



Eltham Bowls Club  
***THE ELTHAM BOWLER***  
February 2022 Newsletter



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## President's Report:

Hi all,

Time has slipped by so quickly and it's already almost two months since we enjoyed Christmas/New Year festivities and our last newsletter. We've sure had some challenging weather but it's great to be back bowling.

The pennant season has only three more weeks to go and is starting to get interesting. Both Saturday and Tuesday currently have several sides in the four.

We held our first 'Acoustics on the Green' on January 30th. It was a very enjoyable and successful day with 60 people in attendance. We have another one planned for the 27th of February which is to include barefoot bowls and other fun things, all for just \$5.00 a head. Why not come along, bring family and friends and enjoy some 70's music by the duo of Matt and Dan.

We have often received compliments from visiting sides this year about the exterior facade of our club. In part because of the new paint job but also due the continued efforts of our Gardening Committee and volunteers including Wayne Wilson and his trusty hedge clippers. Thank you all.

We are still waiting for the Council to organise interior painting and new floor coverings to compliment our wonderful new chairs.

The club continues to receive lots of inquiries for Barefoot Bowls and hall hire which is a great source of revenue and is keeping Pam very busy.

We have also put in an application to Council to replace the retaining wall between the two greens.

A survey had been circulated to all members for their input and ideas as we plan for the continued success of our club. We appreciate any ideas and hope to determine a five year plan for the club moving forward.

A number of members have been affected by Covid, either directly or indirectly, and we thank them for adhering to safe practices which in turn has kept us all safe. Thankfully they have all come through and are now well. Till next time, stay safe.

**Regards, Peter Toovey, President EBC**



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

The EBC Board is currently working on a 5 year Plan & Vision for the Club, as a part of the planning, the EBC Board would like all members to complete a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) survey. The SWOT survey has handed out by your Side Manager at last Saturday's game 12<sup>th</sup> February, can you please complete the survey as soon as possible and place in the box in the club rooms by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. For those that's didn't play, a copy of the SWOT survey will be emailed to you. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Adam Ryan, Peter Toovey or Helen Smith.

[Thank you, Helen Smith, EBC – Secretary](#)

## **New Members**

This month we welcome some new members to our club. Four of them have been bowling with us for a few months on a Friday morning in our U3A Bowls group and have enjoyed it so much they are now full club members. (We have now more than 12 members who started with this U3A bowls group at the club.)



Janene, Lesley, John and James on the green after receiving their new member packages last Thursday. All three have been very keen to practice, have already bought a set of bowls each, been to coaching sessions with Ros and have been bowling for a few weeks now with the Wednesday Social bowls group.

(The most recent board meeting also passed Jon Fitzgerald as a new member, picture next newsletter if I can catch up with him. Ed)

## **January Acoustic on the Green**

A great new entertaining family and friends event at the club, organised by our Vice President Adam Ryan. The first one was January 30<sup>th</sup> and saw many guests enjoying the music and quite a few trying out the barefoot bowls. The bar was open and some hot food available for afternoon snacks. It was a very successful day in every way. The next one will be on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February as detailed by the flyer below. You are all invited to bring family and friends along for a great social day.



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## The Morrison and Kleeman Championship Update:

The EBC Singles Championships are now at the “pointy end” and all members are invited to witness what should be two great finals games. Joe Bartolo will play Dan Henery in the men’s final and Pam Flett plays Helen Smith in the women’s. These games will be on at 10AM on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

On the same day we will also be able to watch the final of the Novice Singles Championship between Gareth Toovey and Eddie McMillan.

The Over 65’s Singles Championship has also reached the pointy end with this season’s final to be played between Ernie Richards and Peter Toovey on Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>.

## The Grass Green

The grass green is now looking very good and regularly rolling well at 14.0 to 14.75 seconds on the current 5 usable rinks, and will only get better in the weeks ahead. The new planted area on rinks 13 and 14 is coming along very well. The new grass is looking quite mature and growing runners in all directions. This has just been mowed for the first time and top dressed and will be ready to blend in with the rest of the green in a few weeks. We will definitely have all 7 rinks available for bowling next season. Shane has done a fantastic job fixing up those two very bad areas, lots of hard work over the past 10 months.



Our nice looking grass green at twilight bowls last Friday evening.

The newly planted area shown here after top dressing is now beginning to look like a genuine tiff dwarf green again.



All members should now be taking some practice time on the grass green. Just last Thursday we had 8 ladies on the grass for an hour or so with coaches Ros and Helen and all were bowling very well by the end of the session. It is one of our greatest advantages over a lot of clubs in that we can practice and play on both surfaces. And I have always said there is nothing better than bowling on a good grass green.

**Frank Camera, Greens Director**

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## Saturday Pennant Notice:

As we approach the last phase of the season I'm happy to report that, as a Club, we continue to do well in regards to Sat pennant bowls.

Currently we have 4 of our 5 pennant sides in contention to play finals:

Div 2 - Second on the ladder, well clear of third placed Lalor and only 9 points behind first placed Hurstbridge.

Div 3 - Third on the ladder behind Lalor and Montmorency.

Div 4 - Second on the ladder.

Div 6 - Fourth on the ladder but 32 points clear of fifth place Hurstbridge.

Unfortunately our Div 5 side has struggled a bit this year but have definitely improved as the year has progressed; recording their first win last week over third placed Donvale.

These great results couldn't be achieved without the participation of our group of emergency players; especially in these tough Covid times. The selectors would like to thank these players as a group as, without their contribution, the Club couldn't be as successful as it is.

At this time of the year selectors have to take another item into consideration which is qualifying players for the finals. This can mean not promoting players, even though their performance warrants it, to keep them eligible to play in particular divisions and also getting as many players qualified as possible to play finals. So, players may be dropped back even though they're doing ok for the overall benefit of the Club.

Finally, if we can manage to get 4 of our 5 pennant sides playing finals AGAIN this year the Club will have achieved great success.

Greg Lambert, Convenor Saturday Selection Committee

**STOP PRESS: Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> – all 5 pennant teams have won!**

**Team 1 beat Greensborough at Greensborough, Team 2 beat Yarra Glen and Team 3 beat Montmorency at home, Team 4 beat Doncaster at Doncaster and Team 5 travelled all the way to Wallan for a good win.**



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## Midweek Pennant:

In the Midweek Pennant after round 10 positions on ladders were:

Team 1, 6<sup>th</sup>, Team 2, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Team 3, 8<sup>th</sup>, Team 4, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Team 5, 6 A Side 4<sup>th</sup>.

The selectors would like to thank all the players who helped fill teams when the unavailability list was quite long, your help was greatly appreciated, it showed a real team spirit and commitment towards the club.

Selection committee, Helen Smith, Riekie Sloggett, Greg Lambert, Treenah Wadham

## 2022 FORTY-40 COMPETITION

Eltham Bowling Club's 2022 Forty/40 Competition got away to a good start on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February. The six week competition is played on Friday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.30pm during February and March. This is the twelfth year of this popular competition for community members.



The twelve participating teams are divided into two sections, each with six teams. The teams play each other with a final contested on the sixth week.



with this handicap being revised after three weeks of competition.

The format is 2 bowl triples played over 12 ends ( 2 x 6 end halves). Each half takes approximately 40 minutes to play thus Forty/40.

The competition is very popular as most teams have been competing for a number of years.

John Elliot

## Twilight Bowls



Twilight Bowls is still going after many years. Unfortunately, like the Wednesday social day, not as many members are joining the great game of social bowls on a Friday evening these

days but those that do are enjoying it very much. A Friday evening of 8 ends followed by some good pizzas, a few drinks and a lot of laughs and fine chatter with fellow happy bowlers.

Just some of the twilight bowlers enjoying the after game food, drinks and chatter. Front and centre are the four committee members; Wendy, Jenny, Jan and Treenah.



## NOTICE FROM THE COACHES SUB – COMMITTEE

1) The club coaches are still 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.

**Roslyn Camera for the Coaches Sub-Committee**

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## Sponsorship Update

From a sponsorship standpoint we are sitting in a good position for the remainder of this season and going forward to the next season, We have welcomed Vicki Ward MP as a sponsor of our club for this year. Vicki is a long time supporter of the Eltham Bowling Club so we are greatly appreciative of her support.

Again, 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.

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



## Jazz by the Green

Jazz by the Green is now in its fifth year and is still proving very popular with the many local jazz enthusiasts and a few not so local. We have a couple who have been coming along to the jazz nights for a year or so now from Trafalgar.



The January show was a great success with nearly 3 hours of fantastic live Trad jazz played by Paul Ingle's Lightning Jazz Band, their fourth appearance at the bowling club.



A lot of work goes into each monthly show, especially by Ros Camera, who organises the seating arrangements and the food on the night (ably assisted each month by Sue Arnott) and our regular bar workers Rob and Marion Harris seen above cleaning up after show.

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## Bowls at Torquay



For a few years now Sue Arnott has been organising and hosting a trip to the Torquay Bowls club for a special Women's Fours Tournament. Sue, Ros, Jenny and Cath went up the first year for some fun and actually won the tournament. This year it was still Sue and Ros but with two new trippers in Pam Flett and Chris Toovey. They had a great time as usual and came so close to winning it, having more shots up than the eventual winners but unfortunately having lost the first game by just 2 shots. They did however get some money back as best second game winners.



The ladies at The Torquay Bowls club on arrival and after the games. And how about the view from the grass green shown above.



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## Wednesday Social Bowlers enjoying a fine day on the green.



Every Wednesday from 10:30 for two games with a break for lunch. If you are interested in a fun few hours of good social bowls you can put your name on the sheet provided at the club or ring before 10:00 on Wednesday mornings.

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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 [frankc01@tpg.com.au](mailto:frankc01@tpg.com.au)

***Frank Camera***