



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

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



President's Report

On behalf of myself and the board I would like to welcome all our members to the 2019/20 season of bowls at the Eltham Bowling Club.

There has been a number of changes on the board this year. First I would like to thank Meryl Spargo for the wonderful job she has done over the last seven years as secretary. Our new secretary Helen Smith will continue the excellent work with Meryl as assistant secretary to help with transition.

To our President Carol. A job well done leading the club through some interesting times for over two years. Always approachable, you consistently made every effort to resolve issues to everyone's satisfaction. Your guidance this year as Past President will be greatly appreciated.

Also leaving the board is our Vice President Brent. Brent was a great support to Carol. His knowledge, expertise, and attention to detail will be hard to follow. In particular, your involvement in the new synthetic green, new green keeper and installation of solar panel has been very much appreciated.

To Carol, Brent, Meryl and also Rick and Pam who decided to stand down; On behalf of the new Board and All Club Members, thank you for such a wonderful job over your time on the board.

As you can see that the Board has gone through some major changes with a wealth of experience leaving. Your incoming board members look forward to the challenges ahead and aim to continue their excellent work.

New appointments are:

Club secretary- Helen Smith has settled into the job quickly and is confident she can continue the excellent job that Meryl did.

Vice President- Jim Yarwood. Jimmy is back on the board after a few years and is raring to go.

President's Report Continued

Other New Board members for this year;

Ros Camera-former President and board member brings a wealth of experience.

Treenah Wadham has nominated for one of the vacancies and her input will be welcomed

Returning Board Members-David Hosking and Glen Hudson bring expertises in there different fields will be a great benefit to the board and the club.

To all you club members who have nominated for varying Committee positions I would like to thank you for giving up your time and energy to help the club.

There are still a number of different Committee positions available, so if you are able to help it would be appreciated. Contact Helen or myself for details.

Though some of us are new to our roles on the Board of the EBC, we also have some very experienced and knowledgeable board members making for an easy transition.

A couple things happening around the club at the moment. The board has approved the installation of solar panels on the roof. This should happen over the next couple of weeks. The council is still working through the repair of the paving behind the synthetic green hopefully it will be replaced before the new season. The wire fence will be repaired and a couple of little concerns with the synthetic green will be dealt with by Tiger Turf. The Bar Committee is planning to make some alterations within the bar area. We will keep you informed on that progress.

I am looking forward to catching up with everyone in the coming weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact myself or other board members should you have any issues.

Peter Toovey.

President

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PENNANT TEAMS

Please see the notices on the noticeboard and fill in whether you are available for Pennant.

The Pennant Committees need you to do this by the end of May.

This is needed to determine the number of sides that we will field next season.

Dates For Diary

Wednesday Winter Social Bowls Each Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday Winter Social Bowls..... Each Saturday, 12:30 p.m.

Last Day of Summer Social Bowls

Wednesday, 1st of May, was the last day of Summer Social Bowls.



Convenor of the Summer Social Bowls, **Bruce Goodman**, congratulates **Social Bowler of the Year, Virgel Dimovski**.

Virgel is wearing his medallion.

Runner-Up, **Paul LaMotte**, wasn't present on the day.

Medallions were presented by **Cath Andrew** seen here congratulating **Gary Battershell** for his third place.

As well as Bruce and Cath, Jayne Krizek and Rob Harris (both not pictured) complete the Wednesday organising committee.





2019 AGM Report

By retiring Secretary, Meryl Spargo

The club AGM was held on 4th May 2019 and was attended by 52 members which was a good attendance and more than provided a good number of members to satisfy the requirements of having a quorum for a general meeting. Also good to see a number of our newer members taking an interest in the “business” side of our club by attending the AGM.

Annual reports were tabled (emailed out to all members in the week before the AGM) and accepted by the attendees.

Elected positions were announced and some vacancies were “filled” during the meeting and have been since the AGM.

Thanks go to all those members who are giving their time and energy (many repeat nominees) to go on the various committees at our club - a real “team effort”. There are lot of committees/portfolios at our club and this all helps to “spread the load” and provide a sense of belonging and fellowship. To me they are all signs of a successful club.

There is a list of all the elected committees’ positions on the main notice board at the club and the list of convenors will be added after the next Board Meeting.

If there are any vacancies that you would willing to “fill” please contact Helen Smith (Secretary) on 0408 596 917 or Peter Toovey (President) 0449 140 349.

AGM Report continued

As the “outgoing” Secretary of the club, I would like to thank the 3 past Presidents, Board Members and committees for their support in this role and to Helen Smith for taking on this role now and I am sure that you will all provide the same support to Helen in this undertaking.

Meryl Spargo (Secretary- EBC- 2012-19)

Trophies not awarded on Presentation Night were then given out

Over-65's Mixed Single Champion, **Ernie Richards** regards his name on the Shield. Hugh Robertson chips in with a smile.

Robbie Proudfoot holds up his trophy for Men's Triples.



Roslyn Camera was presented with two shields for Women's Triples and Women's Century Handicap.



Presentation Day, Saturday 27th April

Photos by Meryl Spargo

After an afternoon of bowling, there was an evening meal and presentation of awards. See page 11 for a complete listing of championship winners.



John Warden receives Mixed Singles trophy from Sue Arnott.

Hugh Robertson holding his award for Runner Up Men's Singles.



David Hosking and his President's Trophy and the President.

Vicki Williams, Women's Pairs and Mixed Triples, receives one of her trophies from the outgoing President, Carol Schilling-Collins.



Helen Smith,
Novice Singles
winner.



Women's
Singles winner,
Lisa Bartolo on
the right and
Runner Up,
Pam Flett



David Neal,
Men's Pairs
winner with
Shane W.



Freshly-minted
Vice President,
Jim Yarwood,
and his Men's
Triple award



Mixed Pairs winners, Lisa and Joe Bartolo.



Mixed Triples winners, Vicki Williams and David Hosking. Peter Toovey absent.



Neville Jenkin and his Vice-President's Trophy.



Joe Bartolo receives his Harry 'O' medallion from the man himself.



David Hosking, Jan Tindale and Brent Arnott (l-r), Mixed Fours winners. Crystal Bo absent.



Di Debney and Jenny Millar, Women's Triples winners. Roslyn Camera absent.



Joe Bartolo rounds off the evening's proceedings with his Night Pennant Most Consistent Player award.



Elaine Shaw, Jan Tindale and Jan McDermott of the Catering Committee take a breather.



Season – 2018/2019 TROPHY WINNERS and RUNNERS UP

Note trophies were only presented to the runners-up for the Men's and Women's Singles.

MEN'S

Singles	Peter Toovey	Runner up	Hugh Robertson
Pairs	Shane Waddingham, David Neal	Runner up	Ron Stafford, Joe Bartolo
Triples	Shane Waddingham, Jim Yarwood and Robbie Proudfoot		
	Runner up	Hugh Robertson, Eric Butcher, Brent Arnott, (Rick Allen)	
Century Handicap	Brent Arnott	Runner up	Ernie Richards

WOMEN'S

Singles	Lisa Bartolo	Runner up	Pam Flett
Pairs	Bev Sharp, Vicki Williams	Runner up	Helen Smith, Jayne Krizek
Triples	Ros Camera, Di Debney, Jenny Millar		
	Runner up	Carol Schilling-Collins, Sue Arnott, (Rina Baker), Cath Andrew	
Century Handicap	Ros Camera	Runner up	Sue Arnott

MIXED

Singles	John Warden	Runner up	Wayne Harvey
Pairs	Lisa and Joe Bartolo	Runner up	Crystal Bo and Shane Waddingham
Novice Singles	Helen Smith	Runner up	Luke Roche
Triples	Peter Toovey, Vicki Williams, David Hosking		
	Runner up	Shane Waddingham, Crystal Bo, Jim Yarwood	
Over 65's	Ernie Richards	Runner up	Bruce Goodman
President's Trophy	David Hosking	Runner up	Glen Hudson
Vice President's Trophy	Neville Jenkin	Runner up	John Elliott
Fours	Brent Arnott, David Hosking, Crystal Bo, Jan Tindale		
Harry 'O' Award	Joe Bartolo, Neville Pawley, Scott Jarred		
Night Pennant Most Consistent Player	Joe Bartolo		

Catering Committee

What the catering committee duties are, and why you would want to join this committee.

You have to enjoy cooking and entertaining.

We have four events a year, two major meals and two afternoon teas.

The main event we cater for, is the Christmas dinner, we buy, cook and make everything ourselves and it is a special meal. We also enjoy setting up and decorating the tables.

Joining in with special events and fund raising, it is a great social event for the club.

I feel we need to keep these events going.

This coming year, the four of us, Elaine, Wendy, JanT and myself, decided to go on the catering committee one last year. We are all getting older and these nights are very tiring on the body.

However we all enjoy catering for these events and we hope you will all support us in the coming year.

Jan McDermott.

Dave Cripps photobombs the Committee at Christmas.

From the left, Wendy Lyons, Elaine Shaw, Jan McDermott and Jan Tindale.



Greens Report

By Phil, Our Greenskeeper

After the end of pennant and with a good late flush of growth, we have had a good result in all areas that were sprigged and seeded.

Couple of spots in front of clubhouse have covered in well and we had a month or so of growth that without the constant cutting and rolling that happens during the season, gave the green a good break. Added fertiliser applications and hand watering improved it quicker than it had over the previous few months

The last 2 weeks March were of the subtropical temperature with warm and humid nights that are ideal growing conditions and I noticed accelerated growth

Not having to play over spots on green will give it a great chance to grow not under stress or playing conditions

Areas that have been constantly top dressed throughout the season have responded well.

Good pace was kept in green during season and constantly monitored after each game.

Many hours of handwatering was done to keep exact areas of green watered instead of full soaking of green.

In the last month and while grass is still growing before dormancy hits, a higher fertiliser program has been introduced to maximise last of the growth period as well as dressing of areas.

I was glad to hear a lot of positive feedback from members and bowlers over the season after games and during when I have called in and also watched some games.

I have learnt over the years of being a Greenkeeper (30 to be exact) that you are not going to please everyone whilst you try too. That is just life but I always keep a positive mind set and not let negativity get to me

It was 2 years ago when I started the green was riddled with disease had a massive couch mite problem and multiple disease scars all over the green, We have come a long way from then and a lot of that is not visual, has improved out of sight

Here's looking to few weeks more good growth and good start to next season.

Phil Grant

Grant's Turf



Greens Director's Report

By Steve Veitch

As outlined in Phil's report on the previous page, we expect to have six good grass rinks available next season.

It is a pleasure to work with a Greenskeeper such as Phil, who knows his stuff, is generous with his time and is easy to talk to.

The retiring Greens Director, Noel Spargo, put in a trojan effort but more of that in later newsletters.

Greens Committee

The Greens Committee members are currently David Hosking (Convenor), Greg Lambert, Bill Lee and Steve Veitch. We have two vacant positions if you are interested in joining us.

Synthetic Green

We will be bowling East-West for a few months to even up wear. We will be moving the centrelines regularly to again even up wear. We will usually set up six rinks. Seven rinks will fit on the green, but the proximity of the side-ditch may be a concern for those with wide bowls e.g. ABT2000's.

TigerTurf were back to lift the southern edge and patch the edge; plus some loose threads etc. Again organised by Brent Arnott. Thank you, Brent.

Hurrah for the Board

It seems that the Board has been constrained by modesty. Present and past Board members have put aside money to allow for the timely replacement of the green. They acquired with help of other members, a splendid new surface. Unlike in many other clubs, it wasn't a drama for us general members. It makes you proud to be a member.

Grass Green

Four of the taller members, Scott Jarrad, Adam Ryan, John Warden and Dave Neal, lifted off the roofs of the northern shelters to minimise shading of the green. Thanks Gents.

On the next page, there are some photos showing how the green has come on especially since the end of pennant,

The lighter green patches sporadically throughout the turf are the dreaded Poa grass. This had developed resistance to the spray that was being used prior to Phil's advent. His new spray kills this readily. He is holding off spraying as this would also knock back the bent grass to some extent.

The lighter green grass that was seeded on the eastern bare patches, is Bent grass. This breaks up the compacted soil and enables the couch grass runners to more easily penetrate. The couch will eventually displace the Bent for a uniform coverage. Unlike couch, the Bent continues to grow throughout winter. The Bent in front of the workshop has dried out the swampy area and displaced the moss.

Rolling and Blowing Roster

We will again need the help of members in Spring to roll the grass and blow the Synthetic. Talk to you then.

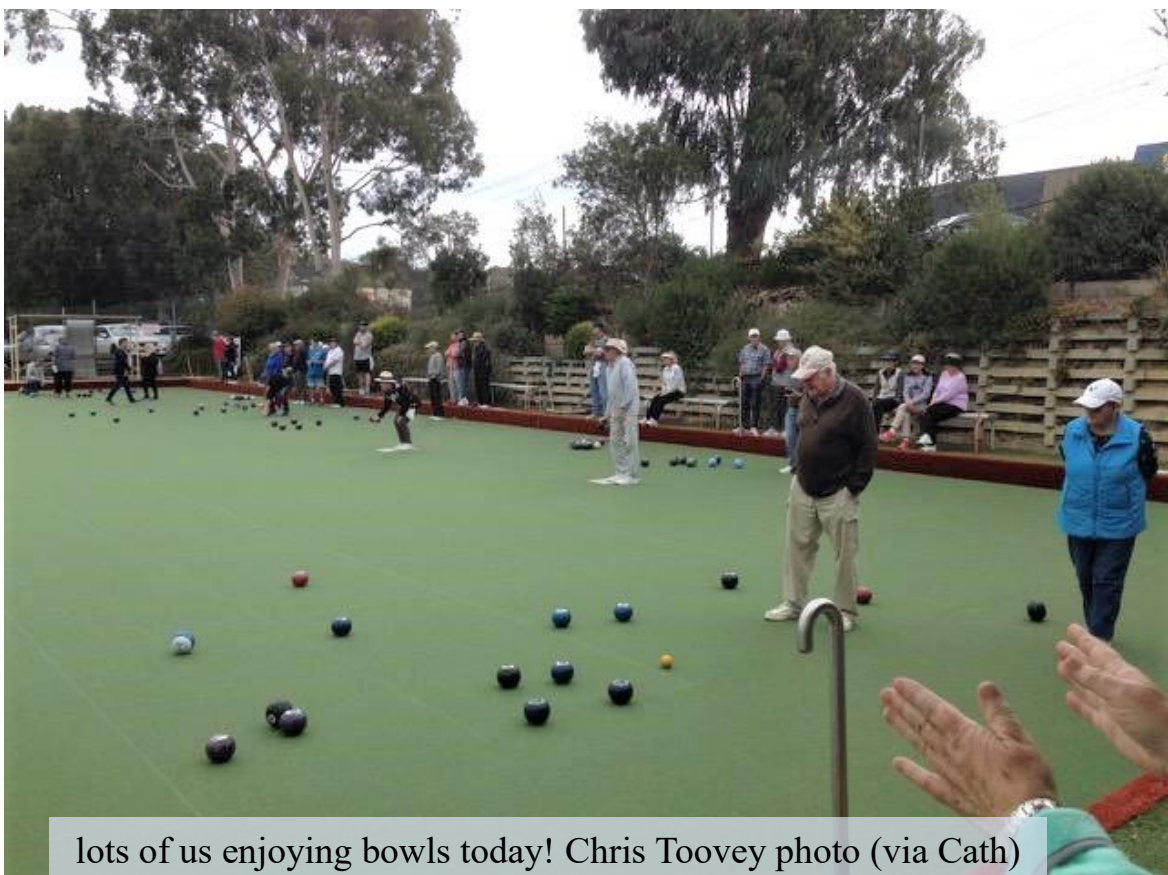


A Fine Day on Saturday 25/5 Brings Out the Members

Photos courtesy of Cath Andrew and Chris Toovey



“Not a great head, but we won.” said Cath Andrews



lots of us enjoying bowls today! Chris Toovey photo (via Cath)

Club Positions For 2019/2020

President	Peter Toovey
Vice-President	Jim Yarwood
Secretary	Helen Smith
Assistant Secretary	Meryl Spargo
Treasurer	Robert Harris
Director	Glenn Hudson, David Hosking, Ros Camera, Treenah Wadham, 1 Vacancy
Midweek Pennant Selector	Helen Smith, Riekie Sloggett, Di Debney (Convenor), Treenah Wadham, Sue Arnott
Midweek Pennant Organiser	2 Vacancies
Saturday Pennant Selector	Helen Smith, Roslyn Camera, Greg Lambert, Peter Toovey, Glenn Hudson
Saturday Pennant Organiser	2 Vacancies
Greens Director	Steve Veitch
Greens Committee	Greg Lambert, William Lee, David Hosking (Convenor). 2 Vacancies
Match Committee (male)	Greg Lambert, John Warden (Convenor), Peter Toovey
Match Committee (female)	Roslyn Camera, Susan Arnott, Betsy King
Bar Committee	John Sharp, Robert Harris, Brent Arnott (Convenor), Neville Jenkin, Noel Spargo, Pamela Flett
Bar Committee – Hall Hire	Meryl Spargo
Catering Sub Committee	Wendy Lyons, Jan McDermott (Convenor), Elaine Shaw, Jan Tindale
Special Events Sub Committee	Maureen Luke (Convenor), Betsy King, Bruce Goodman, Cath Andrew, Tim Smith
Fundraising Sub-Committee	Jenny Millar (Convenor), Jan McDermott, Kaye Taylor, Jim Yarwood
Recruitment & New Member's Sub-Committee	Luke Roche, Jenny Millar, Wayne Harvey (Convenor), Robbie Proudfoot
Night Pennant Sub Committee	Paul Hickey, Jim Yarwood
Summer Wednesday Social Bowls Sub-Committee	Neville Jenkin (Convenor), Bruce Goodman, Jayne Krizek, Betsy King, 3 Vacancies

Winter Wednesday Social Bowls Sub-Committee	Steve Veitch (Convenor), Kaye Taylor, Archie Shaw, Betsy King, Ken McGuire, 2 Vacancies
Winter Saturday Social Bowls Sub-Committee	Jenny Millar, Rick Allen (Convenor), Wendy Lyons, Jim Yarwood, 1 Vacancy
Garden Sub-Committee	4 Vacancies
Facilities Sub-Committee – Club House Manager	Jenny Millar (Convenor)
Facilities S/C Works Director	1 Vacancy
Facilities S/C Providore	Betsy King
Facilities Sub Committee	Jan McDermott, Sue Arnott, Di Debney, 1 Vacancy
Twilight Bowls Sub-Committee	Jenny Millar (Convenor), Jan McDermott, Wendy Lyons, Treenah Wadham
40/40 Sub- Committee	Riekie Sloggett, Maureen Luke, John Elliott (Convenor), Cliff Sloggett, Rob Harris, 1 Vacancy
Jazz Sub Committee	Roslyn Camera (Convenor), Frank Camera, Di Debney, Susan Arnott, Fidel Panzera
Sponsorship Portfolio	Jim Yarwood
Barefoot Bowls Co-ordinator	Vacant
Handbook Editor	Steve Veitch
Handbook Members	Bob Harris, 2 Vacancies
Website	Steve Veitch
Electronic Services	Bob Harris
Newsletter Editor	Steve Veitch
Bowls Victoria Delegate	Peter Toovey, Helen Smith
Auditor	Glen Debney
Coach	Ros Camera (Convenor), Noel Spargo, Brent Arnott, Frank Camera, Meryl Spargo, Jayne Krizek, Wayne Harvey, Helen Smith
Umpire	Frank Camera, Brent Arnott, Maureen Luke, Meryl Spargo, Helen Smith, Steve Veitch

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JOKE OF THE ~~WEEK~~ CENTURY

The prestigious journal, New Scientist, reported on a study at the University of Herefordshire into humour amongst nations. This study also determined this as the funniest joke.

A couple of New Jersey hunters are out in the woods when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing; his eyes are rolled back in his head.

The other guy whips out his mobile phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps to the operator: "My friend is dead! What can I do?"

The operator, in a calm soothing voice, says: "Just take it easy. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There is a silence, then a shot is heard. The guy's voice comes back on the line. He says: "OK, now what?"

The New Scientist article is here - <https://www.newscientist.com/article/dn2876-worlds-funniest-joke-revealed/>.

Wikipedia also reveals that the joke is ultimately based on a 1951 Goon Show sketch by Spike Milligan. Refer - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World%27s_funniest_joke

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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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