



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

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President's Report:

Pennant Results- Congratulations to all Pennant players for a successful Season. The club can be proud of all 10 Sides, 6 Sides played in Finals, 3 maintained good positions on the ladder and 1 Side unfortunately suffered an odd twist in the results of the heat affected 18th round so now face relegation. Frank has put together a nice report with photos of finals Sides.

I would like to thank all those who helped to run the Finals games at our club. The visiting clubs were very appreciative of our hospitality.

Many thanks to the bar committee, in particular to Lorna and the volunteers for operating the Bar through a very busy few weeks of Pennant, Hall Hire and Thursday and Friday nights (Twilight and forty/40). It also takes plenty of time buying and delivering supplies, stocking fridges and banking takings.

Thank you to Meryl for the many hours it takes to organise and run Hall Hire and Barefoot Bowls.

Car parking- Council have completed the upgrade of the car park located behind the Community Centre. An asphalt path has been laid to a **new entry gate to the Club** on the eastern fence near the BBQ area. The walking distance from this car park is only a few minutes across the bridge and around the side of the football oval to the **new gate. It is requested that if you are leaving the club via this gate to please lock it.**

Many thanks to Cliff Lynch and his assistants for making the new paved path inside, and fencing off the tanks to make it a comfortable entry for members.

Most of us have struck the difficulty of parking in Susan Street which is not likely to change in the near future, this is an alternative parking area for the Football, Cricket and Bowling Clubs.

Senior Club Coach

After a season of having the expertise of Senior Club Coach Terry Bain the club will be looking at building on the skills and benefits it has given us.

Many members attended the training sessions on Mondays and Thursdays and Terry will soon be presenting his final evaluation of the season's program to the Board.

AGM

The official Notice for the Annual General Meeting will be sent out by the end of March.

Please take some time to consider your possible continued contribution or getting involved for the first time next season.

Ros Camera, President EBC

Pennant Teams 2015 – 2016:

Would all members wishing to play pennant next season on either the Saturday or Tuesday (or both), please sign the notices in the club on the notice board near the secretary's office. We need to know before the AGM so that the number of teams for next season can be determined at that meeting.

Fundraising Committee:

Last Fundraising Event for the year.



Trivia and Fun Night. On Sat 21st March .

Time 7.30. Cost \$10 per person.

Tables of 8, make up your own table , or just come along.

Bring a plate for your table.

This will also be the last social event for the year, so come along and have fun and enjoy the company. We need your support to run this event.

Jan McDermott for the Fundraising Committee.

Special Events:

Four more Special Events coming up soon, please email Maureen Luke if you are interested in playing or put your name down on the lists at the club:

- ***Easter Saturday 4th of April starting at 1pm***
- ***Easter Monday 6th of April starting at 1pm***
- ***ANZAC DAY SATURDAY 25TH OF APRIL STARTING AT 1PM***
- ***Presentation Day 2nd May 2pm***

Thank you for your support,

Maureen Luke, Coordinator – Special Events Committee
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Pairs Championships:

The Pairs finals both went to a tie breaker with excellent bowling by all players but you could say they were both won basically by very good lead bowling. Meryl lead very well in the women's pairs against some good bowling by Sue Arnott. Meryl's partner Iris Azzopardi also had to play very well to hold out some excellent bowling from Carol Schilling-Collins. Sue and Carol however managed to win a very tight first set.



Winners are grinners as always. Meryl has been there before but this is the first for Iris, to add to her singles victory this season.

A few rinks away Rod Kelley also played some great shots when it mattered to help his team get back into the game after a great run by the G's, Grant and Graeme. The score here went from 7-0 to 10-17, before some good bowling by Rod and partner/skip Graeme Abblitt managed to get them back into the game and force the extra end.



Eventual winners, Rod Kelley and Graeme Abblitt, discussing the next shot.

Pennant Finals:

It was a great finish to the Pennant season at Eltham with four out of five Tuesday teams and two of the five Saturday teams in the finals



A happy crowd at the end of the first day of the Tuesday Pennant finals. The division 2 and 4 teams won and will be promoted for next year's competition. The division 5 team were unlucky to be beaten after finishing top of the ladder.

Right: The victorious Tuesday division 4 side after their great sectional final win at Essendon against a tough old foe in Bundoora. Note the sartorially resplendent manager in Alan Algie.



Below: The Saturday division 6 side was not so lucky, having to play their sectional semi- final game in "the tunnel" at Greensborough. Never the less it was a great effort after being in second place with a home final spot before the weather affected round 18.





Above: A happy Tuesday division 1 section 2 side after their sectional final win at Strathmore against the ladder leaders Ivanhoe. This side went on to play in the Division 1 quarter final against Mulgrave Country Club, going down by only 3 shots after a very good tight game all day.

Below: The Saturday division 7 side after their great season was unfortunately ended by a narrow loss to Doncaster in the sectional semi-final at home.





Left: The Tuesday division 2 side at Whittlesea on the Thursday for the sectional final. They had a very good win in the first final at home against North Balwyn but could not quite get up here against Heidelberg Golf. Their first final win however ensured them a promotion to division 1 next season, which will mean three division 1 teams on Tuesdays!

Right: A happy team after the final game at Melton, but unfortunately not finalists. The Saturday division 1 side managed to overcome a rather poor start (10th after round 6) to climb up to 3rd spot on the ladder by round 16, but unfortunately finished the year in 5th spot and just missing out on playing in the finals.



Novice Singles Championship:

This year's Novice Singles Champion is Joe Bartolo, winning in a tight game against a very unlucky James Owen. James had a great start leading 5-0 when Joe took over to lead 19-7, but a good run by James saw the score at 19-15 before Joe closed it out at 21-15.

Congratulations to Joe, a novice no longer, and I'm sure James is saving up the experience for a regular championship in the near future.



2014-2015 Novice Singles champion Joe Bartolo (left) and James Owen, runner up.

Bar Committee:

After the AGM in May 2015 I will no longer be on the bar committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the hard working people that have been on the committee with me during my term as bar convenor. Without them the bar would not run as good as it has. They are a credit to the club. Also I would like to thank all volunteers that have worked many times at different functions throughout the year. Once again the bar would not be able to operate without their help. If we didn't have volunteers to work at the functions our club would not be able to operate as well as it does.

Lorna Sparke, Bar Committee Convenor

VISITS BY ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

During February and March four classes from Eltham High School will have visited our Club. The students visit our Club as part of their middle school elective program. Eltham High School aims to give these students exposure to a different recreation activity each week. When the students arrive at the Club they are issued with their bowls, have the basics of bowls explained, are taught



how to bowl and have some practice ends.

They then play two 1 end games with the winners competing in a "bowl off". The session finishes with two games of Spider.

The following members assisted during one or more session: Bruce Hill, Iris Azzopardi, Hugh Azzopardi, Christine Guest, Alan Medlin, Paul Lamotte, David Cripps, Nino Bonora and George Rizzi. These members worked with a small group of students during the practice and the 1 end games as well as helping to set up and pack up the sessions. Their assistance was greatly appreciated.

Zoe and Leon Sinnott.

A little bit of History:

You cannot get a much earlier shot of the Eltham greens than this! And interestingly the "& SON" on the sign just happens to be Graeme Webster's son in law. Apparently C J Watson & son constructed all the retaining walls for the Eltham Council, an obvious qualification for building a Bowls Green. According to Graeme they studied bowls greens for about three months before commencing the work.



Note: It was not Charles Watson, one of our esteemed life members.

(More history and photos next month.)

ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB 2015 FORTY/40 COMPETITION



The sixth season of the Eltham Bowling Club's **Forty/40 Competition** is well underway. It is played on Friday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.30pm during daylight saving. The 2015 Forty/40 Competition began with a free BBQ/Introductory Night on February 6th and is followed by 6 competition nights with the final night being March 27th.

There are eight teams competing this year. Six of these have been playing for a number of years. The seventh team consists of new bowlers from the Eltham Bowling Club and the other a group of ladies from Nillumbik U3A.

In an endeavour to keep the competition as even as possible a number of the teams are handicapped with this handicap being revised after three weeks of competition.

Non-bowling club members pay a \$10 Registration fee to Bowls Victoria and \$5 each week to compete in the competition. Each week there is prize money for winners and runners-up as well as a winner and runner-up prize at the end of the competition.

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.



There are a few other rules pertaining to Forty/40. Each player rotates position after every 2 ends. The mat is always placed on the 2mT and the winner of each decides on the length by placing the jack on the centre line. There are no dead ends and each team is allowed one power play end each half. The power play team gets to double their shots if they win this end.

Forty/40 Committee: Neville Jenkins, Kaye Taylor, Maureen Luke, Chris Riddell, Steve Spargo, John Elliott (coordinator).

Just another Friday Morning at the Club! (cont.)



Missing from last month's Friday line up, it's not easy to catch Gary there as he gets in about 7AM. Unfortunately the two carpet stretchers sent him home early last month, and I only just managed to catch him on this day. Note the long early morning shadows, he was just finishing off when I got there.

Please Note: Just because the Pennant Season has finished does not mean the work has. You are still welcome to come along every Friday morning and join in the fun!

Pennant Game Milestones:

Congratulations to the following members who have just passed significant milestones:

Don White (550)	George Rizzi (500)	Archie Shaw (400)	Les Engblom (350)	Sue Arnott (300)
Paul Hickey (300)	Bob Jones (300)	Cliff Lynch (300)	Meryl Spargo (350)	Brent Arnott (250)
Rena Baker (250)	John Sparke (250)	John Sharp (200)	Vern Sharp (200)	Brent Blackwell (150)
Vicki Williams (150)	Maureen Luke (100)	Zoe Sinnott (100)	Riekie Sloggett (100)	Treenah Wadham (100)

Details supplied by John Baker, assistant secretary and owner/operator of the world's second largest Bowls Database.

Quote of the Month:

It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.

Abraham Lincoln

The next Newsletter will be due in April 2015. Please send any items of interest to frankc@aanet.com.au