



Eltham Bowls Club
THE ELTHAM BOWLER
December 2022 Newsletter



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President's Report:

Merry Christmas to all our wonderful members.

As the festive season approaches another year is about to pass us by. Summer so far has not been great but as Victorians we all know what it is like to get three seasons in one day.

We have had a lot of Barefoot Bowls Christmas Parties so far and special thanks go out to Pam, Chris, bar committee and the volunteers for running the events.

The pennant season is already in the second half of the season with three of the five sides aiming to play finals. The men's and woman's pairs have been completed, congratulations in the men's to Frank Camera and Eric Butcher and the women's Sue Arnott and Carol Schilling Collins.

The grass green is coming along nicely and the repairs to the synthetic green are still in progress. We are waiting for the council to decide what they are going to do about the trees on the Susan Street side on the synthetic green.

We had our Christmas party on Sunday the 11th with over ninety people attending and a good night was had by all. Many thanks to all our volunteers who made the night a success. The only downside was that nasty virus also decided to come along and infected over a quarter of the members who attended. I hope that everyone who picked up the virus are not too unwell.

As I sign off, I would like wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and we will see you back in January 2023.

Peter Toovey, President EBC

AL's  **Pizza**

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 16th 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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Yarra region Women's Pairs:

Runners up in this season's Yarra region Women's pairs competition, Helen and Pam.

Well done ladies.

Pam's comments – "we did well but I have more runner up medals now than hot dinners!!"



2022 Victorian Open Shepparton - Report by Helen Smith

Are we allowed to pat ourselves on the back.....???? 7 Eltham Bowlers represented our club at this years' Vic Open in Shepparton. Helen Smith, Kaye Pepyat, Tim Smith, Brent Blackwell, Dan Henery, Gareth Toovey and Pam Flett.

We played in every event for 5 or 6 days under very trying conditions; rain, wind, cold and tricky greens some of which had been under water only the weeks before. Some travelled up to an hour away to play and others played into the evening in the pouring rain with thunder and lightning to deal with.

Here are the results:

Mixed pairs: Helen and Tim

- Won 2 of 3 games, progressed to the first knock out round, played on the same day.

Pam and Graham Solly (Warrnambool City Memorial)

- Won 4 games and progressed to Round of 32. Went down by 1 shot in last game

Women's Pairs: Helen and Pam

- Lost 1st game, won 2nd game, just lost 3rd game.

Men's Pairs: Tim and Brent

- Won their 1st game, down in 2nd game, 3rd game just went down by a couple shots

Dan & Gareth

- Won 2 of their 3 section games not enough points to progress to knock out round.

Ladies Triples: Helen, Pam and Kaye

- Won the 1st game of sectional play, next 2 games opponents very strong

Ladies Singles: Helen, Kaye and Pam

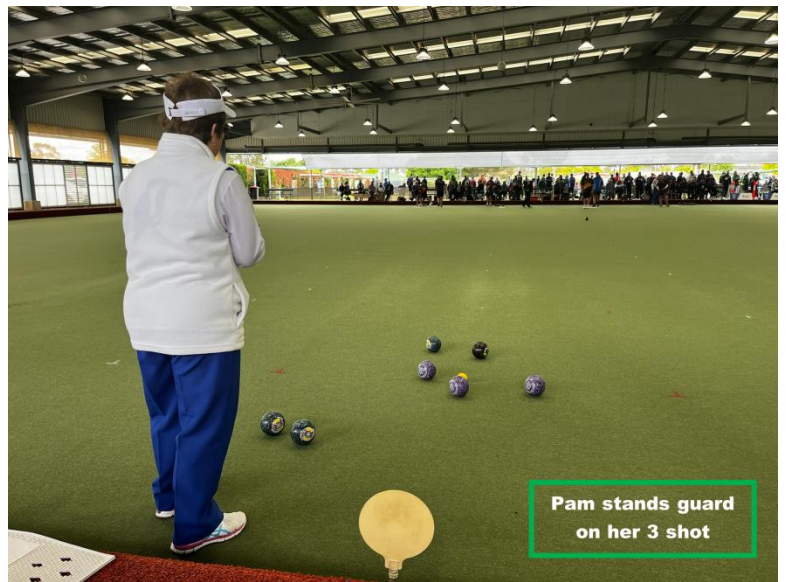
- Helen won all games in section, progressed through knock out rounds to last 16
- Kaye unfortunately only played 1 game as the 3rd player never showed up.
- Pam won 1 of 3 as did her opponents but lost on percentage

Men's Singles: Dan and Tim

- Dan won all games in his section and progressed through knock out rounds to the last 128
- Tim 2 close games in sectional just going down by a couple shots

Everyone had a fabulous time and met some wonderful people, played some tough games and had a load of laughs and maybe one or two drinks too many. Most of the players are planning to do it all again next year at the new venue in Gippsland, so if you're interested in playing get a team together and book your accommodation now.

Go Kookas.



Some Vic Open pictures supplied by Helen Smith



Sponsorship update

As 2022 comes to a close I am still working with some businesses for a potential sponsorship for either the 2022/23 season or following year. That being said, with the Christmas, New Year break fast approaching it has made communication with some a little more difficult. As some of you may have noticed, our major sponsor Al's Pizza has been recognised by being on all pennant mats. Without sponsors like this we are unable to make changes and upgrades to the club.

We will also have some presentations by our sponsors coming up in the new year. As soon as I have more information regarding this you will all be notified.

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. Again 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

As always please keep in mind any sponsors and support them as they support us.

Cheers

Gareth



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ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB 2023 Forty/40 BOWLS COMPETITION

Hello Forty/40 Contact,

This letter calls for entries for the **2023 Forty/40 Bowls Competition** that the Eltham Bowling Club will conduct again during **February and March 2023**.

This Competition will be held between 6.00pm to 7.30pm on the following Friday evenings.

February 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th; March 3rd, 17th.

There will be a **General Bye** on **10th March** on account Labour Day Long Weekend.

For the Forty/40 Competition:

- **The cost will be \$5.00 per week, plus a one-off \$20.00 Team Registration Fee.**
- **There will be weekly and overall prize money.**
- **Teams will be handicapped and may be divided into two sections.**
- **The format and rules of the game are unchanged from previous competitions.**
- **The bar will be opened from 5.30pm to 8.00pm.**
- **A minimum of 6 teams are required for the Competition to proceed.**
- **On Competition nights we may order pizzas to be delivered after the game. Those wishing to participate to pay when paying competition fees. A decision on this arrangement will be made on the first night – 3rd February.**

An entry form is provided on the next page of this document. **Entries close on Friday 20.1.22.** While entries will be accepted up until this date it would assist the Organising Group if teams submitted their entries prior to the Christmas/New Year period. Entries may be emailed to me at jelliott2699@yahoo.com.au or posted to my home address of **26 Maxine Drive, St Helena, 3088.**

In the event of a high level of interest in this Forty/40 Competition the **first 12 entries** received will be accepted into the Competition.

Whilst only three bowlers will play on each Competition Night, teams are encouraged to have four or five members in their team. This will accommodate team members who are unavailable on a given Competition Night.

On the **First Night of Competition – Friday 3rd February 2023**. Team Registration and Competition Fees will be collected, participants will be issued with their bowls and the competition rules will be explained. Any new bowlers will be shown how to bowl. *Remember that when bowling that flat soled shoes must be worn or participants can bowl in bare feet.*

You are encouraged to forward this letter onto any friends, family, work colleagues and community members who you think may be interested in trying Forty/40 Bowls at the Eltham Bowling Club.

If you have any questions, please contact me on **0487 818 224** or email me at jelliott2699@yahoo.com.au

John Elliott Convenor, Forty/40 Organising Group

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2023 FORTY/40 COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Team Name: _____

Business/ Organisation (if any) _____

NAME	Have you bowled in a past EBC 40/40 Competition? Yes / No	If you answered "NO" in previous column, please list any bowling experience (if any)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Team Contact Name: _____

Team Contact Phone Number: _____

Team Contact e-mail Address: _____

(Please photocopy the Entry Form if necessary)

We did it!

After about ten years of playing together and three finals, Eric and Frank finally managed a win in the men's pairs championship against some formidable opponents. Joe and Rick in the quarter final by 1 shot, Dan and Gareth in the semi final by 1 shot, and then Ernie and Noel (going for their 6th win in this event!) in the final 16 – 11.

Thanks, Eric, skipped well.

Frank Camera



Bar Committee Report December 2022

We did not hold a Bar Committee Meeting in November or December as we were all too busy with functions, bowling and Christmas preparations. However, that did not mean that we did not communicate with one another. Many phone calls and car park discussions were needed.

Lots of Barefoot Bowling bookings have been keeping the committee and its' volunteers very busy and so far all our bookings have gone smoothly.

There were 10 Barefoot Bowling bookings taken for December, Toastmasters Christmas function and our Jazz Night, so a full schedule. Thank you to all our volunteers who have been putting in a supreme effort and to new our volunteer Vicki Williams.

Our first booking for 2023 is on 2nd January so good signs for another busy Hall Hire/BFB year.

Everyone have a fabulous festive season and lets do it all again next year.

Pam Flett, Convenor

The Greens

The grass green is very much on the mend but unfortunately the weather is still holding us back on the total renovation. We were to scarify it last Monday but the rain stopped that, it will now be done as soon as the weather permits. Following the scarifying it will be cored with some very wide coring tubes. This would then be cleaned up, lots of supplements added and then top dressed. This is the whole green work which should level the new areas on rink 13 and 14. This work is to try and eliminate what's left of the "black layer" areas which are obvious still, especially when it rains. We now have the groomer back with a new set of blades and it will be used extensively from now on.

The synthetic green is need of some major renovation/maintenance work following the work done to remove the tree roots. We are still negotiating with Tiger Turf for this and hope for a good outcome.

Frank Camera - Greens Director

Parliamentary Challenge

On Wednesday the 7th December we had two teams playing in the Parliamentary Challenge, against teams from Monty, HGBC and Diamond Creek. Our teams consisted of:

Jenny Millar, Archie Shaw, Elaine Shaw, Wendy Lyons, Vincent Bok, James Heaney, Bob Harris and Betsy King. The day was won by the teams from HGBC.

From the office of Vicky Ward:

Hi all,

Just wanted to send a quick thank you to you all and your teams for the great day at the Parliamentary Bowls Challenge and for all your assistance in the lead up. We couldn't have asked for a better day for it and it was lovely to see all everyone coming together, getting to know each other, and bringing that healthy competitive spirit. Also, a special thank-you to Diamond Creek for coming along for the first time this year, we look forward to having you join us again in 2023 and beyond!

Our door is always open should you or any of your club members require any assistance.

Katherine Melitsis

Office of Vicki Ward MP | Member for Eltham



Obviously well looked after by the hosts!



Night Pennant – at Heidelberg Golf, playing Rosanna:



Some of the night owls seen here at play: Chris Jacques and Eddie McMillan above, Brent Blackwell to the right, Paul Hickey, Gareth Toovey, Tim Smith, Kaye Pepyat and Scott Jarrod below.



Team	Shots	Points
Montmorency	64	52
Bundoora Gold	38	48
Bundoora Green	42	41
Heidelberg Aces	-10	37
Rosanna	-29	36
Eltham	-18	34
Ivanhoe	2	30
City of Heidelberg	-45	22
Heidelberg Lions	-44	20



And facing the current ladder on the right are Tom Ridi, Vicki Williams and Helen Smith.

Photos supplied by Dan Henery

Match Committee

The following table shows all the championship events for the rest of 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
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



An advertisement for Tobin Brothers Funerals. It includes a green circular logo with a white leaf-like design, the text 'TOBIN BROTHERS FUNERALS', a cursive tagline 'Celebrating Lives', a photo of Paul Hooper, and contact information: 'www.tobinbrothers.com.au | (03) 9373 7000'.

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An advertisement for Le Pine Funeral Services. It features a blue house-shaped logo above the text 'Le Pine FUNERAL SERVICES'. To the right, it lists the address '848 Main Road Eltham', a '24 hour phone: 9439 0401', and the slogan 'To embrace a lifetime, we give you time.'

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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

Frank Camera