President's Report

Another month has come and gone. The new shelters are nearing completion and they are looking terrific. Bill Lee and his band of merry helpers have done a wonderful job. The grass green is coming along well.

The Saturday pennant season has come to an abrupt end but not before four of our five sides made the finals. In a wonderful achievement, all four sides won their Saturday final guaranteeing promotion. On the Sunday the third side were again successful, defeating Lalor to win the sectional flag. A hearty congratulations to them on a job well done. The fourth side lost after an extra end, the second side just failed to get over the line and fifth side were competitive all day. Unfortunately the third side were not able to continue on and play for the divisional flag as games were cancelled. I think they would have gone very close to winning the division and share their disappointment.

The Midweek pennant had a mixed year. The number one finished fifth, the second, third side and fifth side finished mid table but unfortunately the fourth side will be relegated.

The Board would like to thank all the players who represented the club in pennant this year. Many of you travelled to faraway places with no complaints. Well done to all of you.

The Night Pennant team had a successful year. They finished fourth in the top half of the draw but ran into a very strong Bundoora Gold in the first semi-final.

The board met last week. The following items were presented and will be given further consideration; placing solar panels on the centre shelters, new grab rails on both greens, putting synthetic grass in the ditches on the grass green, replacing seating on eastern side of synthetic green, nominations for life membership, electric hand dryers in toilets, upcoming events i.e. AGM and presentation night and happy hour on Thursday night Footy Tipping competition.

The board has decided to close the Eltham Bowling Club and has cancelled all upcoming activities. This is a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and in consideration of the Australian and Victorian Governments recommendations for public gatherings and other policies which are evolving daily.

This closure will affect all social bowls including Wednesday's, Saturday, Friday night bowls and Championship games. Footy tipping is obviously postponed and the bar on Thursday night will be closed until further notice. At this stage the Presentation Night is also cancelled. The AGM in May will also be deferred. Any member wishing to go down for a roll is welcome but is asked to comply with the current Government recommendations of social distancing.

The board takes this decision very seriously. Our demographics are in the high-risk area for this virus and we all want to get through these worrying times by staying safe.

President Peter

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Dates For Diary

From 22nd of March, the Eltham Bowling Club is closed and all upcoming activities are cancelled, including Footy Tipping, Twilight, Social, Competition and Special Events.

The girls after all 5 teams won on the Saturday, 29 February, Round 17.



Photo from Frank Camera.

Glenn Hudson reckoned that Peter was really very happy to call "free drinks" despite giving the impression it was hurting.



ELTHAM 3 – Champions, Division 5, Section 3, Weekend (Division 4 next year)

Photo from Gareth Toovey after the GF win on Sunday



In the back row, left to right, Wayne Wilson, Glenn Hudson, John Sharp, Grant Dinsmore, Gareth Toovey, Greg Lambert, John Warden, Adam Ryan.

In the front row, left to right, Rina Baker, Pamela Flett, Bev Sharp, David Hosking, Bob Harris, Helen Smith, Lisa Bartolo, Treenah Wadham.



ELTHAM 2, Runner-Up, Division 3, Section 3 (Div 2 next year)



Photo by Graeme Lewis on the Sunday of the GF

In the back row, left to right, Frank Camera, David Neal, Steven Spargo, James Miles, Jim Yarwood, Brent Arnott, Ron Stafford.

In the front row, left to right, Wayne Harvey, Rick Allen, Bruce Irvine, Noel Spargo, Graeme Lewis, Neville Pawley, Vicki Williams, Sue Arnott, Ros Camera.





ELTHAM 4, Runner-Up, Division 6, Section 3 (Div 5 next year)

Photo from the Toovey's after winning the Semi-final on Sunday



In the back row, left to right, David Gillespie, Caleb Kriders, John Elliott, Dennis Woodward, Brent Blackwell, Bill Lumsden, Tim Smith, Bob Wade, Jan McDermot, Kaye Pepyat, Chris Toovey, Elaine Shaw.

In the front row, left to right, Wendy Lyons, Jayne Krizek, Barbara Woodward, Jenny Millar, Maureen Luke.





ELTHAM 5, Runner-Up, Division 7, Section 4 (Div 6 next year)

The Grand Final team on Sunday was -

Jan Tindale, Cath Andrew, Archie Shaw, Bob Cairns Ted Minogue, Laurie Alvaro, Virgel Dimovski, Don White Mark Delaney, Kaye Taylor, Ken Stanley, Ken McGuire Murray Stanley, Deb Farrar, Betsy King, Bruce Hill



On Saturday, the 5th side returned to the lightning quick Yarra Junction green to knock off the minor premiers, Yarra Junction.

Unfortunately they went down next day to the lateseason form side, Chadstone.



Championship Event: Men's & Women's Triples Final

The Men's and Women's Final was played on Sunday March 8th,

The Men's Final was won by Joe Bartolo, Wayne Byrne, and Nev Pawley (I-r).

Runners ups were, Shane Waddingham, JimYarwood and Robbie Proudfoot.





The Women's Final was won by Di Debney, Jenny Millar and Ros Camera.

Runners ups were, Helen Smith, Debbie Code and Vicki Williams.

Congratulations to all those members who competed in this event. A special thanks to David Hosking who rolled the grass rink on many occasions during this competition.

Match Committee

LAST DAY OF MIDWEEK PENNANT

Waiting for the Teams to return with old friends, Harry O (left) and Les Engblom (right)



The Before picture



Yarra Region Championships

Words by Roslyn Camera, photos by Ros and Helen Smith

The number of members who entered the Yarra Regional Championships was outstanding this year.

Six Women and 13 Men played in 13 different events. It's is a great experience to play against some of the best bowlers from clubs in the area.

The highlight was the Women's Fours team winning the Final.

The team was looking forward to the State Championships Week in Bendigo in April but it has now been postponed.

What a good time we had together, the games were close and we pulled it off to great elation.

Congratulations on a fantastic achievement.

Players;

Lead Lisa Bartolo, (Pam Flett substituted for Round 1),

Second Helen Smith,

Third Debbie Code,

Skip Ros Camera.



Yarra Region Women's Fours Champions
Winners 2019-2020





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Yarra Region Championship continued

A second highlight was the Women's Triples team, being runners up in the Final. Again, very pleased with ourselves. Congratulations for a wonderful effort.

Players;

Lead Lisa Bartolo, (Debbie Code substituted for Round 1),

Second Helen Smith,

Skip Ros Camera.



Yarra Region Women's Triples Champions Runners Up 2019 – 2020

Third highlight came when Debbie Code and Ros Camera were invited to try out for the Yarra Region Women's Side. This is a Side of 12 players to play in the Regional Sides Championships in Shepparton.

Congratulations to Deb and Ros for getting the recognition of their ability to play at this level.

Ros was selected and would have been playing 3rd, but of course this event has been cancelled.



WEEKEND PENNANT – Summary

As convenor of the Weekend Selection Committee I congratulate all players for achieving a very outstanding result for the season.

The 1st Side maybe disappointed but their position changed significantly from 10th up to 4th finishing 8th avoiding relegation was the goal in the last rounds.

It was an absolutely euphoric occasion when the four Sides in the semi-finals all won their games and attained promotion.

The 3rd Side had an outstanding season holding 2nd position all through, with the BIG highlight of winning the Grand Final Pennant and going into the Divisional Quarter Finals. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has put a hold on that.

In recognition of the members of the Selection Committee, Helen, Glenn, Peter and Greg, you have my praise for getting through all those difficult decisions, being open to criticism, working as a unified group which has contributed to a sensational overall result for the club.

Ros Camera

Weekend Pennant Committee

NEW SPONSOR -

THE MAIN CAFE BAR RESTAURANT



RAFFLE WINNERS 2020

From Jim Yarwood

John Baker 1st prize \$500 Tyres from Tyrepower





Maureen Luke 2nd \$200 Doncaster Sporting Gear







And last winner of the **\$80 Members' Draw** was **Archie Shaw**.

BILL'S SHED BEING COMPLETED

After starting only a month earlier with the excavation of the post holes, the new shelter is coming to completion. While preferring to work alone (and hard), Bill was unavoidably helped out by keen volunteers. Some of them are shown below.



EBC Newsletter - March 2020

ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB 2020 FORTY/40 COMPETITION

Another successful competition of Forty/40, has been completed at the Eltham Bowling Club.

Unfortunately, this year's competition has been very challenging with participants having to contend with a heat-out, rain and finally the last two rounds having to be cancelled on account of COVID-19.

The Forty/40 competition was played on Friday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.30pm during February and March. There were 12 teams participating again this year with three of these being new to the competition.

The competition was divided into two sections. Both sections consisted of 6 teams who were to play each other with a final to be contested on the 6th week. However, due to the cancellation, this year winners and runners-up were decided on positions on the ladder at the time of cancellation.

In an endeavour to keep the competition as even as possible a number of the teams are handicapped with this handicap being revised after three weeks of competition.

What is Forty/40?

The Forty/40 format is 2 bowl triples played over 12 ends (2 x 6 end halves). Each takes approximately forty minutes to play, thus Forty/40. Each player rotates position after every 2 ends. The mat is always placed on the 2mT and the winner of each end decides on the length by placing the jack on the centre line.

The game is designed for members of the community who have no or limited bowling experience. It's fun, fast, social and competitive. Participants seem to enjoy it as a large number have been playing for a number of years.

The committee would like to thank the people who manned the bar during this competition particularly Pam Flett and John Sharp as well as Ros Camera and Neville Pawley who helped on the green.

Forty/40 Committee

Maureen Luke, Riekki Sloggett, Cliff Sloggett, Bob Harris, John Elliott

Situations vacant

Wolf required to help with annual pig cull, sound set of lungs essential, small good wolves need not apply

(After demise of Joan of Arc) Martyr required, must have own horse, non-smoker preferred

(After demise of the old woman who lived in the shoe) Wanted person who doesn't know what to do. Excellent maternity benefits

The Club On-Line

Visit us and like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/elthambowlingclub.
The club's website is https://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.

Word for the day (bulk order)

Suggestive - a sexy biscuit

Fibre-optics - the healthy alternative to eye candy

Potpourri – (French) "this flower is dead"

Meander - I and she

Beatitude – the pose adopted by bee prior to pollination

Loofer - an outdoor toilet

Acolyte - easy listening clarinet music

Vermeer - Flemish painter of floorboards

Disappear - to insult a lord

Fragrant - a sweet smelling tramp

Fondue - an affectionate sheep

Coco bean - an ex-clown

Unction - no effing use

