

Eltham Bowling Club

September Newsletter

President's Report

Hi All,

The official opening for the 2016-2017 Bowling Season was a lovely friendly and relaxing afternoon and once again we were honored to have the three high profile politicians present, demonstrating their support in an on-going manner: I speak of Jenny Macklin, Vicki Ward and Helen Coleman. The afternoon tea prepared and presented by Edna and Marian was truly magnificent and thoroughly devoured by all!!

A most important aspect of our year is the nomination of the "Clubman" award. The Clubman Award is that which is awarded to our member or members who demonstrate a contribution "above and beyond" that which one may normally expect in their contributions to the Club.

This year no less than four members were nominated and accepted by the Board and these four were duly recognized on Opening Day. Congratulations to Noel Spargo, Roslyn Camera, John Baker and Jenny Millar who were all present to receive the acclamation of the Club.

Jenny Macklin presents her Jagajaga Encouragement Award each year on Opening Day. This year Jenny presented her award to Pam Flett, (accepted on her behalf by Chris Guest,



Club Events

Wednesday Social Bowls
Every Wednesday, 1pm

Mixed Pairs
September 25, 9:30am

Women's Century Handicap
Round 1 by September 29

Bob Jane Triples
September 30, 9am

Have news you would like to share?

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and to David Hosking (accepted on his behalf by Brent Arnott). I will formally present these awards to Pam and David at an internal Club function in the near future given that they were unable to be present on the day.

A further visitor, Mike Limosani, representing Bowls Victoria, presented a Veteran's Award to Archie Shaw. Our congratulations to Archie on reaching this significant milestone as he continues to enjoy his bowls with us in his regular friendly and jovial fashion!

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21 September and as forecast I will present a Board Report along with a Q & A time on the following day, **Thursday 22 September commencing at 5.30 PM**. Daryl Chidley, Green's Director, will accompany me on this occasion and we will be only too happy to report on the condition of our grass green!

Happy Bowling!!

Ray Carroll

Green's Report

I would like to start this report by thanking the greens committee for looking after things at the club while I was holidaying in Queensland. I would also like to thank the board and the members for being patient in regards to the opening of the grass green because it seems that the message is getting across that by opening the green when the weather conditions are unsuitable would result in early damage to the playing surface of the green.

The early indications are that with careful management of the green e.g.: using mats, and where possible bowling east/west until the opening of the pennant season, we may be able to encourage the growth that has been a problem in the past.

The members may have noticed the new narrow line marking on the green, this enables the greens committee to move the rink markers after every game and limit unnecessary wear and tear on sections of the green. We would appreciate that when players practice on the green to "keep to the markers.

It has been decided that the green will be closed every second Wednesday and every Monday except for the Monthly Triples and any request to play on the green during any Championship Event on these days will be decided after the request has been lodged with the Board.

Upcoming works include finishing the line marks, edge trimming, maybe topping up the sand in the ditches, treating the poa and mowing and rolling the green. The synthetic green has new line marking and we still need to decide if we are going to treat and wash the playing surface.

May I ask all members to check on the white board outside the Club House as to the state and availability of the greens prior to organizing any activity on the greens I finish this report by reminding all our members that programs are in place to have a very good green this coming bowling season so please bear with us.

Daryl Chidley

From the Fundraising Committee

A couple of messages from the fundraising committee.

On Thursday the **6th of October**, the club will host a meat tasting evening in the clubrooms. 60 people and a few emergencies are required for this evening to go ahead. Not only will you be sampling some quality meats, you will be assisting the club in a very easy fundraiser. If the evening goes ahead, the club will receive \$1,000. There will be three sessions, being run from 4-6 pm. Please put your names on the sheet at the club.

Also, don't forget the trading table in the club. Not only can you purchase incredibly cheap books and knick knacks, all proceeds of sales are for the benefit of the club. Make sure you check the table out next time you are at the club.

Jenny Millar

Some Photos from Opening Day

Thanks to Campbell Milton and his trusty camera for these wonderful shots. This is a small selection of the 386 he took on the day.



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