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March 2022 Newsletter



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2021 – 2022 Morrison Kleeman Men's Club Champion – Daniel Henery.

The final of the Men's club championship was a perfect show of fine draw bowling by both players, last season's champion, Joe Bartolo, and the new champion Daniel Henery. It was a game of three parts with an excellent start by Dan, then a great fight back by Joe in the middle ends, and a very good finish by Dan to win 25 – 19. Both players rolled quite a mixture of long and short ends but to no real advantage to either player. It was an honour to be marking this game and being at the head to witness at first hand the fine bowling by both bowlers, well done Daniel and Joe.



Daniel Henery

Joe Bartolo



Ernie and Peter

The other two championship games on the day saw Peter Toovey defeat Ernie Richards in the over 65's game, and a more experienced Gareth Toovey winning the Novice singles over a relatively new bowler in Eddy McMillan.



Gareth and Eddy



The three champions on the day – father, son and best friend, what a way to finish!

And thanks to Morrison Kleeman for sponsoring all the club championships for the 2021 – 2022 season.

2021 – 2022 Morrison Kleeman Women's Club Champion – Helen Smith



The women's singles final saw Helen Smith, who defeated Crystal Bo on the last shot of the game in the first semi final, play Pam Flett, who beat Lisa Bartolo in a tight game in the other semi. The final was delayed by three weeks due to a leg injury to Pam (playing



badminton!). It was a great game of singles as

well, with Pam getting away to a good early lead before Helen fought back well to make it a close game in the twenties. Helen finally got to the lead and ended up winning 25 – 23. Congratulations to Helen on her first singles championship and well done Pam in just her first game after getting over the injury.

The score card, showing how tight it was towards the finish of a great 35 end game.

P.S. Helen has also been selected in the Yarra Region side as first emergency for the regional side's championships and will travel to Echuca with the team in early April.

Scores (2) HELEN & PAM

	Pam	Helen	Pam Flett	Helen
1	2	2	1	17
2	1	3	1	18
3	1	4	1	19
4	1	5	1	20
5	1	6	1	21
6	1	7	1	22
7	1	8	1	23
8	1	9	1	24
9	1	10	1	25
10	1	11	1	26
11	1	12	1	27
12	1	13	1	28
13	1	14	1	29
14	1	15	1	30
15	1	16	1	31
16	1	17	1	32
17	1	18	1	33
18	1	19	1	34
19	1	20	1	35
20	1	21	1	36
21	1	22	1	37
22	1	23	1	38
23	1	24	1	39
24	1	25	1	40

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President's Report:

Hi All,

As our 2021/22 season draws to a close there is still lots of activity around the club.

Pam has been busy with bookings for hall hire and barefoot bowls. It is often difficult to get volunteers to help in the bar and barefoot bowls. If you can help please let her know.

The council have agreed to replace the carpet in the clubhouse before the end of the financial year. They are also looking to replacing the retaining wall between the two greens.

The grass green continues to improve and we should be able to use the whole surface next season.

We have two new Club Singles Champions, Daniel Henery and Helen Smith, congratulations on their first Club Singles success. Good luck to you both in the upcoming region Champion of Champions.

Back in Motion had a presentation recently which was attended by thirteen members. Further sessions are planned for the coming weeks.

Our pennant season was again very competitive with four Saturday and three Midweek teams making the finals. Well done.

Once again I would like thank all our volunteers for the work they do around the club. As always our club is looking great.

Our AGM is scheduled for 14th May, please save the date so you can attend. I would also like to thank everyone for the support they have given me over the last three years.

Regards, Peter Toovey, President EBC



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More Morrison and Kleeman Championships:

Century Handicaps



A two time winner in recent seasons, Sue Arnott was able to hold off a very good draw bowler in Crystal Bo to win her third title in the club Women's Century Handicap. The game started off very competitively with both Sue (-20) and Crystal (-10) moving very quickly into positive territory, but Sue was able to keep up the fine draw bowling for the 20 or so ends to win comfortably. A good effort from Crystal though, not really a full time bowler, to make it to the final.

Sue and Crystal

The Men's Century Handicap was a very interesting one, with some surprise wins and a couple of unfortunate walkovers given towards the pointy end of the competition. John Elliot managed to beat three very good bowlers in Gareth Toovey, Bruce Goodman and

Peter Toovey before having to withdraw due to an eye problem. David Hosking had two very good close wins before he also had to withdraw. But that does not play down the fantastic bowling by Morris Simpson who also had some great games, to make and win, the final against a very good draw bowler in Brent Blackwell. Brent bowled very well but unfortunately had to make up a -24 handicap against a consistent Morris who managed to just stay in front and finally win by about 10 points.



Brent and Morris



I managed to get a shot of the last end, showing the sort of pressure bowling from Morris that Brent was up against on a lot of ends.

Congratulations to Morris Simpson, who would be the lowest handicap winner for quite a few years.

Saturday Pennant:

Two of the four sides that made the finals in the Weekend Pennant competition had good wins in the first Saturday final. The number 2 side finished in a very credible fourth position and managed a very good win over our neighbouring rivals in Montmorency, who finished top of the ladder. The Sunday final against Epping RSL was a close game. Eltham had two winning rinks and one drawn rink to just go down by only 6 shots overall. A very good season by all players in this side.



Number 2 side at Montmorency after the great win in the first final on the Saturday.

The number 3 side had a very good season, finishing top of the ladder and getting a home final as a bonus. They managed a close but good win against the Templestowe number 1 side on the Saturday but unfortunately lost to a very strong Greensborough side in the Sunday final.



Number 3 side after their win over Templestowe in the Saturday final.

Grass Green

We are nearing the end of the rebuilding work on the grass green. The new area is now top dressed and ready to level out and hopefully blend in with the rest of the green. It should be in good shape for next season's full use of all seven rinks. The current five rinks in use are bowling beautifully at around 14.5 seconds, which is normal for a good grass green.



What a wonderful sight on Friday morning while we were top dressing the new areas around rink 14.

Midweek Pennant:

Three of our midweek teams made the finals this season; the 2nd, 4th and 5th, our best result for a few years. All three first final games were away and unfortunately all three teams struck very strong and committed opponents and so we missed out on advancing any further into finals. Thank you to all players for such a great effort, including all emergencies willing to help out, with short notice at times. It was greatly appreciated and shows the great team and club spirit we have at the EBC.

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

Acoustic Day on the Green

On the 27th we had our second Acoustic on the Green event. The lovely summer weather meant we were able to host the event outside. This accompanied with a Sausage sizzle, Barefoot bowls and some fabulous music made for a lovely afternoon. Once again the event was attended by good



numbers and we had quite a few patrons attend the event from the local area. (Some even signed up to become Social Members !!) We are hoping to run a few more of these next season so if you missed out this year's events, don't fret, you can catch the next series.

Thanks, Adam Ryan

Tuesday Night Pennant

The 2021/22 night pennant has been a relatively successful one, we had an up and down season narrowly missing out on the top 4 which means we played in the B-grade finals after finishing 5th.

Joe Bartolo has taken out the prestigious 'Paul Hickey Trophy' (Night Pennant MVP) with 39 out of a possible 54 votes. Well done Joe, Runners up Gareth Toovey 36 votes and Paul Hickey 34 votes. For those unaware this is a voting system done by your rink, 2 votes for best on rink, 1 vote for 2nd best (excluding yourself). This voting system picks the MVP and the teams for finals.

Our first final was vs Greensborough @ Montmorency. We had a big win 81-37 led by Daniel Henery's rink with a 27 shot advantage, Joe Bartolo's rink won by 8 and Jim Yarwood's by 9. This result put us into the Grand Final Tuesday Night @ Montmorency vs Heidelberg Golf Lions.

The Grand Final was a close game for most of the evening. Joe Bartolo's rink were up against it early, however managed to come back from a large deficit to only go down by 5 shots. Paul Hickey's rink got off to a great start and eventually won by more than 20 shots. Daniel Henery's rink battled all evening going shot for shot all night until breaking away and winning by 5 shots.

A great win overall!

Well done to the Tuesday Night squad!



At the club bar:



Jenny's shout!

"Four halves please", a very responsible lot of ladies ensuring that we follow our status as a member of the Good Sporting Clubs Association and at the same time supporting the club bar profits – for the good of the club of course!





The Eltham Kookaburra Bar Sponsored

Grass Fours Tournament

Easter Saturday, April 16th

TEN Teams of mixed fours on our lovely restored grass green

\$6 per person entry

Team Prizes: \$100 - 1st, \$60 - 2nd and \$40 - 3rd

Single entries only, teams will be picked as evenly as possible

**Teams will comprise of no more than one player from each of teams 1 and 2
from Saturday pennant.**

All games will be on the grass green.

3 Games of 8 ends in total.

Prizes distributed by: wins, ends, shots up and percentage in that order.

Lucky door prize drawn at the tea break after 2 games.

Afternoon tea provided.

Play starts at 12:30 pm, 2 end rollup before the first game only.

(Games will be on the synthetic green if the weather has been/is not good on the day.)

Special Events Committee day, Contacts: Maureen Luke and Frank Camera

There are two entry sheets at the club to register your spot in the tournament, one inside near the bar and one outside near the front door. Or you can call/msg Maureen or Frank.

Match Committee Notice

We have plenty of bowls coming up. Please check all Events and Dates below. Please get your entries in asap

Sunday	Saturday (Easter)	Monday (Easter)	Monday	Saturday
April 10th	April 16th	April 18th	April 25th	April 30th
Mixed Triples	Kookaburra Bar	Mixed Singles	Anzac Day	President's
	Fours		Event	Trophy
Closes 7th April	(single entries)	Closes 14th April	Closes April 24th	Closes 21st April
	Closes 15th April			

NOTICE FROM THE COACHES SUB – COMMITTEE

Pennant may have finished for the season but bowling continues in many forms. The pennant break is a good time for all bowlers to look at their game and see if they can improve on any aspects of bowling. Regular practice over the next few months could be good for your game in the long term. If anyone would like to see a coach for help with this then it is just a matter of asking and organising a convenient time.

Roslyn Camera for the Coaches Sub-Committee

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Recent Special Events:

#1 A very special day last week for one of our well loved members at the club, Maureen Luke's 50th Birthday.



Seen here with her brother and 5 of her nieces and nephews.

And look who gets to make the congratulatory speech before Maureen cuts the cake.

#2 Peter Toovey and Joe and Lisa Bartolo played in the Emergency Services Annual Bowls tournament last week at the Belmont Bowls Club.

The team is seen here after their Bronze medals presentation, having finished 3rd in the triples competition.

An unfortunate loss by one shot to Wayne Wilson's team may have cost them an even better medal position.



Sponsorship Update

With the pennant season all behind us, we now look forward to the new year of bowls, with this in mind I will work to get the same sponsors back on board and some new sponsors are in the works.

We are holding a dedicated Barefoot Bowls night for our sponsors on April 1st commencing at 5.30, members are welcome to come down to assist with the evening.

Once 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

Thanks again, Gareth Toovey

Jazz by the Green

The Jazz nights are back now hopefully for the rest of the year, last Friday night of each month.

The last one, in March, was a very entertaining night. The show, **"Our Favourite Things"**, was a production from Melbourne guitarist and composer Mark Morand, showcasing three fabulous Melbourne jazz vocalists - Susy Hull, Yvette Hearn and Jennifer Salisbury - supported by a first-class jazz quartet - Hong Yang on piano, Sean Hamilton on double bass, Larry Kean on drums, and Mark on guitar.



The show featured a selection of the greatest songs from the great 20th century composers - including Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael, Jerome Kern and Harold Arlen - as chosen by these wonderful vocalists; and also included some sizzling instrumentals from the band.

Frank and Ros



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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

Frank Camera