



Eltham Bowls Club  
***THE ELTHAM BOWLER***  
September 2021 Newsletter



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## ***We're Back!!!***



*Impromptu "Opening Day" address by Club President Peter Toovey before the first Saturday pennant practice match on the last Saturday in October.*

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

Hi everybody,

As life gets back to a bit normality it is hard believe where the last seventy eight days have gone. No more lockdowns hopefully plenty of time to do the things we love doing.

The club is really looking great with the grass green coming along well, the garden and the surrounds immaculate as result of the hard work of our many volunteers. You know who you are, on behalf of all our members, thank you.

Pennant is due to commence in the next couple of weeks. The Match Committee has decided to flip the singles and pairs Championship dates. The first round of the men's pairs will be on the 14th of November and closing date will be on 11th of November.

The club has adopted a double dose vaccine policy. This is for all members and visitors.

The handbook is in the process of being printed. The club has also changed our bowls stickers as a result of sponsorship deal with Barry Plant. The stickers will come with the handbook. We have a number of new sponsors in the handbook and around the club. We encourage you to give them consideration.

We held a board meeting on the 20th of October. Items discussed were replacing the carpet which will be done by the Council and also interior painting of the club rooms. The club is working on a five year plan & vision for the club. The Christmas Party will be held on 12th December. We will be presenting Life Membership and Veterans Badges on the night. We are also looking to having a Members Night every month and a Sunday Acoustic Afternoon in the New Year. We have obtained some second hand aluminium chairs and tables for the decking area. Thanks to Shane for obtaining these for free. We will also replacing the red chairs in the shelters over the coming weeks.

I would just like to thank all the volunteers for the wonderful work they do during the season. I am always amazed at the amount of work you do without any fanfare.

**Regards, Peter Toovey, President EBC**

## ***A word from our Secretary:***

Hopefully we've weathered the last of the lock downs for now, it's great to get out and enjoy the great outdoors with our family and friends and complimented with warmer weather and a weekly top up of rain for the garden. With a further easing of restrictions late last month we can now have greater numbers on the greens and our density quotient allows the club to have up to 50 people inside. The Board is implementing both Government and Bowls Vic guidelines regarding eligibility to bowl, only fully vaccinated people or those with an exemption, will be able to attend. Those members who have not let the secretary know their vaccination status please do as soon as possible, plus proof of vaccination status needs to be sighted by the secretary before returning to bowls. **Please note members who do not provide proof of vaccination will be ineligible to bowl until proof of vaccination is sighted.**

**A very handy tip regarding your COVID Certificate** please carry a paper copy of your certificate, just in case your phone goes flat, or you forget your phone plus ID to save frustration and disappointment when playing at away clubs, as most clubs will be operating under hospitality guidelines when their clubrooms & Bars are open, their greens will most likely be included in the red line area, as per government guideline you will need to show proof of being fully vaccinated.

We had a great turn out for our first weekend pennant -intra club practise last Saturday; a little bit of housekeeping when games are finished please hang the bowls scoops back up on their hooks in the shelters this will help prevent accidents. Please remember only spray or liquid chalk can be used to mark bowls.

***Helen Smith, Secretary EBC***

## ***Spray Chalk***

*As mentioned by Helen just above, all skips and thirds must use spray chalk to mark touchers during a game. It is simple and effective to use and safe for a number of reasons. It is not expensive and one container may last the whole season. The Bar is temporarily out of it but we have two boxes on order and they will hopefully be here for the start of pennant.*



## Match Committee Notice:

Club Championship dates have some changes and here is a short calendar showing what's on before Christmas.

Entry forms with the details are on the Championship Notice Board .

			MENS CHAMPIONSHIPS	WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Saturday	OCT 30TH	WEEKEND PRACTICE		
Sunday	OCT 31ST			
Tuesday	NOV 2ND	MELBOURNE CUP DAY SPECIAL EVENT 9.45 am		
Saturday	NOV 6TH	WEEKEND PRACTICE		
Sunday	NOV 7TH			
Tuesday	NOV 9TH	MIDWEEK PRACTICE		
Saturday	NOV 13TH	WEEKEND ROUND 1		
Sunday	NOV 14TH		PAIRS ROUND 1 EXTENDED ENTRY CLOSING DATE 11/11/21	
Tuesday	NOV 16TH	MIDWEEK ROUND 1		
Friday	NOV 19TH			
Saturday	NOV 20TH	WEEKEND ROUND 2		
Sunday	NOV 21ST		PAIRS ROUND 2	PAIRS ROUND 1
Tuesday	NOV 23RD	MIDWEEK ROUND 2		
Saturday	NOV 27TH	WEEKEND ROUND 3		
Sunday	NOV 28TH	Yarra Reg. Pairs 1	PAIRS ROUND 3	PAIRS ROUND 2
Tuesday	NOV 30TH	MIDWEEK ROUND 3		
Saturday	DEC 4TH	WEEKEND ROUND 4		
Sunday	DEC 5TH	Yarra Reg. Pairs 2	PAIRS SEMI FINALS	PAIRS SEMI FINALS
Tuesday	DEC 7TH	MIDWEEK ROUND 4		
Saturday	DEC 11TH	WEEKEND ROUND 5		
Sunday	DEC 12TH	CHRISTMAS DINNER 6pm	PAIRS FINAL	PAIRS FINAL
Tuesday	DEC 14TH	MIDWEEK ROUND 5		
Saturday	DEC 18TH	WEEKEND ROUND 6		
Sunday	DEC 19TH			

## YARRA REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Yarra State Events 2021-22						
View all Yarra Championship Competitions <a href="#">HERE</a>						
EVENT	OPEN DATE	CLOSE DATE	DRAW	ROUND DATES		FINALS
				1st RD	2nd RD	
Pairs - Mens and Womens	Sat 6 Nov	Thu 18 Nov	Tue 23 Nov	Sun 28 Nov	Sun 5 Dec	Sun 12 Dec
Over 60s Singles - Mens and Womens	Sun 7 Nov	Fri 19 Nov	Wed 24 Nov	Mon 29 Nov	Wed 1 Dec	Fri 3 Dec
Over 60s Pairs - Mens and Womens	Sun 21 Nov	Fri 3 Dec	Wed 08 Dec	Mon 13 Dec	Wed 15 Dec	Fri 17 Dec
Singles - Mens and Womens	Sat 25 Dec	Thu 6 Jan	Tue 11 Jan	Sun 16 Jan	Sun 23 Jan	Wed 2 + Wed 9 Feb
Novice - Mens and Womens	Sat 1 Jan	Thu 13 Jan	Tue 18 Jan	Sun 23 Jan	Wed 2 Feb	Wed 9 Feb
Triples - Mens and Womens	Sun 2 Jan	Fri 14 Jan	Wed 19 Jan	Mon 24 Jan	Mon 7 Feb	Mon 21 Feb
				Mon 31 Jan	Mon 14 Feb	
Mixed Pairs	Sat 15 Jan	Thu 27 Jan	Tue 1 Feb	Sun 6 Feb	Sun 20 Feb	Fri 25 Feb
Fours - Mens and Womens	Tue 1 Feb	Sun 13 Feb	Fri 18 Feb	Wed 23 Feb	Wed 2 Mar	Wed 9 Mar
				Mon 28 Feb	Mon 7 Mar	
CoC Singles - Mens and Womens	Sat 12 Mar	Thu 24 Mar	Tue 29 Mar	Sun 3 Apr		Sun 10 Apr
Covid Back-up Program			Night Rounds			
NOTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO PLAY						
If an entrant cannot attend at the allotted date and time, at least 24 hours notice must be given to Matt Ottobre (0411 516 328 or yarrabowlsregion@gmail.com). A \$50 penalty applies for unnotified non-attendance.						
REFUND POLICY						
1. Withdrawal before the closing date or for an abandoned event – full refund						
2. Withdrawal after the closing date, but before the draw is performed – full refund						
3. Withdrawal after the draw is set– no refund						
If you believe extraordinary circumstances exist, you should apply, in writing, for a review to Matt Ottobre (yarrabowlsregion@gmail.com).						
ABANDONED PLAY POLICY						
Games abandoned for inclement weather will be resumed under such conditions as the Region Championships Committee decides with the scores carried forward as they were when play was abandoned. If players are unable to resume play, their entry will be forfeited.						

## THE NEW SYSTEM TO ENTER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IS THROUGH [BowlsLink](#)

1. All players have a [National](#) I.D number, Helen has this for you or get it online .
2. Single players and Teams (one player enters all team players) will be responsible to place their entries online.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19k0BRmV7ISAjfBcNfRsIStVNro3C3OtZ/view>

3. Payment for entry will be collected by the Club.

***Ros Camera, Match Committee***



## Saturday Pennant Notice:

It was great to finally start our season with an intra club practice match between our five pennant sides. Early thanks to our emergencies who played and allowed all sides to be filled to a satisfactory level. I'm sure we will be calling on our emergencies throughout the year as without their contribution the Club might not be able to field the five full pennant sides every week.

The format of Practice Match One may have been a little onerous for some, especially those who played on the grass which hadn't been cut due to inclement weather, but it did give the opportunity to compete against quite a number of players.

This year we are going to replace the 'tick' system with another method of player evaluation. This will be trialled in Practice Match 2 and continue into the pennant season. An example of the evaluation sheet is shown here:

PENNANT REPORT			
SIDE.....4.....		ROUND.....1.....	
OPPOSITION CLUB.....ROSANNA.....			
SKIPS NAME.....J. BROWN.....			
PLAYERS INITIALS	GAME PERFORMANCE	AGAINST OPPONENT Win Loss Draw	RANK TEAM NOT YOURSELF
LEAD AC	VERY GOOD GOOD AVERAGE ORDINARY	W	5
SECOND DC	VERY GOOD GOOD AVERAGE ORDINARY	L	2
THIRD P.H	VERY GOOD GOOD AVERAGE ORDINARY		
SKIP J.B.	VERY GOOD GOOD AVERAGE ORDINARY	D	3
RANKING DIVIDE 10 POINTS BETWEEN 3 PLAYERS EXAMPLES 3/3/4. 5/2/3..... 2/2/6..... 1/4/5..... 4/4/2.....			
RINK -----WIN-----DRAW-----LOSS-----			

This Report sheet is what will be used by all players this season. The Side Managers will prepare the details for each round

**Please read it through so you know what's required.**

**LOOK AT THE SAMPLE (ABOVE) You do not report on/rank yourself**

**Remember it's an assessment of a game result.**

**We strive for the best results.**

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SKIPS NAME.....			
PLAYERS INITIALS	GAME PERFORMANCE	AGAINST OPPONENT Win Loss Draw	RANK TEAM NOT YOURSELF
LEAD	VERY GOOD GOOD AVERAGE ORDINARY		
SECOND	VERY GOOD GOOD AVERAGE ORDINARY		
THIRD	VERY GOOD GOOD AVERAGE ORDINARY		
SKIP	VERY GOOD GOOD AVERAGE ORDINARY		
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We are hoping that this format will be more holistic but are mindful that all systems have their deficiencies. Players are also reminded that if they have individual concerns they are encouraged to meet with the selectors to express their views. Meetings usually take place at the Club on Tuesdays at 5.00pm.

**Greg Lambert, Convenor Saturday Selection Committee**

**PS:** You are all aware of the task the Selection Committee has every season.

There must be feedback and communication to assist the process of selecting players.

We have looked at systems used at other clubs and also some ideas given to us from members.

This Report sheet is what will be used by all players this

**Ros Camera, for the selection Committee.**



## NOTICE FROM THE COACHES SUB – COMMITTEE


- 1) The club coaches will be running weekly Drills and Skills sessions this season.  
Thursday mornings, 10am, afternoons 3pm, and evenings 5.30pm.
- 2) ALSO Mondays 1.30 pm, sessions to help with
  - Delivery and Technique correction
  - Guidance for Skips & 3rds learning the skills

Coaches Sub-Committee

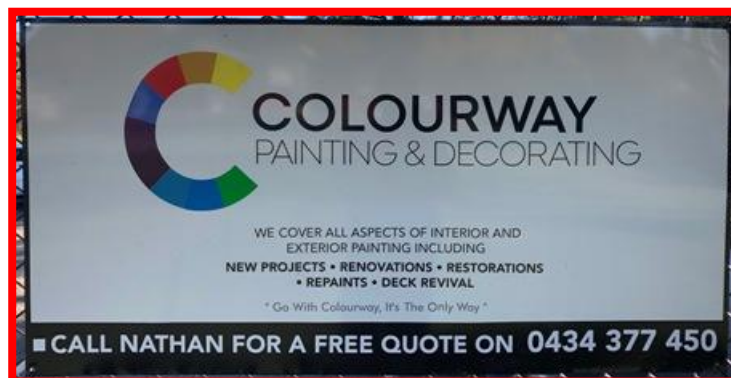
## Coaching Tips:

### Some great videos to watch...

In the last newsletter I had links to a few videos on bowls coaching. This link will give you access to all the Bowls NZ coaching videos similar to the few shown then. They are very good and at this time excellent for bowlers of all abilities as a way to get the mind back into bowls. There are 9 short videos, not too long, and well worth a look.

Just click on the  picture here, learn and enjoy.





## Garden Committee Report



With the gradual easing of restrictions over the last month, the Garden Committee members and a few volunteers have been attending the garden surrounds, removing weeds, dead shrubs, pruning bushes and planting succulents in the garden bed along the car park fence. Thank you to Dan, Joy and Di for their donations of cuttings, they have been added to the garden bed.



Many thanks to Di Debney, Kaye Taylor, Chris Jacques & Kaye Pepyat for planting and weeding around the gardens and Wayne Wilson for trimming our taller vines and plants along the fence on the northern & eastern sides.

Tim, Kaye Pepyat along with myself, have been trimming and mulching the brushes and shrubs in garden beds along the Susan St & SES side of the synthetic green, thanks again to Dan for donating the hay to mulch the garden, with all the rain the plants should be very happy.

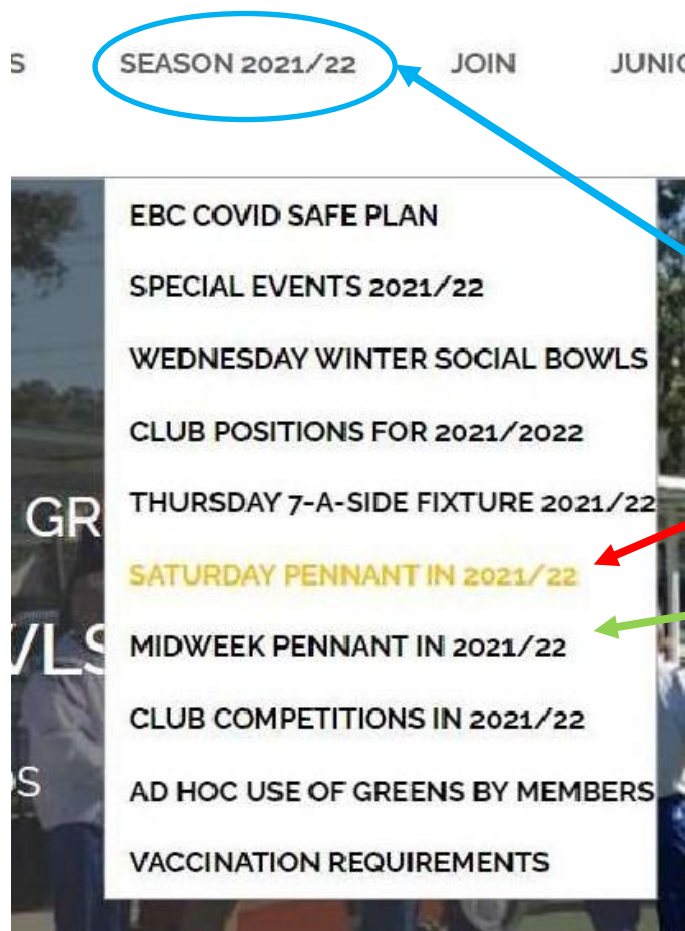


Regards Helen Smith, on Behalf of the Garden Committee



## WEBSITE GOODIES

### SEASON 2021/22 Menu Revisited



As mentioned in the last newsletter, the latest and past Pennant team selections are available on the club website. There are also the fixtures and other useful information.

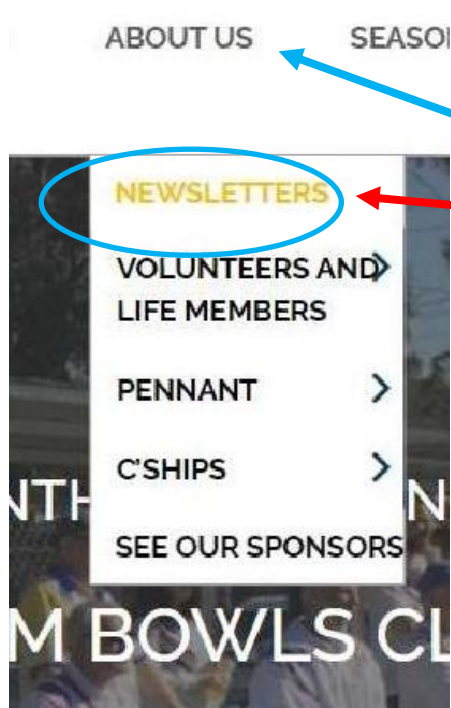
Click [here](#) to see the Saturday Pennant page.

**OR find it yourself** by clicking on the drop-down menu at the top of the club website, [elthambowlsclub.com.au](http://elthambowlsclub.com.au)

And then, click on the page.

You can find the Midweek information by the same means. Or just click [here](#) to jump straight there.

### LATEST AND PAST NEWSLETTERS



The latest issue and an archive of the Club Newsletter is now on-line.

You click on the ABOUT US tab at the top of the club homepage.

And select NEWSLETTERS on the drop-down menu.

Or jump straight [there](#) now.

You will see that we have most newsletters from **January 2013** onwards.

Please text or ring Steve Veitch on 0487 588 912 if you have **any newsletters before then**. If you have a printed copy, we can soon scan that.

*Steve Veitch, Website Editor*

## Greens Report

The grass green is looking in great shape and beginning to roll well. Our greenkeeper Shane has done a fantastic job. And in a few weeks time the two bad areas on rink 14 will have the top four or five centimetres removed and replaced with new soil and replanted with tiff dwarf grass stolons from the “nursery” area on rink 13. Hopefully, with some good warm weather following, the whole green will look complete by Christmas.



We have had our grass grooming machine cleaned and repaired and already in operation to give us a good bowling speed eventually of 14+ seconds. I say there is nothing better than bowling on a good grass green.

If you haven't noticed yet the picture on the left is the area at the end of rink 10 that used to be rather bare and very ordinary looking for about 4 years. Now plugged with good grass plugs from rink 14, and soon to blend in well with the surrounding grass. The spot on rink 9 has had the same treatment. Thanks to Shane for the instructions and to Helen for helping with the work.

**The synthetic green** has been sprayed with a protector to begin the process of eradicating the algae, moss and resulting black stains that have unfortunately appeared in the past 18 months. This process will take about 12 months to hopefully leave us with a stain free woven carpet. The chemicals have been supplied by Bowling Green Supplies in Queensland and Shane is doing the spraying. Time will tell but hopefully that will also be a successful operation.

Frank Camera, Greens Director

## 2021 Club Christmas Party

Despite the unfortunate lockdown planning has still gone ahead for this year's Christmas party at the club. The Christmas party will be on the 12th December at 6pm and catered by the club's hard working catering committee.



The menu:

*Roast turkey with ham and baked vegetables followed by Plum pudding and fruit salad .*



I hope we can all get together and enjoy a good night before the Christmas break.

Jan McDermott

**Don't forget Twilight Bowls starts this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Details from Jenny Millar or check the sign-on sheet at the Club.**

## Deck Furniture Cleanup Day



The club now has some very good looking and clean aluminium chairs and tables on the decking. Many thanks to Shane Waddingham for supplying them and Chris Toovey, Sue Arnott and Ros Camera for the cleaning, and setup as shown below.

Other pictures show the cleaners, after all the work was done, packed and ready to go – following a final inspection by club secretary Helen.



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## Melbourne Cup Day special event

A very enjoyable day had by the 30+ members on and off the greens. Many thanks to Maureen Luke and her many helpers on the day.



Pictures supplied by Janet Tindale. Some of the attendees enjoying the shade on the decking, Jim and his little mate calling the Calcutta during the lunch break.



**More “opening day” pennant practice pictures from Helen Smith.**





Full List of our club sponsors, please support them when needed.

**Morrison Kleeman Realestate**

**WG Farming**

**Colourway Painting and Decorating**

**My Chiropractic**

**Barry Plant Realestate**

**Mister Fly**

**Slocums Carpets**

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**Renew Garden Design**

**Back in Motion**

**Transfixed Automatics**

**Air Fusion**

**Valet 5**

**Jellis Craig Realestate**

**Tobin Brothers Funerals**

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### ***Quote of the month:***

*“It is better to remain silent at the risk of being thought a fool, than to talk and remove all doubt of it.” – Maurice Switzer*

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### **A note from the Editor:**

A newsletter can only be as good as the contributions. I hope you like the setup and feel you could contribute something of value and interest to other club members. Please consider this, especially if you are a committee coordinator but all members are invited to contribute. I will include any relevant, interesting, informative, helpful notes, particularly on bowls but not necessarily if you think it will be of value to all.

Any contributions, comments, questions, etc. email me at [frankc01@tpg.com.au](mailto:frankc01@tpg.com.au)

***Frank Camera***