



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

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President's Report:

It has been a good finish to the Pennant Season with two of our Saturday sides going up a division and the division one side finishing second at the end of the home and away games. Well done to all Pennant players in both the Midweek and the Saturday Pennant for a successful season.

Whilst we have finished playing Pennant, there are still opportunities for playing bowls at the club. Club Championships being are still being played. There are also the bowling Special Events competitions over Easter on the Saturday and Monday and on Anzac Day. And of course Wednesday Social Bowls continues on as usual.

Also don't forget about the Diamond Valley Shield that we are hosting this year on Sunday, April 13th.

After the AGM in early May we have Social Bowls over the Winter Season both on Wednesdays and Saturdays. You will find the notices to enter all these events on the notice boards at the club.

I would like to congratulate Frank Camera on attaining his accreditation as an ITO (International Technical Official) which means that he can "officiate" as an Umpire at the highest level of competition.

Keeping up with the works around the club you will see our Works Director, Daryl Chidley keeping busy. We have started on the extensions to the shelters on the south end of Green One and will be providing extra designated smoking areas around the corners of both Greens.

The Club has re-instated the designated smoking area on the decking and placed some plants there as a nice soft and sociable "green" partition beside this area.

Also, please note that the entrance gate from the car park needs to have the padlock on the back of the pad bolt with the keeper pushed right though to lock this gate. Please remember to lock the gate, if you are last to leave the greens/clubrooms.

You may have noticed the construction work for the SES going on in our old car park which means that we no longer have access to this car park.

We have ordered 3 more bench seats for use when we play east/west on either green as well as 10 more indoor chairs to match our current ones so that we have enough to seat all players when we have 3 sides playing at home during Pennant.

Noel Spargo, President EBC

Secretary's Report:

You should have already received the notice for this year's AGM in the past few days. Please take the time to read the notice and the closing date if you wish to nominate for a position. The club benefits from many of our members making this contribution to the success that we have had as a club.

Our Club relies on volunteers to operate throughout the year and we have been well served by the many members who pitch in each season to make it all happen. Most of the work is not very taxing or frequent and with teamwork can be very rewarding and enjoyable. Please consider joining a committee (or two) and help out. Being part of a committee helps you to learn how the club works and broadens your contact with our many members in pursuits other than just bowling.

If you a new member of the club and would like to find out more about how you may be able to contribute in this way, please feel free to contact Meryl on 9439 8363.

Meryl Spargo, Secretary EBC

Some Finals Action 2014:





Bar Committee Notice:

Even though the Pennant season is over for this season the Club will always be open on Thursday afternoons until approximately 7PM. It is always a good social afternoon at the club. There are 28 members in the footy tipping competition and there will again be a "lucky number" draw at the bar, for just \$2 per number you could win a \$20 prize. So come along for a drink, chat and a good laugh with your friends.

Lorna Sparke, Convenor EBC Bar Committee

And seen around the greens at another club:



Our very own Glasgow import, Hugh Robertson, with another very well known top bowler and also ex-Glasgow resident – Kay Moran. Picture was taken at the Mt Waverly Bowling Club after playing in the Steve Glasson/BCIB fours tournament. It is a great tournament, playing four games of fours alongside Kay, Karen Murphy, Steve Glasson, Kelvin Kerkow and others. And if you are lucky(?) you might even draw to play this lot.

The tartan is the Robertson Clan "hunting" tartan.

Special Events Committee Report:

Although Australia day this year was very hot, 24 players enjoyed a medley of 3 games with a typical "aussie" BBQ lunch and ice-creams. Ian Jones, Mike Theodore, Treenah Wadham and Darryl Chidley took out the prizes for the day.

The Labour day holiday with far more pleasant weather saw 36 players, including 4 new members (who managed to show us "oldies" a few things!), enjoying a wonderful afternoon of Lawn Bowls. Winners for the day were Jenny Millar, Lorna Sparke and Joe Bartolo.

This past week saw the last game of the Third Monday triples competition for the summer season. This has been a very successful competition over 7 months, with 66 participants from 4 clubs. There were lots of monthly winners over the course of the event but the winners in the overall progressive competition were:

First: Ernie Richards, Terry Bain and John Baker.

Second: Hugh Robertson, Kevin Luckman and Noel Spargo.

Third: Frank Camera, Eric Butcher and David Oliver.

(And the biggest winner was the EBC from a very well organised and run competition by the Special Events Committee and their great helpers in the kitchen, on the greens and the bar each month. *Editor*)

Up coming events:

Our next events are •Easter Saturday 19th and Easter Monday 21st – a progressive triples competition. You can enter for just one of the days or both.

•Anzac day – Friday 25 April.

Both the events start at 1pm and the entry notices are on the big white board.

Thanks again to the special events committee of Sue Arnott, Ann Climas, Maureen Luke and Bruce Goodman.

Cath Andrew, Special Events Committee convenor

Greens Committee:



This is how much care and attention a very keen John Baker always gives to line marking on our grass green. It's no wonder they are always very neat, straight and clear!

Special Addendum to a Social Member of the Month article:



I'm sure it would come as no surprise to anyone to learn that Ron Lawrence was the Lalor Bowling Club Singles Champion 1981/1982, or the fact that he just "sort of forgot to mention it" when I wrote the article about him in September last year. Well done Ron.



Match Committee:

Most of the Championship events have been completed. The Women's Century Handicap Semi final and Final will be finished at the end of March. The Mixed Triples, Mixed Pairs and Novice Singles will be completed by 5th April.

The organising of the Diamond Valley Shield is coming along ok; the date has been changed due to other clubs not being available, now to be played on Sunday 13th April. This year it will be played at Eltham.

Teams competing are Eltham, Diamond Creek, Hurstbridge and Montmorency

There is a list on the Board for players who would like to play, 16 players will make-up the team.

The new event Club championship Mixed Fours was reorganised and rescheduled. The teams in this Championship have done well to organise the rounds.

Winners: - John Baker, Don White, Cath Andrew, Rob Harris

The committee has put in a great effort to run the Seasons program of Championship events within a very busy calendar.

Ros Camera – Convenor, Graeme Abblitt, Cath Andrew, Gary Marshall, Frank Camera

Midweek Pennant Organising Committee:

The members of the committee have worked together very well providing excellent preparations for the Side Captains, Christmas and Season Break up celebrations and the weekly raffles.

The Selectors have approached the task very well in a co-operative harmonious manner with equal contribution. They have carried out a most important job for the club and it is often the most difficult job for the club.

I praise all players for their cooperation in working with the performance card and the reporting slips. Not quite as daunting after two seasons.

Results:-

Side One Div 1 – Finished 2nd on the ladder. A very good Season.

Side Two Div 1 – Finished 8th on the ladder. This side was in a very strong draw of top side teams. A great effort.

Side Three Div 2 – Finished 4th on the ladder. A shaky start, but a very good finish.

Side Four Div 3 – Finished 9th on the ladder. This side will be in Div 4 next season. Best effort, great team spirit.

The new Heat Rule was tested and added some extra work for the committee and also tested the endurance of the players.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Pennant Season, especially the new players having their first experience of Pennant Bowls.

Members -Treenah Wadham and Kaye Taylor

Selectors: Ros Camera – Convenor, Sue Arnott, Diane Debney, Jenny Millar, George Rizzi

Coaching Subcommittee:

This Season has been extraordinary for the coaches because they decided to put together a Skills Development Program and Guest Coach Program as a new attempt to engage the members in coaching activities.

As I said in a previous review of the Programs, I congratulate all those who have been involved, for their effort and the time they have put in. We hope the members have enjoyed the programs and their bowling has benefited from participating.

It is hoped a Questionnaire will be sent out very soon, to the players who attended the sessions. This will give the coaches some good feedback towards the planning for next season.

There are several other coaching topics we would like to include if time will allow, such as the development of thirds and skips, the importance of each playing position in a team, judging a mat length, marking singles matches and groups of new bowlers reviewed by coaches after 1st and 2nd season.

It is a very pleasing result, after a busy Season. The Coaches welcome your feedback, and always respond to encouragement.

Many thanks for the praise and support.

Leon Sinnott, Graeme Lewis, Ron Stafford. Meryl Spargo, Noel Spargo

Ros Camera, Coordinator

Saturday Pennant:

Recipients of the weekly emails with performance results would have noticed that the 2nd side had the best figures for the season. The 3rd side had the next best followed by the 1st side then 4th and 5th. This result is in contrast to last season where there was a fairly even step between each side. Here is the complete set along with the figures for last season.

	1 st side		2 nd side		3 rd side		4 th side		5 th side	
	12/13	13/14	12/13	13/14	12/13	13/14	12/13	13/14	12/13	13/14
Lead	36.3	32.6	32.1	37.8	30.1	35.3	30.1	30.1	22.2	23.9
Second	36.8	34.3	32.5	38.2	29.6	35.3	27.2	29	20.2	21.7
Third	37.3	36.1	31.2	39.8	28.7	34.6	25.9	28.5	22	25.1
Skip	36.8	36.1	28.8	33.4	24.3	37.4	28.5	32.1	20.5	28.2
Overall	36.8	34.8	31.1	37.3	28.2	35.6	27.9	29.9	21.2	24.7

Of even more interest is that every side, apart from the 1st side, had better figures than the previous season. The very impressive improvement of 6.2% by the 2nd side was only surpassed by the 7.4% improvement of the 3rd side. That means that every player every week, on average, delivered 3 more bowls in the zone than they had in the previous season. That is a staggering (and possibly questionable?) improvement.

Overall there were 81 players who played 3 or more games in both seasons. Of these, 21 players declined in performance by an average of 2.8% whereas there were 60 players who improved by an average of 5.8%.

There were 29 players who this season played 3 or more times in more than 1 side. Interestingly, 20 of these 29 players had worse figures in the higher side. The reason for this could be that there is more pressure in higher sides so that performance will naturally be worse.

I think some skips and thirds are routinely erring on the side of generosity. This might make them and the players with the “good” figures feel better about themselves but to what end? They could be found out when promoted if their figures are then sub-standard. The reason for introducing performance cards last season was to remove the subjective element. A mat length is the same regardless of which side or rink you’re in.

Cliff Lynch, Selection Committee

Saturday Pennant results for 2013 – 2014:

Side 1, Division 1: Finished the season in second spot but unfortunately lost the first semi final.

Side 2, Division 3: Finished the season in second spot, won the semi final and promoted to Division 2 next season, unfortunately lost the sectional final to Bundoora by a mere 4 shots.

Side 3, Division 5: Finished the season in second spot, won the semi final and promoted to Division 4 next season, unfortunately lost the sectional final to Bennetswood by only 7 shots.

Side 4, Division 6: Finished in a very creditable sixth spot only 12 points outside the four.

Side 5, Division 7: Finished in sixth position after a good start to the season.

Pennant Game Milestones 2013 - 2014:

Forty four players passed significant milestones during the past season as to the number of pennant games played for the club. This includes Saturday, Tuesday and night pennant.

700	Harry Ophetveld (731)
550	Graeme Webster (569)
500	Ros Camera (505), Neville Fraser (517), Trevor Pulham (509), Don White (417)
450	George Rizzi (460)
350	Frank Camera (354), Archie Shaw (357), Mike Theodore (352)
300	John Baker (336), Judith Furlong (312), Ernie Richards (333), Lee Williams (323), Jim Yarwood (313)
250	Joe De Carlo (251), Colin Hines (252), Brad Jones (273), Cliff Lynch (270), Jenny Millar (260)
200	Brent Arnott (225), Rena Baker (213), Darby Munro (203), Carol Schilling-Collins (217)
150	Tom Bakker (150), Wayne Byrne (155), Peter Carter (156), Ann Climas (163), Graeme Climas (172), Dianne Debney (155), John Elliott (155), Greg Lambert (163), Anna Lewis (151), Peter Osborne (154), Lorna Sparke (155)
100	David Gillespie (113), Jan McDermott (132), Vicki Williams (111)
50	Graeme Abblitt (72), Vincent Bok (53), David Oliver (74), Cliff Sloggett (64), Riekie Sloggett (70), Steve Spargo (69)

The list above only includes bowlers achieving NEW milestones.

New Pennant Players:

The following members played pennant with our club for the first time this season:

Nino Bonora, Pam Flett, Bob Harris, Bruce Hill, Rod Kelley, James Owen, Chris Riddell, David Smith, Ron Stafford, Steve Veitch, Wayne Wilson.

Top of the Table:

The following eleven members have played more than 450 games with our club and it is pleasing to note that most of them are still playing and enjoying the challenges, camaraderie and social interaction that the competition provides.

Harry Ophetveld	731	Graeme Webster	569	Don Rogers	534
Jim McKenzie	530	Neville Fraser	517	Don White	517
Trevor Pulham	509	Roslyn Camera	505	Joyce Vine	500
Joyce Devine	483	George Rizzi	460		

Umpires Committee Report:

(Editor flying own flag)



14th March 2014

Mr Frank Camera

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Certificate of Accreditation as an International Technical Official

This is to certify that the person named above has successfully completed a World Bowls' assessment for accreditation as an International Technical Official (ITO) and is therefore qualified to operate as a Lawn Bowls ITO in the period between 12th March 2014 and 12th March 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Smith'.

Gary Smith
Chief Executive
World Bowls

We would like at least two more members who would be interested in learning the trade and becoming an accredited umpire to speak to any of the current umpires about the new accreditation process early in the new season. The process has been simplified and the new short evening courses are usually run about November/December at a nearby club, most likely Bundoora.

Quote of the month:

This one is mainly for those bowlers who have turned their back on a bad bowl before it has finished...

If the lessons of history teach us anything it is that nobody learns the lessons that history teaches us.

—Anon

Next Newsletter will be due mid May. Please send any items of interest to frankc@aanet.com.au