



Eltham Bowls Club
THE ELTHAM BOWLER
SPECIAL AUTUMN TOURNAMENT EDITION



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Firstly, a very special thanks to the wonderful people at the Bendigo Bank in Eltham for sponsoring this tournament, thank you Crissie, Lesley and the team. Members all, please support our local community bank team, who are always there to help you in any way possible with your banking needs.

From the organising group:

It has been a year in the making by a large group of 15 ladies, divided into 5 working groups – Promotion and registration, Game day management,

Club room set up and decorations, Fundraising, and Catering - the planning, organising and preparations were very efficiently carried out. Monthly meetings kept everything in check.

Sue, Jan Mc, Chris T, Betsy, Pam, Helen, Chris J

Wendy, Carole S, Jenny, Edna, Jan T, Riekie, Kaye P, Ros.

Extra helpers on the day - Maureen, Kaye T, Treenah, Elaine.

Great support from Bruce I, Peter T, Rob, Shane, Wayne W and Frank also umpire for the day

The photos tell the story very well. The scene was fantastic, the weather beautiful and those who enjoyed the day of bowling were very happy with the greens, the competition and the hospitality.

Many visiting players were very complimentary on the day which made us feel very proud of our efforts.

The theme, Women's Autumn 4's, was to bring women together in bowls, with the appreciation of friendship, camaraderie and style of competition.

In all ways our Tournament has been a wonderful and successful event. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved.

Ros Camera

REGISTRATION

One of the early requirements of running the Tournament involved the publicity and registering of interested teams.

Brochures were drawn up and printed and the entire committee armed themselves with copies for the start of the bowling season. Helen and Frank sent copies to Bowls Victoria for publicity on their website. Most clubs were happy to display these notices on their notice boards.

There were only about four entries before Christmas but this was expected. By the end of January we had perhaps ten teams on board and really felt at that time we would be certainly going ahead with our plans. February saw the entry fill to twenty-four teams with three later unable to get a game.



As these extra entries were not until the last week before Tournament Day it was felt that rather than squeeze another two teams (catering had already been organized) it was better to cutoff entry at that point.

Kilmore had been given brochures at the Victorian Open which I thought was optimistic. Little did I know they would in fact enter two teams in the end. There were four clubs who entered two teams.

A reminder was sent to all entries in the week prior to bring it to front of mind and gave them an opportunity to let me know about dietary needs and whether they would be needing a substitute.

On the day of the tournament registration involved collecting payments (thank you Pam) and distributing an envelope with lucky door prize tickets, three section game card (made by Helen) and Conditions of play advice.

The day after the Tournament we received a lovely note from the Thornbury team thanking us and remarking on both the catering and organization of the day as being first class.

It was a pleasure to work with so many committed club members. Our achievement may well mean that we might have to “play it again....”

Sue Arnott

Thursday Morning:



The kitchen ladies were off and running nice and early with the morning tea/coffee offerings.

And below we see Bruce (who took over from Pam) and Peter on the gate helping with the parking.



Also, a big thanks to Shane who arrived about 7:00 to cut and double roll the grass green, seen here on the final inspection. Speed test came up as 14.25 +



All the ladies were very happy with the grass green.

And a big thank you also to Wayne Wilson and Steve Veitch who came along at the last minute to help Dennis and myself with the line marking on Wednesday morning. *Frank Camera*

Clubhouse setup:



A lot of work went into table and raffle prize setups in the weeks before the tournament, and obviously on the morning of the games.



WOMEN'S AUTUMN 4'S TOURNAMENT									
Rank	Team	W/L	W	L	T	W/L	W	L	T
1	Alphington	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
2	Burdours	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
3	Camdenell	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
4	Clayton	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
5	Diamond Creek	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
6	Dunstan	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
7	Englehawk	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
8	Sunbury 1	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
9	Graysborough	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
10	Graythorn 1	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
11	Heldelberg City 1	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
12	Heldelberg City 2	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
13	Hurstbridge	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
14	Whitlawa 1	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
15	Kilmore 2	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
16	Kingsbury	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
17	Mansfield	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
18	Rosanna	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
19	Graythorn 2	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
20	Sunbury 2	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
21	Kilmore 1	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
22	Thornbury	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
23	Yarra Junction	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10
24	Whitlawa 2	L	5	0	5	10	0	0	10

Outside results board set up by Helen.



Busy raffle table in the morning.



Prizes on offer included hampers, "3D" serving board, money tree and lucky numbers.



The ladies enjoying tea and coffee after registering in with Pam and Sue. Both inside and on the well rearranged decking outside.



President Peter welcoming all 96 lady bowlers to what promises to be a great days bowling (even the weather performed very well). And Ros reading out the results at the end of the days play.

And now its game ON!



A great setting and a good grass green to bowl on at the start of the day's play.

And they have also started the day on the synthetic green.

Car park backdrop is definitely not as good as the club house one in the top picture.





Chris on duty in the clubhouse

More players here enjoying the day's play on the synthetic green.



Helen and Kaye getting the computer score board ready



The lasagne will be ready soon so the ladies are now hard at work on the salads to go with it. The kitchen work was not that easy as they had to prepare quite a few different lunches for those bowlers with special food requirements.

From Jan McDermott on behalf of the catering group:

What a great success the ladies tournament was! There was much discussion as to whether we should have a ladies tournament but once the decision was made to go ahead and all the different jobs were allotted everyone sprang into action.

On the day everyone played their part beautifully and having such lovely weather was the icing on the cake. Mentioning cakes, so many ladies in the club donated a delicious variety of cakes and slices. The tiered cake stands were a real feature and the fruit that was donated added a flourish to the afternoon tea.

The catering group decided to have lasagne and salad for the main course. A week before the tournament Edna, Jan T, Betsy, Kay P, Wendy and myself gathered at the Bowling Club to make the lasagne for 100 plus people whilst Rickie made pumpkin lasagne from her home. Then came the task of finding freezers to put all the lasagnes in. Some were stored in Wayne Wilson's freezer, some at the village in Bible St, some at the Bowling Club and one large one that wouldn't fit found a home at Chrissie Jacques. A week later the lasagnes were all brought back to the club and put in the fridges. Many thanks to Wayne who took Wendy and myself to Costco to buy the ice creams for dessert. Gluten free guests were served meat and salad whilst vegans were catered for with salads and tofu.

I can't thank enough the extra ladies who helped on the day especially Elaine and Kaye T who stepped in for Edna and Rickie who were unwell.

At the end of the day everyone was very tired but very happy and had such a wonderful day.

Jan McDermott

Jenny and those lovely table settings.



Its lunchtime, and what a sight for the ladies as they file in for the lovely lasagne main and ice-cream dessert.



And if anyone wanted a nice drink or two at lunch or the end of play it was Pam who was there to assist.

A bit of late lunch for some of the hard workers.



Meanwhile back on the greens:



They all enjoyed bowling on the beautifully prepared grass green, and I'm sure it will be even better next year.

Rina Baker was the only Eltham bowler lucky to have a game on the day, filling in for the Hurstbridge team. And they had an excellent start with a very good win first game. There was meant to be a full Eltham team in the competition but unfortunately an extra visiting team from another club had to be accommodated so they were given that spot.



Third game in progress outside so the afternoon tea sweets are being prepared in the backroom, ready for the “high tea” setup on each table, as you can see below for table 12. Amazing work by the ladies in charge of the food preparation for the day.



The ladies even had time for a short rest break before the next “shift”.



Lots of concentration and good bowling all day – for these well-presented winners envelopes, made by Ros.



Winners!

Ladies from Eaglehawk, with Lesley from Bendigo Bank.

Runners up were a team from Montmorency, third place was Doncaster and winners of the best last game were Whittlesea.

It was obvious from all those present on the day that it was a fantastic and well received event, enjoyed by all bowlers and spectators alike.



Another happy winner was Pam with the serving board. Showing it off to Crissie and Lesley from the Bendigo Bank.

Lucky for her the first two raffle winners picked the small hampers. (I cannot believe it either!!!)



It's Friday now and there is still some cleaning up going on in the clubhouse and Chris is in the backroom sorting out the money and expenses details. Well done Chris and the ladies on a job well done.

A note from the Editor:

Thank you to Sue Arnott, Helen Smith and Chris Toovey for sending on a huge selection of pictures to choose from. And also to Ros Camera, Jan McDermott and Sue Arnott for their written contributions.

Frank Camera