



Eltham Bowls Club
THE ELTHAM BOWLER
September 2021 Newsletter



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President's Report:

Hi to everyone,

I hope you are all doing ok as we work our way through this latest lockdown. Like me, I know you are all looking forward to getting back on the greens with your fellow bowlers.

Unfortunately with the Club being closed, the following scheduled dates for September will all now be postponed til further notice:

Club opening 11th of September, practice matches from the 18th, Club Triples Championship on the 19th and the Mixed Fours on the 24th. We look forward to getting back on track as soon as lockdowns ease and we are permitted.

Our sponsorship committee has been working hard behind the scenes and have several new sponsors on board. They were fortunate to sign up Morrison Kleeman Real Estate who have agreed to sponsor all our club championship events. This means that this seasons Championship games will have no entry fee. I look forward to seeing many of you taking part once the Match Committee is able to set the dates.

Steve has been also been working hard on the club handbook. You will notice new sponsors included this year and I encourage you to consider them when looking for services or trades.

Other Points of Interest::

*The pennant season is currently due to start on the 15th of October. Fingers crossed that this will still happen.

*Our grass and synthetic greens are looking good thanks to the management of Shane, Frank and the Greens Committee over the winter period.

*We are hoping to refurbish the club rooms with new tables and chairs. The Council has also informed us that they intend to replace the carpet.

At this stage of the year the majority of our members have renewed their membership. We still have thirteen members who have not renewed which makes it difficult for the Selection Committee to plan for the coming season as non financial members are not eligible for selection for practice or pennant games.

Take care everyone; I look forward to seeing you soon.

Peter Toovey, President EBC

A word from our Secretary:

With our Members paid up and our handbook ready to go to the printers, we are ready to hit the greens, here's hoping a slight easing of restrictions on September 23rd sees even a small number of us allowed back on the green. As to the next step in our roadmap back, fingers crossed it's not too long before we are back bowling in bigger numbers.

News from Bowls Vic, they have finalised the fixture for this season 2021-22 and are hoping to kick off on Saturday 16th October and Midweek starting on Tuesday 19th October, Pennant updates can be found on the following link <https://www.bowlsvic.org.au/2021/09/07/pennant-update-and-conditions-of-play/> . Bowls Vic have contingencies plans if there is a delay to the season and at this stage plan for a full season of bowling.

News from the Yarra Region, after the AGM new Board Positions as follows:-

President – Tris Doolan (MCC)
Vice President – John Inglese (RUBC)
Secretary – Matt Ottbre (HBC)
Treasurer – Elaine Owens (ABC)
Director – Matt Perkin (EIBC)
Director (Casual) – Mike Limosani (YVCC)

The Region Committee has been busy working on the schedule for this season's Region events, with a backup plan if required. Planned events can be found on the following link <https://yarra.bowls.com.au/regional-events/forms-draw-results/> and further news from the Region can be found on this link <https://yarra.bowls.com.au/yarra-news/> .

In the meantime keep fit and well. It's well worth the walk around the block or along the creek trails as Spring kicks into gear, there many different plants in flower at the moment. It's also worth a visit to the reserves along Eucalyptus Road in Eltham, there are quite a few wildflowers to see.

A thought for the day:

While our Club is closed, many of our members will be missing the interaction with each other and may be feeling isolated, so as we wait to get back on the green, let's stay connected, take a moment to think of someone who may appreciate a phone call, this will make their day.

Footy Tipping

This season was probably the most challenging yet, for tippers to tip consistently, only 6 rounds where tippers selected all the winners for the round. With the Home and Away season now finished the tipping competition went right down to the wire, with 9 tippers within 3 of the lead with one round to go, Wayne Byrne hung on to win by 1.

Tipping results:-

On 131 tips:- Wayne Byrne

On 130 tips:- Jan Tindale, Helen Smith & Wendy Lewis

On 129 tips:- Greg Lambert, Ben Smith & Eugene Snopkowski

Wooden Spoon :- Gareth Toovey

Helen Smith, Secretary EBC

Match Committee Notice:

The calendar will need to be rearranged according to when we are able to run our Championship events. The September and October events can be re scheduled fairly easily later in the Season.

I hope the Singles will go ahead without interruptions.

The calendar was planned as below:

September

Women's and Men's Triples September 19th & October 3rd (2 Sundays all day)

Mixed Fours all day event September 24th

October

Mixed Singles all day event October 10th

Mixed Pairs all day event October 24th

November – December

Women's Singles, Men's Singles and Novice Singles

Ros Camera, Match Committee

Coaching Committee

It's not a greatly inspiring time to try and plan drills and skills and coaching sessions, but this lockdown time has provided a window to plough through lots of old and new ideas.

I hope we have come up with things to encourage your enthusiasm and improvement, stay tuned on our return to bowling – hopefully soon.

We have joined some Bowls Victoria Zoom sessions for Coaches and players. Karen Murphy was very good to listen to last week. If you are interested to join a session let me know and I will send out the logon details as they come. There is quite a lot of bowling information to scroll through on both the Bowls Australia and Bowls Victoria web sites.

At home I have set up a practice mat and a bucket of tennis balls to exercise my pre shot routine and delivery. Good for that balance, step forward, pendulum swing, stay down, and finish in front of the mat. Try to exercise those bowling muscles while waiting to access the Greens again.

Ros Camera, Coaching Committee



Tip for all bowlers:

Do you have a pre shot routine? Even a champion like Aaron Sherriff checks the fingers and wanted bias before stepping on the mat. His pre-mat routine: “mentally prepared, bowl in hand OK, know my line, point my feet, set myself, find my weight, deliver.”



Saturday Pennant Notice:

There is very little to report at the moment due to the current situation. Unfortunately, it looks like none of the scheduled inter-club practice matches will take place before the commencement of the season, which looks likely to occur in November, similar to last year.

This means that trials for a reformatted tick system won't be able to happen before the season proper. Like most things in the current climate, there will be a delay but eventually things will get back to normal.

There have been a few changes to the Saturday pennant conditions of play for the coming season, the most notable one is allowing of practice before the game as detailed in the following note:

26. Pre-Game Pennant Practice

26.1. Practice is allowed on the day of play including on the rinks the game is to be played on, for both the home and visiting side, up to 30 minutes prior to the commencement of play. If required, the visiting side must have access to half the rinks the game is to be played on.

The only other details to note at this stage is that, if State Covid restrictions allow for a normal season, for divisions 2 to 7 the season will again be only 14 rounds with each section consisting of only 8 teams.

Greg Lambert, Convenor Saturday Selection Committee

Tuesday Pennant Notice:

The committee is still hoping that the season will get under way as planned as I'm sure that all of us are missing the camaraderie and competitive spirit that is pennant bowls. And of course the friendly drinks and get together after the games. Hopefully we will all be keen and ready to go when it starts, but unfortunately we may be playing without any practice games if it starts on the 19th October as planned.

The season will be similar to the 2020-21 season in that there will be only 14 rounds with 8 teams in each section. The club will have an extra team this year in division 6-A-side as well as teams in division 1, division 3 (2 sides) and division 5.

Treenah Wadham, Convenor Midweek Pennant Selection Committee



Coaching Tip:

About 80% of Good weight control comes from the head, not the arm. But only once you have a well practiced and consistent action. So you should always do lots of practice without a jack and get that action smooth and “automatic”, before practicing with different lengths at drawing to the jack.

Think about it.

The Greens

Despite the problems associated with the lockdown, work on the greens has continued on a regular basis as normally required. Our greenkeeper, Shane Waddingham, has done a lot of research and planning as well as the actual work and we are hopeful, weather permitting, that the grass green will be well established by the start of pennant and the bad patches re-sown by the Christmas break.



The first picture here is the green on the 5th of September, looking very green and so much more advanced than this time last year.

So advanced in fact that it already needs mowing.



Spraying with activated charcoal after mowing to help with the new growth and help reverse the black layer problem in the top few centimetres of soil. ↓



The green has been sprayed twice for algae and moss removal and treated with fertilizers to help with the new growth. There is still a lot more to be done though, and hopefully lots of good warm sunny days from now on will be good.

We are also getting a vital grass grooming machine serviced and ready for the new season. (Has not been used for more than 20 years!)

The synthetic green has also been sprayed for algae and moss removal and work there is continuing.

And you know it is spring when we see our resident guard keeping an eye on the green from the clubhouse steps last Sunday morning.

Frank Camera, Greens Director



Club Sponsorship – Gareth Toovey

After taking on the role of Sponsorship portfolio it has been a slow process with covid restrictions being the main factor. That being said, a few previous sponsors have jumped back on board and we have also welcomed several new sponsors. As Peter mentioned we have secured Morrison Kleeman as our Club Championship sponsor. We have also added Barry Plant as a Bowls sponsor, meaning all bowls will have new stickers to promote them. I have been working with Steve Veitch to add some new sponsors to the handbook and have just started working with John Sharp to get new signage around the club for the upcoming season.

Below are the current sponsors for the upcoming 21/22 season, with a few more soon to be added!

Please support these businesses as they support us.

Morrison Kleeman Realestate

WG Farming

Colourway Painting and Decorating

My Chiropractic

Barry Plant Realestate

Mister Fly

Slocums Carpets

A Grade Bathroom Renovations

Le Pine Funerals

HBF Electrical

Renew Garden Design

Back in Motion

Transfixed Automatics

Air Fusion

Valet 5

Jellis Craig Realestate

Tobin Brothers Funerals

If you or anyone you may know has someone that may be interested in Sponsoring our great Club, it is never too late!

I'd also like to thank Daniel Henery, Reg Rowsell, Peter and Chris Toovey for their assistance during this process.

Gareth Toovey Sponsorship EBC

Coaching Tips

In the last newsletter I had links to a few videos on bowls coaching. This link will give you access to all the Bowls NZ coaching videos similar to the few shown then. They are very good and at this time excellent for bowlers of all abilities as a way to get the mind back into bowls. There are 9 short videos, not too long, and well worth a look. **Just click on the picture here and enjoy.**



NOTE ON HANDBOOK - Handbook Editor, Steve Veitch

Rob Harris and I have been preparing the 21/22 Handbook. It is basically finished except for the Pennant Fixture.

We did not have a handbook last year. Delightfully, the contact details from the last handbook 2019/20, are now very much out-of-date due to an influx of enthusiastic new members.

We had planned that you would have a handbook in your hand just about now. Bowls Vic has provided a "final" fixture but as they noted, it may well change before the currently planned start date of 16th October. Therefore, we intend to hold off printing until a few weeks before the start.

Therefore, please update the Secretary with any new contact details.

Steve Veitch

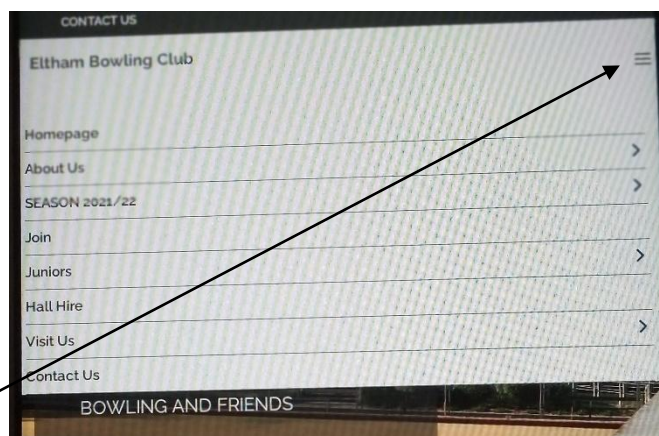
UPDATING THE WEBSITE FOR THE NEW SEASON - Steve Veitch

I have been updating the club website in recent weeks. You can click through to the site here - <https://www.elthambowlsclub.com.au/>

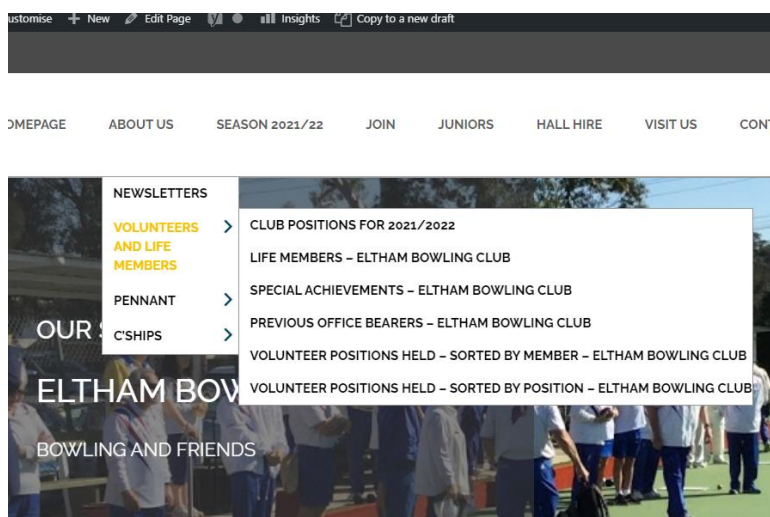
With ever more information to be made available to members and visitors, I have previously rearranged where various pages are kept.

Feel free to give me your comments and suggestions. We are partly restricted because we use a platform provided by Bowls Vic. But we won't know until you ask.

If you have a tablet, the menus mentioned below will open when you tap on the usual three lines (or dots) on the top right of the webpage.



The ABOUT US Menu



Under this menu, are the listings of the VOLUNTEERS who have served the Club. See the picture on the left. Just below that is PENNANT with the details of pennants won, players' games played, and more general information.

And then is C'SHIPS. This records the winners of past seasons.

A new thing is the NEWSLETTERS at the top. This has a link to the latest newsletter. It also has some of the past

newsletters. I have more on hand to add. Later, I will be asking people for other issues that they have kept. So don't throw them out just yet.

The SEASON 2021/22 Menu

Unlike last year, there will be a Handbook. However, we still expect that there will be many changes during the season.

You will be able to find the updated Pennant fixtures and Championship timetables under this menu.

The selections for each Pennant Round will be available here as well as by the usual email.

Other information specific this season will be included as you can see from the labels.

CLUB NEWS

At the bottom of the homepage, you will see the **CLUB NEWS** and an archive for past news. When Helen, the Secretary, sends out emails to members, I create a news item and put them here. You may at times find it easier to locate rather than the original email.

ARE WE USING THE WRONG NAME?

It only takes to me a couple of minutes to modify or correct name all through the website. E.g. Christine not Chris and vice versa. Let me know and I will do.

Steve Veitch, Website Manager

2021 Club Christmas Party

Despite the unfortunate lockdown planning has still gone ahead for this year's Christmas party at the club. The Christmas party will be on the 12th December at 6pm and catered by the club's hard working catering committee.



The menu:

Roast turkey with ham and baked vegetables followed by Plum pudding and fruit salad .



All depends on Covid restrictions but I hope we can all get together and enjoy a good night before Christmas.



Jan McDermott

Bowlers on the move:

Goes without saying that there hasn't been much bowling action since July but thanks to Dan Henery we do have something to show from that month.

Garath Toovey in action at the Australian Indoor Championships qualifying rounds at the Dandenong Club in mid July. Gareth missed out on the knockout stage on shots down after winning a game in the sectional play. (Photos by Dan Henery) Helen Smith also missed out advancing to the next round on shots. Shane Waddingham and Daniel Henery managed to win their sectional games but lost the first round of the knockout stage.



Quote of the month:

The difference between a smart man and a wise man is that a smart man knows what to say, a wise man knows whether or not to say it.

Anonymous

A note from the Editor:

A newsletter can only be as good as the contributions. I hope you like the setup and feel you could contribute something of value and interest to other club members. Please consider this, especially if you are a committee coordinator but all members are invited to contribute. I will include any relevant, interesting, informative, helpful notes, particularly on bowls but not necessarily if you think it will be of value to all.

Any contributions, comments, questions, etc. email me at frankc01@tpg.com.au

Frank Camera