

Eltham Bowling Club

November Newsletter

President's Report

Hi All, my apologies, due to ill-health, for missing my October Board report on Thursday 20, following the Board meeting on the previous Wednesday. The next Board meeting is Wednesday 16 November and I will report on this meeting on **Thursday 17 November at 5.30 PM.**

A significant decision was made at the October Board meeting which should be of interest to you all. The following motion was moved by Carol Schilling-Collins and seconded by Roslyn Camera: **"That such work as is necessary commence immediately so that the synthetic green is replaced as soon as practicable"**. This vote was carried on a majority vote of the Board! This decision will affect us all at the club in one way or another over the coming months and years with the Board determining the best way to carry out this major project, finding the right people to form the organising committee, and determining the best way to finance such a large commitment.

At the up-coming Board meeting, this process will commence when the Board will determine a convenor for the organising committee, and carefully consider the necessary planning procedures to successfully complete the project.



Club Events

Wednesday Social Bowls
Every Wednesday at 10am

Friday Twilight Bowls
Every Friday at 6pm

Women's Century Handicap
Final
13th November, 1pm

Mixed Triples
20th November, 9:30am

Have news you
would like to
share?

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I must include an opening statement from a Bowls Australia document when writing its "Construction Guidelines Bowling Green":

"Installing a new green, natural or synthetic, or refurbishing an existing green, is one of the most important projects a bowling club will undertake. Most bowling clubs operate on a limited budget, so it will be critical to ensure any investment is wisely spent with the risk of something going wrong minimised. Major greens projects involve significant costs - which can escalate or be wasted if badly managed".

Ray Carroll

Parliamentary Challenge Bowls Competition

Each year Vicki Ward our local State M.P. sponsors this Parliamentary Challenge Bowling Competition between Eltham, Montmorency, and Heidelberg Golf Bowling Clubs. This year the scheduled date is for **Friday 9th. December** with Friday 16th. December as being the back-up date if weather is unkind.

Carol Schilling-Collins is organising it this year, so keep your eyes on the noticeboard in the clubrooms. Eltham enters two teams of four players who then travel to the Parliament House Bowling Green for the competition with the other two opposing clubs. It is a great day of bowling, fun and festivity with Vicki hosting lunch for all participants within the grounds of Parliament House. And by the way, not only bowlers are invited to the day and to lunch, but spectator's friends and family as well!

Green's Report

The grass green is at last starting to look better because of favorable weather conditions and the ongoing maintenance program. The green keeper has continued to treat the poa, moss and algae with his chemical spraying programs. Also we continue to fertilize the green with liquid fertilizer.

The green gets mowed twice a week on Monday and Thursday mornings and we try to roll the green before pennant on Tuesdays and Saturday mornings as well as Thursday before practice. I applaud the Wednesday social bowlers for their patience because so far they

have not had the opportunity to play on the grass green. We hope we can get this group onto the green as soon as the conditions and the weather improves. Future programs will include coring and scarifying the green later in the year. Other works carried out are the repairs to the bowls rakes, repairs to the shelter on the synthetic green and the conversion of the boom spray to a portable 12volt dc pumping system.

We have also purchased a new score board and that has been installed. In finishing as always, I would like to thank my team for their ongoing support. I have also had informal meetings with Nillumbik council member Meralyn Klein regarding our tree problems (shading etc.) and if she gets re-elected she will push our cause to have the trees heavily trimmed.

Daryl Chidley

Melbourne Cup Day

Melbourne Cup Day was a great day out, as per usual. The weather held out just long enough to ensure two games could be slotted in before the race.

A big thank you to the special events committee for organising the event, Jim Yarwood for running the ever popular Calcutta, and everyone who helped in the kitchen and the bar on the day.



Website Tour, part 2

Last month, we looked at how player records can be looked at on the website. This month, we look at the other interesting things stored on the site.

C'SHIPS – the gateway to all club championships. The sub-menu items provide access. (For the curious among us, the menu item says "C'SHIPS" rather than "CHAMPIONSHIPS" because the latter would make the main menu items expand to 2 lines.)

Men's Events – explains the format of all men's events and the winners beginning with the first in 1982/83.

Men's Summary – summarises the events won by all male players. When you first access the page the details of each event won are hidden.

Men's Summary

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 2 - Graeme ABLITT

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 1 - Alan ACKLAND

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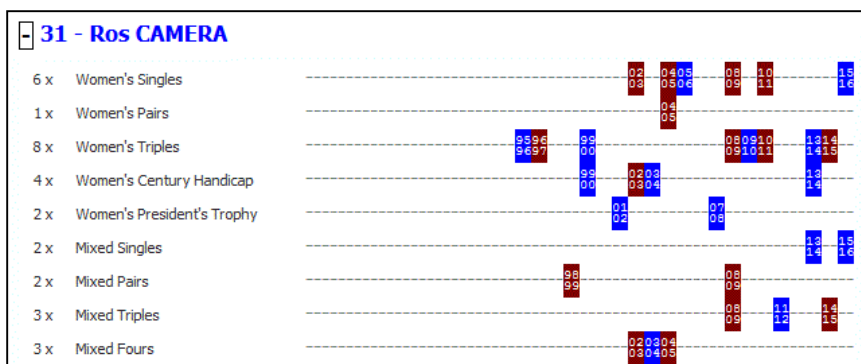
Clicking on the plus sign inside the box reveals the events won. The record of Ernie Richards is a good one to look at.

36 - Ernie RICHARDS	
7 x Men's Singles	2001/02 2002/03 2003/04 2004/05 2005/06 2006/07 2007/08
5 x Men's Pairs	2001/02 2002/03 2003/04 2004/05 2005/06 2006/07 2007/08 2008/09
8 x Men's Triples	2001/02 2002/03 2003/04 2004/05 2005/06 2006/07 2007/08 2008/09 2009/10
4 x Men's Century Handicap	2001/02 2002/03 2003/04 2004/05 2005/06 2006/07 2007/08 2008/09
4 x Men's President's Trophy	2001/02 2002/03 2003/04 2004/05 2005/06 2006/07 2007/08 2008/09
1 x Mixed President's Trophy	2001/02 2002/03 2003/04 2004/05 2005/06 2006/07 2007/08 2008/09
2 x Mixed Singles	2001/02 2002/03 2003/04 2004/05 2005/06 2006/07 2007/08 2008/09
1 x Mixed Triples	2001/02 2002/03 2003/04 2004/05 2005/06 2006/07 2007/08 2008/09
4 x Over 70's	2001/02 2002/03 2003/04 2004/05 2005/06 2006/07 2007/08 2008/09

Winning 36 championship events is very impressive. The most impressive part of these is the almost unbroken run of singles titles from 2001/02 to 2008/09. Frank Camera is to blame for Ernie's 2002/03 gap year.

Women's Events – goes into the same detail as on the Men's Events page.

Women's Summary – Ros Camera is the equivalent to Ernie on the women's side.



Mixed Events – gives a brief description of each event and the winners

Region Event Winners – lists all Eltham winners of region (formerly called “group”) events. This is a big deal because it means the players were the best performed out of the roughly 20 clubs in our region.

EVENTS – has details on social bowls, our regular 3rd Monday triples, tournaments and special events.

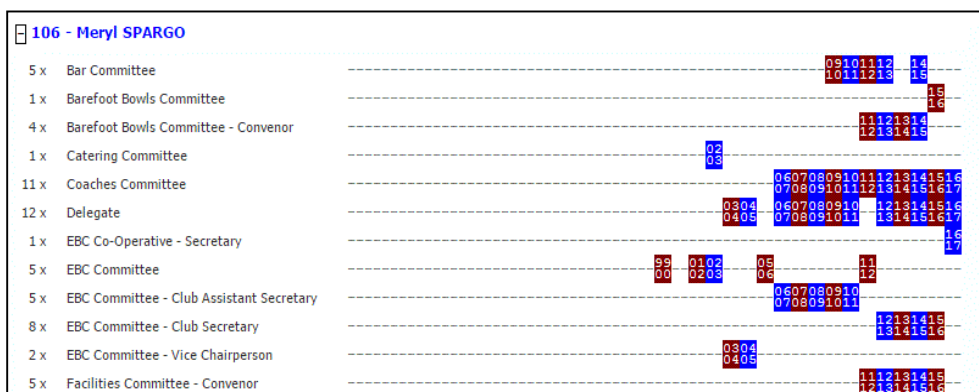
HISTORY – the first page has a brief history of the club. The real contributions of members to our history is in the sub-menu items

Life Members – lists all 10 of them with a photo where we have one.

Special Achievements – we have 2 special achievements honour boards in the clubrooms, over the bar and at the rear. This lists them all from both boards chronologically.

Previous Office Bearers – holders of the main official positions over the years.

Volunteer Positions Held – there are 2 of these pages where the information can be accessed according to who held what position or what position each person has held. Like the summary of the winners of men’s and women’s events, the whole story is revealed by clicking on the plus sign inside the box. Here is what is revealed when you see what positions our most recent life member has held.



This is little more than half of it. Meryl's had a busy 17 years.

LINKs – from here you can get to links for all state bowls organisations and most metro clubs we're likely to play against. But the most interesting stuff is to be found on the aptly named "Interesting Stuff" page.

The page has links to You Tube videos. The first one shows how bowls are made. The next features Noel and Meryl Spargo who competed in the speed bowls segment of The Lawn Bowls Show which ran for 13 episodes on Channel 31 during 2006/7. The last video compares Taylor SR and SRV bowls.

Acknowledgements:

Chris Riddell is the current website administrator

Cliff Lynch handles the tricky bits

John Baker spent several months trawling through old handbooks, minutes of meetings and various other sources to provide the level of historical detail that the site provides.

Bendigo Bank Sponsorship

Recently Rob Harris and Ray Carroll were on hand to receive a \$2,000 sponsorship from long time sponsors, Bendigo Bank.

As naming rights sponsors of our monthly triples, their assistance is greatly appreciated.

Make sure you show your appreciation to the team at Bendigo Bank Eltham next time you wander in to the branch.

