



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

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President's Report:

The special announcement for this month is the appointment of Terry Bain to fill the position of Senior Club Coach. Terry is joining the club as a full member and a playing Senior Club Coach.

The benefit for all members will be Terry's leadership in developing coaching programs in the coming season. The Senior Club coach will work in conjunction with Coaches sub-committee to plan; regular practice training sessions, skills and drills sessions, to offer advice and instruction for all members and to strive for overall improved team performance.

We welcome Terry and look forward to a season of very enjoyable bowling, with a new motivation for improving our bowling abilities.

Around the club this winter we have seen good attendances at Social bowls on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The gardening crew have been busy pruning and tidying up the gardens as well as attacking broken posts in the car park (good effort Graeme). Greens workers Mike and Bruce wrestled with the Hawke over the grass green to give it a fresh coat of feathers for the new season and Cliff has done a great job paving (assisted by JB) behind the seats on the south side of the synthetic green to give us bowls bag friendly access to the rinks. Daryl found the cause of a recent electrical problem in the clubhouse - the old drink cooler near green 2, which will have to be replaced. There has been some spraying to control the moss and weeds that come up in winter on green 1, and also for moss on the synthetic green. The looming construction of the SES sheds has us all wondering if the grass green will be affected. I guess we will not know for sure until summer when the grass comes out of winter dormancy.

Secretary Meryl and I will be meeting with a Nillumbik Council Officer to address some issues; firstly the maintenance to the entrance ramp from the car park which is dangerous when wet and icy in winter, and secondly the car parking problems that we will be facing in the long term due to the loss of the old car park.

There are plans going on for a Fashion Parade for Woman's and Men's wear to be held at the club in September. This promises lots of fun for members and spouses, friends and family. Look out for notices - organiser Jan McDermott and the fund raising committee.

Ros Camera, President EBC

Secretary's Report:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS- your membership fees for 2014/15 are now overdue if you have not paid already. You can pay by Direct Debit (details on renewal notice), mail a cheque or pay in cash down at the club by putting it into the slot in the meeting room at the club and making sure that you label the envelope with your name. Best not to leave any payments in the letterbox near the gate. The clubrooms are open every Wednesday (Social Bowls) 10am to 2.30pm, Thursdays 4pm to 6pm and Saturdays (Social Bowls) 11.00am to 4.00pm.

It might be winter and the "off" season but there's still a lot happening around the club. Wednesdays and Saturdays have seen very good numbers on the green and the clubroom has seen lots of activity in the way of sub-committee meetings planning for the season ahead. The handbook is well on the way and there are plans for opening day this year to celebrate the 10th year in the new clubhouse, stay tuned for more details as the day approaches. Our works director, Daryl Chidley, has details on all new and maintenance works being done around the place and work required due to the SES building work.

The Board has also decided to go ahead with the purchase of a defibrillator to be installed in the clubrooms after our application for a grant was not successful.

We welcome 6 new members to the club. All but one are experienced bowlers and they are Elaine Shaw, Bruce Irvine, Eddie, Hugh and Iris Azzopardi and Roy Nelson.

They have all been playing Social Bowls, you may have met them already and given them a "friendly Eltham welcome".

We have entered 5 sides for the Saturday Pennant and 4 for the Midweek (Tuesday's) Pennant so we are once again looking forward to a busy and successful bowling season.

Meryl Spargo, Secretary EBC

Fund Raising Committee:

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

We have more books than shelf space at the moment so please do not bring any more at this stage. But make sure you check them out next time you are in the club house, there is a huge variety to choose from and the price couldn't be better.

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

Coaching Subcommittee: Skips and thirds training program report.



The Eltham B.C. coaches have, for some time, felt that the above program would be very useful to existing and aspiring skips and thirds. It was also noted that interest had been expressed by a number of players as well. The program was conducted in the clubhouse over two evenings – 10th and 17th June – and for those unable to

attend, it took the following form:

Session 1 Introduction

Building a Head

Calling the Shots – Practical
Segment 1 (Four groups)

Session 2 Qualities of a good Third

Qualities of a good Skip

Calling the Shots – Practical
Segment 2 (Four groups)

In excess of 20 participants attended on each evening and listened intently to the two short topic presentations which opened each session. Clearly however, the greatest interest was in the practical segments which occupied the bulk of the one and a half hours on each night.

The coaches presented “situations” typical of those which occur as a head builds during a regular game. Enthusiastic and lively discussion was encouraged (and received) as various possibilities were considered when *calling the shots*. There were no “right answers” just various options considered when taking into account the head structure and the strengths and weaknesses of players.

Those who attended seemed to gain further insight into the game of bowls. (Just look at the concentration on the faces in the accompanying photos). The coaches certainly felt that the program as presented was well worthwhile and very well received by all in attendance.

Ron Stafford, coaching sub committee.

Wednesday Winter Social Bowls:

We have been very lucky with the weather so far this winter and it shows with the numbers at Wednesday Social bowls consistently better than last year. There is also the added attraction of the great light lunches provided each week by the committee. Bowlers have been able to enjoy a variety of lovely soups or chicken tenderloins and salad rolls with the two enjoyable games of bowls. There are weekly prizes for first and second overall best games and any resting touchers. There is also a great prize of \$100, awarded to the bowler who bowls the most resting touchers for the season. After Wednesday 2nd July, the current competition leader is Paul Lamotte with four resting touchers and in equal second place are Treenah Wadham, Ron Lawrence, Hugh Azzopardi, Bruce Hill and Kaye Taylor with two resting touchers each.

Starting time each Wednesday is 10.30 am. To play a bowler can write their name on the list in the clubrooms OR telephone the clubrooms between 9.00 am and 9.45 am. Dress is casual and the cost of \$8 covers the light lunch, the green fee and entry in the raffle. For those members who have chosen to pay the winter levy it is only \$3 for the day.

Cath Andrew, June Beer, Joyce Gee, Sandy Lane, Zoe Sinnott, Riekie Sloggett, Bob Harris , Mike Theodore and Leon Sinnott (convenor).

PS: If you thought social bowls wasn't "that" serious then what about a few weeks ago when a certain third, let's just say his initials might be "DC" (pretty apt for an A grade electrician!), decided to call for an umpire to measure on the last end of a very tight game. Trevor Pulham (another A grade electrician!) dutifully complied and out came the trammels and callipers for an accurate measure. Fortunately for the said third, the decision went his way "by a good 3 millimetres it was". **Ed.**

Saturday Winter Social Bowls:



Saturday Winter Bowlsthe growing sensation

We have seen a fast growing interest in Winter Season Saturday bowls. Saturday 21st June saw a full house - no more room at the inn, with 56 bowlers enjoying fine weather and good bowling. New bowlers, social bowlers, and resting Pennant players took part in an enthusiastic chase for the prize money on offer, up to \$140 for a full house. Write your name on the list or call the club after 10:30 on Saturday morning to join in the fun (and serious bowling!). Bowling begins at 12:30 with two 10 end games split by afternoon tea. This arrangement will continue until the season opening at the end of August.

Sue Arnott coordinator

Gardening Sub-committee Report:



Over the autumn and into winter the gardening group has continued to meet on Monday mornings. We have replanted in some of the bare areas and pruned the overgrown plants to make them bush up for the spring season opening. The gardens have also been mulched and weeded.

We have also enjoyed the social aspect of this sub-committee, managing to sort out the problems of the world over morning tea (along with Michael Jones) each week.

There is always something to do so club members are always welcome to come along and join us each week or on an ad hoc basis. We meet each Monday between 8.30 and 9.45.



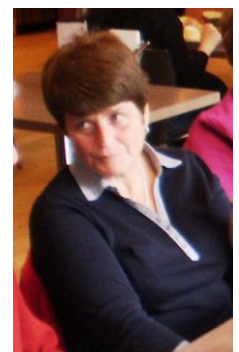
Graeme Lewis, Coordinator

(Bruce Hill, Cliff Lynch, John Baker, Mike Theodore, and Peter Osborne)

Lunch Anyone!



Twenty-one members and partners had a very enjoyable lunch and Sunday afternoon at Rivers of Yarrambat on the 22nd June. The food was excellent and the service was very good, and not necessarily because we had Heather Jones in our group (Heather just happens to work there during the week). Lots of chatter and laughter and, believe it or not, very little bowls talk.



We will have another lunch outing in mid July, possibly at Bridges in Hurstbridge. I will be sending out an email well before then if you are interested.

Frank Camera, self appointed mid-winter social lunch coordinator

Maintenance Director's Report:

Daryl has been very busy in the past few months with many small but vital jobs and a few big ones too. Replacing blown fluorescent tubes, fixing cyclone gates and toilet doors, locating and repairing a phone system fault and tracing an electrical fault to an external drinking fountain which had to be disconnected. And proving how very versatile he is Daryl also helped with the cleaning of the oven, cleaning of the filters on central heating unit and fixed various problems with some of our tables.

Future Works:

The installation of the new SES storage sheds next door means that the water to the club external watering system will need to be changed over to our metered supply. This will occur during the construction phase of the building works. Our club will need to liaise with the council so that we have supply completed prior to the start of the season.

We also have to redirect the power that supplies the northern end of the boundary that feeds the storage sheds and drinking fountains to our switchboard in the club rooms, there should be minimal disruption to supply during this process.

Special Roving Report from Glasgow, Scotland:

We visited Scotland during the last part of our recent trip to Europe. While in Glasgow we decided to spend a day checking out the museums on the western side of the city. The walk from our accommodation in the nearby Byres Road precinct took us around the perimeter of the University where we sighted four beautiful bowling greens in the park grounds of the museum.



When making enquiries as to which club might have access to such beautiful greens, I was advised by a caretaker/guard that they are for the public's use, but more importantly they will be the

home of the bowls events during the upcoming Commonwealth Games. Of course I could not help having my photo taken on such an important facility. It will truly be a magnificent setting for the Bowls during the Games – somewhat different to the Darebin setting of the Bowls of the Melbourne Commonwealth Games a few years ago.

Colin (and Helen) Hines

Quote of the Month:

Could be said of a lot of old and not so old bowlers and their bowling.

Most people spend more time and energy going around problems than in trying to solve them.

Henry Ford

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