



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

Newsletter No 55: June 2013 Editor: Frank Camera



Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2013-2014 season, and my first newsletter. Hopefully it is of the same high standard as set by Sue, and Jan before her. If you have any suggestions on the layout and possible content material of this newsletter please e-mail me at frankc@aanet.com.au

President's Report

Welcome to everyone, thanks to the members who attended the defibrillation class (see article later in this newsletter). Also thanks to the members who came to the information meeting regarding the hiring of a Senior Club Coach, it was a most informative session and all the queries were thoughtful and mostly answered on the night.

The board has now decided to go ahead with the appointment of a Senior Club Coach and have appointed a working subcommittee of Ros Camera, David Oliver, Frank Camera and Meryl Spargo. This committee will now follow a due process and make a recommendation to the board. The four members chosen represent various aspects of the club covering coaching, the Board of Management and selection. The position has been advertised on the Bowls Victoria website and we hope to have the position filled and in operation by August 2013.

The Board has also made a decision to go ahead with the deck extension and hope that it will be done in the near future, (dependant on council approval).

Noel Spargo

Secretary's Report

Welcome to our newest club members- Chris Riddell and Rod Kelley. Chris comes to us from Thursday Island Bowling Club and Rod from Heidelberg Golf B.C. Chris and Rod join a great list of new members that have joined since early 2013. Please welcome all new members as I am sure they will all be a great asset to the Club.

Don't forget that the 2013-2014 Membership renewals are due by the 1st of July. If you want to make a personal payment either by cheque or cash you can put the payment into a labelled envelope (with your name and type of membership i.e. full or social bowls) and put it in the slot in the meeting room wall. Otherwise if you are down at the club on a Thursday afternoon or Saturday afternoon either myself or Noel can look after you. Alternatively you can pay by direct credit following the directions on the letter sent to you recently regarding membership fee payment.

Opening Day for the 2013 – 2014 season is Saturday 31st August at 2:00 PM

Elected positions for the 2013-2014 season:

President: Noel Spargo

Vice President: Jenny Millar

Secretary: Meryl Spargo

Assistant Secretary: John Baker

Treasurer: Scott Jarred

Directors: Graeme Ablitt, Colin Hines, Maureen Luke, David Oliver, Jim Yarwood

Tuesday Pennant Committee: (Selectors) Roslyn Camera (convenor), Sue Arnott, Jenny Millar, George Rizzi, Di Debney. (Members) Kay Taylor, Jan McDermott

Saturday Pennant Committee: Frank Camera (convenor), Graeme Ablitt, Brent Arnott, Cliff Lynch, Cliff Sloggett

Match Committee: Roslyn Camera (convenor), Cath Andrew, Graeme Ablitt, Frank Camera, Gary Marshall

Greens Committee: Cliff Lynch (director), John Baker, Frank Camera

Bar Committee: Brent Arnott, (licensee), Christine Guest, Bob Millar, Meryl Spargo, Noel Spargo, Lorna Sparke, Treenah Wadham

Sub-committees:

Coaches: Roslyn Camera (convenor), Graeme Lewis, Leon Sinnott, Meryl Spargo, Noel Spargo

Umpires: Brent Arnott, Frank Camera, Ann Climas, Judith Furlong, Greg Lambert, Maureen Luke, Lorraine Pulham, Trevor Pulham, Carol Schilling-Collins, Meryl Spargo, Noel Spargo

Facilities: Meryl Spargo (convenor & club house manager), Rina Baker (providore), Daryl Chidley (works), Di Debney, Jenny Millar, Lorna Sparke

Special events: Cath Andrew, Sue Arnott, Bruce Goodman, Maureen Luke

Gardening: Cliff Lynch (convenor), John Baker, Bruce Hill, Graeme Lewis, Mike Theodore

Fundraising: Jan McDermott (convenor), Maureen Luke, Riekie Sloggett

Catering: Di Debney, Christine Guest, Jan McDermott, Riekie Sloggett

Night pennant: John Baker, Cliff Lynch

Wednesday social bowls: (Summer) Bruce Goodman (convenor), Mike Theodore

Wednesday social bowls: (Winter) Leon Sinnott (convenor), Cath Andrew, Zoe Sinnott, Mike Theodore, Jim Williams

Saturday social bowls: (Winter) John Sparke (convenor), Bob Millar, Jenny Millar, Lorna Sparke

Forty/40: Leon Sinnott (convenor), Graeme Climas, John Elliott, Maureen Luke, Zoe Sinnott

Twilight bowls: Lorna Sparke (convenor), Bob Millar, Jenny Millar, John Sparke

Portfolios:

Almoner: Brian Jones

Public officer: Meryl Spargo

Barefoot bowls: Meryl Spargo

Newsletter editor: Frank Camera

Website editor: Julie Pattison

Handbook: Frank Camera (editor), Brent Arnott, Sue Arnott

Bowls Victoria delegates: Meryl Spargo, Noel Spargo

Auditor: John Sparke

Committee Reports and other News:

Coaching Subcommittee:

Coaches: - Ros Camera, Graeme Lewis, Leon Sinnott, Meryl Spargo, Noel Spargo, Ron Stafford.

We welcome Ron Stafford to Eltham as a new member, experienced bowler and experienced Coach which is a great addition to our Club.

The Coaches continue to offer individual coaching and during the season some skills and development sessions.

As announced by the Board a Senior Coaches position has been advertised. The inclusion of a senior coach with experience and knowledge to benefit all club members will also very importantly assist and advance what our club coaches can offer in skills and development sessions.

We urge every member who wants to advance their bowling ability and bowling knowledge to ask about coaching which will assist them. We look forward to helping and making a difference where possible.

Convenor Ros Camera

Greens Director

The grass green is in its winter dormancy and, although playable, is in a vulnerable condition and can be easily damaged. It may be used provided that the surface is dry and firm without having been rained on for the previous few days. It should be used east-west and does not need to be rolled. The greenkeeper and greens committee will be working through the winter months to ensure that it is free of weeds, algae and moss, and the usual assortment of pests so that it will come back better than ever with the warmer weather in early spring.

The top synthetic green also needs constant work and the committee would welcome anybody able to help, usually on Friday mornings. Please see Cliff Lynch for more details.

Cliff Lynch

Garden Committee

The garden committee has been busy replanting the garden at the western end of the building. It is in much better shape now with some tall ornamental pears surrounded by rows of camellias and azaleas.

Cliff Lynch

Wednesday Winter Bowls

We have had amazingly good weather for our winter Wednesday social bowls, apart from 1 week when 16 wading loonies played in the drizzle. Last Wednesday 38 of us started play at 4 degrees in the fog which was an interesting experience, even with yellow jacks, and ended the day in beautiful sunshine (eat your heart out all those in Queensland!) While Zoe and Leon are away, the organising group remain in full force. Riekie Sloggett is our latest recruit and has been doing a sterling job alongside Jim Williams. Bob Halliday and Wendy Lyons are in the lead in the resting toucher competition, with \$100 prize at the end of the season. We look forward to the Sinnotts and the soup crew returning in July.

Cath Andrew

Saturday Winter Bowls

The weather has been particularly kind to members who like their Saturday bowls, as can be seen by the numbers turning up to play.

We have had a couple of days with 40 or close to 40 players but on Saturday 15th June we had 47 bowlers, the biggest turnout in my time with Saturday winter bowls. Many new members are coming along to enjoy the game, as well as a couple of experienced bowlers new to Eltham, Ron Stafford and Rod Kelley, who are very keen and happy to support the days. Players have also included a number of experienced pennant players which has provided a high level of competition.

Good sponsorship has allowed us to have excellent afternoon teas, a \$25 lucky door prize and a random prize each week, in addition to prize money for winners and runners up.

John Sparke



Some images of the crowd of 47 playing winter social bowls, Saturday 15th June, taken by Jan McDermott

Match Committee:

Graeme Abblitt, Cath Andrew, Frank Camera, Ros Camera, Gary Marshall, Carol Schilling –Collins

The committee is working on the dates for Championship Games with an emphasis on the earliest possible starting dates so all are completed before April.

Convenor Ros Camera

Saturday Pennant:

At this stage we have most of the Saturday Pennant teams practice games organised for September. There is a notice on the board for all players to indicate their availability for these games, please indicate your availability as soon as you can.

There are also a few changes to the Rules of Competition for next season's Pennant games. The main change is to the Inclement Weather rule. The cut off temperature is now **36 degrees** for both Saturday and Tuesday Pennant, as recorded at the Viewbank station for this area. But we do not abandon the game. If this temperature is reached all ends in progress will be completed and play will be suspended until the temperature drops, in the hope that the game can be completed by the time allowed. Bowls Victoria will no longer cancel Metropolitan Pennant prior to the commencement of play for heat as the temperature is now taken locally.

Tuesday Pennant Organising Committee:

Selectors:-Sue Arnott, Dianne Debney, Ros Camera, Jenny Millar, George Rizzi

Organising members:-Kaye Taylor, Treenah Wadham

Practice Match - September Tuesday 3rd against Diamond Creek and maybe Greensborough,

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There are two main changes this Season described below.

1] BV Rules for Competition 2013-2014 changes.

RULE 10E-(Pennant Heat rule) As described in the Saturday Pennant section above.

2] OPEN DIVISION FOUR COMPETITION.

What is on offer for this year in Division Four of the Metropolitan Midweek Open Pennant Competition, is an inclusion of an eligibility restriction that sees skips and thirds having to be female. This competition has been formulated in a direct attempt to provide opportunities for women to participate in an open competitive environment where they are competing against other women in a direct sense whilst still having the male bowlers on hand to complement their numbers and make sure that they get a game of bowls.

This means there are 3 options for Tuesday Pennant this Season.

1. Women's Only Competition
2. Open Competition Div 1 – Div 3

3. Open Competition Div 4 restricted eligibility

The Selection Committee have recommended the Club make the nomination to Bowls Victoria for four teams in the Open competition Division 1 to Division 3.

Convenor Ros Camera

Facilities Sub-committee Report:

We welcome Daryl Chidley as our new Works Director and Daryl has already been busy doing a lot of repairs and replacements that we have had on our to do list. Currently he is working on replacing the wooden seating on the west side of the No.1 Green. We are also having a clean-out of old equipment that is past its "use by" date and are hiring a skip in the next week. As a committee we have had a working bee cleaning the teapots etc. and sorting out the back storeroom to make room for more "stuff"!!!! We also have a number of "pullover" that have been left behind at the club over the last month or so. See Jenny or myself if you are missing one.
Meryl Spargo

Rule of the month

Please refer to the "Pennant" section for the new inclement weather rule.

Coaching Tip

Winter is a good time to do some fine tuning of your game or bowling action. Please seek out a coach if you would like to try, you have about 9 weeks before the opening day to practise any new skills learned.

Fundraising Committee

This year we have two new people on fundraising, Riekie & Maureen. We are after anyone who can knit, sew, or donate any good quality items to sell, and please don't forget the book donations. We are having a winter sale with all items reduced, the winter scarves, beanies etc will all be at special prices. We had great support last year and we are hoping this year will be even better.

Jan McDermott

Special Report:

DEFIBRILLATOR CLASS

A class to provide familiarisation with the use of a Defibrillator and CPR was held at the club on 22nd May with 20 members attending.

The class was conducted by a Para-medic who provided us with the necessary information to provide members with confidence to operate the machine as well as the "know-how" of CPR. We also had "hands on" practice of CPR and the use of the defibrillator.

The members were also made aware of the steps to take if there is an emergency, how to locate the machine that is "housed" in the football clubrooms at the rear of our clubrooms.

We now have a list of 23 members of the club who are willing to be available to provide CPR, organise another member to ring 000 and to direct another member to retrieve the defibrillator.

The list of these members is displayed above the first aid box as you enter the kitchen in our clubrooms. There is also directions for the steps to follow in the case of an emergency. Please make yourself familiar with these members' names, so that prompt action can be taken in such an occurrence.

The board is planning to put in for a grant to purchase a defibrillator to have on the premises. The cost of such a machine is around \$2,000.00

Meryl Spargo (Secretary)

Farewell to Leo and Nyra

Most of you will already know that Leo and Nyra Crimmins have decided to return to Christchurch NZ in early July. Leo and Nyra have lived and bowled in Eltham for about five years now and will be greatly missed as bowlers and friends to all. Leo has been a hard worker at the club on the Friday greens working group and behind the bar, and a very good bowler in our division 2/1 side for many years. Nyra has also been a greater worker around the club, especially on the Tuesday selection committee. She has also been a great asset as a Tuesday and Saturday pennant bowler. Leo has also been one of the region's top umpires at the highest ITO level. He will be greatly missed for his expertise and experience this area.

We wish them all the best for their "new" life back home again in Christchurch and hope to keep in touch.



Note: Saturday 29th June from 4:30pm we are having an organised get together at the club following Saturday social bowls to farewell Nyra and Leo. There will be finger food available so please come along to say goodbye and wish them well.

And for those people that think you need to go north for the winter...

We were actually doing some research on the South Island of New Zealand. Travelled around a bit to make sure it was still safe for Leo and Nyra to go back there to live. Not sure that they will be living on the Fox Glacier though?



"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." Oscar Wilde

Next Newsletter will out in August.