



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



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## **President's Report:**

As we continue to work through this extraordinary spring, we have at least been able to get our pennant season started. So far we have had mixed success with both our Saturday and Tuesday teams.

The match committee have conducted two mixed events so far this season. The first was the mixed fours won by Bruce Irvine, Brent Arnott, Jan Tindale and Betsy King. Followed by the mixed pairs won by Brent and Sue Arnott. Congratulations to you all. Once again a big thank-you to Morrison Kleeman Real Estate of Eltham who are again sponsoring our championship events this year.

Around the club you would have noticed that we have a problem with the synthetic green along the west side. A tree root was discovered invading the green. It has been removed but we are now working with the council to hopefully remove any more. We have also had Tigerturf in to repair the plinths around the green and also the damage caused by the tree root. The council are considering putting a new tree barrier on the west and part of the south side of the synthetic green.

Some results from our last Board meeting include:

\*If a member hires the hall for their own function and puts a tab on the bar they will be charged members prices for that event.

\*The next stage of our refurbishment has been approved with new tables expected to arrive mid-November.

\*We will be holding a Woman's Tournament on 16th of March next year and have been able to secure Bendigo Bank Eltham as our Sponsor.

\*This year's Christmas breakup will be held on Sunday 11th Dec. We have engaged outside caterers at a cost of cost of \$30.00 a head for a two-course meal. As always, we are in need of donations of goodies for the Christmas hamper.

\*The club will be participating in the Parliament Challenge again this year good luck to our three teams.

\*As part of a recruitment drive we are hoping to promote the club by having a stand at the next Rotary Fair on the 13th November, more details to follow.

We have two new members to our club. Ian Patterson and Leon Sinnott. Leon was a former member who has decided to re-join. Welcome to both of you.

Again, I'd like to thank all those dedicated members who volunteer so much time and effort to enable our club to remain successful.

Till our next newsletter.

Happy bowling

Cheers

***Peter Toovey, President EBC***



### **The season we are having!**

Typical Spring bowling day so far this season, check out the clouds in the background. More information and pictures on the cup day bowls later in the newsletter.

And if you did not manage to visit the club on the 14<sup>th</sup> October after the big rain storm the previous night then these pictures show a rather fast flowing creek (normally way out of sight) and a very flooded football oval next door. And when these were taken around 9AM the creek level had already dropped about 50cm.



Photos: Helen Smith, Frank Camera

## Bendigo Bank Women's Fours Tournament

There is a very keen and hard-working committee at the club organising a Women's Fours Tournament on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. They managed to get sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank for which we are extremely grateful.

The organising committee would also like to thank all the club members who have supported this by signing the consent form for the tournament to go ahead.

Game plans and preparations are underway and the ladies are very enthusiastically looking forward to a very successful day.



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## Mixed Pairs championship Day

Twelve teams entered the Club's Mixed Pairs championship for this season on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

They all played three games of ten ends and there were four two game winners after the first two rounds, and they just happened to be playing each other in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game. So it was obvious the two winners of these two games would play each other in the final. This was then between four time winners Brent and Sue Arnott and, chasing their second title, Joe and Lisa Bartolo. After a very tight game Sue and Brent ran out winners by two shots, 8 – 6.

Congratulations to Sue and Brent Arnott, our Morrison Kleeman Mixed Pairs Champions for the season. This makes two wins from two championship events this year for Brent.

Special thanks to Ros, Sue and John for organising the day and to the twenty-four members who made the day possible.



[Peter Toovey \(Facebook notes\)](#)

## Saturday Pennant Report:

It's been quite a disjointed season so far with the weather, unavailability of players and the grass green being out of action all playing a part.

A special thanks to the emergency players who have filled in, sometimes at quite short notice, and who have allowed the Club to field full sides in all Divisions to this point in time.

At the moment Div. 2 is third on the ladder, Div. 3 is fifth, Div. 4 lies eighth, Div. 5 is seventh and Div. 8 is fourth.

There seems to be a close correlation between player ratings and the results being achieved by individual rinks. This is pleasing to see from the selection committees' point of view as it demonstrates that players are making their assessments in a considered manner.

It is obvious that the depth of the Club has been tested this season, not the least by player movement. However, ultimately, we have 76 bowlers representing Eltham BC each weekend and enjoying the game of bowls and that, in itself, is a good thing.

*Greg Lambert - Chairman Saturday Selection Committee*

## Midweek Pennant:

We are only 4 games into the competition as of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> with some mixed results but the competition is really only just warming up (weatherwise too) and hopefully all teams will soon start enjoying more success. It has been a little taxing for the selectors so far as we have unfortunately had many regular players unavailable to play at all levels. We are very grateful for all those members who have filled in to ensure that all teams get to play with a full side, especially at very short notice at times.

Please keep filling in the report sheets at the end of the game as they are very valuable to the selection process and enjoy your games. We would all like to win our games but the main thing really is the camaraderie, friendship and the fun of the competition.

The current team standing as of the 4<sup>th</sup> round are:

Position		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Percentage	Points
2	Eltham 1	4	3	1	0	138.19	50
2	Eltham 2	4	2	0	2	126.62	43
7	Eltham 3	4	1	3	0	63.55	17
6	Eltham 4	4	1	3	0	84.86	21
7	Eltham 5	4	1	3	0	83.46	20

*Frank Camera - Editor, for the Selection Committee*

## COACHING:

**BOWLING SKILL SESSIONS. THREE BOWLING SKILL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS THIS NOVEMBER - FRIDAY NOV 4<sup>TH</sup>, FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>.**

These sessions are aimed at new Club members and/or new Pennant players but would be suitable for any member wishing to participate in organised practice drills. Each session will run from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Different drills will be organised for each of the three sessions.

If you wish to be involved in these sessions, please add your name to the sheet on the Coaches' Notice Board in the Clubrooms. If you have any questions please speak to Leon or phone him on 0427361625

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**ADDITION TO CLUB COACHES LISTED IN THE CLUB HANDBOOK - Leon Sinnott**

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## The Greens

The grass green is looking quite good on the very few nice sunny days we have had so far but unfortunately, due to the very wet season, it is still a little behind in its desired seasonal growth. We need a lot more hot dry weather to really get it going. Shane is working very hard to get it right and it will hopefully the 5 western rinks will be in full use very soon.

The synthetic green is not exactly perfect at the moment either as the root damage still needs more work. Tiger Turf has promised complete repairs and hopefully sooner rather than later.

The invasive roots in the synthetic green, at left on the outside of the green (with Helen's keys to



show the size) and on the right is the tree root about a half metre in from the ditch at the end of rink 6 (E/W).



*Frank Camera*

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## Special Events Committee

### Cup Day 2022

The bowls started on time and although rather cloudy was quite fine for the morning. Unfortunately, after lunch, we only got two ends in before the rain started and we had to run to the clubhouse. Thanks to Helen and Tim an indoor carpet bowls mat was set up and we enjoyed that until the race time. The winners for the day were Wendy, Archie and Treenah.



Race time, all (almost) eyes on the TV.



Clubhouse Fascinator show time, and the winner is.....



There was some play out on the green, and obviously nice warm gear for it. But warm inside as the carpet bowls game shows. Many thanks to the Special Events Committee for the day's action.

Thanks to Maureen for comments and pictures.

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## Sponsorship update.

This year we welcome a few new sponsors to the club. As I'm sure you all saw on the back of our handbook AL's PIZZA are a new major sponsor of the club, their sponsorship donation has gone towards new Mat's which will be used mainly for Pennant matches coming soon. William George Farming has donated a new speaker to the club which can be used for functions, pennant and any other club events. Morrison Kleeman are once again the naming rights of all club championships

### Our 22/23 Sponsors:

Al's Pizza	Morrison Kleeman
Barry Plant	Bendigo Bank
Transfixed	Superwell (formerly My Chiropractic),
Superwell (formerly My Chiropractic),	Back in Motion
William George Farming	Slocum Floorcoverings
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I would like to thank our 22/23 Eltham Bowling Club Sponsors very much for their support.

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)



# PENNANT GAMES PLAYED RECORDS UPDATED ON WEBSITE

By Steve Veitch, Website Editor

The Pennant games played by each player has been updated on the Club website.

You jump straight there with by typing in the address [elthambowlsclub.com.au/player-records-eltham-bowling-club/](http://elthambowlsclub.com.au/player-records-eltham-bowling-club/)

The top 10 for Penant Games Played are these.

Harry Ophetveld ( <i>deceased</i> )	937
Roslyn Camera	782
George Rizzi	727
Don White ( <i>retired</i> )	719
Noel Spargo	693
Archie Shaw	643
Graeme Webster ( <i>left club</i> )	602
Frank Camera	593
Bob Cairns	592
Ernie Richards	586

Let me know at [stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au) if I have made an error.

OR YOU CAN NAVIGATE FROM THE WEBSITE HOMEPAGE

First, click on **ABOUT US**

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Second, click on **PENNANT**



And finally, click on **PLAYER RECORDS - ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB**



# PENNANT SELECTIONS AND RESULTS ON THE CLUB WEBSITE EACH WEEK

By Steve Veitch, Website Editor

After the Club Secretary, Helen, emails out the Pennant Selections, they are also put on the website some hours later.

You will find the team selections as news posts on the bottom of the Home page - [elthambowlsclub.com.au](http://elthambowlsclub.com.au)

You will also find them on the website as the [SATURDAY PENNANT IN 2022/23](#) and the [MIDWEEK PENNANT IN 2022/23](#) pages.

To navigate to the SATURDAY PENNANT IN 2022/23 page, **click on** the SEASON 2022/23 drop-down menu. Find SATURDAY page and **select it**.

The MIDWEEK page is found the same way.

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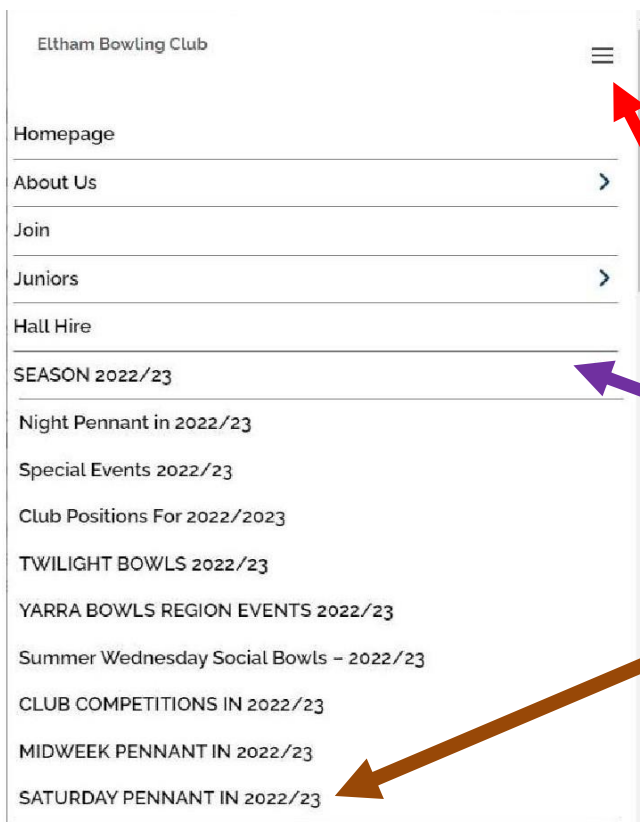
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**SATURDAY PENNANT IN 2022/23**



If your device has a small screen, you instead select the three lines or dots on the top right.

Then you select SEASON 2022/23.

And finally. SATURDAY PENNANT IN 2022/23

When you are on the Pennant page, you can click on the Pennant Draw, the Pennant Conditions of Play [and the team results](#).

The current and past team selections are listed at the bottom of the page.

## Match Committee

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***



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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***