

# Eltham Bowling Club

## July Newsletter

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### Message from The President

Hi All,

My on-going thanks to all those convenors of committees and sub-committees whose work ensures the continuing operations of our bowling club. Without all of your attention to your tasks, the club would not function as effectively as it currently does. It is my intention to catch up with all convenors sometime soon, but please, if you have any immediate concerns do not hesitate to call me.

As a club of volunteers, we rely so much on members' generosity of time, a great example of late being demonstrated by Wayne Wilson in his new role of Works Director. Huge thank you to Wayne, ably assisted by both the Garden and Facilities Committees, for all the painting, repairing, building etc. that has been going on lately and ensuring the facilities and surrounds are kept in such a pleasant state.

Chris Riddell, our Newsletter editor, has finally completed his University first semester examinations, and is currently competing in the University Games, organising and skipping the University Bowling Team. Good luck with both events Chris. We will eagerly look forward to your results - maybe even some pictures!



### Club Events

**Wednesday Social Bowls**  
Every Wednesday, 12:30pm.

**Saturday Social Bowls**  
Every Saturday at 12:30pm

**Opening Day**  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm

**Bob Jane Triples**  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 9am

Have news you would like to share?

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The Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month, next meeting being Wednesday 20 July. A major Agenda Item at this meeting is the report received from Ron McCarthy of Sportsturf Consultants on our Tifdwarf Green. Ron has supplied us with a comprehensive report and our Greenkeeper (Michael), our Green's Director (Daryl) and myself have gone through this very thoroughly and are currently implementing a plan of action by which we expect to see our Green becoming one of the best greens in the competition. To keep all members fully informed on our plans for the green, I intend to present a Board Report at the Clubrooms on **Thursday afternoon, 21 July, at 6 PM**. You are all invited, and encouraged, to attend.

Maureen, Special Events Convenor, along with Jim and the Special Events Committee, is now busily organising the Triples Event scheduled for the public holiday in September, the day before the Grand Final. Please lock in this day for yourself and your friends for a great day of bowling. Unfortunately, Diamond Creek Bowling Club has also scheduled a similar event on the same day as our own event. Disappointing that our closest neighbour has seen fit to do this given that they were well aware of our event being on the same day. Let us all get together at Eltham to ensure that our day remains as competitive and as enjoyable as it was last year.

And on a sadder note, I was very sorry to hear that (treasurer) Scott's mum passed away in Queensland this week. On behalf of all of us at the Club I extend to Scott and his family our heartfelt sympathies.

As is usual during these winter months, many of our members' head away to warmer climates. Daryl will be away until the middle of August; Ros and Frank will be away until the end of August; and I also will be travelling north with Frances until the end of August. Happy and safe travels to all of you lucky enough to be in this position.

During my absence, Carol our Vice President will be holding the reins here, and of course we expect Meryl and Noel to be home in August, so all will be well in preparation for our up-coming bowling season, and especially for the Opening Day set down for **Saturday 27 August at 2 PM**. Cheers to all.

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Ray Carroll

# Chris Riddell wins Bronze at Southern University Games

Footscray Park and Kensington/Flemington Bowls

Clubs played host to the 2016 Southern University Games. 6 sides from Victoria and South Australia competed over 4 days and 11 games, playing pairs and singles. Chris Riddell participated as a member of the La Trobe University side, and walked away with the Bronze Medal, defeating Adelaide University 2 rinks to 1 in the Bronze Medal playoff.

Chris can now look forward to struggling through his Semester 2 studies, and potentially playing at the Australian University Games, in Perth, at the end of 2016.



## Social Bowls once again proving very popular



Despite the fact that the weather is a bit colder at this time of year, it is not stopping the hardest of bowlers coming out on Wednesday and Saturday to play socially. This photo, taken on Saturday by Maureen, shows a beautiful winters' day, and everyone having a great time. Social bowls continues right until the season begins, and with the

pennant season now approaching, now is a great time for pennant players looking to get some practice in to come on down and have a roll.

## Membership Fees now due

Just a quick reminder that membership fees are now due for those paying in full, or for those paying in installments, the second installment is due by August 1.

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## Bob Jane Classic

After an amazing initial running of this event, Maureen, Jim and the special events committee will be running the event again on Friday September 30, at 9am. The entry fee is \$75, and this gets you 4 games of 11 ends, lunch, tea/coffee and nibbles, as well as the chance to compete for over \$2000 in prizes. For further information, or to obtain an entry form, contact Cliff Lynch.

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## A Note from the Editor

I was going to write something last newsletter, but it was already long enough, so I believe now is an opportune time to say a couple of things.

I thank everybody for allowing me to take on this responsibility. I believe it is an important communication tool to our members, and I look forwards to the challenge. I have never done anything like this before, and I am always looking for advice and feedback, so feel free to have a chat to me.

I would also like to thank Frank for all the work he has done over the years in compiling the newsletter, I feel like he has set a very high bar for me to try and live up to.

As far as content goes, I will be looking to write this in the first week of every month, unless university life gets in the way, as it has this month. I encourage anyone who would like to, to write an article or submit a piece for this newsletter, and I also encourage any committees that would like to get information out to the members to also email me to ensure that I am not struggling for content to put in.

I hope you like my style of doing this, and I look forward to seeing you all at the club when I am around.

Chris Riddell