

# Eltham Bowling Club

## October Newsletter

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### President's Report

Hi All,

The Board welcomed our newest member at its last meeting. A very warm welcome to Bill Lumdson who has transferred from Montmorency after thirty-two years at that club. Bill will be playing Pennant with us and I am sure you will all make him most welcome! A full and complete transcript of the Board Meeting is available in the white folder on display in the Clubrooms.

The Board was presented with an outline of a major project for its consideration at its next meeting. The project encompasses dual components, one aesthetic and one practical: Verandah Extension (Clubrooms & Barbecue Area); Replacement Synthetic Green. The two major considerations for the Board are (i) the Concept, (ii) the Method/Ability to Finance.

In considering this project, the Nillumbik Shire will act as chief architect and consultant, and will underwrite the total project, with prospects of financing being through a partnership between the Club, the Council and the Bendigo Bank. All current Board members have been fully briefed on the project and will be only too happy to chat to you about this plan.



### Club Events

Men's Singles – Round 1 due by October 16

Cup Day Special Event – November 1

### Have news you would like to share?

E-mail Chris Riddell at [chrisriddell87@gmail.com](mailto:chrisriddell87@gmail.com)

The time frame for the project is 2016 - 2019! Interesting times!!

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 19th. October at 7.00 PM**, with the President's Board Report to be delivered at **5.30 PM on Thursday 20th. October.**

Happy bowling for this, the commencement of the Pennant Season!! *Ray Carroll*

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## Facilities Sub-Committee

Our Committee and Works Director have been busy over the Winter break and have completed a number of works needed around the club. Wayne Wilson (Works Director) has been busy painting all the shelters and the wooden seating as well as the decking. These works have greatly improved these areas.

We have also installed a new BBQ which should have a lot of use in the "warmer weather" and we have purchased new seating and tables for this area as well as a new shade-cloth, and thanks to Di Debney for the plant, all of these items make an improvement to the general appearance of this area. New chairs for the decking area have been purchased and if anyone has any ideas of how we can "discourage" our feathered friends from utilizing this area and leaving their "trademarks", I would be happy to hear from you.

New bins in the front of the bar and for outside have also been purchased. The "telephone room (beside the bar) has been reorganized and "tidied up" with the removal of the old cupboard and shelving unit. We believe that this room will be more "user friendly" and looks better. In this room we now have a container for the flags and also one for lost property. We can only keep this lost property for a short time so please check this container if you have lost any items after playing at the club.

We want to dispose of 4 of the grey lounge chairs in the meeting room due to lack of space. They are in good condition (but need some cleaning) and if anyone would be interested in taking them "off our hands", see Meryl soon.

Two of the shelters on the north side of the grass green have been replaced with costs covered by two of our sponsors. Cliff Lynch organized the building of these shelters and they were installed with the assistance of Wayne Wilson, Bob Harris and Peter Toovey, thanks to all.

*Meryl Spargo*

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## Match Committee Report – Mixed Pairs Championship

The first Club Championship for the season was played on Sunday 25th September. It was the Mixed Pairs which was held in beautiful weather. Must have been the one day that was fine in September! This was much earlier in the calendar than the past and we would have welcomed a larger field.

The field contested a changed format with eight pairs divided into two groups, playing each pair in their group. Lunch was enjoyed after the first two games. The Semifinal was contested between Maureen Luke with David Gillespie playing the Bartolos and the Cameras playing the Arnotts. Each of these rounds were 14 ends x 2 bowls with Handicap scoring that seemed to be popular with the newer bowlers.

The Bartolos and the Arnotts contested the keenly sought final. Very tired legs with equally tired bodies attached matched scores through the early part with the Arnotts winning out in the end.... again.

This is a fun event and we encourage everyone to consider this in their Club Events for next season. Perhaps we can generate more single entries next year to enable greater participation

*Ros, Cliff, Sue, Peter and Cath*

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## How to mark performance cards for bowls in the zone – a guide for skips and thirds

Both Saturday and Tuesday selection committees are returning to the previous simple method of marking the performance card – no circles, no conversion count, don't need to know the length of the end. There is considerable stock of cards left over from last season so we'll probably use them first but filling in the extra details is not required.

The performance cards are used to record the number of bowls "in the zone". A draw bowl is considered to be in the zone if it is within a 1 mat radius of the desired target, the target

usually being the jack. However, there are other situations where the target is not the jack, such as when a position bowl is called for. Similarly, a skip may want to reduce the number of short bowls of the lead and second by declaring the target to be, say, a mat behind the jack. If so, make sure your players know this and you make the appropriate allowance.

A draw bowl that finishes within the zone is only considered "good" if it got there without undue luck. For example, deflecting off a bowl just short and wide off the jack is one of the options available by wisely playing that side and warrants a tick, whereas a bowl that is obviously delivered way off line but gets a lucky deflection or two does not. Some common sense and considered judgement is required.

There is 1 exception to the above and that is when the skip has the last bowl of the end. If his or her bowl adds to the count or gets the shot when previously down, then it gets a tick regardless of how far away from the jack it is.

When the jack is in or near the ditch or near a side boundary, you need to consider the target to be wholly within the rink as a bowl finishing within a mat but out of play is obviously wasted. In such situations you should consider the 1 mat radius to be wholly within the playing surface of your rink.

Any upshot, regardless of the speed at which it is delivered, is considered to be in the zone if it passes within a 1 bowl width of a 1 bowl wide target. Getting a good result doesn't necessarily warrant a tick whereas not getting the desired result may well warrant one if the bowl was delivered with the requisite accuracy.

For example, if there are 4 opposition bowls in a row and the outside one is clipped it may well improve the situation but it wasn't particularly accurate which is what the performance card is used to assess. Logically, the target was most likely the middle of the 4 bowls. When there is, say, a 2 bowl target and the gap between them is less than the width of a few bowls then a well-played upshot could well pass between them without disturbing either.

The marks you put on the card are important as someone has to interpret them. Please use only a tick (or a clearly distinguishable 1) for a good bowl and a cross for a bowl not

delivered, whether as a result of a dead end or a skip electing not to bowl. For a bowl that is neither a tick nor a cross either leave the square blank or use a dash or a dot. Extravagant ticks and crosses are not helpful – please confine the marks to the appropriate square. It would also be of great help to the tabulator if you were to work out the totals for each player and write them in the boxes at the bottom – something like 14/43 is what we're after.

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## A tour of our website – Part 1

Cliff Lynch has put together a tour of our website, which will be split up over two editions.

When you go to our website ([elthambowlsclub.com.au](http://elthambowlsclub.com.au)) the first port of call is the home page. The main menu items appear in the dark blue bit at the top of the page.



**NEWS** – contains news items in more detail than can be shown in the What's New section.

**JOIN** – really only of interest to those yet to get on board the Eltham bandwagon.

**BOWL** – lists the options available for non-members to play on our greens.

**HALL HIRE** – again this is presented for non-members as we can find out all we need to know by contacting our helpful hall hire officer Meryl Spargo.

**PENNANT** – this is where things get interesting. There are 10 sub-menu items under Pennant. You get access to them by holding the mouse over the word PENNANT rather than clicking on it.

**Saturday Pennant** – provides a brief description of what pennant is all about. It also provides links to ladders and lists the players involved on the 2 magnificent Saturdays when all 5 pennant sides have won.

**Saturday 2012/13 Results** – lists the players in all rinks with all results for the 2012/13 season.

## Saturday 2012/13 Results

☒ Side 1 ☒ Side 2 ☒ Side 3 ☒ Side 4 ☒ Side 5

### Practice Match on 8/9/12 for side 1 in div 1 sect

### HOME vs DONVALE

John Baker	Leo Crimmins	John Sparke	Hugh Robertson	19/18
Greg Patrick	Tom Walker	Steve Williams	Lee Williams	20/17
Peter Toovey	Ros Camera	Cliff Lynch	Ernie Richards	31/18
Brent Blackwell	Leon Sinnott	Wayne Byrne	Graeme Abblitt	20/18

**Overall Result: Eltham 1 (18 points) def. DONVALE (0 points)**

**90/71**

### Practice Match on 8/9/12 for side 2 in div 3 sect

### HOME vs DONVALE

Bev Sharp	Sue Arnott	Paul Hickey	Frank Camera	19/13
Vicki Williams	Kevin Dean	Mike Theodore	Bob Jones	27/14
Brent Arnott	John Sharp	Jim Yarwood	Brad Jones	24/19
Nyra Crimmins	Neville Fraser	Graeme Lewis	Grant Dinsmore	25/8

**Overall Result: Eltham 2 (18 points) def. DONVALE (0 points)**

**95/54**

The above just shows the results for Sides 1 and 2 in the first practice game but all results are there. You can filter what you see by unticking the boxes labelled Side 1, Side 2 etc.

The Saturday 2013/14 to Saturday 2015/16 Results pages are in the same format as the 2012/13 Results page.

**Midweek Pennant** –the same information as the Saturday Pennant page but with midweek pennant info.

**Night Pennant** – information on night pennant including the winners of the most consistent player award.

**Pennants Won** – lists all pennants won from the first in 1987/88 in Tuesday division C2 to the most recent night pennant division 1 win last season. The photos are incomplete – **does anyone have copies?**

Season	Type	Won What	Players	Photo
1987/1988	Tuesday	Division C2 section	Joyce Broadway, Joyce Carroll, Mary Good, Phyllis Hammersley, Melva Kemp, Ivy Liversidge, Esme Mappin, Beatrice Mawson, Edna McWhirter, Addie Minchington, Jean Parkinson, Gail Sibbell, Helen (E) Thomson, Siska Van Den Eynden, Joyce Vine, Rosemary Webb	



Pennant 8s – lists all occasions that 8s have been scored in pennant. It occurs with unusual frequency, especially in recent seasons. Also shown is a count of the number of times each player has been involved in an 8. Ernie Richards and Don White top the list with 4 each. You'll need to look at the site to work out why there are only 3 seasons shown in the extract below.

Player	Total	Season
Ernie Richards	4	13 14 15 14 15 16
Don White	4	97 98 04 05 08 09 10 11
John Baker	3	09 10 13 14

Player Records – lists everyone who has represented the club and the number of games they've played. Harry Ophetveld is sitting on 802 and holds a handy lead of 200 over Graeme Webster.

### Player Records

Up until the end of the 2015-16 season, 277 players have represented Eltham in any of the various pennant competitions in which we compete. The tables below show the totals for every player.

Games Played - Sorted Numerically		Games Played - Sorted Alphabetically	
Harry Ophetveld	802	Graeme Abblitt	115
Graeme Webster	602	Alan Ackland	418
Don White	593	Alan Algie	262
Roslyn Camera	574	Dale Allen	47
George Rizzi	550	Ian Allen	125

There's a lot more on the website, but that can wait until part two next month. Why not have a look for yourself in the meantime? Comments and suggestions are appreciated.

Current special offers from Bob Jane T-Mart Eltham