



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



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## President's Report:

Hi everyone

Unfortunately I was unable to attend our recent AGM on Saturday 14th May '21 due to Covid protocol. I would like to thank Vice President Adam for stepping up in my place at short notice and to all those who attended and made the day a success. Please find attached my speech for that day.

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Good morning everyone and welcome to our 2021/22 AGM and presentation day. Thank you for your attendance and I hope you can also stay on to enjoy the barbecue lunch that is to follow proceedings.

Let me begin this meeting by extending my thanks to Helen and Bob for the immense time and effort they continue to offer and to our board members..Vice President Adam, Assistant Secretary Reikie and Directors Ros, Glenn, Treenah, John and Reg. All of who have worked hard to ensure the smooth running of our club and made my job much easier.

Special thanks to all the volunteers this year who joined committees or offered their time and effort to make sure that our club ran smoothly.

This includes our committees...

\*Selection Committees for both Saturday and Tuesday where we managed to get 4 Saturday and 2 Tuesday teams to contest finals this season.

\*Match Committee who faced challenges with Covid and the weather, but still enabled us to complete the majority of this years championship games.

\*Greens Director Frank and the greens committee who continue to work hard on maintaining both greens.

\*Bar Committee led by Frank and his team. A special mention to Pam our Hall Hire coordinator who did an amazing job organising functions throughout the season.

—Both the Bar and Hall hire are great sources of income helping the club remain financially viable moving forward.

To our sub committees...

\*Catering Committee who handle all our catering including today. Well done Jan and her team of helpers.

\*Special events lead by Maureen.

\*Fundraising.

\*Recruitment.

\*Summer and Winter Bowls.

\*Twilight bowls.

\*Providor Betsy and the facilities group.

\*40/40 run by John Elliott and his crew.

\*Jazz by Green run by Ros and Frank and their helpers. Jazz is back holding performance each month again. This is another great source of income for our club.

\*Our coaches and umpires.

\*A special mention to our Gardening Committee headed by Helen who have done a great job maintaining the gardens and surrounds this season.

\*Night pennant run by Paul and Gareth. Another successful season winning the minor premiership.

Our portfolios...

\*Sponsorship headed by Gareth with help from Reg had a very successful year financially.

\*Newsletter editor Frank who has provided us with lots of information and pictures.

\*Website editor Steve

\*Electronic services and handbook compiled by Steve and Bob

To all our volunteers this year thank you for all the time and effort you put into these roles, a job well done.

To Shane our greenkeeper thank you for your work and expertise to get our green back to its former self.

As I reflect on the year I wish to congratulate all our club champions for this season. A special mention to both Helen and Daniel on their first ever club Singles championship wins.

Off the green we were able to have our Christmas Breakup again. This was our first real gathering with Covid rules, and it was great to be able to catch up with everyone. Special thanks to all those who helped make the night a success. While Jazz by the Green continues to sell out, we also had a new musical event this season. Acoustic Days were held twice and enjoyed by all who attended. The Trivia Night was a lot of fun. Thanks to Adam, Wayne and Peta for running these events. Our

Hall Hire and BFB functions have been very busy this season. As always the need for volunteers is essential for the success of these events so if you can lend a hand it would be appreciated.

We are slowly working on our internal refurbishment with our new chairs arriving over Christmas and the carpet to be installed shortly. Watch this space....

To all our sponsors thank you, we are grateful for your support.

Finally, to those members who have nominated for positions for next year, thank you. There are still a few openings which I hope you will consider volunteering for today. With your help we will continue to be a successful club offering both competition and friendship to all our members.

I look forward to the coming season with real optimism.

**Regards, Peter Toovey, President EBC**

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### **Notice from the Handbook Committee:**

**A reminder to everyone that the handbook tends to be the GO TO for contact numbers for members trying to reach each other.**

**Can you please check and ensure yours details from last year are still correct. If not please email Helen Smith - Secretary, with the correction.**

**Carol Schilling-Collins, Handbook Committee.**



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## Notice from the Secretary - Fees reminder:

You would all have received an email recently notifying all members that the annual fees are now due. For full membership fees: **Payment can be in full, or 1<sup>st</sup> instalment, by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Then a 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of remaining balance due by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022.**

### Grass Green

The grass green is now dormant and awaiting the hopefully warmer weather in late spring to again start growing all over for a bigger and better playing area for the next season. There is still lots of work to do over winter and Shane will keeping a close eye on the whole area. We need to ensure that moss and algae does not reappear and the winter weeds (mainly poa annua) do not take over.



Shane discussing the final major work for the season, a 6mm hollow tining all over.



A great helping hand on the green following the work shown on the left. Thanks Chris.



And Steve was also there with barrow and spade as well as his phone/camera.

Most of the work on the greens is not hard work or long. The most common job during the week is line marking , usually on a Friday morning for about one hour or so. We have one vacancy still on the greens committee so if you have Friday mornings during the season usually free then please volunteer to help out. It won't be every Friday morning and the other 4 members would greatly appreciate the help.



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## Weekend Pennant:

Firstly, Wayne Harvey decided not to continue on the Selection the Committee for the coming season and so we welcome Brent Arnott to the fold. Brent had served on the selection committee for many years previously and I'm sure his experience will be invaluable.

I'd like to thank Wayne Harvey for his input on the weekend selections during season 2021/22. Wayne spent many hours collating the report sheets from the various grades and his contribution to the Committee was both considered and insightful.

At this point in time the Committee has only met once to appoint a Convenor so there's not a great deal to report. There was some discussion re modifying the report cards to better reflect the strengths/opportunities for improvement of each bowler in a rink but thus far no decisions have been made.

There was also discussion as to whether all divisions should bowl on the surface which was least likely to favour their direct opponent. Again no decisions have been made.

I am currently in the process of arranging practice matches for the pre season, last year's were cancelled due to Covid/lockdown problems.

We currently have:

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Eltham v Doncaster

October 1<sup>st</sup> - Eltham v Ivanhoe (3 sides)

More to follow shortly.

The Weekend Pennant season starts Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> for Midweek Pennant).

[Greg Lambert](#)

[Convenor Sat Selection Committee](#)

## Match Committee Notice

**The first club championship event for the new season will be the Mixed Fours all day event on the Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September AFL Grand Final holiday.**

## 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.



## [More Coaching Tips:](#)

### **Some great videos to watch...**

This has been put out in earlier newsletters but I'm sure we all have a little more time at moment to check them out in detail. This link will give you access to all 7 of the Bowls NZ coaching videos. They are very good and at this time excellent for bowlers of all abilities as a way to get the mind back into bowls. There are 7 short videos, not too long, and well worth a look.



**Just click on the picture here, learn and enjoy.**



Roslyn Camera for the Coaches Sub-Committee

### **Final Championship Pictures for the past season:**



Top left is Dan Henery (and little friend) accepting the club championship trophy. Next is Joe Bartolo with the runner up trophy and on the left Helen Smith with the Women's club championship trophy. (Runner up in the women's championship, Pam Flett, was unfortunately not able to attend.)

All trophies were presented by Vice President Adam Ryan, who filled in for the day due to President Peter's inability to attend.



## Club Mixed Triples



Winning team: Ros and Frank Camera and Chris Jacques.



Runners up: Joe and Lisa Bartolo and Ernie Richards.

## Presidents Trophy Day:



The winning team of Peter Toovey, Brent Arnott and Chris Jacques.



Some action pictures during the single day event.





John and Lesley enjoying the action and some of the at this time not so active participants.

## Winter Social Bowls:

Both Wednesday and Saturday social bowls are in full swing and the numbers are good given the rather cool weeks so far.



**Much better weather for the recently completed summer Wednesday social bowls. A few pictures of the last day of the season, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 supplied by Steve Veitch.**



**A great looking lunch supplied by all on the last day.**



James Heaney in action.





A head inspection on an end change over.

Enjoying the food and drinks after the game and formal end of season formalities, well run yet again by Bruce Goodman and his committee and volunteers.



## Anzac Day Event:



**Looks like it was a nice day for bowls from the pictures seen here, supplied by Steve Veitch. Most certainly enjoyed by all who attended.**



**And well organised as usual by Maureen Luke and her trusty helpers on the Special Events committee.**







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## Jazz by the Green



Jazz by the Green post covid restrictions is again in full action and still a very popular gig at the bowling club on the last Friday of each month.

Seen here is the Royal Garden Jazz band, a great live jazz group in the middle of three hours of very entertaining jazz music. (The group is based in Melbourne and Geelong but trumpeter, Derek Dalton, came from Adelaide for this show!)



Drummer, Dean Cooper, had a rest from the drums towards the end of the show and obviously enjoyed a session on the washboard.

The June show (sold out as usual) will feature the very popular Stevenson's Rockets Jazz band for their third visit to the Eltham Bowls Club.

*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](mailto:frankco1@tpg.com.au)

**Frank Camera**