



ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB

Newsletter – February 2024 Editor: Steve Veitch



Editor's note – This was provided by Peter last week before the final Pennant Round but delayed due to lack of access to the right computer.

President's Report

Greetings all.

How quickly has this season gone. Melbourne weather has thrown it all at us this year from thunderstorms to heatwaves and still we get out there and play the game we love. Competition has been tough for all this season with only our first side on Saturday in finals contention. Midweek pennant is a lot more positive with all teams in the mix to play finals. Good luck to everyone in the coming weeks.

Our first season under our new coach Clark is almost over and as part of his contract we have sent out a survey to our members for feedback. We ask that you take the opportunity to provide us with your comments. Please fill it in and return it to the club by the 20th of February. Should you have any queries please contact Leon Sinnott.

The club was very busy pre-Christmas with hall hire and barefoot bowls Christmas breakup functions. I would just like to thank Chris Jacques for a wonderful job handling all the inquiries and arranging members to help out. Also to the small group of volunteers who made the functions run so smoothly. Chris is always on the lookout for more volunteers so please let her know if can assist.

Forty/Forty competition for this season has just begun on Friday evening. We have ten teams entered again this season under the watchful eye of John Elliott and Maureen. Thanks to the Bar Committee and other helpers in making this an enjoyable night for the teams.

Club Championship have been running over the summer and our Singles Championship have been decided with Maureen Luke and Gary Phillips our Woman's and Men's Champions for this season. Congratulations to both of you. There is still a couple more events coming up so check the notice board and put your name down.

The Ladies Tournament is on again this year on 14th of March and at this stage we have twenty-six teams entered.

At the moment we have a number of members who have been unwell or a recovering from surgery. We wish them a speedy recovery and return to play.

Cash for Cans at the club has been very successful with more income being generated for the club. If you want to get involved see Helen to get bag for your empty cans and bottles. Well done to our hard working secretary Helen for taking this program on board.

I would like to personally welcome a number of new members to our club this season. I hope you enjoy our wonderful club for many years to come.

Denis Hennequin

Bill and Valerie Mayhew all the way from the UK.

Carlene Gregory

Damien Jardine (former member)

Zoe Sinnott wife of Leon (former member)

Roger Cousens (former member)

Jim Marchbank

Cheryl Bowman

Geoff and Janine Orton

Clark McEvoy

Gary Phillips

Cameron Phillips

Denise Harisiou

Eddie D'Alfonso

Laurie Bradford

Julie Griffiths

Elizabeth Hardy

Ross and Clare Richardson
Thomas Laber
Cyril Large
Margaret Toohey
Jennifer Davidson
Paul and Barbara Rushton

A huge thank you to our club coaches, Leon, Frank, Ros, and Helen for the time and effort they put into teaching and training these new recruits so they can fully embrace the game.

I look forward to continuing to see you all on the green or having a drink. I'm sure you will all continue to enjoy being with your friends and bowling together at our wonderful club.

Until next time.

President Peter

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Editor's Note

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

The Club On-Line

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ELTHAM BOWLING CLUB 2024 FORTY/40 COMPETITION

By John Elliott

The Eltham Bowls 2024 Forty/40 Competition, began on 2nd February and runs through until the final on 15th March. There is a general bye on 8th March on account of Labor Day Long Weekend.

The Forty/40 competition is played on Friday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.30pm during this six week period in February and March. There are 12 teams participating again this year. It is a two bowl triples competition played over 12 ends with players changing position after every second end.

The competition is divided into two sections. Both sections consisted of 6 teams. Competition consists of 5 rounds with a final contested on the 6th week.

In an endeavour to keep the competition as even as possible a number of the teams are handicapped with this handicap being revised after three weeks of competition.

In the past all participants seemed to have enjoyed the competition, so much so that a lot of teams have been competing for a number of years, some since the competition's inception over 12 years ago. Over the years we have gained a number of new members as result of the competition.

BBQ cleaning time



Tom Ridi giving the barbeque a good blast. Not only can he cook the sausages, he spent a couple of hours recently giving it a good scrub all over, with help from Helen.

Submitted by Frank Camera

Stop Press....Torquay ladies Tournament

Submitted by Frank Camera

Good news from Torquay on Friday 9th February – the team of Ros, Sue, Carol and Pam came home with 3rd prize money after winning 2 games of the three played, and only just missing out a third win by 3 shots. The overall winners also only had 2 wins but their third game was a draw. The 8 Eltham ladies also managed 3 raffle prizes, 2 lucky number prizes and a great time away for two nights in Torquay, staying in Sue and Brent's holiday home.



Winners are grinners; Sue Arnott, Ros Camera, Carol Shilling-Collins and Pam Flett.



All the travellers; Helen Smith, Chris Jacques, Sue, Barbara Woodward, Ros, Carol, Pam and Wendy Lyons.

This tournament trip first started about 5 years ago when Sue, Ros Jenny Millar and Cath Andrew entered for a bit of fun – and came home winners!!

A great game in the first round of the men's pairs championship

Submitted by Frank Camera

There was only a handful of spectators for the first-round match on Sunday morning 28th January watching a great match between five-time winners Ernie Richards and Noel Spargo against two newbies, John Battiston and Eddie McMillan.

It started off as one would expect being a little one sided with Ernie's team bowling well, but by about the halfway point it turned into a real game. Both Eddie and John persisted without any fear and with some very good bowls in the last 5 or 6 ends managed to catch up to the leaders. They then won the penultimate end with two shots, to be one shot ahead going into the last end.

It was a great final head with two excellent draw shots from Ernie to win the game by the one shot.

Well done to all four bowlers, Ernie and Noel for the win and John and Eddie who went into the game with little expectation but managed to make it very close and a great game to watch.

PLEASE CORRECT YOUR HANDBOOK

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President's Trophy – One day event

Submitted by Maureen Luke

This was held on Sunday 7th January 2024 starting at 9:30am.

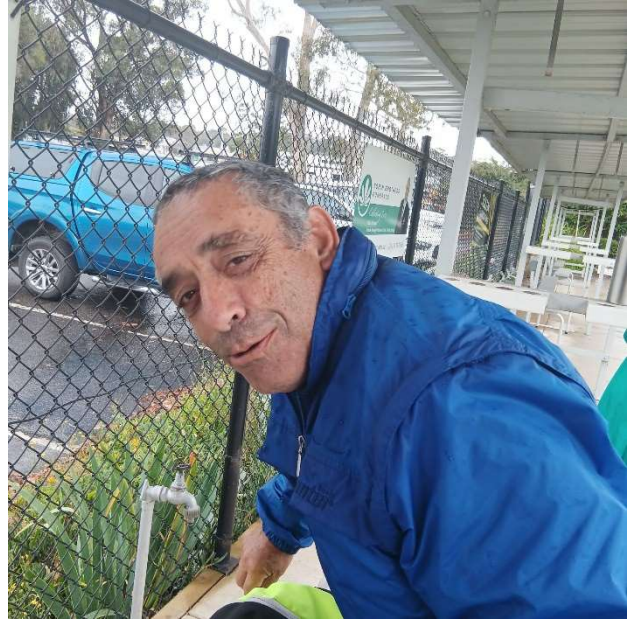
The 2024 Presidents Cup the weather was wet.

However, we played on until we got a result.

Here are some photos from the day.

Peter Toovey & Michelle won against Lisa & Eddie.





Grass Green Maintenance

The Christmas break and the (hopefully!) good hot weather is the time for major maintenance work on Tiff Dwarf grass greens so here is a few of the steps involved.



First step being done by Shane is a 2.5 cm deep scarifying to break up the thatch layer and help drainage and aeration.

The scarifying is done in two directions and to the right we see the second being done. Looking more like a ploughed paddock ready to plant potatoes than a bowling green!!



Once the scarifying work was cleaned up we spread about 3 cubic metres of good fine sand all over. The contractor is seen here smoothing it thin and evenly all over. On the right you can see the extra sand on rink 8 to help leveling out. It is better now but will need more work next year.



And here are the volunteer shovel and wheelbarrow workers on the sand spreading day; Frank, Scott, Helen Geoff and Wayne.

Frank Camera

2023/2024 Singles Club Championships

Provided by Brent Arnott

On the 10th December 2023 the club held the Men's Singles, Women's Singles and the Novice Singles club championships. They were all played at the same time on the grass green, which was running great, and there were plenty of spectators taking advantage of the great view from the balcony. Thankfully the weather held off and it ended up being a fantastic day. Congratulations to all the competitors and especially the winners! Here are some photos from the day.



The competitors (from L to R): Tom Ridi, Gary Phillips, Ros Camera, Maureen Luke, Cameron Phillips and John Battiston.



Men's Singles Final: Tom Ridi and Gary Phillips



Women's Singles Final: Maureen Luke and Ros Camera



Novice Singles Final: Cameron Phillips
and John Battiston



Men's Club Champion: Gary Phillips



Women's Club Champion: Maureen Luke



Novice Singles Champion: Cameron Phillips



The three winners!



Gary and Cameron Phillips, club champions on the same day!

By Brent Arnott



Farewell Dear Old Clubhouse by Frank Camera – 20th anniversary



Farewell Dear Old Clubhouse

**Farewell to the Clubhouse, and its venerable airs.
And to the lovely balcony, with its mountainous stairs.
Farewell to the rooms that have served us so well.
Our home away from home with many tales to tell.**

**The special meetings and functions, all the dances and more.
In this room where many a character has taken the floor.
We have seen it all happen, some grand a few small.
But be it engagements or weddings, they've all had a ball.**

**The club meetings that went on 'till we were mostly all bored.
Or sometimes in silence we would be totally awed.
By the debates and the arguments, the language and the fire
Over little round disks and the new coloured attire.**

**Those long nights in winter, when the carpets were out.
With the bowls in full flight just to settle a shout.
Then the troubles to be had when confronting the wife.
Playing on until late could have been a dangerous life.**

**But we mostly persisted until common senses prevailed.
For the rules of the road decreed this fun be curtailed.
And this bar will no more hear the stories and laughter.
No bragging or jokes, or shots replayed on a coaster.**

**A new Clubhouse now beckons; it's a reality at last.
The hopes and the missed promises are a thing of the past.
Our Council has come good, and the State has chipped in,
The plans are now finished, let the construction begin.**

**But we can't all be moved with the tables and chairs.
There are some that must stay at the top of those stairs.
The fine people we knew and whose destiny would decide.
They no longer share the joys that this club does provide.**

**The spirits of the dear departed shall remain for eternity.
At the bar and the tables, looking down from the balcony.
In these rooms that were a part of their earthly domain.
The memories will move with us but they must remain.**

**But they will never be lonely for we are not far away.
They can watch from that balcony, whenever we play.
Just look up from the greens, you will see them all there.
Appreciative of the shots and the friendships we share.**

**So farewell our old friend, we are forever in your debt.
With the start that you allowed us, our Club is now set.
We can see a bright future. Your work has been done
Farewell dear old Clubhouse, we all salute you as one.**

**Frank Camera
6th March 2004**

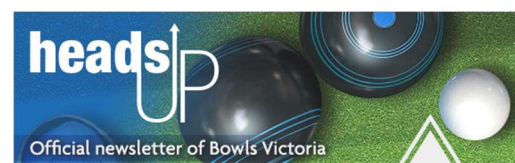


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The winners for the day are Rick, Lisa and Michelle and runners up John Battiston, Lesley and Carol.

Thank you to the Special Events Committee for a successful day.





DECEMBER 2023 BREAKUP

Provided by Peter Toovey









MELBOURNE CUP 2023 by Maureen Luke

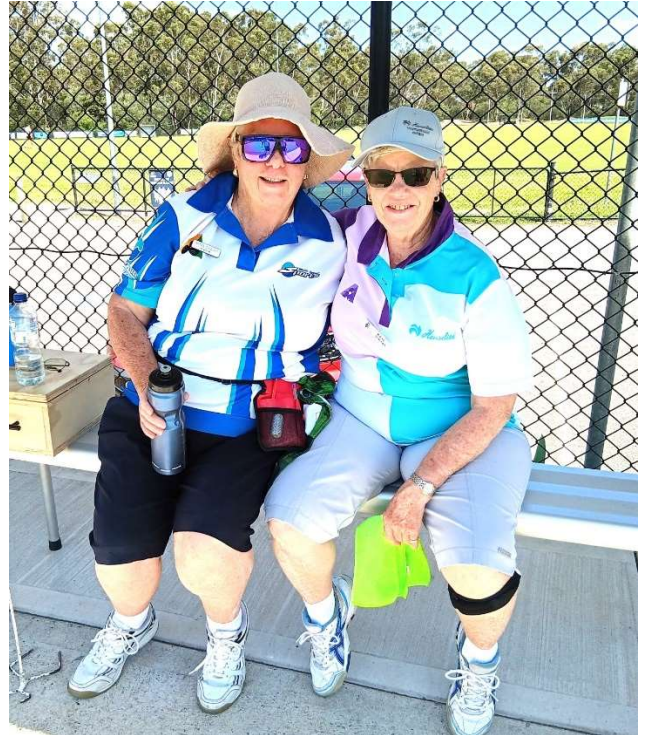
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Congratulations to Wayne & Les in the sweep.

Nance & Brent 2nd

and Les & Brent 3rd in the sweep.

*Two game
winning team
Chris, Nance and
Tom.*



Thank you to the Special Events for r...



MELBOURNE CUP 2023 (continued)

