



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

Newsletter – December 2023 ***Editor: Steve Veitch***



President's Report

I hope everyone is keeping well and looking forward to a happy Christmas season with your families and friends. Steve Veitch has agreed to publish the newsletter for the rest of the season so on behalf of the members thank you Steve.

Things have been busy around the club. The pennant season is well under way with seven rounds completed. All teams have been competitive this season and all are in finals contention on both Saturday and Tuesday. Our coach Clark has been pleased with the attendance at the drills on Mondays and team practice on Thursdays. The members draw on Thursday has also been popular with members coming along to try and win the members jackpot. The sausage sizzle after the game on Saturday has been well received by everyone. Well done to Tommy and his helpers.

Hall hire and BFB continues to be very busy with several more bookings to come in the lead up to Christmas. Chris and the Bar Committee would appreciate any help anyone can offer so please give Chris Jacques or John Sharp a call if you can assist.

The grass green is coming along well and we have had positive comments from opposition clubs. On behalf of all members I'd like to thank all those who continue to volunteer their time and effort in keeping our greens, gardens, surrounds and clubhouse in such great condition.

The club has decided to get involved with State Government Cash for Cans scheme. We just ask you to place your cans and bottles in the specially marked bins at the club.

Jazz by the Green is still very popular on the last Friday of the month. I would just like to thank Frank and Ros and their committee for the wonderful job they do in organising this event and the revenue they continue generate for the club.

On a sad note we lost one of our long time members Edna Roden recently our thoughts go out to Peter and Edna's family.

On behalf of the board I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and great New Year.

Peter Toovey

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Dates For Diary

Australia Day Event *Friday, 26th January, 12:30 pm*

The Club On-Line

Visit us and like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/elthambowlingclub>.
The club's website is <http://elthambowlsclub.com.au/>

Some of the regular Monday morning practice group: Denise Harisiou, Margaret Toohey, Janine Orton, Geoff Orton and Eddy D'Alfonso (courtesy of Frank Camera)



Editor's Note

Please email any suggestions for layout and content to stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au. Photos of club activities will be greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Frank Camera writing most of this issue.

TRAINING WITH THE COACH

By Clark McEvoy

Well clearly Monday training session have been a success with over 30 players attending on a regular basis. Drills are the best way not only to improve in a variety of shots, but also to get consistency in your game.

When faced with what sometimes would be considered a difficult shot in pennant play, you can often refer to a training drill from practice, this has always helped me to relax and play a confident shot because I know I have practiced this shot many times before.

I have noticed a marked improvement already in a number of players which is very pleasing to see.



Tuesdays has become our individual training sessions with a time slots available on the notice board inside the clubhouse. I have had individual sessions with 13 players, some of which we have videos of their delivery which I believe has been helpful to the players to actual witness themselves, so they understand my comments.

Hopefully the commitment continues as we strive to play finals this season, keep up the good work and I'll see you at the club.

Jazz by the Green



Our monthly Jazz by the Green shows have now been running very successfully for almost 7 years (first one in March 2017).

We have a very dedicated audience of around 120 jazz lovers last Friday of every month (usually), and the email out list is now in excess of 160 emails each month and growing.

The bands that come along say it is one of the best live jazz venues in Melbourne as the room is acoustically very good and the audience are very attentive and appreciative all night. We have the best of Melbourne, Geelong and country Victorian bands keen to play here.

There is quite a bit of work involved in the ticketing and seating arrangements before each show but quite manageable after running 62 shows so far. Committee members Sue and Kaye are a great help on the day with the food and tidy up and our regular bar workers Rob and Marion are very busy all night. It has been a great revenue source for the club via the bar, Hall Hire and ticket profits every month.

Frank & Ros Camera

The Greens

The grass green is looking very good and playing well. It has been measured to run at about 14.5 seconds (compared to the synthetic's 15.5 to 16.5 seconds) when dry and rolled for use. Shane has done excellent work to get it to this point and given consistent good weather it should be even better all over.



The new surface around rink 14 will be integrated with the rest of the green with some overall scarifying and light top dressing in the December/January break so we will hopefully have all 7 rinks available from late January onwards. We will then also be able to bowl East/West as well. (Nothing better than bowling on a good grass green 😊).

The synthetic green is also looking good following much work on spraying and cleaning by Shane and his helpers. It bowls well when the surface is damp and to this end has been watered twice already before pennant games. This will need to be done every few weeks over summer if the predicted hot weather actually happens.



Both greens and surrounds need constant work and I hope many of you able members can volunteer on some of the working-bee days organised occasionally. A big thankyou to those that came last month to do a lot of weeding and cleaning, and to Sue Arnott for bringing the nice morning tea for all.

And thanks also to new member Laurie Bradford who welded up a nice new frame for our centre sprinkler and painted it green for a great finish.

Frank Camera

Very first pennant game – and a win as well!

Welcome to Geoff and Janine Orton to the Eltham Bowls Club, two of our latest group of new members. Both very keen bowlers, and already on committees to help with the running of the club.



Geoff and Janine joined us in late September and have been playing social bowls for nearly two months now. You may have seen them at practice and watching some pennant games in the past month. Geoff was very keen to take it up and put his name down as an emergency for both Saturday and Tuesday pennant. And, as luck may have it, he was a last-minute replacement in last Saturday's fourth side playing at Box Hill RSL BC and..... in a winning rink!!

(Leading for Betsy King, Michelle Dalton and Bill Jones)

Well done Geoff, and a big welcome from all members to you both.

And a big welcome also to:

Denise Harisiou (Night pennant, social bowls and member of the social bowls committee. And to social bowlers; Paul and Barbara Rushton, Tom Laber, Jenny Davidson, Margaret Toohey, Laurie Bradford, Eddy D' Alfonso. All very keen bowlers who have been enjoying our Monday morning games sessions.

And also returning members Zoe Sinnott and Roger Cousens (pictured on right).

Frank Camera

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John Sharp fixing up the bbq

Mark Delaney's Birthday at the Club



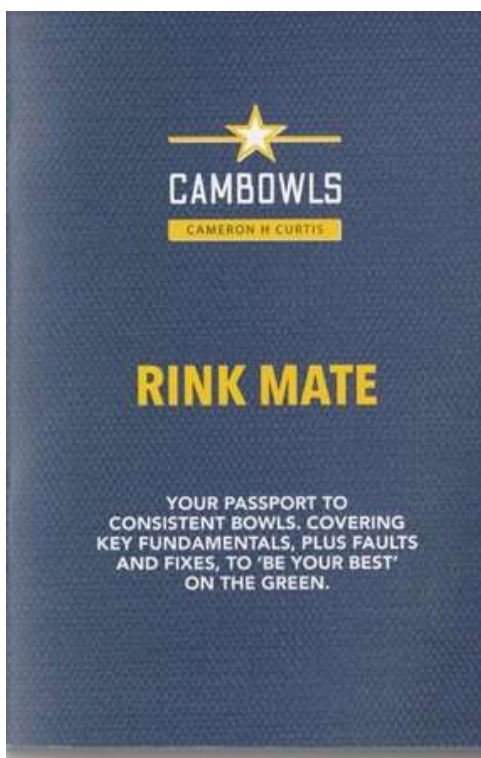
Jim Yarwood says a few words



Great Coaching material for new and “experienced” bowlers alike

On a recent visit to Henselite I happened on a great little book dedicated to improving your bowls by World and Australian bowls champion and past coach of the Australian teams Cameron Curtis.

It is full of beautifully written and explained tips on every aspect of playing bowls. He is able explain all things bowling very clearly and logically, from the grip, delivery action, weight control and even the mental approach to your game. It is a small passport like book you can have with you, in the bowls bag maybe, for reference at all times bowling.



He also has two other books that should be just as good – Practice Mate and Game Plan & Tactics Mate. I have them on order. All most definitely worth a look.

They can be ordered directly from his website.

www.cameroncurtis.com.au



By Frank Camera

Swap and Sell

Please email stevejveitch@yahoo.com.au with your items that you want to offer to your colleagues.

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OPENING DAY 2023/24

**Nillumbik Mayor
Ben Ramcharan**



**Vice President
Jan McDermott**

Welcomes all in Peter's absence

***First up, the Super Veteran Badges
presented by Vicki Ward, State Member for Eltham***

Carole Stafford



Dennis Woodward



Laurie Alvaro

Treenah Wadham



And just apologies to
Paul Lamotte
who was missed by the cameras

A Member of our Club who has reached 80 years of age or over, may be nominated to receive a Super Veteran's Badge.

The members turned up dressed for the cold.





On the left, winner of an EBC Encouragement Award, **James Heaney** chats to the Mayor.

Barb Pavic also was awarded an EBC Encouragement Award but was absent on the day.

As tradition demands, the Women's Singles Champion, **Helen Smith** rolled the **first jack of Season 23/24** and the Men's Champion, **Joe Bartolo**, put down the first bowl.

