

Eltham Bowling Club

April Newsletter

President's Report

We have had a busy time, since our last Newsletter.

We have also had a sad time with three of our club's near and dear passing away, - Bob Millar, Peter Humble and Gail Elliott. Our thoughts are with all those family members and can only hope their memories of the times they shared while at the Bowls Club bring a smile to their faces.

The end of Pennant season has come and gone with two teams making the finals. Well done to Tuesday Division one side and congratulations to Saturday's Division 5 side, and as a result of their efforts, we will see this team promoted to Division 4 next season.

As previously advised, we have an interim Greenkeeper working on the Grass and have just conducted several interviews, so we can soon appoint a new Greenkeeper. The interviewees all outlined clear rejuvenation plans, giving us an indication and that we can expect a much-improved grass green to bowl on next season.

On the last Friday of March, we ran (thanks to Ros, Frank and their assistants), the first of what we hope will become a reasonably permanent feature at the Club – Jazz by the Green. This first event was by all measures successful; introducing new people to the club, providing a good night of entertainment to locals and bringing in welcome revenue for us. The next event is on Friday the 28th of April and anyone wanting further information can speak directly to Ros or Frank, if you missed the email.



Club championships are being completed and Social Bowls has continued, to take advantage of the superb Autumn weather we have been enjoying. Easter is around the corner and if you aren't venturing away, consider playing in one of the Special Events that are on.

We also have a couple of important events coming up, our Breakup on the **22nd April**, so look out for information on this on the noticeboards and mark it in your diaries along with the **AGM on Saturday morning the 13th May at 9.30am**.

Please remember, we have been and continue to be a successful club, due to those people who volunteer to undertake the roles and duties around the club. The old saying of "Many hands make light work" holds especially true in an organisation like our own, so please consider nominating for at least one of the Elected Positions.

Therefore, I would like to finish this comment with a big thank you to all those people who have both held and worked hard in their elected positions and to those who have put their hand up, either with or without asking and ensure events run successfully, party bookings can be run, teams get on the greens for pennant, the grounds and clubrooms look neat, bowlers get to bowl in club championships, on social days and for special events, new members are attracted to the club, sponsors are found, people get to eat, drink and remain informed – all these activities mean the club remains viable and attractive. Know that we couldn't do it without you.

Carol

Facilities Report

This committee is kept busy maintaining and repairing any equipment and surrounds at our club and to also find solutions to our minimal amount of storage space.

Over the last couple of months, the following work has been carried out:

- Re- installed aggregate scoreboard on the south west end of the synthetic green (Susan Street end) so that it is not in a "traffic" area and secured appropriately.
Organising new numbers for this scoreboard.

- Repaired and replaced locks on the works sheds after a recent break-in.
- Wrote up new instructions for the Cooler system (near bar) as this is a different system to the original. Please note that the controller needs to stay attached to wall and there are new instructions for the operation of this cooler.
- The cooler near the office is still the original one- the operating instructions have not changed.
- Cleared out storerooms of old boxes etc.
- Installed a white board on the wall in the meeting room.
- Put replacement chair covers onto the seats on the decking.
- Thank you to Edna Roden for the donation of these covers and we all think that they look quite “smart”. To keep them looking good, it is important that these covers don't get wet so we ask that they are kept under the actual roof of the decking.
- Moved the “old” cupboard out of the external toilet block.
- Put a replacement storage unit in the lady's basin area.
- Ordered a new door for the main works shed and it has been installed.
- Have disposed of a lot redundant equipment, paving blocks, the old door etc.
- The council have painted the new door on the kitchen and replaced the door on the old office.
- Have also disposed of old wide bias bowls and cleared out the shelving in the old office to provide more storage of small equipment.

A special note about lockers in the old office

There are a limited number of these available and this needs to be coordinated by myself, so if you have any bowls in one of these lockers (apart from Campbell and Bob Halliday, please let Meryl know

Meryl Spargo, Convenor

Jazz on The Green

Our inaugural Jazz on the Green evening was a huge success in many ways; the music was fantastic (as could be expected from Australia's premier jazz show band, The Syncopators), the audience was very happy with the venue and the club did very well with the bar sales (many thanks to Pam Flett and Chris Riddell who looked after the bar all night).

The following is an excerpt from John Crichton's email to the U3A jazz appreciation group:

Hi Folks,

Mal and I wish to thank those of you who attended the Syncopators night at Jazz by the Green last Friday. I have received rave reports from members of the audience and compliments galore from the band members. The hospitality of the Eltham Bowling Club ensured a most enjoyable evening and the rapt attention of the audience throughout the band sets conveyed a clear indication that the



music was much appreciated, giving those of us involved in the organisation of the night, great confidence that we should proceed with other similar events throughout the year.

The next event at the Green will be on Friday April 28, with the New Melbourne Jazz Band performing.
Frank Camera



A quick note from Cath Andrew

Many thanks to all the club members who have been so supportive to Jenny and Cath over the last few months.

Special Events

We've had a couple of special events over the last couple of months, the Christmas Break Up, Australia Day Medley and Labour Day. Unfortunately, the weather forced us to cancel the Scroungers event, to the disappointment of many.



A big thank you to everyone who helped organize and cater for both events, and we look forwards to seeing everyone at our next event, the Easter Triples. If you have yet to do so, signup sheets are available at the club.



Season Raffle Results

1st Prize – Set of Aero Bowls – Ros Camera

2nd Prize – Set of Tyres from Bob Jane T-Mart – David Gillepsie

3rd Prize – 2 Tickets to Village Gold Class – Graeme Webster

Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. *Jenny Miller*

Lost Property

The lost property bin is full and overflowing. There will come a time that the lost property bin will need to be purged, and it would be a shame to have to dispose of some things which remain unclaimed.

If you have lost something recently, have a look in the bin to see if some kind soul has returned it. The lost property can be found in the small room to the right of the bar.

Thanks to our Sponsors

By now you would have some improvements at the club. New shelters have been installed, and we have new umbrellas on the deck. This is as a direct result of sponsorship of our club, and our events, and we are grateful for the support that these sponsors provide to the club.

