

Eltham Bowling Club

October Newsletter

President's Report

Well the start of Pennant is upon us, after several weeks of practice games the "real" competition is underway.

This season we have five Saturday teams and five Tuesday teams. So, to all those players good luck, good bowling and good fun. Remember while we all try to do our best, the end result is sometimes trying, so enjoy the company, the fresh air and the comradery. Remember to let the "Pennant Selection Committees" know whether you will be available each week, to make their hard job as easy as possible and fulfil your Duty roster tasks – many hands do make light work.

Club Championships are also underway, so don't forget to get your name down, as like most things, while winning is nice, participating is what's important.

The handbook, is now available for collection thanks to Bob Harris' coordination, Campbell Milton's camera skills and last but by no means least, Ken McGuire's hard work in rounding up sponsors. Over the last few months, Ken has been knocking on doors to help promote us to the local business community and encourage them to help support the club through sponsorship. He has been very successful, so we now, need to support him and them in same. Please take the time to notice the adverts in the book and consider using these suppliers, at least for a quote, when you require the services they offer. Also make sure you let them know that it is because of their support to the club, that you are contacting them. You may also be required at times to listen to a short presentation from one of them, so please do so attentively, 10 minutes of time is not a lot to ask. If you can't see a handbook with your name on it, just ask Meryl, Chris or myself.



I trust many of you have seen our new greenkeeper Phil, out and about, working hard on the greens, which are showing improvement despite the lack of sun and warm weather they really need now to blossom, so to speak. Hopefully, the warmer weather will surface soon. Our Jazz by the Green, as many of you as attendees would know, has been and should continue to be a successful venture for the club. It is again, increasing our community profile, bringing in some welcome income and providing an enjoyable evening for all. A big thank you to Ros and Frank Camera, who have and continue to spend their time ensuring the success of this initiative. If you haven't yet experienced it, maybe you should put it on your bucket list.

Finally, as I have finished my tripping for a couple of months, you may see me down at the club a bit more, so don't say you weren't warned.

Carol

Greens Report

If you have walked into the club and looked at the grass green and wondered just what is going on with it, well, here's some information for you. Work by the new green keeper, Phil Grant and the Green's Committee, over the late autumn and winter time has been carried out as follows: -

GRASS GREEN

1. Followed up on recommendations made in the "Sports Turf" consultant's report received by the club in March; such as treatment of couch mite which was a real problem in that it caused great deal of damage to the green. A couple of applications of insecticide took care of that problem.
2. The green was scarified twice to clean out some bare and diseases areas and give the new growth somewhere to grow and the greenkeeper is happy with the result as if it was not done we would be a lot worse off.
3. The disease was the next to tackle with the old disease scarring and new disease appearing in the green, a couple of sessions of spraying was carried out and there will be ongoing sprays.

4. To get the grass growing and getting the soil nice and healthy before dormancy kicked in- a couple of balanced fertilizer applications were used followed up by a liquid organic fertilizer were also applied over winter.
5. The weed (poa annua) has been sprayed and it was "knocked" a little bit but needs heat to work properly so follow up sprays are needed.
6. Moss and algae have been sprayed with mixed results with the very cold damp conditions, we will have to wait until a bit of heat to spray again and expect better results.
7. Regular cutting and rolling will increase as the weather gets better as rolling and cutting when a green is wet and damp can cause wear and cause long term damage.
8. A new sprinkler system has been installed and on "testing" is running at great pressure and the coverage has been greatly increased and will benefit the green enormously with evenness of coverage and will probably reduce water usage as it is more efficient. thanks to the members who assisted with the installation of this project.
9. A new spray unit as requested by the greenkeeper will be purchased for the club. this will make for more efficient spraying and will reduce water usage in the process.

Hopefully with of this work (and ongoing work which is weather dependent i.e.- longer spells of warmer weather) we will start see the benefits in a better green. It won't happen overnight and will take time and patience.

SYNTHETIC GREEN

I am very disappointed with the results of the work carried out in June to try to eradicate moss and algae on this green, we will have to wait until the weather improves and try again.

ROLLING ROSTER- PENNANT

Very soon there will be a grass green rolling and synthetic "blowing off" debris with the motorised blower roster. This roster is mainly for Tuesday and Saturday Pennant (pre-game) so the committee will be in contact with some members to help in this regard

Greens Committee- Noel Spargo (Greens Director)

Coaches Corner

Our club has five accredited bowls coaches who are readily available for ongoing coaching for all bowlers as well as new members.

They are:

Brent Arnott (9439 5154)

Roslyn and Frank Camera (9439 4467)

Meryl and Noel Spargo (9439 8363)

If you would like some further bowls coaching then, please contact Noel Spargo (Convenor - Coaches Committee) and he will organize the coaching session/s for you with one of these coaches at a mutually convenient time. Alternatively, you can contact one of these coaches directly on an individual basis.

ROLE OF THE THIRD

This information was provided to members at the recent “measuring and marker's session” held at the club on 21/9/17.

1. Must carry a measure, chalk and wedges
2. Have a good eye for the 'shot' bowl – know the position of all bowls in the head
3. Be able to read and understand the head and assess the situation
4. Be capable of playing all types of shots including the running shot and the drive. Must always reach the head.
5. Be Ready for the skip's call for both of your bowls
6. Do not give advice or direct the skip. The skip has built the head and will know what is required, and should not be distracted
7. Form a good rapport with the skip so you both have confidence and faith in each other's ability
8. Give direct, clear answers to skip's questions and calls for advice
9. Inform the skip of any changes in the head and call the skip to inspect only if needed
10. Should move back from the head when the skip's bowl has come to rest
11. Be a competent measurer and do so if shots are in doubt. Signal clearly to the second and the skip when declaring the head.

12. When a measure is inconclusive, or you disagree with the opposition third, promptly call for the umpire.

Attributes: Positive, encouraging and supportive to the team especially the skip, alert to laws particularly in relation to the head.

Customary Duties: When your team has the mat, place your skips bowls on the mat when changing ends. This provides a check on who has possession of the mat.

Evacuation in an Emergency Information

When you are down at the club, please make yourself aware of the EMERGENCY EVACUATION plan for our club. This plan has been provided by the NILLUMBIK COUNCIL and is on display near the front entrance of the club rooms, in the kitchen at other locations around the club. It will be updated by Council to include the "new" gate on the east end of the grass green.

Car parking on Tuesdays and Saturdays for Pennant

Just a reminder to members that if you arrive at the club and find that the car park is full and no parking available in Susan Street, then you can find lots of parking in the sealed car park, off main road beside the community centre in Pitt Street.

This car park is at the bottom of Pitt Street and it is only a short walk across the bridge over the creek, and then along the sealed pathway where. You can enter the club either by following the pathway in front of the football pavilion or use the gate on creek side of the green. The padlock key is the same as for the other gates at the club. Don't forget to lock the gate if you are the last person to leave via this gate.

This car park is also useful to use for car parking for when you are meeting other members for "carpooling" for travel to other clubs.

On another note about this car park-

You may have heard some members saying that they will meet in the "Clancy" car park on these occasions and the reason we have given this car park this name is from the poem "Clancy of the Overflow" as when the council upgraded this car park for us they said that we could use it for an "overflow" car park.

Our Club is Available for Hire

Our club facilities are available for hire to members of the community for parties, wakes, meetings etc.

We cater for all age groups apart for 18th birthday parties.

For any enquiries in this regard see Meryl Spargo or contact Meryl on 9439 8363.

You can also find further details on our club website at elthambowlsclub.com.au and follow the link for hall hire.

Try Bowls Day

Try bowls day at our club to be held on Sunday 29th October at 1p.m. onwards.

Bowls and refreshments provided. Please bring along any "interested relatives or friends (any age)

Enquiries to Jenny Millar (Recruitment Committee) -9439 3835

Meat Tasting Fundraiser Event

Please help us with our upcoming Fundraiser at the club on Thursday 19th October at 4.35pm, for a 5pm start.

It is a Meat tasting event and we need 60 people (we have half of this number so far but need more for it to go ahead), so any members (and friends or relatives - 18- 70 years) who can come to support this fundraising effort and get to eat some meat for free and just provide their opinion about each sample, it would assist our club greatly. Any enquiries- Contact Jenny Millar on 9439 3835 or see her at the club.
