



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

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President's Report:



It has been very nice to hear good reports about all the Club events in September; Opening Day, the Fashion Parade, Practice Matches, Social Bowls and the Coaching Program. I sincerely thank those who carried on my duties while I was away. Jenny as Vice President and Midweek Pennant Convenor has done a great job, Meryl for keeping everything coordinated for the Board, and the Coaching Group for supporting the Great Coaching Program.

The car parking situation will be keeping us busy, making sure we continue to approach the Council from every angle and getting involved and knowledgeable about the developments and plans for this Sporting Precinct.

I must ask all members to consider helping to reduce the number of cars left at the Club on Pennant Days. Car pooling from the parking area behind the Community Centre or the Rugby Club car park are options, especially when we have 3 Sides playing at home.

Our grass green is doing well and improving, non Pennant games will soon be played East-west. The re-stretching of the Synthetic Green will be considered when the weather warms up.

Please watch out for an important notice to all members to attend an Information Session on the use of the DEFIBRILLATOR. It is not a complicated procedure and anyone of us could be in the situation where we need to give assistance to someone or we may need assistance from someone.

I take this opportunity to thank David Oliver for his generous contributions to our club over the 2 -3 years he has been at Eltham. David is moving to Blairgowrie and we wish him and Marg Good Luck and happiness for the future. We lose a friend, a good Clubman, a Board director, and a very good player. Farewell David.

Ros Camera, President EBC

Secretary's Report:

NEW MEMBERS- A warm welcome to our newest member Noel Stedwell, and also to a returning member in Kevin Dean. I know that Noel played his first game of Social Bowls last week and enjoyed the game and the welcome that he received. Kevin is already back playing Pennant.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD:

We would like to have a list displayed of those members of the club who hold a current First Aid Certificate. If this applies to you, could you contact me so I can put your name on this list.

We will be providing an information session for Pennant Side Managers regarding the use of the Club's Defibrillator. Defibrillator familiarisation classes for other members will be held at the club in the near future.

Notices are to be put up soon near the walkway behind the shelters at the car park end of the synthetic green to remind players to store their bowling bags under the seats so that the walkway can be kept clear for members to move to their rinks.

A Members Draw will again be run on Saturdays after Pennant (around 6-6.30p.m.) and a Best Rink prize each week is also being considered for the Saturday pennant sides.

You will have noticed that the council has installed extra yellow safety strips on the ramp.

Meryl Spargo, Secretary EBC

Special Events Sub-committee:



Every year we have a Melbourne Cup special Day at the Club and everyone has a very enjoyable time. It is a fun day and we would appreciate as many people as possible coming down to the club to play a game of bowls, have a great BBQ lunch and watch the races. All Welcome!

Starting time is 10am and lunch is at 12.30pm. Where we will be running a Calcutta and cup sweeps. After lunch play will be 10 ends or to the

bell when we will watch the Melbourne Cup and collect our winnings. Lunch is provided, only \$8. Please put your name down on the whiteboard list in the clubroom.

Maureen Luke, Special Events Sub-committee

Fund Raising Committee:



FASHION PARADE

A great night was had by everyone at the recent fashion parade, raising over \$800 for the club. A big thank you to all those who helped to make the night a success.

The fashions from Black Pepper shop in Montmorency were well received and the models did a great job. We even had a few laughs, especially when star model Ron Stafford was on the catwalk.

The parade was followed by a delicious supper provided by some of our wonderful club members. Maureen had some trivia questions on the tables which added to the fun on the night and had all present joining in and laughing, mainly brought about by Hugh Robertson, master of ceremonies.

Altogether this was a highly successful night with most members getting together and having lots of fun.

Thanks everyone,

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



Coaches Corner:

To all those involved in the training program a reminder that whenever you attend schedule training sessions OR conduct your own personal training there is an expectation that you will warm up with at least two ends of the caterpillar exercise. This exercise helps you develop a more consistent line and length. When you deliver a good bowl, in whatever form of competition, to deliver another good bowl all you have to do is a caterpillar.

Now that daylight savings is with us, it is an opportunity for those of us that are not retired or semi retired to get on the greens and put in the necessary time to improve our game.

Another reminder that there are numerous training drills in the glass cabinet near the pennant sides board. I encourage you to try these rather than just roll up with a friend. If you have any trouble interpreting them please ask for explanation. Practice good habits.

I wish all pennant sides on both Saturday and Tuesday all the best for the season and remember, there is no "I" in team.

Terry Bain

Greens Committee Report:

Regardless of how many rinks are actually set up, the rink numbering will always be 1-7 on the synthetic green and 8-14 on the grass green beginning from the west end (when playing north-south) or south end (when playing east-west). For Saturday pennant the arrangement is usually 6 on each so they number 1-6 and 8-13. Spare rink numbers and boundary pegs are kept in the old mats and jacks cupboard. Please return such equipment there so we always know where to find it.

Each Monday morning the greenkeeper adjusts the rinks on the grass green to ensure even wear. Please do not adjust them to suit yourself nor play on any rink not set up. Lines are normally marked by the greens committee on Friday mornings. We could do with some helpers. Line marking requires a minimum of 3 people although having 4 makes it much easier. The process is now quite efficient so that marking 1 set of lines takes about 40 minutes. Please let me know if you can help. Free morning tea with chocolate biscuits and the occasional interesting discussion usually follows.

John Baker is the rolling roster co-ordinator. If you are able-bodied and have not yet been contacted by John please get in first and contact him. He seems to take on far too much of the rolling himself. The only moderately hard bit to rolling the green is getting the roller onto the green as this needs a slight uphill push. Getting it off is easy using the winch. With a little tuition and practice the actual rolling part is also easy.

Cliff Lynch, Greens Committee.

Facilities Sub-committee Report:

This committee has been very busy over the last couple of months with lots of work around the club both inside and outside. We had a clean-out day and disposed of many redundant items that seem to appear around the club, thanks to Daryl and Noel.

Daryl Chidley (Works Director) is planning to have a working bee to do some painting of the handrail on the ramps and the shelters near the clubrooms. We will need as many members to help as possible so look out for the notice which will be displayed on the portable notice board.

You may have noticed that the decking, ramp and wooden surrounds of the clubrooms have all been painted, thanks to Wayne Wilson.

We also had our annual working bee before the start of the Summer Season cleaning equipment and various areas in the kitchen, re-organising the cupboards and the storage room north of the synthetic green.

Meryl Spargo, Coordinator

Wednesday Winter Social Bowls:

The final day for Wednesday Winter Social Bowls for 2014 was held on 27th of August. The soup on the final day was Beef, Barley and Vegetable Soup. Forty five bowlers enjoyed a pleasant day which was sponsored by Ron Lawrence. As a result of Ron's sponsorship, additional team prizes were awarded, additional raffle prizes were available and an Encouragement Prize was awarded to new bowler/lead. Wendy Lyons was awarded this Encouragement Award.

Three birthdays were celebrated on the day. Gary Battershell's wife made him a birthday cake decorated in Club colours and with the Club logo. Reike Sloggett made a birthday cake for Peter Claringbold and Vern Sharp to share and enjoy. The Prize money for the Resting Toucher Competition was awarded. Treenah Wadham collected the second prize (\$50) as a result of her 4 Resting Touchers. Paul Lamotte won first prize (\$100) with 5 Resting Touchers; three that he achieved on the one day.

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:

Winter Saturday Bowls are now a distant memory but members may like to hear of our final outcome. These statistics were mentioned on the occasion of our final Saturday wrap up and drinks.

Over the 15 weeks there were 657 games of bowls played by between 35 and 56 players, with one week of more than the maximum 56 players and committee members became spectators. The prize money distributed during these matches being \$1,565. Bar takings during the Saturday season was \$3,200 and the Green Fees donated to the club totalled \$1,032.

A great vote of gratitude to John Sparke for the assembling of a system that worked a treat. Allowing us to put together the teams in double quick time ready for play at 12.30.

Many thanks as well for the hard work of the committee - Jenny & Bob Miller, Lorna & John Sparke, Ros & Frank Camera, Brent Arnott and assistance of Cath Andrew and Di Debney.

We survived the cold weather and nothing turned blue and dropped off. Hopefully our skills remained in top condition and we can look forward to doing it all again next winter.

Sue Arnott - Saturday Bowls Committee Co-ordinator

Match Committee: Club Championships 2014/2015

Club Singles Championships for both Women and Men are well underway and the Final for both will be played on Saturday 29th November at 1pm (there is no Pennant on this day).

Entries for the Pairs Championships for both Women and Men will be invited shortly with closing date of 6th November for the Men and 7th December for Women. Keep your eye on the Championships Noticeboard to enter.

A reminder that entries must be accompanied by a \$3 per player fee in a marked envelope and dropped in the box at the clubrooms entry door.

Mixed Triples Championships:



The mixed triples have been run and won already for the 2014 – 2015 season.

The new format this year consisted of the round robin games of 15 ends each on the Sunday and the final on the following Friday evening. The final was a very tough game, with the team of David Oliver and Brent and Sue Arnott getting off to a good start, leading 9 - 4 after 9 ends. But the experience of Ros and Frank Camera with a very cool and calm new bowler in Pam Flett leading very well were able put the pressure on and win the last 6 ends to take the game 15 shots to 9.



A cool Pam Flett on the mat.



Top Left: The winning team of Pam, Ros and Frank.

Bottom left: All the finalists.

Gary Marshall, Match Committee convenor

New Umpires and Measurers Wanted!

The Club needs a few more people to take up umpiring or measuring. Bowls Australia has changed the process and it is now much easier to become an accredited umpire. There are three steps involved. The first step is to be an accredited Marker for singles games. We are planning to do some courses in the near future at Eltham to train as many people as possible to be competent markers so that the official accreditation course will be a simple process. The second step is to be an accredited measurer. This is about 95% of a normal Pennant umpires work and we can do a lot of pre-training at Eltham to prepare you for the official accreditation course. It is a fairly simple job once you become familiar with equipment. The final step is to become a level one national accredited umpire, this is also a fairly easy process once you have completed the first two steps.

Please speak to one of club umpires if you interested in any of these official levels.

Current accredited umpires at Eltham: Frank Camera, Brent Arnott, Ann Climas, Noel Spargo, Carol Schilling-Collins, Greg Lambert, Maureen Luke, Meryl Spargo.

This Month's Special Roving Report is from Norfolk Island:



NORFOLK ISLAND TRIPLES BOWLS TOURNAMENT

**Colin Hines with John
Baker and Cliff Lynch
15th to 25th August 2014**



Helen and I arrived at Norfolk Island at Noon on the Friday after a 2 hour flight from Sydney and spent the rest of that day and most of Saturday touring around the Burnt Pine township and the Kingston historical area. Cliff & Brenda and John & Rina arrived in the late afternoon on their flight from Brisbane and we all had our evening dinner at the Bowling Club.

Sunday was another sightseeing day around the island admiring the great coastal scenery. A "Calcutta" event for the bowls tournament was conducted late afternoon at the Bowling club in which we were able to purchase our own team for a modest \$40 despite some bidding against each other.

Monday morning was our first game in the 3 bowls triples event. We got off to a good start against a NZ team from Wellington and, despite a late fade, we won by 2 shots.

Tuesday's game was an easy win against a composite ACT/NSW team and we celebrated with an evening meal at the RSL Club.



Wednesday afternoon's game was against a composite Island/NSW team which was tight all game resulting in a draw. We had a BBQ evening with our new friends from Warilla Bowls Club.

Thursday was 2 games. First was a team from Ballina NSW which again was tight and ended up a loss despite going to the last end all square. We had bowls around the

head but an upshot spread them taking the kitty to an unbeatable sideline position. The afternoon game was against another NZ side from Akaroa near Christchurch and was a comfortable win.

Friday morning was the final sectional game against the tournament favourites, a gun team from the Island. We played our best game with all of us firing resulting in a 7 shot win and thus headed our section going into the finals. The quarter final was played in the afternoon against a team from Kogarah in suburban Sydney. Again we all played well for an easy win qualifying for the semi finals next day. On Saturday morning the semi final was played against a composite NSW/Norfolk Island team. Again we played well for a steady win. Then on to the grand final in which the game was extended from 18 to 21 ends. We came up against another NZ team from Whangarei who had only been beaten once in the tournament. We started well getting out to an 8 shot lead by the middle of the game. Unfortunately the opposition dug deep with all of their 3 players drawing well. They tied the game after 21 ends forcing a one end shootout. Our opponents continued to draw well and we could not win the game.

While very disappointed to lose when we were in front most of the game, we were pleased to have played well in our first visit to the Island. We had a quiet Saturday evening and spent Sunday walking the tracks in the National Park and around the Island. The evening was spent with a BBQ with our friends from Warilla and then Monday packing up for the return journey home.

Colin Hines

Pennant Game Milestones:

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

Noel Spargo (450) Kevin Dean (350) Bev Sharp (300)
Eugene Snopkowski (250) Hugh Robertson (150) Rod Kelley (50)

And a big welcome to the following New Pennant Bowlers:

Eddie Azzopardi Iris Azzopardi Hugh Azzopardi Terry Bain Joe Bartolo
Graeme Dudley Bruce Irvine Alan Medlin Neville Pawley
Elaine Shaw Barbara Woodward Dennis Woodward

Quote of the Month:

“When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down ‘happy’. They told me I didn’t understand the assignment, and I told them they didn’t understand life.”

— **John Lennon**

The next Newsletter will be due late November. Please send any items of interest to frankc@aanet.com.au