



ELTHAM RECREATION BOWLING CLUB

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Chairpersons Message.

You will be aware that Unification 'talks' have been taking place for some time and all clubs will be receiving formal notification of the Bowls Vic Meeting to be held on 3 December at the Moonee Valley racecourse. Special Meetings will be held to allow Eltham RVBA plus VLBA members and Affiliates to vote on the issue and will be notified shortly.

Please get your creative juices 'flowing' as John Sparke is organising a competition for a CLUB flag amongst our members with a \$50 prize to the winning entry. I think it will look terrific with a Club Flag flying beside the Australian and the Div 8 Pennant Flag. Good Luck everyone.

VLBA

I wish to welcome to our Club Ling Mah from Hurstbridge and Margaret Watson from Diamond Creek (although Margaret is indisposed with a foot in jury at the moment but we sincerely hope she is recovering well).

Again on the Unification - there will be a VLBA & Affiliates meeting on Tuesday November 10th (after Pennant) at 4pm to allow 'voting' to take place and you will be notified shortly.

Please don't forget that our Gala Day is fast approaching - a 'goodies' box has been put out and prizes for the cent table, produce on the day, plant cuttings or anything that you can kindly donate would be greatly appreciated.

Also you may or may not be aware that Eltham is hosting an Umpires Workshop on Monday 26 October and if you can assist with lunch we would appreciate helpers - please let myself or Meryl know if you are available.

Thanks

Last but by no means least - thank you to the 2 ladies who have stepped up to the mark as Side Captains.

Peggy Lynch.....Chairperson

Club Flag Competition

I have put a proposal to the ERBC that we should have a Club Flag (please see attached) and the proposal was accepted at last night's Committee Meeting (Sept. 8th)

We will soon have three flag poles which, at this stage, only have to accommodate the Australian Flag (which always flies) and the Div 8 Pennant Flag (which, I understand, will fly on special occasions only).

I believe that we should have a Club Flag which can always fly. I have seen such flags at other clubs and they do add character to the club.

My recommendation is that we have a "Club Flag Competition" amongst our Members with a prize of \$50.00 to the winning entry. The competition for our own Club Flag is now on and all members with an artistic bent are invited to make a submission.

John Sparke.....Treasurer & RVBA Committee



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WEDNESDAY SOCIAL BOWLS.

(A) WINTER.

The Winter Social Bowls season finished on the 26th of August. The soup on the last day was one of the favorites during the season – Beef Tortellini soup. The \$100 to the bowler who had the most resting touchers for the season was won by Jan McDermott.

Jan had three resting touchers. Four members, Rena Baker, Garry Battershell, Brian Gillard and Gary Marshall, had two resting touchers.

Feedback given by members who bowled on Wednesday during winter was positive. The organizing group felt that the first full winter of social bowls was successful.

The organizing group would like to thank Bob Millar for his help with the green, Les Engblom for his work behind the bar, and the members who assisted with soup recipes and preparation.

Organising Group: Cath Andrew, Garry Battershell, June Beer, John and Joyce Gee, Robert Ludeman, Leon and Zoe Sinnott, Mike Theodore and Jim Williams.

(B) SUMMER.

The Summer Social Bowls season started on the 2nd of October with the same format and organization of the previous few seasons. Dress is Mufti and 1.00 pm is the starting time. Two games of triples and/or fours are played with afternoon tea and a raffle being held between games. Small weekly prizes are awarded to the winning team and, number of bowlers permitting, to the runners up. Small weekly prizes are also awarded to the first lead to get a toucher and to the first bowler to get a toucher.

Jim Williams records the scores each week and keeps the progressive scores. This enables the Social Bowler of the Year and the Runner-Up to be presented with trophies and prizes at the end of the season.

This season we have two members with limited vision bowling regularly on a Wednesday. Graeme Webster made a sighting device – a large white metallic circular disc on a handle- that can be held over the jack for these bowlers. It is helping the bowlers who can both still deliver many good bowls. Graeme's effort is appreciated.

Members and visitors (\$5 green fee) are most welcome to join us. If you wish to play, please write your name on one of the lists at the clubhouse or telephone the club on 94394404 between 1.00 am and 12 noon on the Wednesday.

Over the first 4 weeks an average of over 40 bowlers have taken to the green. Some use the games as practice for pennant, some play their first few games of bowls, while all enjoy the weekly friendly competition, banter, and social interaction.

It has been great to see Mike Theodore back on the bowling green after a major operation. Mike has contributed to the organization of social bowls at Eltham for many years.

Two regular Wednesday bowling couples celebrated significant wedding anniversaries recently. Bev and Vern Sharp celebrated their 50th and Joyce and John Gee their 58th. Congratulations to both couples.

Organising Group: Cath Andrew, John and Joyce Gee, Sandy and Barry Lane, Leon Sinnott, Mike Theodore, and Jim Williams.

Leon Sinnott..... Social Bowls

Eltham Bowls Club Website

For those of you who do know yet, our new web site is up and running, same URL address: www.elthambowlsclub.com.au. I can only put so much up and would like more ideas and input. If you have any ideas or would like to contribute something regularly (Social Bowls, events etc) please let me know.

I'm not sure whether it should be mainly for members or outside interest, it depends on how many members would like to access it regularly for club information, or we can keep it as a general information site for all. It will at least show the outside world what goes on at the ERBC and possibly help attract new members.

And if anyone has always aspired to run a Web Site and would like to take it on I would be very happy to hand it over.

Frank Camera..... Website Guru

Here's something to think about: How come you never see a headline like 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

RVBA President and Affiliates Report

The new pennant season always starts with new energy and optimism. I wish you all “good bowling”. At the end of last season members were invited to indicate their wish to play in this seasons pennant competition in a written survey. Based on the strong response we received, Eltham entered a fifth team on Saturday. Since making that commitment, ten of the people who had indicated they wished to play are no longer available. This change in circumstances has placed special pressure on our selectors who wish everyone good health and an injury free season. Special thanks to those members who have offered to be emergencies for our Saturday competition.

The introduction of an additional minor singles competition has meant the calendar for RVBA club championships is now very full. The President’s and Vice President’s singles competition were scheduled to start early in September but because the 2009 handbooks arrived so late it is possible that this caused lower entries and their cancellation. The RVBA Committee has decided to reschedule these events but because of the full program these events will be played on the two remaining days listed in the handbook. This will require the first two rounds to be played on Sunday 18 October and the semi final and final on Sunday 1 November. All matches must be played on the nominated dates.

The Match Committee is applying a “no pay, no play” policy. Entry for future club championships will be by placing the entry fee in an envelope with details of your name and the event. The envelope should be placed in the safe behind the door in the club meeting room.

The rule covering practice before pennant matches has been changed. It is now possible to practice on the match rinks (with the agreement of the host club) up until 12 o’clock.

Brent Arnott.....RVBA President

Games Played

The RVBA section maintains a count of the number of games played by men in any form of pennant (Saturday, Tuesday and night) plus those played by ladies on Saturday. The leader still by a long margin is Harry O who has clocked up an impressive 552 games.

The next 4 best are all current members and have all played more than 400 games; Graeme Webster 464, Don Rogers 461, Jim McKenzie 457 and Charles Watson 439.

Significant milestones were reached by these players during the season.

550	Harry O
450	Jim McKenzie, Don Rogers, Graeme Webster
350	Trevor Pulham, Max Trotman, Don White
250	Mike Theodore, Tom Walker
200	Ernie Richards, Steve Williams
150	John Baker
100	Cliff Lynch, Darby Munro, Leon Sinnott
50	Brent Arnott, Wayne Byrne, Peter Carter, Bruce Goodman, Shannon James, Eric Langford, John Sharp, Colin White

Cliff Lynch.....Works Director

Editors Message.

Firstly I would like to say thanks to John Sparke, who has generously offered to print copies of the newsletter for placement at the club. The quality of the print is super!

I have viewed the reincarnated website and it looks quite good, and would encourage all members to have a look-well done Frank. If you wish to receive newsletter by email you will need to give me your email address. I am concerned for your privacy and your email address will not be sent to others.

Brent Arnott has obtained logos from some of club sponsors and a list of current sponsors. Please patronise those businesses supporting us, and mention when doing so your appreciation of their support.

Just a commercial for our first game of 3rd Monday series. If you wish to play and do not know who to play with, or have a team give me a ring and I can probably help you out. We put on a reasonable afternoon tea, and you will get chance to play against some pretty good players

Garry Battershell.....Editor

Cup Day Bowls Event.

Don't forget that we have a special event on Cup Day, including a Calcutta raffle. Also there will be a number of sweeps that the Special Events committee is organising. Usually a fun event (particularly for winners), we will have a nice afternoon tea and two games, starting at 10 o'clock.

Garry Battershell.....for Special Events Committee

Do Lipton employees take coffee breaks? Do Nescafe employees have tea breaks?

The University of Nebraska says that elderly people that drink beer or wine at least four times a week have the highest bone density. They need it - they're the ones falling down the most.

.....Jay Leno



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Sponsorship.

Transfixed Automatics has renewed its club sponsorship. Transfixed is a car maintenance workshop located in Greensborough. Long term customers Neville Fraser and Bob Cairns can give you their personal recommendation and feedback. New customer Brent reports a clean, organised workshop with experienced mechanics and a keen pricing policy. Owner Mick Edward lives in Eltham and has offered to collect your car on his way to work and return it on his way home in the evening. If you are not really pleased with your current servicing arrangements give Mick a call. He is able to service all models including diesels and cars still under warranty. If Mick does not answer, you will probably be talking to Alan Algie's daughter who works with Mick.

Brent Arnott.....Sponsorship Coordinator