



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

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



President's Report

As I sat at my desk enjoying a lovely spring day I tried to think what has transpired since the last newsletter. We had not had another board meeting so I cannot pass on any information from there.

Richmond won the AFL Grand finals so there were some very chirpy tiger supporters around the club. The first championship of the season has been decided with team Irvine being successful in the Mixed Fours. Other members were Tim Smith, Barb Pavic and Bill Lee. The Men's Singles Championship has begun with the first big upset. Young Caleb claiming the scalp of previous winner Graham Abblitt.

The grass green is coming along really well and will only get better. The Eltham Classic is filling quickly with nearly all spots taken.

The new Eftpos machine has been installed and the bar staff seem happy with the ease of use.

No further updates on the solar panels or the retaining wall.

Bob Cairns celebrated his 80th Birthday at the club on Saturday the 12th of October. Great night Bobby.

George Rizzi was down at the club last week and hopes to be back on the green in a couple of weeks.

Bob and Marion Harris are back from their overseas holiday as to are Frank and Ros Camera.

Good bowling.

President Peter



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Dates For Diary

Wednesday Social Bowls.....	Each Wednesday, 10:30 am
EBC Trivia Night	Saturday, 26th October, 7 pm
Cup Day Event (see noticeboard).....	Tuesday, 5 th November
Mixed Triples Entries Close	Thursday, 14 th November, 5 pm
Women's and Men's Century Handicap Entries Close	Thursday, 14 th November, 5 pm
Classic Triples Tournament.....	Saturday, 16th November, 9:15 am

Melbourne Cup Day

Tuesday 5th November

10 a.m. start

Lunch provided

\$10

x3 bowls

Calcutta

Sweep

Put your name down the club or contact Maureen 0409 163 700

Come along for an enjoyable day from the Special Events Committee.



Mixed Fours Championship

*Report by John Warden,
pictures and additional words by Jim Yarwood*

On Friday September 27th, the Mixed Fours Championship was played.



The Final was played between the team of Bruce Irvine, Bill Lee, Tim Smith and Barbara Pavic versus the team of Paul Hickey, Neville Jenkin, Vicki Williams and Debbie Farrar.

The Irvine team claimed the trophy.

A great day had by all 32 players, well run by President Pete, John Warden and the Match Committee. Congratulations to all who played.



GREENS NOTICE

By Steve Veitch, Greens Director

Classic Triples Tournament on Saturday 16th November

We will be using 7 Synthetic Rinks and 7 Grass Rinks. The favourable comments on the grass so far, promise a good playing surface.

Preserving the Synthetic Green

In order to stop the Synthetic Green developing “runs” and worn patches. We need to play in the direction of the seams as well as the preferred North-South direction.

During Summer, please play **East – West** on **Monday, Wednesday, Friday** and **Sunday**. We will use **North – South** for Pennant and Pennant Practice on **Tuesday, Thursday** and **Saturday**. *There is a notice on the mat box with the days and directions explained.*

If there is a scheduled club event such as the Mixed Fours on a recent Sunday, the preferred North – South direction will be used despite the day. However, if you are playing a match early, please play in the appropriate direction for that actual day.

Please don't move the rink centrelines

Please instead give me a call if you see an unavoidable need to move the rinks.

The rinks on the Synthetic Green are moved routinely without a great deal of soul-searching.

However, on the Grass Green, each area on our varied green is prepared individually, e.g. watering, fertilising, seeding, spraying, rubbing in of soil for next day use, etc. This is one of the strengths of our current Greens Keeper. We hold him and our green back by not using the rinks as he advises us.

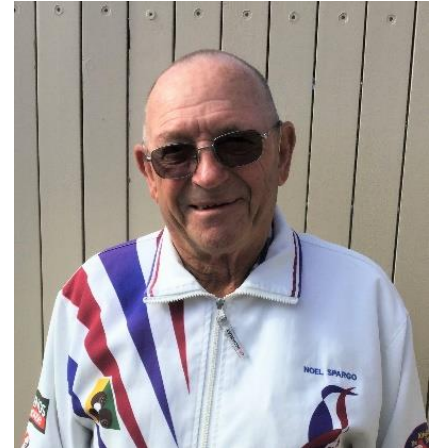


New Life Member, Noel Spargo

By Noel Spargo as told to Steve Veitch

At the 2018/19 A G M Noel's long service to the Club was formally recognised. He joins his wife, Meryl, as a Life Member.

Regularly spotted at the Club fixing the outside and working inside, Noel is now living further away in Mernda Retirement Village. He is continuing with the Bar and Coaches & Umpires Committees and to be an active bowler at the club. Over the years, he has performed 19 roles adding up to 96 years served, starting back in 1998.



The roles that Noel has performed are listed on the club website along with other members at - [Volunteer Positions Sorted By Member](#)

Life Before Bowling

Noel was born in 1944 and initially lived in East Preston. He went to East Preston Primary School and Preston Tech. He was keen on Aussie Rules and cricket although not that good. In more recent years, a son has converted him to a keen Melbourne Storm Rugby League supporter. In his adult years, he was a keen cricket player and this has stood him in good stead on the green because of good eye hand coordination.

After Training at Preston Tech as a plumber, he left for his first job with Kodak at 15 years old. This was at the old factory in Abbotsford. He later spent the next 10 years at the Kodak complex in Elizabeth Street, Coburg. This has now been demolished and replaced by the new suburb of Coburg Hill. He finished his *paid* working life with the Preston/ Darebin Council managing a team looking after signs & road lines until made redundant in 1998.

Meryl Spargo



He met future wife, Meryl Jones in 1966 and lived in Bundoora for 17 years. In 1985, they moved to Eltham. with their 3 sons Steven, Michael & Anthony.



Son and club member, Steven, at a social Sunday morning



And still rolling on a cold and frosty morning.



March 2002
Pennant Winners
01/02 Saturday Div 3

Back L-R: Don Jones, Bob Jones, Tom Walker, Lee Williams, George Peterson, Brian Waller, Eric Butcher, Don Rogers, John Dinsmore, Steve Williams, Gavin Perkins
Front L-R: Colin Baker, Colin Haywood, Noel Spargo, Alan Algie (mgr), Joe De Carlo, Ernie Richards

Life in Bowling

Noel joined the club in 1996. His first coach was Neville Fraser. Other guiding lights for the new bowlers at the time were Eric Butcher, Max Trotman and John Dinsmore after whom the grass green is named.

Noel went into the "old" RVBA section of the club in 1998.

Noel has won a regional singles championship and he partnered with Ernie Richards, to win the regional pairs. He continues to enter these regional events to gain further experience.

Playing for Eltham has led to many friendships. Winter bowling trips to Queensland with Eric, Ernie, Hugh and Don Jones, has been a feature of many winters.



1999 - left to right - Don Jones, Eric Butcher, Noel Spargo and Neville Fraser.

Greens Director

Noel has been prominent in his role as Greens Director over a number of years (with some breaks).

During this time, he has seen many changes. The two most notable being the change from Bent Grass to the current Tiff Dwarf for the grass green, and the installation of the synthetic surface.

The latter change to a synthetic surface was enabled by the club gaining a Commonwealth Water Grant around 2008/2009. This has given members confidence on both surfaces and has avoided shutting bowling down for 4 months in winter.



Chairperson and Challenges

Noel served as Chairperson from 2001 to 2005.

One major issue was the proposal to amalgamate with the Eltham RSL. This was being sponsored by the Council.

Noel and the then Secretary, Eric Butcher, attended a number of meetings with the Council and RSL. However, after the third meeting, both Noel and Eric recommended to the Board that the club should not go ahead with this amalgamation. This recommendation was accepted by the Board.

History has shown that this was the right decision at the time for our club.

A more positive issue was when the club was sponsored by the council, to be awarded a grant to build our new clubrooms. This was a great boon to our club. We had been losing members as we had to climb up 37 steps to our old clubrooms.

We were able to design the clubrooms to our needs within the limits of the funds available. The Council was in charge of the actual grant. This development, 15 years ago, has brought about an increase in our club membership. This also has enabled us to increase the amount of hall hire which has now become a big part of our club income.

Most Satisfying Aspects and Highlights

Some of the most satisfying experiences have been coaching new bowlers and seeing their progress, being part of the team keeping the club going as Chairperson, the friendships with many of the club members and the Pennant wins.

Challenges and Directions for Club

Noel believes that these are a stable membership, to remain financially viable, and to have success on the green.

March 1999 Pennant Winners 98/99 Saturday Division 3



Back L-R: John Dinsmore, Don Jones, Tom Walker, Don Rogers, Don Lees,
George Rizzi, Gavin Perkins, Doug Cameron, **Noel Spargo**,
Lee Williams, Steve Williams
Front L-R: Colin Baker, Neville Fraser, Colin Haywood, Joe De Carlo,
John Dall'amico, Eric Butcher

March 2011



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CHAMPIONSHIP DATES from Roslyn Camera

Club Championship events for November

Women's and Men's Century Handicap

Entry closes Nov. 14th

Mixed Triples all day event Sunday Nov. 17th

Entry closes Nov. 14th

YARRA REGION events for November/December

Women's and Men's Four's

Entry closes Oct. 28th - Games Mon 11th Nov.

Women's and Men's Singles

Entry closes Nov. 4th – Games Sun 4th Dec.

Women's and Men's Novice

Entry closes Nov. 25th - Games Sun 8th Dec

Please put your name on the entry sheet which is on the Y.R. Championship notice Board

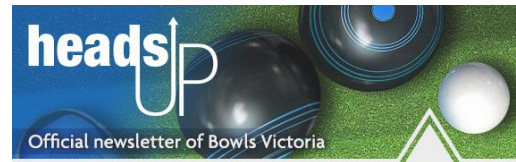


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UMPIRES CORNER

By Frank Camera (Reprinted from February 2019 for the information of new Thirds)

I was asked an interesting question at pennant a couple of weeks ago; the two Thirds had declared the number shots just before a bowl fell over, what should they do? The answer here is really a combination of good sportsmanship and the rules. The end has been declared so the number declared should be final as I'm sure the "unfortunate" Third would not want to change. The rules say that if a bowl looks likely to fall you can wait up to 30 seconds before starting the measuring. But, if the end has NOT been declared yet the following rules apply:

At any time during the process of deciding the number of shots scored:

23.6.1 if a bowl is likely to fall, either opponent can use the best available means to secure it in its position; (*ie chocks*)

23.6.3 if a bowl falls of its own accord, it must be left in its new position while deciding the number of shots scored continues, and all the shots agreed before the bowl fell will count.

BUT:

37.4.1 If a bowl is displaced by a player when marking it as a toucher, or by the equipment being used by a player during measuring, an opponent must put it back to its former position.

It also happens quite often that a third or skip accidentally kicks a bowl while moving back behind the head. The rule here is also quite clear – the opposing skip or third must replace the bowl where he thought it was originally. The "kicker" cannot disagree with the replacement and ask for a dead end as it was not moved by a neutral person or object.

In the case of a clash of bowls from adjacent rinks; if both bowls were delivered legitimately, then they can both be replayed by their respective bowlers.



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Notes on the Role of a Third for Newer Players

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Discussion with the Skip

When the Skip crosses over, engage in discussion or get an understanding of the skip's tactic and shot, usually very brief, and do not hold up the game if you are not in possession of the mat.

Indicate the current shots

When in possession of the mat, if needed, indicate to your Skip who is holding shot and how many, by indicating with fingers and/or voice e.g. "two up", "one up", "one up and a measure" or "no change". You may omit this if the opposing third has accurately shown this.

Do the Ticks

Mark the Skip's Performance Card in the two rightmost columns

Advise the state of the head to your Skip

Advise the state of the head to your Skip when necessary and only when in possession of the mat.

Examples would be

- the head has changed,
- a possible better shot is now open,
- they now have a bowl to rest on, or
- there is now a catcher behind the jack.

Determine the result for the end

Agree with the opposing Third which team has shot and how many. **Don't move any bowls without the explicit agreement of the opposing Third.** Please see Frank's article on the previous page.

Call the Umpire if needed

Call the Umpire if it is not clear after measuring, who has shot.

If a measure between bowls is within two centimetres of a shot for Eltham when the jack is in the ditch, call the Umpire. The box string measure carried by the Thirds is not suitable for accurate measuring into the ditch.

Indicate shots to our Scorer

After each end indicate the shots to our Scorer who is usually our Second.

Possession of the Mat

The term, “possession of the mat“, is universally used by players and so is used above.

However, the rulebook uses instead the alternate term, “possession of the **rink**”.

Rule 13, Possession of the Rink

- 13.1 Possession of the rink will belong to the player or team whose bowl is being played
- 13.2 As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink will transfer to the opposing player or team after allowing time for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest.

Rule 13.2 states that players in possession of the rink must not be interfered with, annoyed or distracted in any way by their opponents. Umpire may penalise offending players.

By Steve Veitch with assistance from Roslyn Camera



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