



# **ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB**

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I will be away for rest of August and most of September. Due to the underwhelming response to my plea for someone to take over the newsletter for September, there will not be one. Please hold over all contributions and reports until the mid October edition.

*Thanks, Frank Camera*

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## ***President's Report:***

As we near the end of the winter break I would like to bring to your attention some of the activity which has been going on around the Club. Outdoors you will notice new paving alongside the synthetic green, plus additional paved smoking areas. Presently the Council is relocating our water and electricity supply lines to the greens to run along the northern edge of the grass green, to be finished this week with a new path put in place. Both greens have had spray treatment, algae on the synthetic and weed on the grass. The prolonged rather cold weather is ensuring the grass green is still quite dormant, but regular rolling will commence this month.

Our request to Council for maintenance to the entry ramp has resulted in some traction strips fixed to boards and the railing has been reinforced.

There have been meetings with Council officers, Local Councillor Helen Coleman and Labour candidate Vicki Ward to address the car parking problem we are facing which will be of paramount concern this season.

In brief: The parking restrictions signage on Susan St near the driveway will be removed.

The proposed car park location, as of 2012 will be looked at again.

Our recent submission to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme –Bridge Street Precinct, emphasises that solutions to car parking in this area are essential and will benefit the sporting clubs, business operators and visitors to the precinct. This would address the growing problem of inadequate car parking, traffic congestion and pedestrian safety issues in Susan street.

We will keep up our campaign on this issue for the long haul; it is a vital requirement for the club to operate smoothly.

But for now, I am asking all members to consider how they can help to alleviate the immediate difficulties we are going to face. There is parking space at the end of Pitt Street behind the Living and Learning Centre, which could suit car pooling for Pennant days and not faze those members more able to do a few minutes' walking across the creek bridge and around the oval to the Club. Council have been asked to upgrade this car parking surface and improve the eastern access to the club to assist our temporary strategy. If members can arrange to car pool for other occasions or events at the club it would help to reduce the number of parking spaces required. The Council will be made aware that we can make attempts to ease the difficulties but we are in need of a solution.

I thank all those who have been working and attending to duties during the winter: Board Members, Hand Book committee, Bar Committee and volunteers, Hall Hire, Maintenance work, Greens work, Gardening work, Social Bowls Wednesday and Saturday, Facilities Committee, Match and Selection Committees, Fundraising, Honour Board updates , Almoner and Sponsorship.

Frank and I will be absent on Opening Day and most of September due to our trip away. We wish you all a very pleasant day with some extra treats in Celebration of 10 years in the Club House.

**Ros Camera, President EBC**

### ***Secretary's Report:***

We have had two members join the club since the last newsletter- they are Neville Pawley (transferring from Heidelberg Golf B.C.) and Paul Liistro (from Fitzroy/Victoria). Both Neville and Paul have been involved in our club activities for a while now and have enjoyed a good Eltham welcome.

There is a notice on the Board for Opening day, August 30<sup>th</sup>, so please don't forget to put your name down if you plan to attend. It is also going to be a celebration of our tenth year in our new clubrooms with a special afternoon tea thanks to our catering committee.

**Meryl Spargo, Secretary EBC**

### ***Defibrillator Installed:***



The Club now has a defibrillator installed. It is mounted on the wall just inside the main door in the clubhouse. The unit was totally funded by the EBC and a significant portion of the cost was raised by the Fundraising committee and their volunteers at last year's barbeque day at Bunnings. Instruction sessions will be run in the near future when all members will be back for the new summer bowling season. The unit is obviously not locked but please do not open it unnecessarily as it has a very loud alarm and flashing red light on top.

### ***Coaching Subcommittee:*** (Notices on the Board)

Training Sessions during August will commence this week Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August. There are approximately 40 players so far on the list taking up the challenge.

Because we only have the one green at the moment, it was a bit crowded last Thursday, next week the arrangement will be a Tuesday at 4pm-5pm session as well as the Thursday 4pm-5pm and 5pm- 6pm sessions.

Terry is holding extra sessions on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm-5pm ONLY to make a smaller group on the Thursdays. Please indicate on the Notice Board if you can change to the Tuesday group at 4pm. Many Thanks.

It will be great to get started with Terry leading us into a new Coaching experience this season. All members can participate and enjoy the benefits of personal bowling improvement and team and club development. I anticipate a very enthusiastic response.

Please note the MEET THE COACH EVENING THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 6PM. (see notice on the Board) when Terry will be introducing his Program and goals for the season.

***Roslyn Camera, coaching subcommittee***

### ***Club Jackets and Vests:***

There will be more information presented very soon about the club acquiring a different and very nice Club Jacket and Vest. They will be made by Henselite and feature the Club logo and colours. It will be each member's choice if they would like to purchase these new items. The Jackets and Vest are not a compulsory part of our uniform as it will not be registered with BV as club uniform garments. (The Club shirt is our only officially registered club uniform garment with BV.)

Look out for more information or speak to Di Debney in the mean time for more details.

### ***Fund Raising Committee:***



As mentioned briefly in last month's President's report, we are holding a Fashion Parade at the club on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7PM so mark this in your diaries, it will be very interesting and lots of fun.

***Jan McDermott, Riekie Sloggett, Maureen Luke and Di Debney.***

### ***Midweek Pennant 2014 – 2015:*** (Notices on the Board)

Practice Matches have been organised and we now need all players who are available to play on Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> to put their names on the list or ring Jenny Millar. The games are:

- Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> V Hurstbridge
- Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> V Diamond Creek
- Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> V Greensborough and Yarra Valley

Round 1 is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The team draws have not yet been released by BV but are expected at any time now.

**Reminder: for women:** The VLBA uniform garments are no longer official Pennant attire from this season onwards.

***Roslyn Camera, coordinator Mid Week Selection Subcommittee***

### ***Saturday Pennant 2014 – 2015:***

The list for availability for practice matches is now on the notice board. Please indicate your availability if you haven't already done so. The matches are as follows:

- Saturday Sept 6 vs Donvale
- Saturday Sept 13 vs Preston/Reservoir
- Saturday Sept 20 vs Kingsbury
- Sunday Sept 28 vs Hurstbridge

The venues for these are yet to be decided.

Every player will soon be sent an email regarding their preferences for the season.

Preferences include things such as the side you would like to play in, the position you would like to play, other players you would particularly like to play with and those you would rather not play with. All responses will only be distributed among the selectors.

Please speak to a selector if you would rather not respond by email.

***Cliff Lynch, for the Selection Committee.***

### ***Wednesday Winter Social Bowls:***

Wednesday Winter Social Bowls for the 14/15 season continues each Wednesday until it concludes on 27th of August.

The Organising Group have added a second prize of \$50 for the Resting Toucher Competition. Now the winner will receive \$100, while the Runner Up will receive \$50. With only three more Wednesdays to bowl, Treenah Wadham has joined Paul Lamotte in the lead with 4 resting touchers. Next, with two resting touchers, are Elaine Shaw, Hugh Azzopardi, Ron Lawrence, Bruce Hill and Kaye Taylor.

For the month of August, the Organising Group has added a prize for the Best Game in addition to the usual prizes for the Winning Team and the Runners Up.

On the last day for Wednesday Winter Social Bowls for the 14/15 season, 27th August, an afternoon tea is being organised for after the second game.

**Organising Group: Cath Andrew, June Beer, John and Joyce Gee, Bob Harris, Riekie Sloggett, Mike Theodore, Zoe and Leon Sinnott (Convenor).**

### ***Saturday Winter Social Bowls:***

The cool weather has not been too much of a deterrent for the many avid Saturday bowlers this winter, with numbers ranging from 32 to a maximum 56 and an average of over 40. We have even had a few visitors from neighbouring clubs joining in the fun (and serious) games of triples or fours. It has also been a good opportunity for many bowlers to gain some valuable experience playing third or skip in a fairly serious competition. The competition finishes Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, by which time a few of our newest members like Eddy Azzopardi, Kevin and Trish Lowe, Elaine Shaw and Bruce Irvine, all regulars over the winter, should almost feel like regular Eltham veterans. The prize money and vouchers have been well shared and the afternoon tea and post game socialising were enjoyed by all. A big thank you to all those members who have come to bowl and to all the committee members who have put their time in regularly for a very well run event.

**Sue Arnott coordinator**

## ***Match Committee: Club Championships 2014/2015***

The start of our bowling season is just around the corner, with Pennant team practice next month and all the pre Christmas championship games to be considered.

Listed herewith are the events in which you need to show your interest by submitting your name on the lists provided on the notice board.

All nominations are to have the entrance fee of \$3 included and placed in the box provided near the notice board.

The pre Christmas events are:

Women's Singles:	Entries close 25/9/2014 at 5PM
Round 1 -	to be completed on or before 12/10/2014
Women's Pairs:	Entries close 7/12/2014 at 5PM
Round 1 -	to be completed on or before 21/12/2014
Men's Singles:	Entries close 11/09/2014 at 5PM
Round 1 -	to be completed on or before 21/9/2014
Men's Pairs:	Entries close 6/11/2014 at 5PM
Round 1 -	to be completed on or before 16/11/2014
Mixed Fours:	Entries close 18/09/2014 at 5PM
Round 1 -	to be completed on or before 27/9/2014
Mixed Pairs:	Entries close 23/10/2014 at 5PM

Full lists of all the Championships and timetables are on the notice boards.

***Gary Marshall, Match Committee convenor***



## ***This Month's Special Roving Report is from Portugal:***

Nothing like pampering yourself with a bit of the local produce when travelling abroad!



For Bev and Christine it looks like fresh strawberries from the local farmers market.

Bob, however, doesn't seem to mind the odd bowl of mussels and chips with a nice



local beer. Although it does look like Christine, taking the photograph, is having some too (and Bev and Ron!). And no doubt the ladies would prefer a nice cool Portuguese white wine accompaniment with theirs.

### ***And also....***



You may remember in the last newsletter we had a report on the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bowls venue by Colin Hines. Although not a mainstream sport for channel 10's live broadcasts, the Bowls got a very good coverage on their [tenplay.com.au](http://tenplay.com.au) website. Managed to see quite a bit of it one night and I would like to know how Ron Lawrence managed to get a front row seat at the Bowls in Glasgow, and make it back in time for the Wednesday social bowls?

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### ***Quote of the Month:***

I often regret that I have spoken; but never that I have been silent.

**Publilius Syrus (1st century BC)**

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