this means a new committee is needed. After 7 years and hopefully a potential move, I feel it is time for me to step down from the role of Secretary and so the Club will be looking for a new Secretary as we cannot operate (constitutionally) without one.

Therefore, it was felt that the Newsletter was a good forum to outline, what this role is and the actual requirements of this role, as some may believe that all duties they see currently perform at and for the Club, are due to my role of Secretary, when they are not. In actual fact typically I largely do my secretarial duties from the comfort of my own home, mostly to my own timetable, with the use of a computer.

There are four functions that have to be done annually and require a timetable to be followed:

- 1/ Issuing the renewal notices out to members
- 2/ Running of the AGM – timing the nomination forms and notification to club members within the required timeframe, ensuring the Annual Report is prepared and distributed and actioning the setup of the actual AGM, with all this entails.
- 3/ Sending an Annual report to Consumer Affairs Victoria following the AGM.
- 4/ Re- subscribing each member individually with Bowls Victoria, once our members have renewed their membership.

All of the above is done electronically and out of the main Pennant bowling period.

Many of the other duties listed in the Constitution, are and can be done with the assistance of others and of course I would be around for consultation.

I have enjoyed doing this work which has been a surprise to me as most of it is administrative and I am not a particularly administrative type of person. I have appreciated the greater insight it has given me into our club and it's the achievements and Bowls Victoria operations to some degree.

I would also love to have a conversation with anyone, regarding this or other Committees.

by Meryl Spargo- Secretary -EBC

*Virgel Dimovski weeding the surrounds of the grass green, seems to be his favoured work-site.*



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It's on again this year-

## THE FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Entry Fee \$25 for the season.

Entries to be in and PAID for by **March 21<sup>st</sup> 2019.**

Please put your name on the entry list on the Notice Board.

As per last year, weekly tips are due on Thursday night between 4pm and 6pm at the Clubhouse.

Happy Hour will be the last Thursday of the month between 4.45pm and 5.45pm. Discount beverages and snacks will be the feature of Happy Hour.

Test your skill and be in the running for your share of the prize money.

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## ***The Final Tuesday Selection Committee Report.***

Another season has come and gone. It just seems like yesterday that the committee had returned from surviving another Melbourne winter and were organising practice matches and seeing who was available for the next season.

The season seems to just fly after the Christmas break.

Unfortunately, none of our sides made finals this year a little disappointing but the **number one side** nearly got there but stumbled in the last game.

The **second side** were in contention but with a very tough run home and a few players being unavailable meant they just missed out.

The **third side** had a tough year but will appreciate playing in division three next year.

The **fourth side** had a really good finish to the year and nearly avoided relegation only to miss by shots down.

The **fifth side** was our development squad for this season. A lot of new bowlers mixed with some our experienced members they had an enjoyable year of learning.

On behalf Tuesday Selection Committee, we would like to thank everybody you helped make the Tuesday a successful season.

Starting with greens committee for the rolling of the grass green and the blowing of the synthetic green. The Duties team who set everything for the morning tea, lunch and cleaning up after lunch. Setting up the greens, putting up the flags and cleaning up at end of the day. Also the gate duty people. All the players who helped behind the bar on Tuesday's.

We also would like to thank all the ladies that put on the lovely spreads at the start and at the end of season.

The side managers for all the teams for making sure the team sheets, scoring cards and tick cards were written up for the game and collected and returned to us to make our job easier.

The greens director and umpires on game day.

A special thank you to all the emergencies who filled in at very short notice. Without you we would have had to forfeit or play short on a number of occasions.

Finally to all the players who committed to playing this year. Maybe we did not have the success on the green we would have hoped for but you all fronted up every week and travelled to far away clubs and played in some very trying conditions with no complaining.

I hope you have all enjoyed season and you will all back next season.

*To everyone thank you.*

*Mid-Week Match Committee*

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## **Swap and Sell –**

Please email [stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au) with your items that you want to offer to your colleagues.

Old or new Eltham Bowls Club hatbands wanted. \$10 or negotiable. Please contact Steve Veitch 0487 588 912.

## **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.

More content was submitted by Peter "The Bard" Toovey and Frank Camera. Thanks again Guys.

In my previous thanks, I omitted to thank the President who kicks off all newsletters. Many thanks, Carol.



## ***Lisa Successful at Champion of Champions - Round 1***

Photos and report by Frank Camera



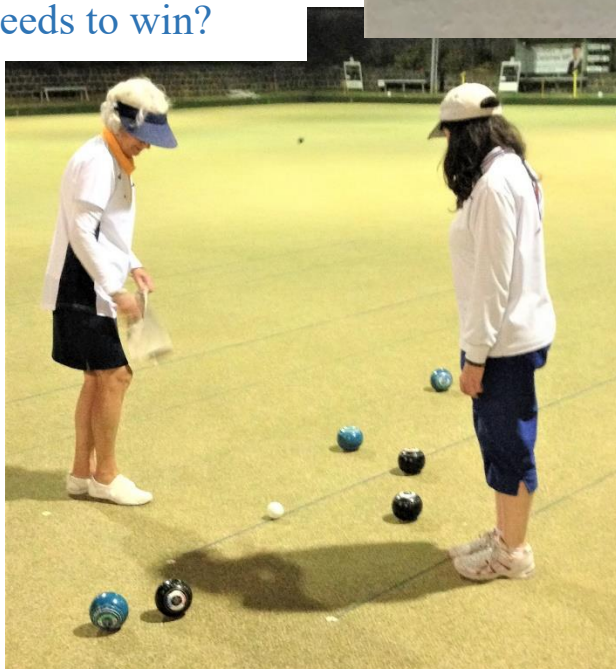
**Rosanna on Wednesday  
night, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb  
against Auburn's Club  
Champion**

**Lisa Bartolo lining up  
a bowl in an early end**

**Another  
good bowl  
heading up  
the green**



**Last end and has  
Lisa got the two shots  
she needs to win?**



**All over  
and Lisa  
has won  
25 - 11**





## ***Finals of the Men's and Women's Pairs***

On a clear and sunny Sunday on the 17th of February we had the finals of the Men's and Women's Pairs.

### ***Women's Pairs Final***

In the Women' final we had the experienced pairing of two former club singles champions in **Bev Sharp** and **Vicki Williams** against two of the new kids on the block **Helen Smith** and **Jayne Krizek**.

The first set was very one sided with Helen and Jayne obviously suffering from finals nerves. The second set was a completely different story with Helen and Jayne jumping out of the blocks and not giving Bev and Vicki a look in.

A three-end playoff to decide the winner. After two ends, Helen and Jayne were three shots up. On the final end, Helen was holding game but Vicki and Bev had three seconds. Bev steps up to the mat and plays a weighted shot to hit Helen's bowl out, **all level**.

**One extra end.** A really tight head but Helen and Jayne are holding one. Bev has last bowl again; she attempts to draw into the head; she is narrow but manages to flick Vicki's bowl into the head and it is now down to a measure. Bev and Vicki win the measure by a couple of centimetres.

**Congratulations to Bev and Vicki and commiserations to Helen and Jayne.** A very exciting game and the two new kids on the block should be proud of their achievement to get to the final and nearly pull it off against two of our top Women's players.

### ***Men's Pairs Final***

The Men's Final was between the experienced pairing of **Joe Bartolo** and **Ron Stafford** up against two of the new members **Shane Waddingham** and **David Neal**.

It was close early but Shane and David started to get on top of Joe and Ron and it looked like it was going to be an early finish. At 14 ends, the score was 15/6 and the crowd was starting to get ready to leave to beat the traffic. But suddenly Ron and Joe started to pick some numbers up and after 17 ends, the score was 12/15. Joe with his first bowl drew a resting toucher and it looked like they might pinch it. But Shane and David managed to get a couple of seconds to snuff out Joe and Ron's chances.

**Congratulations to Shane and David and commiserations to Joe and Ron;** a really exciting final in the end.



## ***Men's and Women's Triples Commencing***

The draws for Men's and Women's Triples have just been completed and the first round has just begun.

*Peter Toovey*

## ***Jazz by the Green Sub Committee***



The Monthly Jazz gigs at the club house continue to be extremely successful.

The Bands featured are popular and of great standing, which is the excellent management of John Crichton and the U3A Jazz group.

The last gig, Sunday afternoon 17th February was our 23rd event.

Seating for 136 people has been booked out each month. Tickets are sold out within 15 minutes, and those on a waiting list usually don't miss out.

The benefit to the club is funds raised through hall hire, bar sales and an equal share of total proceeds.

We thank the volunteers who have pitched in to make the organising run smoothly.

Volunteers in the bar are always very important and very much appreciated.

Many thanks to the ladies who have assisted with the preparation of light snacks on trays making it a quick and easy job.

The team of people who rearrange the tables and chairs before and after the event do a fast and much appreciated task.

We are very grateful for the help with the cleaning up and washing tablecloths etc.

Bands have been booked in up until June and arrangements for the remainder of the year are in progress.

*Ros Camera  
Convenor*

## Night Pennant Season Report

*By Paul Hickey, Night Pennant Convener*

Although we were struggling to field a team again this season, we managed to get the numbers required 1 week before the first game.

At the end of the home and away rounds we finished with 5 wins and 5 losses. This put us in 5th position on the ladder which enabled us to play finals for the Division 2 section.

When we counted the votes from the home and away games, Joe Bartolo was declared the winner of the Night Pennant award.

From there we played the 2nd semi-final which we won by 19 shots. This put us straight into the Final.

The **Final** was not as tough as we expected, all players played great games to ensure we ran out easy **winners by 43 shots on the night**.

The support we got from our fellow club mates was fantastic which I'm sure gave all our players an extra boost.



Left to right - Paul Hickey, Joe Bartolo, Luke Roach, Lisa Bartolo, Crystal Bo, Michelle Dalton.  
Shane Waddingham, Helen Smith, Jimmy Miles, Steve Spargo. Rina Baker, John  
Baker, Brent Blackwell and Tim Smith.  
Absent - Jim Yarwood

## Night Pennant Season Report continued



### Note from Meryl

The spectators and players were “treated” to an extra sight in that a neighbouring cat kept going onto the green whilst the games were in progress. The cat appeared to be completely at home and for an encore walked onto the green with a mouse in her/his mouth. She/he kept letting the mouse go to play with it. The cat had to be picked up by a player and ceremonially removed from the green.



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## ***Caught Around The Club***

Men's Over 65's Open Singles Final

Bruce Goodman v, Ernie Richards



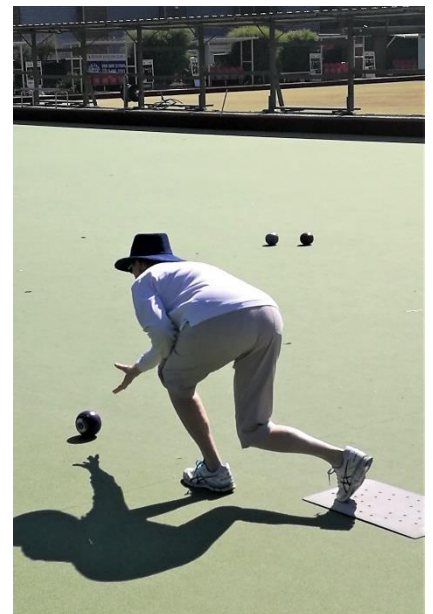
Even at 10 all, Ernie stormed home to win 21-13.

Thanks to Bruce for the info.





Classic deliveries from Meryl Spargo and Roslyn Camera while their respective Championship Pairs partners, Crystal Bo and Jenny Millar look on.



*Women's Pairs Semi-Final – Helen Smith and Jayne Krizek, versus Wendy Lyons and Cath Andrew. All appear happy with their work so far.*



After a closer start, Helen and Jayne got up for the win.





Last chance to see Don White at Pennant ??

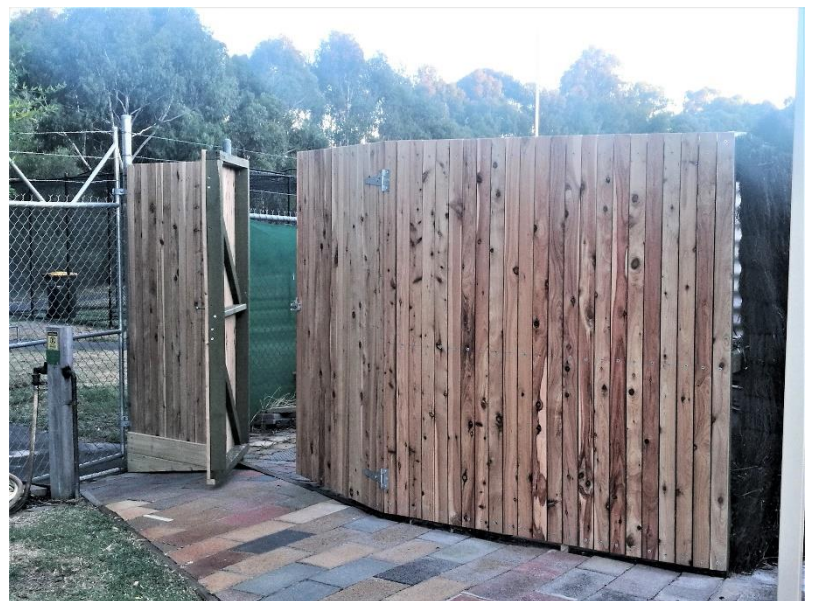
Or will he push past 700 games, next season?

Also closing on 700, are Roslyn Camera and George Rizzi.

See at [club site](#)



Another Bill Lee production for the Eltham Bowling Club





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## ***Swap and Sell – Nothing this month***

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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.





