

Elmburn Shield, Saturday 29 January, 2022

The Elmburn Shield is competed for in an annual interclub friendly contest between the Elmwood Park and Burnside Bowling Clubs. This competition started in 1971 and since then the Shield has been in contention 42 times with 20 victories to Elmwood Park, 21 wins to Burnside with one match drawn. On Saturday afternoon, in the 43rd playing of this event, Burnside retained the Shield by recording its 22nd success in winning 10 games to Elmwood Park's 6 games. Eight fours represented each club in warm but somewhat blustery conditions on the fast and true Donald Place green. Burnside led 6-2 after the first round of nine-end games and despite Elmwood Park's very strong comeback held on to win 4 games in the second half to retain the Shield.

Three Burnside teams won both of their games. Scott Greenland (S), Bruce Wallace, Graham Tate and Beryl Heperi; Debbie Ho (S), AJ van Hasselt, Rosemary Harper and Johnny Rowe; Neil Andersen (S), Don Thurlow, Winnie Lui and Ken Ocock; delivered 6 of Burnside's wins to deserve special mention. All in all this was a contest played in good spirit, always competitive but very enjoyable for all participants. Many thanks are due to Elmwood's Neil and Mary Ann Johnstone for organising this year's contest. Elmwood Park's President, Peter Smith, presented the Shield to his Burnside counterpart, Brenda Turner, to conclude a very pleasant afternoon of bowls.