

Eltham Bowling Club

December Newsletter

President's Report

It is great to be able to welcome three new members to our club. Glen Hudson (who is already playing Pennant), Fidel Panzera (who is regularly playing Social Bowls) and Chris Toovey who may have been strongly persuaded that Eltham the club for her.

Any time you see a face that is new to you, be welcoming and introduce yourself, whether they are new to the club or your paths just haven't previously crossed, it makes everyone feel part of the friendly club I know we are.

At the time of writing this, the Pennant season is a third complete.

As would be expected, in both the Saturday and Tuesday competitions, we are having mixed success.

Between all the teams we nearly have every position on the ladder from 3rd to 10th covered by one of the 10 teams playing this year, with one team managing (at the moment) to hang onto 1st place. I know everyone aims for a win, from the selection committee, down to every player, however, sometimes, circumstances, (unavailable players, inclement weather or meeting a superior opposition), prevent this outcome, this shouldn't mean success hasn't been achieved, just that it might take a different format.

Congratulations to those who already have a Club Championship win to their name, but several more are still to run, so again don't forget to get your name down, as like most things, while winning is nice, participating is what's important.

Also, congratulations to Meryl, for being awarded a Jagajaga 2017 Sports Community Award.

At the time of the last Green Keeper's report, he was hoping for some consistent hot weather, to help it along, so hopefully, Mother Nature, is finally offering the assistance he needs, for the next step in the renovation.



Also, our New Green Replacement Committee has been and continues to gather the extensive information required to undertake this extensive project. A heartfelt thanks to those club members.

Christmas is just around the corner and consequently we are looking for donations for the Hampers, drawn at our Christmas dinner event and bookings for this Christmas event.

So Merry Christmas and a safe and fun holiday period.

Match Committee Report

Congratulations to the 3 new members on the committee for learning the ropes and doing a very good job.

Championship Results

Men's Singles – Graeme Abblitt; Runner Up - Ernie Richards

Women's Singles – Ros Camera; Runner Up - Pam Flett

Novice singles – Bill Lee; Runner Up - Paul Siostrom

Mixed Singles – Steve Spargo; Runner Up - Vicki Williams

Women's Century Handicap – Lisa Bartolo

Mixed Pairs – John Warden and Vicki Williams; Runners Up - Ros and Frank Camera

– Pam Flett. John Warden, Peter Toovey, Ros Camera

Try Bowls Month October – Open Day

Not our greatest attendance of people interested in trying Bowls BUT of the 6 who did come 4 are coming back.

We happily welcome Chris Toovey who has joined and is now playing Twilight Bowls.

Brent and Ros are coaching a couple Peter and Joyce. James from Men's Group will return for coaching after Christmas.

Jenny provided a lovely afternoon tea and they all enjoyed a friendly chat and intro to Lawn Bowls.

- Jenny, John Elliott and Ros

Jazz By The Green

This monthly event has been extremely successful. There have been 10 gigs and one more to go this year on the 15th December, which is totally booked out.

In 2018 we expect the success to continue and bands have been booked to performed up to April.

We hope more of the club members will get to attend and see what an enjoyable night it is.

- Ros and Frank Camera

Facilities Sub Committee Report

Susan Street Carpark

As you are all aware, we have been struggling to keep local business' employees and clients from using our carpark. After discussions with the Mayor and his with the council, their solution was to install the "swing" gate on this carpark. (Their initial solution was a chain, but we requested the gate, as it was felt the chain would be more cumbersome to operate)

We are now waiting on signage to be installed so that there is public acknowledgement that this car park is for recreational clubs use only- i.e. our bowling club, the cricket and the football club. The council has also undertaken to inform the local business that we will be locking the gate to the car park.

After the signage is installed, the intention is to lock the gate after each use of the car park by our members so that the miscellaneous users of the car park will get the message.

The Board accepts that the gate may create some inconvenience to members; however, it can only be tested to see which is more inconvenient, operating the gate, or having no car spaces available. We also recognise that this is a new procedure, which may need to be streamlined going forward and would be happy to hear constructive suggestions to this end. So initially, the plan is to use the usual padlock that all members of the club have to open and lock the gates into our facility, and for the last to leave the carpark, lock this gate too. A final comment on car parking - it is good to see that a lot of our members are using the "Clancy" car park at the lower end of Pitt Street, especially when meeting to "car pool" and travelling to other bowls clubs for pennant.

New Ramp into The Club Rooms:

It goes to show that persistence matters, as after a lot of time spent “working with the council on this project we now have new “boards” on this ramp. Also, the wooden boards have been replaced with a recycled plastic which is low or no maintenance and made to last. Thanks to Wayne Wilson, our works director, who while always on the job, has been working extra hard to resolve some of the uneven concrete and paved areas around the club. It is back breaking work and we appreciate his efforts.

- Meryl Spargo - Convenor- Facilities Sub Committee

A Request from The Secretary-

WANTED – a group photo of the successful Saturday Pennant side (in the third side) who played in the Saturday pennant post sectional game at Lalor Bowls Club. We need a photo to go with the flag that was awarded to this side so that we can put the flag on display. See or contact Meryl if you have a photo. So, if any one who was there, has such a photo, it would be great.

Greens Report

All seems to be going well with the grass green, though not a lot of growth at this stage but it should improve with more consistent and hotter weather.

Regular cutting and rolling has been taking place and the pace is getting better, though we need to watch that this is not stressing the green out too much before we get good growth.

The green has had a few applications of fertilizer and fungicide. The poa (rogue weed) has been treated but a total kill won't be possible until weather picks up.

The new spray unit purchased by the club is going well with nice evenness of spray without large amounts of water being applied which allows sprays to be taken up better.

The synthetic green has been vacuumed to remove dirt etc. from the surface

Green Renovation

The grass green will be closed (earlier than the usual pre- Christmas closure) on 11th December to be renovated, top dressed and then laser levelled on the 13th December.

So, we can retain the services of the “best person in the business” we have to fit in with his availability. This means the grass green will be out of action until after Christmas, the date

being dependent on growth which is affected by weather conditions, Mother Nature, with some human intervention.

Therefore, some labourers are required on the day – 13th December. Please see Noel if you can assist with one of the various jobs.

- Noel Spargo- Greens Director

The Greens Committee needs your help!

The Greens Committee need a little respite and help to cover the extremely constant care of our bowling greens. In past times the club has had a rolling roster which consists of just two people in the morning prior to each pennant match. Each green needs just an hour of someone's time to roll (grass) or blowing of leaves (synthetic).

There are a number of members who have never experienced the joy of "sitting down on the job" and rolling the grass and Noel is very happy to give lessons. Provided we can come up with enough names you will only need to contribute once a month or less. Every effort will be made to ensure that your roster spot will not be on a day you are playing an away game. Please give this your serious consideration.

The job of looking after the surfaces is essential for us to all enjoy our sport. Just a small piece of your time would help enormously. If I have not approached you yet and you feel you can help, please call me on 9439 5154 or 0433 492289.

- Sue Arnott for the Greens Committee

Coaching

There will be a regular Pennant practice session held at the club every Thursday from 4.30-5.30p.m. for any members.

Contact Noel Spargo for further information.

Also, one to one coaching is available for any member of the club - contact Noel.

Eltham Bowls 2018 Forty/40 Competition

If members know of any friends, family or work colleagues who would like to try bowls this is the perfect opportunity.

What is Forty/40?

Forty/40 is a quick bowls game designed for members of the community who have no or limited bowling experience. It's fun, fast, social and competitive.

The format is 2 bowl triples played over 12 ends (2 x 6 end halves). Each takes approximately forty minutes to play, thus Forty/40.

The competition is run on Friday nights from 6.00 – 7.30 p.m. during February and March 2018.

There are weekly prizes as well as an Overall Competition Prize. Bowls are supplied by the club and any new bowlers will be shown how to bowl.

Participants can nominate a team or as an individual. Nominations close on 19th January 2018, but earlier nominations would be greatly appreciated by the organising committee.

If you have any questions or for further information, please contact me on 9435 1937 or 0487 818 224 or email me at jelliott2699@yahoo.com.au

- John Elliott (Forty/40 Convenor)

Fundraising Committee

A big thankyou to our members & friends who took part in our meat tasting held on Oct 19th. For the short time it took we have raised \$1000. Thanks again a great effort. Also, we have a great assortment of books etc. for sale it is great that everyone helps out. Thanks once again.

- Jenny Millar, Jan McDermott and Elaine Shaw.

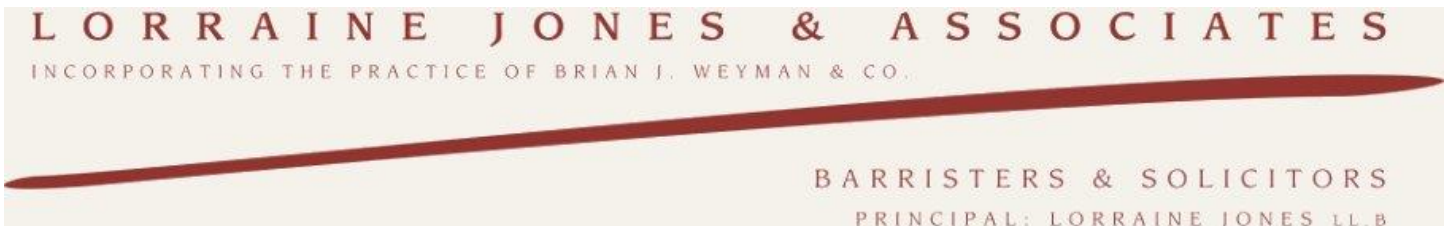


University of Melbourne Pain Research Study

We've received some information about a study into knee osteoarthritis, being conducted by a student at the University of Melbourne. Anybody who takes part will receive **2 new pairs of shoes**. If this sounds like something you are interested in, have a look at the flyer included at the end of this newsletter.

Our Sponsors

As always, sponsors are an important part of our club. Without them, we simply would not be able to function as we do, and with some significant project coming up soon, the support of sponsors will be more important than ever. With that in mind, we need to say a massive thank you to all our sponsors, and encourage you to support these local businesses:



Do you have KNEE PAIN?



Volunteers with **knee pain** are wanted for a new research project conducted by the Department of Physiotherapy at The University of Melbourne.



We are comparing the effects of different types of footwear on knee pain symptoms. Participants will be asked to choose two pairs of different shoes to wear daily for a total of six months.



If eligible, you will receive two pairs of shoes at no cost!

To take part you must:

- Be aged over 50 years
- Have had knee pain on most days of the past month
- Be able to wear shoes of normal width
- Not ever had a knee or hip replacement on either side
- Not suffer from rheumatoid arthritis



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