



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

Newsletter – November 2018 Editor: Steve Veitch



President's Report

The season is now in full swing, we are a third of the way thru Tuesday Pennant and nearly 5 games done on Saturday. Our successes are mixed, but I understand a great result of all 5 teams winning last Saturday, (27th October). It would be great if this could continue and be emulated on Tuesday. However, I know that everyone who puts foot on the mat is hoping it is their best foot that they are putting forward, when releasing the bowl.

Thanks to Jenny and team for organising the Meat Tasting and for all those members (and ring ins) who attended. This means another \$1,000 to the club and when you read our feature article, you will understand why these events are so important.

Continue to enjoy your bowls, the club facilities and the companionship of your fellow club members.

Regards,

Carol

Dates For Diary

Wednesday Social Bowls Each Wednesday for a 10:30 start
Friday Twilight Bowls Each Friday for a 6 p.m. start
Mixed Novice Single Final 10 am. Sunday 11th November
Mixed Singles All Rounds and Final 9:30 am. Saturday 17th November
Women's Singles Championship Final 1 pm. Sunday 25th November
Men's Singles Championship Final 10 am. Sunday 25th November
Mixed Triples – All Rounds & Final 9:30 am. Sunday 2nd December
“Saturday” Pennant Round 10 on a Sunday 9th December 2018
N.B. Round 9 on the previous day
Christmas Break-up 2 pm. Sunday 16th December

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BENDIGO BANK

The Club has formed a partnership with the local Bendigo Community Bank. Local communities started to form community banks when the major banks started to close branches leaving areas like Hurstbridge, Kinglake and Diamond Creek without a local bank branch.

Using the banking license, government guarantee and computer systems of the Bendigo Adelaide Bank, the local community bank was formed in 2001. This franchise has its own local shareholders and operates the Bendigo Bank branches in Eltham, Hurstbridge, Kinglake, Diamond Creek, Mernda and Doreen.

The most impressive aspect of the local Community Bank is the policy to distribute 80% of the franchise profits to local community groups. The Eltham Bowling Club has received nearly \$6000 in recent years under this policy. In total, the franchise has distributed nearly \$6 million since 2001 covering a wide selection of sporting clubs and community organizations.

When presenting the many cheques, the volunteer bank Chairman, Barry Henwood, makes the point that the financial distribution depends on the Bank being profitable and encourages everyone to consider the local Bendigo branch for their banking and insurance needs.

After the revelations of the Banking Royal Commission, if you want to do business with a Bank you can be proud of, then the Eltham branch of the Bendigo Bank is the obvious alternative.

By Brent Arnott

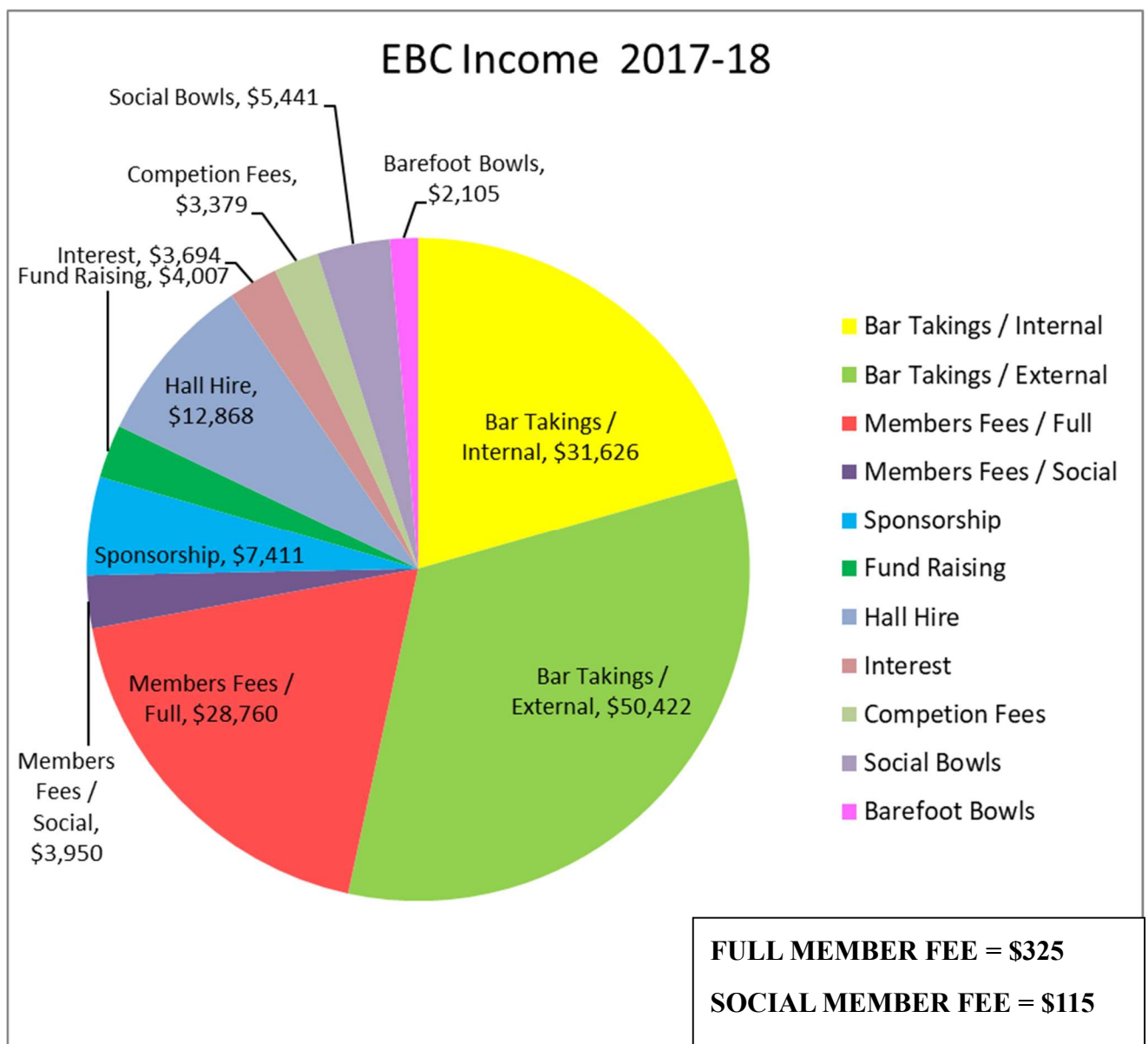
Feature Article – Club Finances

In order to exist and prosper a club has to be financial. In order to remain financial, the club needs to have money for now, the unexpected and the future.

It is through well planned financials that a club like ours can endure and be able to continue to replace, upgrade and renew facilities as needed, while keeping fees at an acceptable level.

It was felt by the Board, that the following two pie charts, would help our members understand what activities keep us in the black, despite the rising financial costs of running a club such as ours.

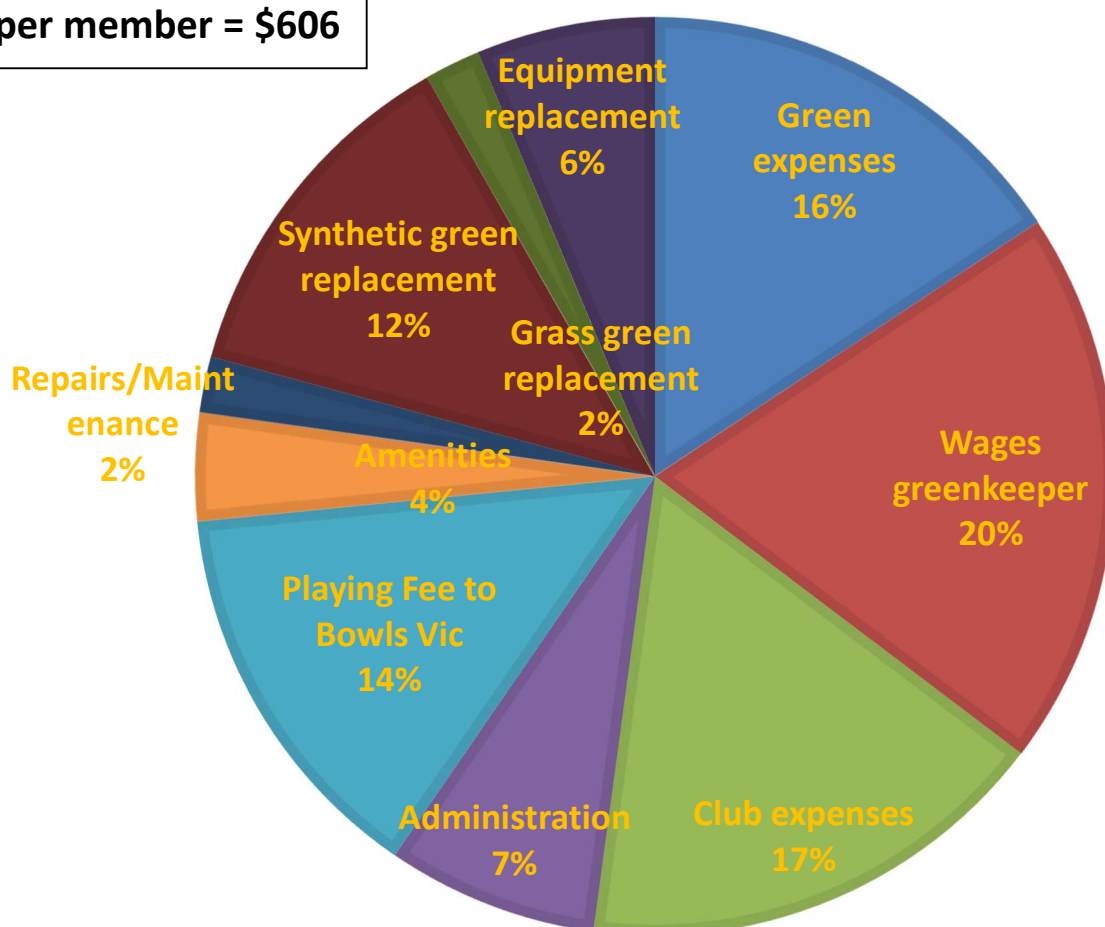
As you can see, if we were relying on Members' fees alone, these would have to be a lot higher. At the moment we are managing to keep annual fee rises to CPI.



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB EXPENSES 2017/18

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| ■ Green expenses | ■ Wages greenkeeper |
| ■ Club expenses | ■ Administration |
| ■ Playing fees | ■ Amenities |
| ■ Repairs/Maintenance | ■ Synthetic green replacement |
| ■ Grass green replacement | ■ Equipment replacement |

Cost per member = \$606



Green expenses- fertilizers, chemicals, petrol, equipment repair, scoreboards etc.

Club expenses- cleaning, telephone security, Utilities.

Administration- Internet, Insurance, Printing/Stationary, fees/subs., Rates/ Lease, other council fees etc.

Any Replacement expenses - are funds that are invested for when we need to replace said items

Amenities – Water / electricity etc.

Match Committee-Championship Update (28 October)

The club championship events are up running.

The men's singles is down to the last four. With three past winners Brent Arnott, Wayne Byrne and Hugh Robertson looking to have their names again on the men's honour board. The other semi-finalist is Peter Toovey is up against the big guns.

The Ladies Championship began on Sunday with only eight entries. Which is disappointing considering the prestige that goes to the winner.

The first game was between **Jenny Miller** and **Helen Smith**. A close match early but Jenny was able to use her experience to pull away in the end and had comfortable win. Well done to Helen for entering. You played very well.

Second game was between **Pam Flett** and **Maureen Luke**. Pam was runner up last year in a classic match against Ros. Pam started well and was able to keep a gallant Maureen at bay and had a fairly comfortable win.

Third match was between two of the favourites, **Sue Arnott** a previous winner two years ago and **Vicki Williams**. The game got off to a flyer with both players picking up big numbers in the early ends. The game settled down till Sue got a bit of break towards the end. Vicki dug deep and leveled the score at 23/23 all. On the last end Vicki picked up 2 to win the match.

There is one more match between **Betsy King** and **Lisa Bartolo** to be played.

Other events which are also underway are the men's and ladies Century Handicap and the Novice singles.

Results from games played on Sunday (28/10)

Men's Century results.

Brent Arnott defeated **John Warden**. I think Brent might have got under the Handicappers guard.

Bill Lee defeated **Steve Spargo**. Bit of a surprise result well done Bill.

Eric Butcher defeated **David Hosking**. Just shows there is still a bit of fight in the old dog.

Ernie Richards defeated **Tim Smith**. Tim really pushed Ernie with his big Handicap of plus 42.

Rob Harris defeated **Greg Lambert**. Rob could be a dark horse for the event.

The Novice Singles is also underway with a couple of games on Sunday, 28/10.

The first game was between Luke Roche and Caleb Kriders. Luke had a bit too much experience for Caleb. Caleb will be better for the experience.

The second game was between Deb Farrar and Brady Kriders. After a close match Brady was able to pull away in the end. A very impressive win from our youngest member.

Further rounds of the club championship will continue this Sunday, 4/11.

Peter Toovey. Match Committee

Late results - Sunday 4/11/18

The men's singles semi finals were played today.

The results were *Hugh Robertson* beat *Brent Arnott* 25 shots to 16 and *Peter Toovey* beat *Wayne Byrne* 25 shot to 24.

Hugh and *Peter* will meet in the final on Sunday 25/11/18.

Midweek Pennant Update (30 October)

Six matches into the current midweek pennant season and a bye next week for the Melbourne Cup. Not a good result on Tuesday with no teams successful. The first and third sides both going down by a couple of shots.

Summary of all sides with their wins and position on the ladder.

The **first side** sitting on 3 wins and 4th on the ladder on 56 points.

The **second side** have 3 wins and 6th on the ladder on 38 points.

The **third side** are on 1 win and 8th on the ladder on 25 points.

The **fourth side** also on 1 win and 9th on the ladder on 18 points.

The **fifth side** have 1 win and sit 10th on the ladder on 29 points.

With a bye next week for the Melbourne Cup, we have one match and then another bye for the Vic Open. It is a chance to recharge the batteries and to come back firing for the run into the Christmas break.

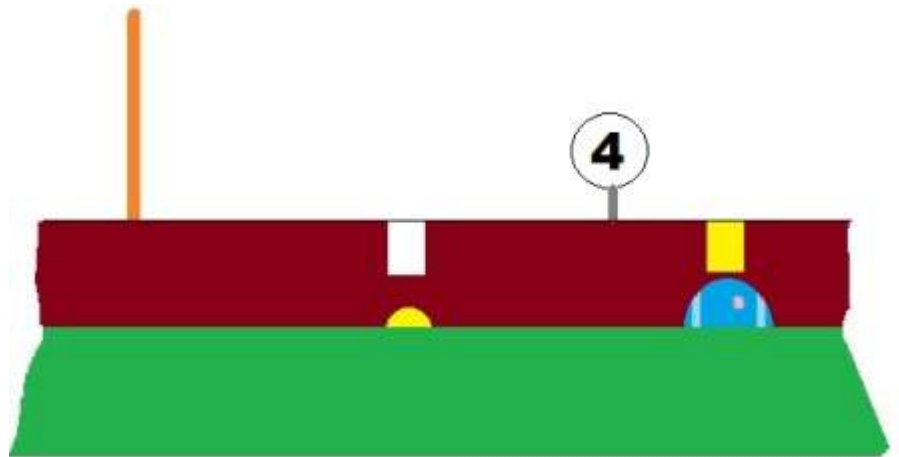
Mid Week Pennant selection committee

Umpire's Corner

by Frank Camera

"Touchers"

A "toucher" is a bowl that has touched the jack in its initial delivery motion, either directly or from a deflection ("wick") off another bowl. The bowl must be marked as a toucher before the next bowl comes to rest. Spray chalk is the preferred method to mark a bowl as



a toucher. As long as they are within the bounds of the rink then a toucher is still a live bowl if it has come to rest in the ditch. The position of a live bowl in the ditch must be marked by the yellow marker on the bank. (White marker for the jack in the ditch.)

Pre Pennant Practice:

On any match Saturday members of the home sides may practice on their home greens until 12:30, provided that practice is not on any part of a rink allocated to their game that day. You cannot practice at an away venue on that day.

No practice is allowed on Tuesdays before pennant games.

From the Bowls Victoria Conditions of Play Document....

Saturday Pennant

- 8.1 Prior to half an hour before the commencement time, the home team may practice on any rink other than the rinks or part of the rinks allocated to them for the match including east west or on the pegs if the match is to be played north south and vice versa if the game is played east west.
- 8.2 Visiting sides are not permitted to practice at the away venues on the day of competition.

Tuesday Pennant

- 5.1 Pre-match practice is not permitted other than the two trial ends.

Members' Other Interests

Austin Health Opportunity Shop, Diamond Creek Auxiliary

By Ken McGuire

Two mornings a week, I volunteer at the Austin Health Opportunity Shop in Diamond Creek, just over the railway line on the right, on the Main Hurstbridge Road.

The Op Shop sells good quality donated clothing, furniture, homeware, toys, books and other goods at low cost to the people of Nillumbik Shire (I handle the DVDs and CDs).



Kidney Dialysis Machines

We then use the funds raised to *buy essential medical equipment for Austin Health, such as cardiac monitors, ECG machines, kidney dialysis machines, electric wheelchairs etc*

Over 50 volunteers work at the shop from Monday to Saturday each week, and new volunteers are always welcome.

The Diamond Creek Auxiliary started in 1973 and moved to its present site at *42/44 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek* in 1981.

The original building has a Heritage Overlay on it, as it was one of the earliest buildings in Diamond Creek. It became a Grocery and Green Grocery Store in 1912, and later an electrical repair shop and an estate agency, among other things.

However, it was condemned as unsafe in late 2011, and closed. Fortunately though, an anonymous benefactor soon after donated enough money to restore the building.

A new building was also erected next to the old one.



Today, the Austin Health Op Shop is a focal point of the local community. We have well over 100 visitors a day, and many of them benefit from the bargains at the shop. This in turn helps raise the health standard of the community in the Austin Hospital area

Eltham Bowling Club - Our club

There comes a time at any club when we all must take a stand
And for us to have a healthy club, we all must lend a hand
For our club cannot survive at all, if all we do is knock
As our elected people donate their time, not working to the clock

We start with the selectors jobs, and it's easy to criticise
Complaints about the teams they set are often too unwise
For every week their job is hard with changes on the hop
They toss around the player's names to pick the best they've got

It's the same with our committees all, their work is really great
They do it all in their spare time, their hours often late
There's functions to be organised and bar drinks to be bought
And with gardening done all year round with helpers always sought

The greens are always on the list to mow and roll each day
Then setting up the rinks occurs or else we do not play
The flags go up, the coffees poured, and the tables are all laid
And this must happen every time, practice or game is played

Funding must be also raised to keep the club afloat
And open days to bring folk in, our aim is to promote
It's quite surprising the amount of times you find the place a buzz
From early morn to evening time, it gets done without fuss

The Eltham Bowling Club's like home to many of its members
Where friendships grow with strength and care from January to December
We listen to some calls for help with sympathetic ears
It's great to know that someone cares as we get on in years

We must be there when sadness hits and someone needs a shoulder
Or just a small piece of advice we need as we get older
For people are the things that count, just knowing they are there
To lend an ear or hold a hand, to know that they do care

So it's with respect I write these words to thank all in our club
For the feeling that I get each time I enter this friendly hub
The club is more than just a hall – somewhere to fill in time
Or simply share a couple of drinks of coffee, beer or wine

So I ask you try to help our club and the people there within
Just say to them 'How are you mate' or greet them with a grin
And a smile never hurt you or a handshake or cheek kiss
You'll enjoy your time at Eltham Bowling Club, I can guarantee you this

So put you hand out and shake with pride or maybe give a hug
If you're not happy with any part, like me don't be a mug
With any problems just have a talk, surprisingly they are human
You can always fix things up and talk it through – it's proven

John Sharp

Greens Article for November

GREENS

There are a couple of issues that have come up recently that I would like to cover:

Grass green- you will have noticed that there are some patches on the green that the Greenkeeper is working hard on trying to get the grass to grow in these areas- especially the two in front of the clubrooms.

So, if you are playing in the rinks either side of these patches, please refrain from walking on these areas.

Synthetic Green- please refrain from “dropping” your bowls on any occasion (especially not from the bank when you are starting to play a game) as this could cause damage to the base under the carpet.

This surface needs as much “care” as the grass green.

Please also keep an eye on the notice board for when you are on “rolling” or “blowing” duty for Pennant on Saturdays and Tuesdays.

Noel Spargo (EBC Green’s Director)

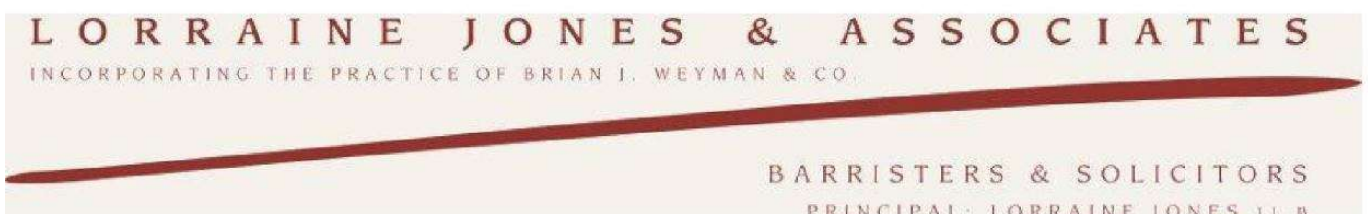
Swap and Sell

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

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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This is currently near the gate to the SES depot.

Contact Meryl Spargo



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/>

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