



# Eltham Bowls Club *THE ELTHAM BOWLER*

December 2021 Newsletter



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## The Morrison and Kleeman Championships:

The Women's and Men's pairs championships have been played and won. Congratulations to the winners: **Sue Arnott** and **Carol Schilling-Collins**, and **Shane Waddingham** and **Tom Ridi**. And well done to the runners up making it to the finals: Maureen Luke and Crystal Bo, Daryl Chidley and Vincent Bok.



And congratulations also to **Helen Smith** and **Pam Flett**, a fantastic effort as runners up in the Yarra Region over 60's pairs championships.

Three great games in which they beat last year's runners up from Ivanhoe and in the final had a good game against the tough MCC pair to finish just 3 shots down at 10-13.

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## ***President's Report:***

As I reflect on the last year I still can't believe Christmas has suddenly been and gone. We managed to get the 2020/21 pennant season completed and most championship games were played. We even managed to have our AGM and presentation day before being forced into another eighty odd days of lockdowns and restrictions. The 2021/22 season finally got off the ground in mid November and it was great to see everyone mixing together and enjoying the game again.

The grass green is starting to run really well. The club has had a number of bookings for barefoot bowls and other functions leading up to Christmas. Well done Pam for all the work you've done to arrange things with our Bar Committee and other members who assist in making these events such a success.

At the last board meeting the board discussed a number of items. We are considering putting the Honour Boards on digital screens around the club rooms. The Council have agreed to replace the internal fluorescent lights with LED lights, this will happen early next year along with repainting and the new carpet. Our new chairs are being delivered and will be in place when we resume after the holidays.

If you're interested in what's discussed at board meeting, you can read the minutes in the folder at the club rooms.

Again my thanks to our sponsors. Please support them where possible.

The Christmas Break Up was a great night with over one hundred members and families attending. Fourteen hampers were raffled, Life Members badges were presented and we had a special presentation to Bill Lee. Well done to the Catering Committee and all other members who made the night such a success

Thankfully the new normal meant Christmas with our families, crowds back at the cricket and hopefully a better year in 2022.

Hope you all have a wonderful festive season and I look forward to seeing you all the New Year.

All the best.

***Regards, Peter Toovey, President EBC***

**Many thanks to the Bendigo Bank – Eltham Branch** for a \$2000 grant which helped with the purchase of 135 new chairs for the club. Pictured here is the Eltham manager, Crissie Boukouris – centre and Kellie Jones Promotions Officer, at the official presentation with President Peter, Secretary Helen and Treasurer Rob.





## [A few words from the Secretary:](#)

Wishing everyone a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year ahead. I would like to also give a big shout out to all of our volunteers. We are very lucky to have so many volunteers who give their time freely to assist in all areas of running the club from helping with the Greens, to providing Christmas Dinner, Christmas raffles, Special Events and the list goes on, without your assistance and expertise the club wouldn't continue to go forward.

### Dates for the Diary:

11/1/2022 - Tuesday Pennant - Round 6 - If you are not available to play please call Convenor – Treenah Wadham

15/1/2022 - Saturday Pennant – Round 7 - If you are not available to play please call Convenor - Greg Lambert

Thanks, Cheers, Helen.



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## ***New Chairs!!***

We now have 135 fantastic new chairs, thanks in part to the **Bendigo Bank** grant as mentioned above, and a \$3000 donation from the **Jazz by the Green** committee. Thanks also to the great negotiating work with the suppliers put in by Chris Toovey, with the assistance of Ros Camera and Sue Arnott.

And many thanks also to Greg and Wayne who did a lot of the hard work in unpacking and carrying all 135 chairs inside.



Ros Camera – “chair person” while Chris Toovey was away 😊.



## ***Match Committee Notice:***

Entry forms with the details are on the Championship Notice Board.

### **Next group of Club Championship competitions:**

**Men's Singles:** Entries close Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January

- First round on or before Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January

**Women's Singles:** Entries close Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January

- First round on or before Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

**Novice Mixed Singles:** Entries close Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January

- First round on or before Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

### **YARRA REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS - Next lot of Regional Events:**

**Men's and Women's Singles:** Entries close 6<sup>th</sup> January, round 1 - January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Men's and Women's Novice Singles:** Entries close 13<sup>th</sup> January, round 1 – January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Men's and Women's Triples:** Entries close 14<sup>th</sup> January, round 1 – Monday January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Men's and Women's Mixed Pairs:** Entries close 27<sup>th</sup> January, round 1 – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

***Ros Camera, Match Committee***



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## Saturday Pennant Notice:

The first half of the 2021-22 season has been very successful from the perspective of the Saturday selectors.

The Division 2 side is undefeated on top of the ladder after defeating Hurstbridge. They have opened up a 30 point gap to the third side, Lalor, which is fantastic.

The Division 3 side is now firmly entrenched in the four. Once again with a bit of a break on the fifth side.

The Division 4 side is also undefeated on top of the ladder. Unfortunately our Division 5 side is struggling at the moment but, apart from one blowout, they have been competitive in most games.

Our Division 6 side is also sitting at fourth on the ladder so having 4 out of 5 sides in finals contention is very pleasing.

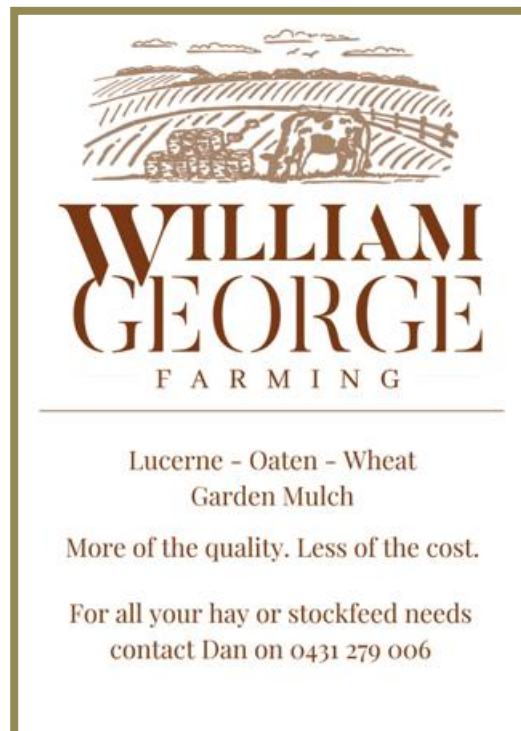
The Report System seems to be working well. Thanks to Wayne Harvey for doing the collating. Players have been promoted based on performance. Unfortunately, due to player unavailability, sometimes players are moved to fill gaps but, for the most part, we are looking at consistent results over 3 week blocks.

Hopefully the Club can continue with the good start to the season in the New Year!

**Greg Lambert, Convenor Saturday Selection Committee**



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## Midweek Pennant:

With the Tuesday pennant season just completing round five, Side1 6<sup>th</sup> on the ladder side 2 4<sup>th</sup> side 3 7<sup>th</sup> side4 5<sup>th</sup> side 5 5<sup>th</sup>. Being back at the club is great when you see everyone enjoying each others' company On behalf of the selection committee we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. January 11<sup>th</sup> is the starting date after the break if unavailable please ring Treenah 0417395149



## NOTICE FROM THE COACHES SUB – COMMITTEE

1) The club coaches will be running weekly Drills and Skills sessions this season.

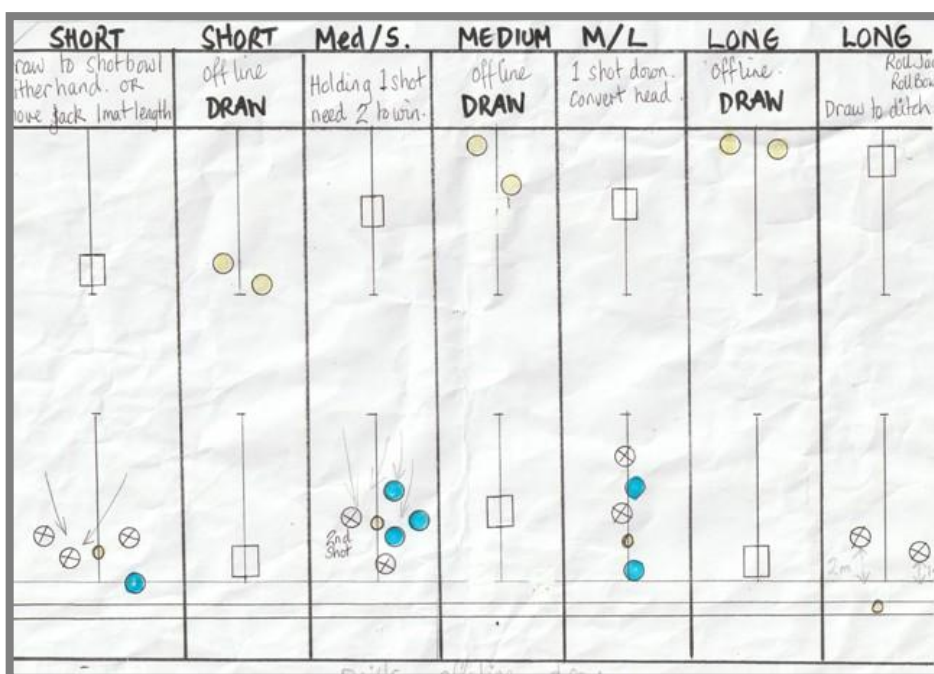
Thursday mornings, 10am, afternoons 3pm, and evenings 5.30pm.

Different drills are set up each week and the many bowlers who have participated so far have really enjoyed the challenges.

2) **ALSO Mondays 1.30 pm, sessions to help with**

- Delivery and Technique correction
- Guidance for Skips & 3rds learning the skills

Several members have made use of this session to review their technique and have also talked about the rules of the game and strategies in pennant play.



A typical sample sheet of the drills set up for the three sessions on a Thursday. A new set of drills is set up each week for all positions and shot types.

## Roslyn Camera for the Coaches Sub-Committee

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## Rules of the Game – a very common misconception!

Rule 18.2, page 33 of the book “Laws of the Sport of BOWLS ver 3.1:

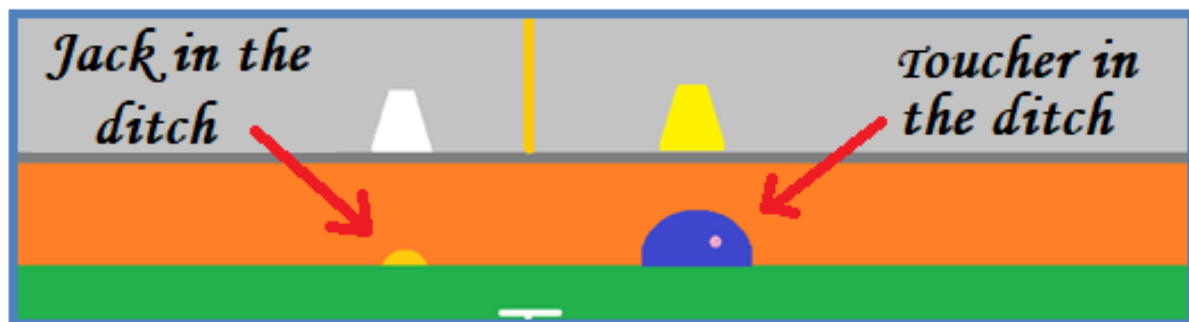
“The position of a jack in the ditch must be marked by a **white indicator**....”

It is just a coincidence that one of our ditch markers is yellow and the jacks are also yellow.

Rule 14.4, page 30:

“The position of a toucher in the ditch must be marked by a **brightly coloured indicator**.....”

I have heard and seen this mistaken belief at many bowling clubs over the years and, although not the most life threatening of all things bowling, cannot see why all umpires do not inform the players of the correct usage.



PS: We might see different coloured markers soon, just in case.

## Sponsorship Update.

As 2021 comes to a close I am still working with some businesses for a potential sponsorship for either the 2021/22 season or following year. That being said, with the Christmas, New Year break fast approaching it has made communication with some a little more difficult.

I have heard that some members have had issues with the new bowls stickers, I have contacted the manufacturer and have been advised this is an isolated issue and they are looking into this and sending us a new batch of stickers, If you have an issue with yours please reach out to me and I will assist with a replacement set.

I would like to thank all sponsors that have jumped on board and hope that all members are supporting our sponsors as they support us.

Again if you have a business in mind that you think may have some interest in sponsoring the club please let me know you can email me at [ebc.sponsorship@gmail.com](mailto:ebc.sponsorship@gmail.com)

Thanks again, Gareth Toovey





## Greens Report

The maintenance work on the grass green is now well under way. The bad areas on rinks 14 and the top corner have been cleaned up and resown with sprigs from the rink 13 scarifying. We had a fantastic group of volunteers helping remove the old top soil (and weeded out over a bucketful of poa weed as well from the “nursery area”. Shane continues to do a great job, and a lot of work.

The rest of the green has been double scarified and top dressed and will be ready for the New Year’s pennant bowling in mid January.



Fidel, Steve, Noel, Peter, Wayne, Rob, Ros, Helen, Greg, Frank, Geoff. (Had to leave early: Maurice, Sue, Dennis, Pam, Bruce)

Some of the great team of helpers the day we removed 4 metres of bad soil from the grass green.

( Thanks to Rob at RJR Bin hire for supplying a skip to remove this soil. Just another one of the million useful people around town that Helen seems to know!)



Left: Sue and Pam hard at work.

Right: Ros, Peter and Steve on the barrow and spades.



Dennis, Bruce and Helen helping to remove a bucketful of Poa plants from the “nursery area”.



## More Pics.



Spreading the new soil.



All filled and ready to resow.



Sprigs on, covered and watering



Spreading the sprigs dug out from the nursery area with the scarifier seen next to Shane.

The rest of the green has been double scarified and top dressed as shown to the right.



The synthetic green is looking a little better and can only improve after the second spraying on Thursday morning.

(Must have been hot! Shane here spraying with ~100% body covering, including a large filtered mask – but the top of the head??

Frank Camera, Greens Director

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## Christmas Dinner December 2021



**LIFE MEMBER BADGE:** Designed by John Sharp

All the current active life members of the club received the badge on the night.

**Ros Camera, Meryl Spargo, Jenny Millar, Noel Spargo and Harry Ophetveld.**

**From Ros:** It is a wonderful privilege to be presented with life membership of the Eltham Bowling Club.

My 30 years of bowling and assisting around the club have been a great experience.

Over that time I have enjoyed the involvement with many dedicated members who have worked hard to keep the club competitive both playing the game and running the business side.

Thank you everyone for presenting me with a great tribute. [Ros Camera](#)



Some of the workers at our Christmas dinner in early December – Kitchen and Bar volunteers.

Rob, Marion, Maureen, Jan, Riekie, Kay and Wendy.







Pam and Tim, Jenny with Santa, Maureen and Dave and special guest Bill Lee being presented with a special trophy in recognition of the work he put in to our club in the few years he was a member here.

Some of the 114 or so members who had an enjoyable night at the Christmas dinner.





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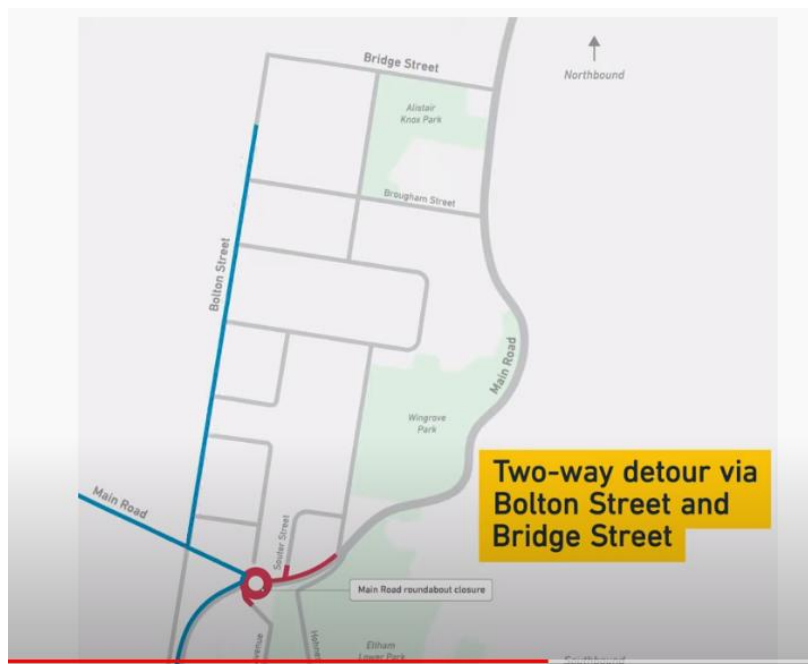
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Detours will be in place via Bridge and Bolton streets, only one lane will be open heading from Eltham to Templestowe, for more information sign up for SMS updates, text 'FITZ' to 0499 073 073, also more information via face book

<https://www.facebook.com/roadprojectsvic/videos/460512902093663>

or website [Major Roads Upgrade Main Road roundabout](#)



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Quote of the month:

*"A clever person solves a problem, a wise person avoids it."* *Albert Einstein*

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### A note from the Editor:

A newsletter can only be as good as the contributions. I hope you like the setup and feel you could contribute something of value and interest to other club members. Please consider this, especially if you are a committee coordinator but all members are invited to contribute. I will include any relevant, interesting, informative, helpful notes, particularly on bowls but not necessarily if you think it will be of value to all. Any contributions, comments, questions, etc. email me at [frankco1@tpg.com.au](mailto:frankco1@tpg.com.au)

**Frank Camera**