



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

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President's Report:

Firstly, congratulations to Harry O on the milestone of 700 pennant games. Yes, you read right 700, a wonderful achievement. It could be a long time before anyone else reaches it.

The Pennant season is now underway with the club having a good start, Saturday round 2 all 5 sides winning, congratulations to all involved. This is only the second time we have had all 5 sides winning. In Midweek Pennant all sides are going well (maybe the extra coaching sessions are helping players in both competitions?). Good to see some of our new members participating and enjoying both midweek and Saturday pennant.

Social bowls is going along well despite some not so nice weather conditions. The first round of Forty/40 bowls has now started and Twilight bowls is due to begin on Friday 15th November, keep an eye out for the entry list.

Since the last newsletter we have had a new member Wayne Wilson join the club, welcome Wayne and I hope you have many enjoyable years at the club.

The new decking is looking great and seems to be the envy of a lot of visiting clubs (more tables and chairs will be out there soon). That's all for now, till next month, happy bowling to all.

Noel Spargo, President EBC

Secretary's Report:

We have a new supply of hat bands for white hats, these are available from the bar and are priced at \$12.00.

CLUB SHIRTS- We are waiting on a new lot, ordered some two months ago and hoping that they should arrive soon.

BOWLS JACKETS- If you are requiring a jacket then purchasing either a white or royal blue jacket from one of the bowls shops could be the way to go. We only have a few of the club jackets left in stock and these are only in very large sizes.

BOWLS SCOOPS- An order for 8 more scoops (rakes/trolleys) is to be placed with the supplier so we should have a good supply for use on both greens soon.

NEW TABLES FOR THE DECKING- 2 more of the wooden tables and extra chairs are to be purchased. A cantilever umbrella has been purchased but it has been too "windy" to install at the moment.

Meryl Spargo (Secretary)

Committee Reports and other News:

Special Events:

Cup Day Frolics

Tuesday 5 November Bowls and BBQ lunch, \$8 Starts at 10am
Get your \$2 and/or \$5 Sweeps into the bar area by Thursday 31st October
Calcutta at Lunchtime
Put your name on the board if you would like to participate.
Bring your family and friends.

Cath Andrew, Special Events Committee

Special Report: 2013 Australian XIV Masters Games



Above, Terry Hickey, Lynette Cook, Bowls Victoria President Rosemary Varty and Paul Hickey, after the Medal presentation ceremony and, left, a close up of Paul's Gold Medal.



We now have an Australian Masters Bowls champion at Eltham with Paul Hickey winning the Gold Medal in the 55+ mixed triples at Geelong during the week of the 7th to the 11th of October. Paul's sister Lynette bowls at the Hunters Hill Bowls Club in Sydney and brother Terry is an occasional bowler and member of the Moama Bowls Club. Paul and Terry also only just missed out on a gold medal playoff in the men's pairs by one shot in the final game of the preliminary round. Congratulations to the Hickeys on a fantastic achievement.

PS: The blokes at the club reckon Terry and Lynette must be very good bowlers! 😊

Match Committee:

The Pairs, Singles and Century Handicap Championships are now in progress. All competing players must ensure that they do not miss any of the rounds that they are still eligible for, especially the Century Handicap which has only end dates for the rounds, not particular set days of play. Please check the Notice Boards for more Championship Entry Sheets.

Ros Camera, Coordinator

Greens Committee:

If you think the coloured lines on the grass green look great, and who doesn't, then why not come along on Friday mornings and see how they are done. We may even let you do some yourself! It is not hard work, the few people that are doing them now have a good time but could do with a little more help.

Greens Committee: Cliff Lynch, John Baker, Frank Camera

Saturday Pennant:

A very good day for the Saturday pennant teams on the 13th of October – all 5 teams were winners

Team 1: 76-68 (Lilydale, home)

Team 2: 101-68 (Kingsbury, away)

Team 3: 106 – 56 (Balwyn North, home)

Team 4: 82-63 (Kingsbury, home)

Team 5: 72-70 (Fairfield, away)

Congratulations to all players, both regulars and substitutes, it was a great result. We continue to get a good roll up for practice on both Thursdays and Fridays which is very good to see. There is still a small group however who do not see the need for some regular practice and skill sessions – even State and National squad members must practice regularly. Please make an effort to practice some skills at least once a week. Sharpy's barbequed sausages are also very tasty after a few ends of diligent practice.

Frank Camera, Selection Committee

Bar Committee Report:



A big thank you to the five people who have put their hands up and volunteered to help out with bar duty. They will certainly take a little pressure off the current lot of volunteers and when up to speed will be a great asset to the club.

Lorna Sparke

Peter Osborne and Ray Carroll, obviously enjoying their night out as barmen for a Probus club party at the club last Saturday night.

Coaching Subcommittee:

ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB (EBC) COACHING PROGRAM 2013 - 2014. GUEST COACHES/PRESENTER COMPONENT.

The Guest Coaches/Presenter Component is an integral part of the 2013-14 EBC Coaching Program. The EBC Coaches would like to thank the EBC Board for providing the necessary funds for this component of the Coaching Program to go ahead.

The Program is:

Tuesday 29th October, Nicole Shortis (Coach): Nicole is a current Victorian State Bowler, a Bowls Australia Advanced Coach and is the Development Coach at the Fitzroy/Victoria Bowls Club. Nicole is the Coach of the Bowls Victoria Physical Disabilities Squad.

Thursday 28th November, Craig Fox (Lecturer at the Victorian Institute of Sport): Craig will speak to members on the mental side of playing competitive Bowls. This session is open to all members and will be held in the EBC Clubrooms starting at 7.30 pm. Craig was highly recommended to the EBC.

Tuesday 28th January, Barry Ferguson (Coach): Barry is a Bowls Australia Accredited Club Coach. He has played high level bowls and was recommended to us by the Bowl Victoria Coaching Co-ordinator.

Tuesday 25th February, Barry Ferguson (Coach): This session will be a repeat of the 28th January session.

The format for the three Tuesday sessions with the Guest Coach will be;

4.00 pm to 5.00 pm: Drills session for 16 members conducted by the Guest Coach.

5.15 pm to 5.45 pm: In the clubrooms, with finger food provided, the Guest Coach to speak to members and answer questions.

6.00 pm to 7.00 pm: Guest Coach to repeat the earlier drills session with 16 different members.

It is hoped that the participants from both drill sessions will attend the 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm session; one group after completing the drills with the Guest Coach and the other group before completing the drills with the Guest Coach.

Please note that both Guest Coaches have agreed to select drills for their sessions that build on and extend the drills being completed in the Skills Development Program.

Participants in the EBC Skills Development Program will be invited to be on one of the three Guest Coach Sessions.

Places should also be available for members not involved in the Skills Development Program. Remember that every 5 weeks different members will be invited to participate in a 5 week block of the Skills Development Program.

Leon Sinnott, coaching sub-committee

Coaching tip:

Try the drills of the month as per Coaches notice board.



Ron has updated the coaching board in the clubhouse and this month it has some fantastic insights and tips on weight control. A subject that can be a real annoyance to bowlers of all abilities, but especially to new bowlers. Please take a few minutes to read Ron's notes and his advice on the practice drills you can try to improve your game in this area.

As always remember that we have a lot of good coaches at the club who can help you with this and any other aspect of your game that can be improved, you only have to ask.

Accredited Club Coaches: Roslyn Camera, Graeme Lewis, Leon Sinnott, Meryl Spargo, Noel Spargo, Ron Stafford.

Fundraising Committee:

On Sunday the 24th of November the Club will be hosting the sausage sizzle at Bunnings Eltham, from 08:30 AM to 04:30 PM. We will need a number of volunteers to help set up the stand and work two to three hour shifts throughout the day. The more helpers we have the shorter the shifts and easier the work will be. There will be a notice in the clubrooms soon asking for volunteers, and as this will be our major fundraiser for the year we will be hoping for a very good response.

Thanks Jan, Riekie, and Maureen

Yarra Region over sixty singles:



Congratulations to Roslyn Camera on making it through to the final of the Yarra Region over sixty singles. The competition was held over two very windy days last week and Roslyn is pictured receiving the runner up money after a tough final, losing 21-15 to Carmen Spiteri of the Bundoora B.C.

Roslyn Camera and Yarra Region President
Lorraine Burton

Pennant Bowls Special Member Profile for October: Harry Ophetveld



Known as “Harry O” for as long as anyone can remember, Harry has lived in Eltham and Briar Hill since coming to Australia as a 22 year old under the £10 migration scheme in 1955. (The oldest of nine children, Harry could have some interesting stories about the not so easy life as a child in occupied Holland during the war.) He was a qualified bricklayer and after a short stint working at GMH and the railways he managed to work at his trade for about a year before getting a job with W R Grace plastics where he stayed for over 30 years, latterly as factory foreman. He finished his working life as a cleaner for 4 years at the Repatriation Hospital Heidelberg.

Above, a handsome young Harry O, about one year before migrating to Australia, and right, Harry the 700 game man.



Harry joined the ERBC in 1984 after 7 years as an indoor carpet bowler. Within 4 days of joining he was asked to join the Committee of the Men's Section. Of the current membership only Joyce Vine, Jim McKenzie and Eugene Snopkowski were at the club when Harry arrived.

Harry has won every club championship at Eltham except the singles, in which he was the runner up in his first full season in 1984-85. The list includes men's pairs, men's triples (twice), Presidents , Vice Presidents, mixed singles, mixed pairs, mixed fours (four times), over sixties singles, and three Saturday Pennant premierships. He has also served the club well in official positions: RVBA committee (5 years), selection (3 years), match committee (3 years), greens committee (2 years), ground maintenance (1 year) and ERBC Co-operative director (3 years).



Harry is the first EBC member to have reached the significant milestones of 300 and 500 Pennant games, and also just recently an incredible 700 games, which include Saturday, Midweek and Night Pennant.

Above, the concrete retaining wall on the West and North sides of green 2 was the work of “Harry O”, as was the concrete path on the North end of green 1. Below, a snapshot of the minutes of the men’s committee meeting 7th November 1984.

MINUTES OF THE ELTHAM MEN'S BOWLING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON THE 7-11-1984.

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PRESIDENT.....	MR. P. MAITLAND.
SNR VICE PRESIDENT.....	MR. G. NICKSON.
JNR VICE PRESIDENT.....	MR. S. VARGA.
HON SECRETARY.....	MR. B. FINDLAY.
ASS SECRETARY.....	MR. C. VINE.
HON TREASURER.....	MR. J. PORTERSON.
COMMITTEEMEN.....	MR. R. T. HALLINAN, MR. R. LIVERSIDGE, MR. K. MCWHIRTER. MR. H. OPHEITVELD, MR. H. STANTON, MR. N. SMITH.

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Midweek Pennant:

Round Six completed and it was only Opening Day 8 weeks ago? We are working on result improvements for the 2nd and 3rd Sides, the high competition levels being Div 1 and Div 2 is a difficult challenge.

Please be understanding of 'on the day' "change of grass to synthetic green, the decision is made for the protection of the grass and the safety of the players.

Thank you to everyone for working with the Performance Card (tick system) and filling in the Report sheet. The Selection Committee uses these to assist with team building as well as making contact with players when required.

The Selection Committee works very hard at doing a fair and good job with many unexpected situations to contend with.

It's all about enjoying a competitive game, doing the best possible for the Club and sharing the ups and downs with team mates.

We hope everyone has a good Bowling Season.

Roslyn Camera, Midweek selection Committee

Pennant Game Milestones:

Congratulations to the following members who have just passed significant milestones:

Harry Ophetveld (700) Don White (500) John Baker (300) Ernie Richards (300)

Brad Jones (250) Jan McDermott (100) Graeme Abblitt (50) Cliff Sloggett(50)

Milestones coming up soon:

Neville Fraser (497) Lee Williams (297) Judith Furlong (291) Brent Arnott(198)

Graeme Climas (149) Lorna Sparke (149) Greg Lambert (144) Anna Lewis (144)

Peter Osborne (143)

Quote of the month:

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

— [Albert Einstein](#)

Next Newsletter will be due late November. Please send any items of interest to frankc@aanet.com.au