



Eltham Bowls Club
THE ELTHAM BOWLER
September 2022 Newsletter



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President's Report:

Hi everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back on the green as we embark on the 2022- 23 season. I would also like to extend a special welcome to our new members Paul Barrett, Terry Collins, Nathan Collins, Bill Jones, Lachlan Taylor, Bev Toone, Damian Jardine, John and Leslie Battiston, James Heaney, Jon Fitzgerald, Janene McKinlay.

During the off season we were greatly saddened by the loss of our esteemed life member Harry Ophetveld affectionately known as 'HarryO' and also Patricia, wife of Les Rhys Jones.

It was great to see so many members at our first official opening day for three years on 3rd September.

Our local MP Vicki Ward and local Ward Councillor Geoff Paine addressed our gathering with a warm welcome and good wishes for the season.

We then presented the Super Veterans badges to the following members.

Jenny Millar, Wendy Lyon, Barbara Woodward, Jan Tindale, George Rizzi, Judith Furlong. The following members were unable to attend but will be presented at a later date. Betsy King, Ron Stafford, Les Rhys Jones, and David Gillespie.

Congratulations to the above members.



MP Vicki Ward speaking, with Councillor Geoff Paine and President Peter Toovey.

We then presented our Encouragement Award for this season to Kaye Pepyat and also Mark Delaney, who was absent and will be presented at a later date.

In keeping with tradition, the first bowl of the new season was bowled by our current Ladies Singles Champion Helen Smith and our Mens Champion runner up Joe Bartolo deputising for our Champion Daniel Henery. We then enjoyed a game of bowls followed by afternoon tea.



Many thanks to Maureen and her Special Events Committee for organising the day. Also, to our Gardening Committee and to all who have worked so tirelessly to prepare our club and surrounds for the coming season a big thank you. It looks great.

The Selection Committees have organised practice matches for the coming weeks for Saturday and Tuesday. If you are not available please put your name down on the unavailable sheets on the back wall.

Our first club championship event is coming up quickly, on Friday 23rd of September. The event is mixed fours, single entry. Please put your name on the sheet provided, entries close Thursday 22nd.

One of our esteemed life members, Jenny Millar, receiving her Super Veterans Badge from Secretary Helen.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all down at the club soon. In the meantime, have fun, stay safe and warm.

Regards, Peter Toovey, President EBC



A few of our members at play on opening day.

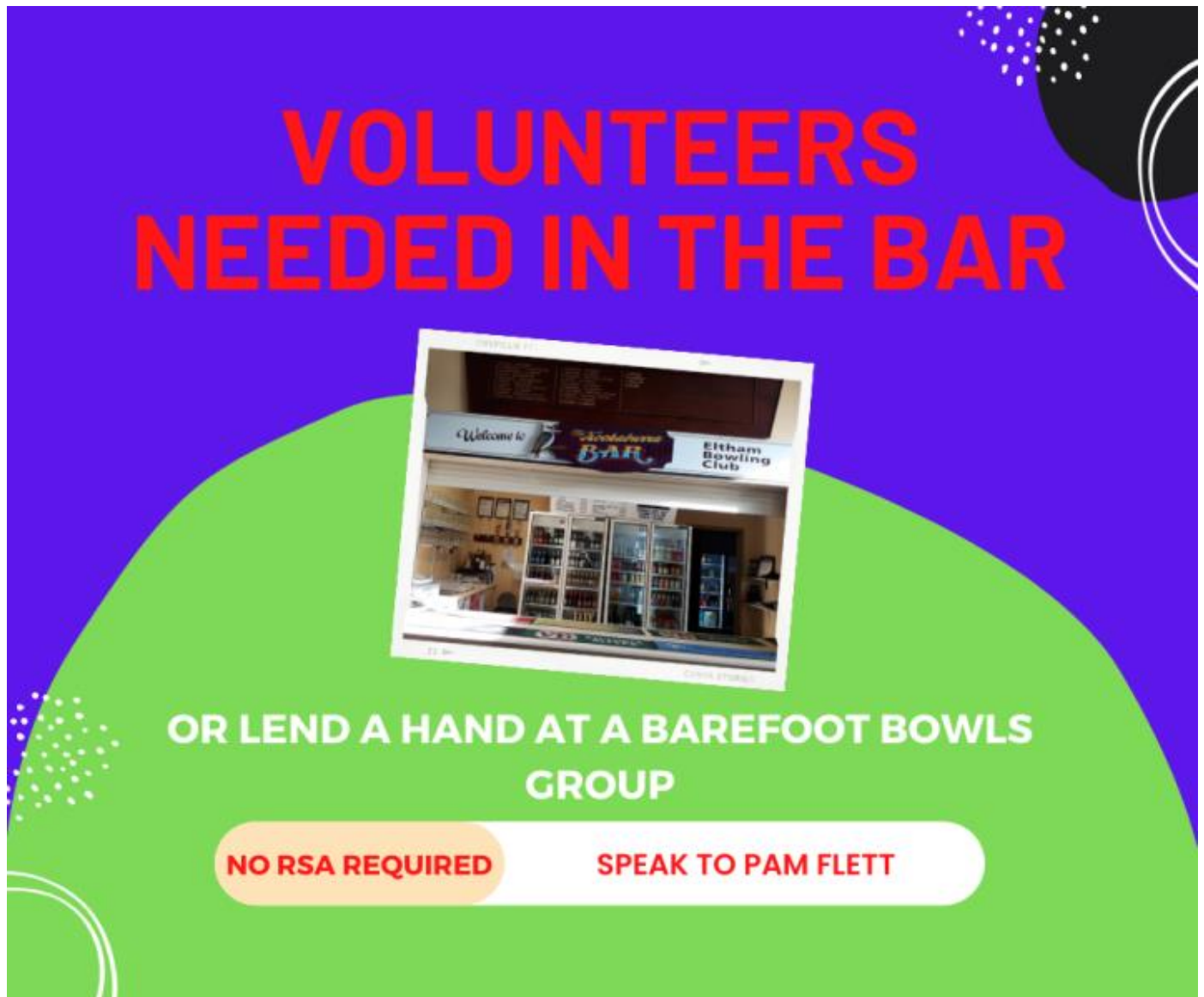
Notice from the Secretary

Hopefully this year will see Bowls return back to normality, with the virus being reigned in finally. We were able to hold our Opening Day earlier this month, the first for a couple of years. The Weekend Pennant Season will begin on Saturday 15th October and Midweek Pennant Season will begin on Tuesday 11th October, the draw is on the following pages and will also be in the centre of our handbook. The Handbook Committee is currently working on our new handbook and it should be ready closer to the start of the Pennant Season. Many thanks to following people who held out at our recent working bee, Frank, Wayne, Bob, Greg, John, Helen, Di, Kaye and Brent. The tasks completed - the ditches on the synthetic green were vacuumed out, the synthetic grass around the grass green was weeded and levelled to prevent tipping, plus weeding the garden. Great work also by Ros, Sue & Chris scrubbing clean the score boards, thanks heaps

Helen Smith

EBC Club Bar

The bar is not the main centrepiece or business of our club but it is an essential part of the social atmosphere of the club on any day, but especially on days of functions and barefoot bowls where it is the main income source for our club. The Bar Committee would like a few more volunteers to help run it on Function days/nights and during barefoot bowls days. It is not an onerous job and you will only be asked to help on a few occasions, possibly no more than once a month. Please speak to the Bar Committee Coordinator Pam Flett, Functions and Hall Hire Coordinator Chris Jacques, or any of the committee members if you are interested.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED IN THE BAR**

**OR LEND A HAND AT A BAREFOOT BOWLS
GROUP**

NO RSA REQUIRED **SPEAK TO PAM FLETT**

- *Bar Committee*

Saturday Pennant Report:

Saturday bowls kicked off on Sept 10 with a well-attended intra club competition. It was unfortunate that the Grass green had to be closed so four sides only got to play 10 ends but better to protect the green while it's still dormant and at least all available played got to have a game. Also, it was great to see so many new members at the club having a bowl.

This week is our first inter club match against Doncaster which will be followed by games against Ivanhoe Oct 1 & Hurstbridge Oct 8. The practice matches allow the Committee to try bowlers in different positions in a rink and in different grades. This is also a result of the large numbers of bowlers who are still unavailable for selection.

We will begin using the Pennant Report sheets in the final two practice matches. It will be similar to last year's report sheet where players score each team member out of 8 (excluding themselves) but with some guiding principles upon which to base the assessments. This system worked well last year with 4 out of 5 Saturday sides playing in finals and two teams making the Grand Final.

Greg Lambert - Chairman Saturday Selection Committee

Saturday Pennant Draw

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		Side 1			Side 2			Side 3			Side 4			Side 5		
Rnd	Date	Div 2	Sec 3	H	Div 3	Sec 2	A	Div 4	Sec 5	A	Div 6	Sec 7	H	Div 8	Sec 3	A
1	Oct-15	Rosanna 1		H	Greensborough 2		A	North Balwyn 2		A	Heatherdale 2		H	Heidelberg Golf 2		A
2	Oct-22	Hurstbridge 1		A	Bundoora RSL 3		H	Hurstbridge 2		H	Mitcham 4		A	City of Heidelberg 4		H
3	Oct-29	Thornbury 1		H	Montmorency 2		A	Heidelberg Golf 1		A	City of Heidelberg 3		H	Montmorency 5		A
4	Nov-05	Whittlesea 2		A	Wallan 1		H	Montmorency 3		A	Doncaster 4		A	Bundoora RSL 5		H
5	Nov-12	Doncaster 2		H	Broadmeadows 1		A	Heathmont 5		H	Moorolbark 5		H	Club Bridgewater 1		A
6	Nov-26	Epping RSL 1		H	Club Sunbury 2		A	Greythorn 1		H	Donvale 4		A	Broadmeadows 3		H
7	Dec-03	Lalor 1		A	Lalor 2		H	Box Hill RSL 1		A	Rosanna 4		H	Rosanna 5		A
8	Dec-10	Rosanna 1		A	Greensborough 2		H	North Balwyn 2		H	Heatherdale 2		A	Heidelberg Golf 2		H
9	Dec-17	Hurstbridge 1		H	Bundoora RSL 3		A	Hurstbridge 2		A	Mitcham 4		H	City of Heidelberg 4		A
10	Jan-14	Thornbury 1		A	Montmorency 2		H	Heidelberg Golf 1		H	City of Heidelberg 3		A	Montmorency 5		H
11	Jan-21	Whittlesea 2		H	Wallan 1		A	Montmorency 3		H	Doncaster 4		H	Bundoora RSL 5		A
12	Jan-28	Doncaster 2		A	Broadmeadows 1		H	Heathmont 5		A	Moorolbark 5		A	Club Bridgewater 1		H
13	Feb-04	Epping RSL 1		A	Club Sunbury 2		H	Greythorn 1		A	Donvale 4		H	Broadmeadows 3		A
14	Feb-11	Lalor 1		H	Lalor 2		A	Box Hill RSL 1		H	Rosanna 4		A	Rosanna 5		H
Finals: Week 1 - Feb 18 & Feb 19 , Week 2 - Feb 25 & Feb 26, Week 3 - Mar4 & Mar 5																

Midweek Pennant:

A big welcome back to all members for the new Tuesday Pennant season, and a special welcome to the six new members who will be bowling in our midweek sides for the first time.

I would also like to welcome our two new first-time selectors in Barb Pavic and Bruce Irvine, and thank them for taking on the task for the season. It's not always an easy job but I'm sure they will enjoy the experience.

Would all members please use the unavailability list on the notice board at the back of the room with at least a week's notice if they are unable to play on any Tuesday.

Trenah Wadham – Coordinator Mid-week Pennant

The Greens

The grass green is just starting grow out of winter dormancy is looking quite good. Shane has looked after it well over winter but it still needs more time, a bit of warm weather and care while it is a little soft and unfortunately very often wet. We hope to have it in use well in time for the pennant season but please be a little patient for now. If you are have a roll on it please keep well clear of the 2 to 3 metre area at each end. The synthetic green needs some repair work near the north west corner and we are still waiting for Tiger Turf to get it done, hopefully soon as it will mean a few days to a week of no bowling in that area.

Frank Camera

Midweek Pennant Draw

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		Side 1		Side 2		Side 3		Side 4	
Round	Date	Division 2 Section 3		Division 4 Section 3		Division 4 Section 5		Division 6 Section 4	
1	Oct-11	Donvale 2	H	Donvale 4	A	Hawthorn 1	H	Donvale 7	A
2	Oct-18	Diamond Creek 1	A	City of Heidelberg 2	H	Auburn 1	A	Aiphington 1	H
3	Oct-25	Montmorency 1	H	Hurstbridge 2	A	Blackburn Nth 2	H	Templestowe 1	A
4	Nov-02	Blackburn Nth 1	H	Montmorency 3	A	Montmorency 4	H	Montmorency 6	A
5	Nov-08	Ivanhoe 2	A	East Ivanhoe 1	H	Camberwell Central 1	A	Greensborough 3	H
6	Nov-15	Doncaster 1	A	Doncaster 2	H	MCC 3	A	City of Heidelberg 4	H
7	Nov-29	Greensborough 1	H	Greensborough 2	A	North Balwyn 2	H	Mooroolbark 6	A
8	Dec-06	Donvale 2	A	Donvale 4	H	Hawthorn 1	A	Donvale 7	H
9	Dec-13	Diamond Creek 1	H	City of Heidelberg 2	A	Auburn 1	H	Aiphington 1	A
10	Jan-17	Montmorency 1	A	Hurstbridge 2	H	Blackburn Nth 2	A	Templestowe 1	H
11	Jan-24	Blackburn Nth 1	A	Montmorency 3	H	Montmorency 4	A	Montmorency 6	H
12	Jan-31	Ivanhoe 2	H	East Ivanhoe 1	A	Camberwell Central 1	H	Greensborough 3	A
13	Feb-07	Doncaster 1	H	Doncaster 2	A	MCC 3	H	City of Heidelberg 4	A
14	Feb-14	Greensborough 1	A	Greensborough 2	H	North Balwyn 2	A	Mooroolbark 6	H

Finals: Week 1 - Feb 21 & Feb 23 , Week 2 - Feb 28 & Mar 2, Week 3 - Mar 7 & Mar 9

EBC Footy Tipping 2022

It was good to see the football back at its best. This season saw 6 rounds where tippers correctly tipped all the winners for the round. There was strong competition between the footy tippers this season, with 1 round to go, the leaders were tied on 139 tips.

The winner of this year's EBC Footy Tipping Competition correctly tipping 9 in the

last round, finishing on 148 is **Tom Ridi**, 2nd place tipper for this season is **Paul Hickey** on 146, followed closely by **Hugh Robertson** on 145 in third place. Wooden Spoon Tipper goes to **Greg Lambert**.

Congratulations to all the winners, thank you all supporting for the Footy Tipping Competition this year, and very big thank you to all the helpers too.



Footy Tipping Committee

Match Committee Notice

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

The following table shows all the championship events for the season. More details will be in the 2022-2023 handbook. Please mark these in your diary/calendar. All the entry sheets are now up on the Championship board at the back left side of the main room.

SEASON	2022-2023	MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS	WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS	MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS
Friday	SEPT 23RD			MIXED FOURS all day event
Sunday	OCT 23RD			MIXED PAIRS all day event
Tuesday	NOV 1ST	SPECIAL EVENT		
Sunday	NOV 6TH	PAIRS ROUND 1		
Sunday	NOV 13TH	PAIRS ROUND 2	PAIRS ROUND 1	
Sunday	NOV 27TH	PAIRS ROUND 3	PAIRS ROUND 2	
Sunday	DEC 4TH	PAIRS SEMI FINALS	PAIRS SEMI FINALS	
Sunday	DEC 11TH	PAIRS FINAL	PAIRS FINAL	
Sunday	JAN 15TH	SINGLES ROUND 1		
Sunday	JAN 22ND	SINGLES ROUND 2	SINGLES ROUND 1	NOVICE SINGLES ROUND 1
Thursday	JAN 26TH	SPECIAL EVENT		
Sunday	JAN 29TH	SINGLES ROUND 3	SINGLES ROUND 2	NOVICE SINGLES ROUND 2
Thursday	FEB 2ND			OVER 65'S SINGLES RND 1
Sunday	FEB 5TH	SINGLES SEMI FINALS	SINGLES SEMI FINALS	NOVICE SEMI FINALS
Thursday	FEB 9TH			OVER 65'S SINGLES RND 2
Sunday	FEB 12TH	SINGLES FINAL	SINGLES FINAL	NOVICE SINGLES FINAL
Thursday	FEB 16TH			OVER 65'S SINGLES SEMI FINAL
Thursday	FEB 23 rd			OVER 65'S SINGLES FINAL
Sunday	FEB 26TH			PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
Saturday	MAR 4TH	CENTRY H'CAP ROUND 1		
Sunday	MAR 5TH	CENTURY H'CAP ROUND 2	CENTURY H'CAP ROUND 1	
Saturday	MAR 11TH	CENTURY H'CAP ROUND 3	CENTURY H'CAP ROUND 2	
Monday	MAR 13th	SPECIAL EVENT		
Saturday	MAR 18TH	CENTURY SEMI FINALS	CENTURY SEMI FINALS	
Sunday	MAR 19TH	CENTURY H'CAP FINAL	CENTURY FINAL	
Saturday	APRIL 1ST	TRIPLES ROUND 1 &2	TRIPLES ROUNDS 1 & 2	
Sunday	APRIL 2ND	TRIPLES Semi's & final	TRIPLES Semi's & final	
Saturday	APRIL 8TH	SPECIAL EVENT		
Monday	APRIL 10TH			MIXED TRIPLES all day event
Sunday	APRIL 16TH			MIXED SINGLES all day event
Tuesday	APRIL 25TH	SPECIAL EVENT		

Ros Camera – Match Committee Coordinator

Australian Bowling Arm Sides Championships 2022

– Peter Toovey

Just a short report on my recent trip to Western Australia to represent Victoria in the state armed squad.



On Sunday our squad of 17 left Melbourne at 9.15am to fly to Perth arriving at 11.30am W.A. time. We then travelled to our accommodation at Mandurah to check in and lunch before travelling to Warnbro Bowling Club for a practice before the opening ceremony and the first round on Monday. The Warnbro Bowling Club have 2 indoor and 2 outdoor greens all synthetic. We soon discovered that their greens were running at around 20-22 seconds so it was a bit of a shock to all of us.

Day 1. Opening ceremony and first round. We had drawn WA. and we knew it was going to be tough drawing the host club on their quick home greens.

We played fours and singles in the morning and pairs and triples in the afternoon. By the end of the day, we had drawn with them giving us 17 points each but won that shield with shots up. After day one we were third on the ladder behind QLD and NSW.

Day 2. We played Tas. and had a convincing win winning 28-7 and moving to second on the ladder 6 points behind Qld who we would play on day 3.

Day 3. Today was a big game against Qld. They won the morning session 2 games to 4 and we split the afternoon session 3 all. They were very pleased after the game as this was the first time they had beaten Vic. They were now 9 points clear overall to be on top with two days to play.



Day 4. After losing yesterday, we required a big win today against NSW to catch Qld. who were playing WA. We had a convincing win of 24-12. and Qld lost to WA 12-21.

Going into the last day the leader board showed we were on top with 85 points, Qld 82 and WA were 81. This meant we were 2 points clear of Qld and 3 points ahead of WA. This made for a very exciting final day.



Day 5. Today would be the decider for the overall title. We played SA. After the morning session we split the points 9 points each. WA got 15 points against Qld and were now on top. For the afternoon session we needed to win all rinks and hope that WA. dropped one. We had a great afternoon winning all six rinks and luckily WA dropped two.

Overall, Victoria won 4 state shields, losing just the 1 to Qld. This was capped off by winning our eighth straight overall championship.



I have enjoyed the experience of representing Victoria in the last two championships. To top it off, I was also lucky enough to be in the rink that picked up an eight against South Australia on day 5.



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Some older Winter Memories:

For those members who could not make it to the Club on a Thursday evening in winter here are memories from many years ago. Read to the tune of Slim Dusty's song "Three Rivers Hotel":

(If you are not familiar with the original Slim Dusty version – Three Rivers Hotel this you tube link will get you there:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KWPg6My594>)

At the Eltham Club Bar

From Research to Monty, and far Bundoora too

They come in for a yarn, and a drink to be true

For the winter bowls stories have a huge repertoire

In the evening each Thursday, at the Eltham Club bar

There's Hughie just in, for a smoke and two beers

Liking all of the stories and the gossip he hears

Having just lost a dollar, but that's how things are

Now he's fending off jokes, in the Eltham Club bar

Here's Jenny and Bob, and they're both looking fine

Bob orders his beer, and Jenny's must have white wine

The laughter Bob gives us, with those jokes so bizarre

We just love it when they join us, in the Eltham Club bar

Now Crippsy and Paul, have been bowling since three

Pairing Peter and Tom, they've got it all down to a tee

They are eager old golfers, and know how to make par

It's a Vic Bitter in four ends, from the Eltham Club bar

When the topic is pennant, most follow this line

There's no need for changes, we are doing just fine

But we'd be premiers forever, and the winners by far

If they bowled like they bragged, in the Eltham Club bar

Well, some nights it may not be, as fun as it seems
For it can get a bit heated, when the topic is teams
If a selector was present, he would watch from afar
And leave somewhat early, from the Eltham Club bar

Now Leo's our barman, and a great Kiwi Bloke
He is quick with the service, and a smile or a joke
But he usually goes early, so when he jumps in his car
It is Noel who takes over, in the Eltham Club bar

If it's a creature of habit, you would want to define
Then Eric's the regular, you could use to enshrine
With one Crownie, one Hahn, a friendly little spar
Then off home for dinner, from the Eltham Club Bar

The veranda far end, is the smokers only domain
Where the desperate light up, be it gloom or light rain
Just a smoke or two each, and yes, they're low tar
Then wander in for drink, at the Eltham Club bar

Each winter most "vanners", go north for the sun
So the numbers are down, but not so the fun
For us icebergs and workers still have the odd jar
And dissect all the football, in the Eltham Club bar

The stayers are all late, so it's not as you'd think
John, Brent and Paul, are here not just for a drink
But Cliff's long dissertations, "yep", he is the star
Until the late closing time, at the Eltham Club bar

In a few winters time, we may also succumb
And go trekking up north, for some more of that sun
But it won't be forever, and the door will still be ajar

So we can return Thursday evenings, to the Eltham Club Bar

Frank Camera, June 2013



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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

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Frank Camera