



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

Newsletter – Septemer 2019 *Editor: Steve Veitch*



President's Report

As we come out of another Melbourne winter, we look forward to the coming pennant season with great anticipation. Numbers have been good for the practice matches with the selectors having plenty of players vying for selection for the first game.

From all reports the opening day was very successful with the vibe around the club very positive. The local MP Vicki Ward opened day and paid tribute to two of our life members Noel and Meryl Spargo for the wonderful contribution to the club.

Congratulations to Barbara Woodward and Tim Smith for being awarded the Eltham Bowling Club Encouragement Award for this year. Veteran Badges were also presented to Peter Claringbold, Bob Cairns, Eric Butcher and Kelvin Mitchener.

Congratulations to all those members. I would also like to thank Vice President, Jim, Secretary, Helen, Special Events Convenor, Maureen, and her committee, and to Jan and the ladies from Catering Committee, also Steve and the Greens Committee, Di and Gardening Committee for making the day a wonderful success. If I missed anyone, thank you for your work on the day.

The Board met on the 18th September. There are a number of things happening around the club at the moment. The ongoing installation of the solar panels continues with the council still working out how to attach them to the roof properly. The retaining wall replacement is still waiting for council to fund it. The board has decided to investigate the possibility of moving the shelters back against the fence and create more room out the front of them. The Works Committee is planning to do this work.

The board has passed a motion to install an EFTpos facility through the Bendigo Bank in the near future. You will have noticed that Jim has been working hard to obtain new sponsors and with the help of John Sharp has updated all the sponsorship signage around the club.

Entries have started rolling in for the Eltham Classic on the Saturday 16th of November. There is a list on the board.

The Greens Committee and Phil are happy with progress of the grass green and the new roller is working a treat.

President's Report continued

The Board is also considering replacing the grassed area around the grass green with artificial turf.

The Boards is very appreciative of the wonderful job that all the committees are doing leading into the new season. You are all unsung heroes of the club and without you, life would be a whole lot different. So thank you and keep the good work up.

We have a trivia night coming up on the 26th of October. So why not grab a few friends and get a table. Wayne and Peta have assured us that it will be a fun night.

It was mentioned to me that Harry O brought up his 900 pennant game late last year. Congratulations Harry; only 100 more games to go to the magic 1000.

To all those members who have not been down the club lately due to ill health we hope that you get well soon and can pop down the club to say hello.

If you have any concerns about anything down at the club, please give me a call to discuss it.

The new pennant season begins early October so good luck to everyone

Regards President Peter.

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Dates For Diary

Wednesday Social Bowls.....	Each Wednesday, 10:30 am
Mixed Fours Entries Close	Wednesday, 25th September, 5 pm
Men's Singles Entries Close	Thursday, 26 th September, 5 pm
Round 1, Midweek Pennant.....	Tuesday, 1st October, 9:45 am
Round 1, Saturday Pennant.....	Saturday, 5 th October, 12:30 pm
EBC Trivia Night	Saturday, 26 th October, 7 pm
Classic Triples Tournament.....	Saturday, 16 th November, 9:15 am

‘ARMED VICS’

by Peter Toovey

For those who didn't know, I was very fortunate to be selected into the Victorian squad for The Australian Arms Championship. It is hosted each year by a different state. This year it was held early Sept. in Adelaide SA. There are now 6 states competing: Vic, NSW, SA, WA, QLD, and Tassie. Squads consist of 17 members both men and women. Each State plays each of the others in fours & singles in one session and then triples & pairs in another.

On Sunday the 8th Sept., Chris and I met the other Victorian representatives and their wives at Tullamarine before heading to Adelaide. We arrived at our accommodation in North Adelaide early afternoon, then went to the Tranmere Bowling Club, the host club for this event, where we caught up with the rest of our squad members who had driven across. We were able to practice for a couple of hours and familiarise ourselves with the club. Our squad was made up of 15 men and 2 women from all over Victoria.





Day one began with the opening ceremony. We then played Tasmania in fours and singles. In the afternoon we played South Australia in triples and pairs. I played second in the triples and we won by 3 shots. After day one, Victoria was on top with five points clear of W.A.

Day two and three consisted of three games each day starting at 9am and finished at around 8pm. After day three, Victoria was 19 points clear of N.S.W.

Victoria only had to win three of the remaining twelve games on **Day 4** to retain the title for the seventh year in a row. We won four games in the morning and four in the afternoon to win the title by 19 points.

Within the comp, each state also plays the other for a state shield. ***Victoria had a clean slate this year, taking out all 5 state shields and of course the big one.***



The event drew to a close with a presentation dinner at Tranmere Bowls Club.

Final standings after the final Round 10.

	Played	Pts	Shots For	Shots Agst	Shot Diff	Shot Perc	Ends
Rd 10							
Victoria	60	95	1073	717	356	59.94	57
NSW	60	76	991	845	146	53.98	53
WA	60	62	897	953	-56	48.49	52
Qld	60	57	867	889	-22	49.37	49
SA	60	49	885	921	-36	49.00	48
Tas	60	21	673	1061	-388	38.81	43

I played in eight of possible ten games. Winning six, drawing one and losing one. Played as second in all the games.

It was a wonderful experience to represent our state and to be involved with such a talented group of armed bowlers. There was a great sense of camaraderie amongst the players and partners. The latter, including Chris, enjoyed themselves exploring Adelaide sights when not at the green.

I'd like to thank those of you who extended their congratulations on my selection.

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OPENING DAY 2019



In the President's absence, **Jim Yarwood** as our Vice-President took on the job of Master of Ceremonies.

Firstly introducing our VIP guest, **Vicki Ward**.



Vicki Ward, MLA for Eltham, addressed us especially noting the commitment of the volunteers. She later presented the awards.



Recipients of the Veteran Badge

Left to right, Eric Butcher, Kelvin Mitchener, Peter Claringbold and Bob Cairns





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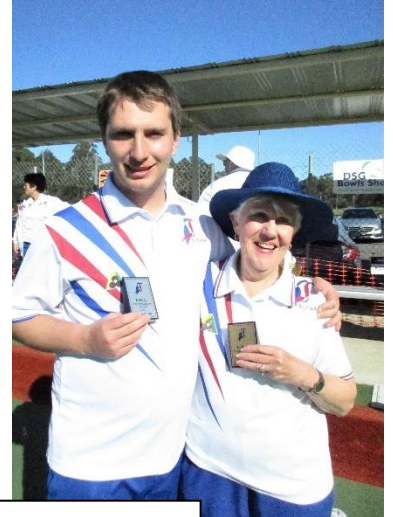
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Newly minted Life Member, **Noel Spargo**, and existing Life Member, **Meryl Spargo**, are commended for their tireless efforts at the club.



This year's Encouragement Awards went to **Barbara Woodward** and **Tim Smith**.



Barb rolled the traditional first jack on the 2019 season. Tim delivered the first bowl with accuracy.





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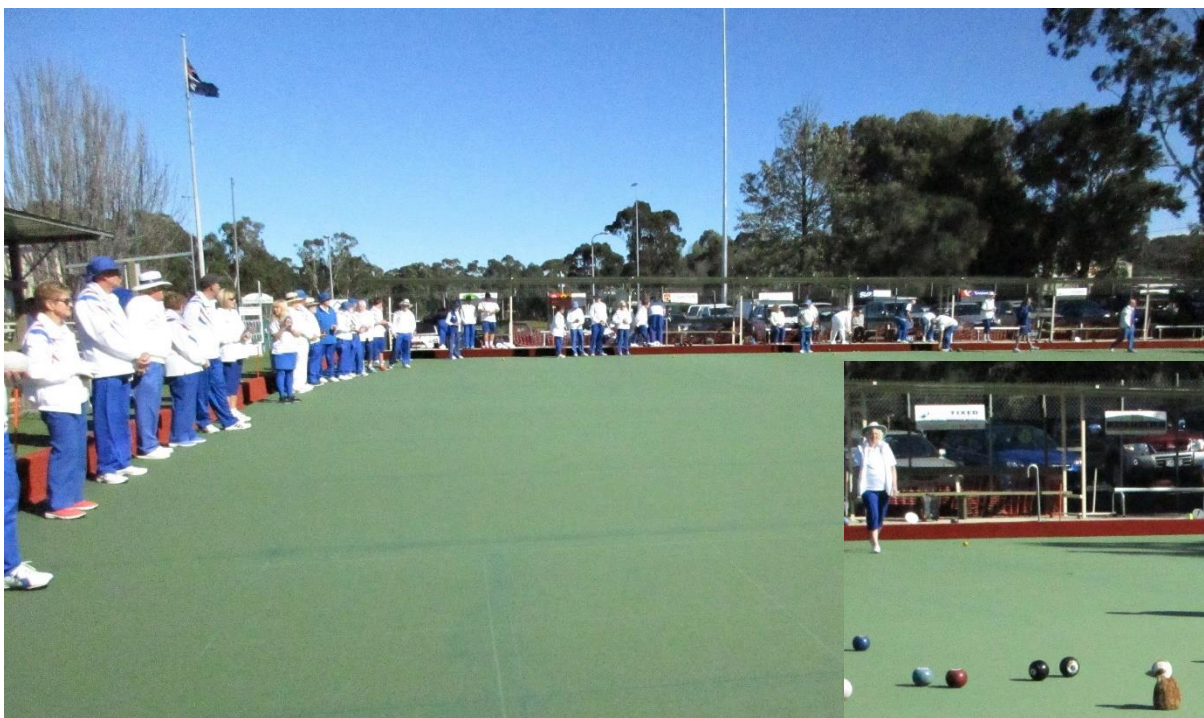
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Then the members lined the banks to draw to the kookaburra.



And the winner is Barb Pavic.



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Ten ends of Triples



Thanks go to the Catering Committee for the wonderful spread,



who finally have a chance to eat.



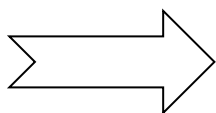


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Last Day of Winter Wednesday Social Bowls

By Steve Veitch, Convenor

A cold day to finish



A successful winter season finished at the end of August with \$2,176 nett returned to the Club.

The \$20 for the most points accumulated over the season was won by Archie Shaw. The runner-up (\$15) was Elaine Shaw. Best average points for the second game (\$20) was won by Neville Jenkin.

Many thanks to my fellow committee members, Kaye Taylor, Betsy King, Ken McGuire and Archie Shaw. Also thank you to the regular early starters who helped out such as Barb and Dennis Woodward, and Wendy Lyons.

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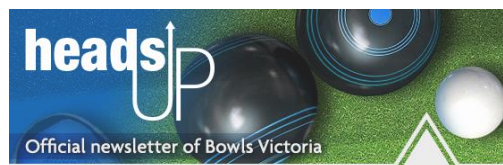
Pennant Games Leaderboard

From the full list on the Club website -
<http://www.elthambowlsclub.com.au/player-records-eltham-bowling-club/>

Harry Ophetveld	902
Don White	686
Roslyn Camera	678
George Rizzi	661
Noel Spargo	630
Graeme Webster	602

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