ABERFELDIE BOWLS CLUB INC

BOWLEDOVER

Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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Current Club Champions

Singles: **John Grogan**

Minors: **Harry Bayer**

Pairs: **Manuel Flores & Brian Holden**

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"Opening Day" – Saturday 31 August

Our traditional Opening Day was again a day of success with a good turnout of members and bright sunny weather. The day was supported by new Club sponsor Ryman Healthcare, represented by Franca Phillips and Jennifer Roberts.

After a welcome to all from Club President Margaret Clark, the Green was opened by our newest member, Warwick Robinson, who rolled the first jack of the Season, and by Club Champion, John Grogan, who put down the first bowl.

These formalities were followed by three short games of skill, the prizes for which were generously provided by Ryman Healthcare, and then by competitive social bowls – and, of course, an afternoon tea which was enjoyed by all.

Ultimate Bowls Challenge at Deer Park

A number of our members took the opportunity to attend Deer Park Bowls Club on 16 & 17 August to watch many of the world's top bowlers in action in Round 2 of the new, high prize money and fast paced, Ultimate Bowls Challenge.

Gabriele Forlani, Murray Whiteway & Albert Considine also had the benefit of being hosted at one session by UBC and Club sponsor Ryman Healthcare.

Practice Matches this past weekend

Melbourne's foul weather seriously impacted our Practice Matches over the weekend.

On Friday evening, we had an inter-Club Practice Match against Doutta Galla (whose two teams are in our respective draws this coming season). While neither Club fielded its strongest teams, and an early night was called due to the inclement (many would say freezing) weather, our Rinks all performed solidly to provide a level of confidence as the new season approaches.

Saturday was intra-Club practice and unfortunately was hit with more inclement weather. We can only hope for improved weather in the lead up to the Season.

Practice Match V St Albans

A further Practice Match is organised for this Saturday 14, September V St Albans - 12.45pm for a 1 pm start at St Albans, in uniform & with selected sides.

Please ensure that you enter your name on the "availability list" on the Club Noticeboard.

Availability for Pennant Matches

Please ensure that you make clear your availability for Saturday Pennant on the relevant “availability list” on the Club Noticeboard. The list covers the full Season – so please assist the Selectors by making your situation known.

Opening Day

At the Ultimate Bowls Challenge

Enthusiastic spectators

Social Bowls

As we approach the new Pennant season, off Season", please take every opportunity to hone your skills – and with Division 3 upon us for the new Season, we need to hone them:

- **Thursdays – 11.45am for 12 Noon**

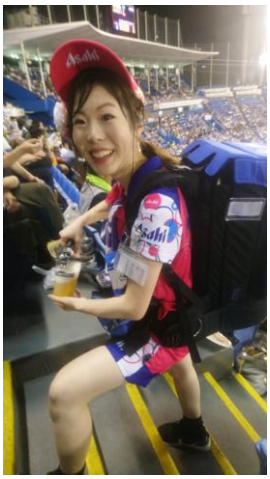
Don't forget to use the first half of Social bowls time (and any other time you can find) for training drills as per those on the Club Noticeboard.

Club Calendar

14 September – Practice Match V St Albans at St Albans
21 September - Practice Match – Check the Club Noticeboard
Tuesday 1 October – Round 1 Mid-week Pennant – Aberfeldie 1 V Moonee Valley at Moonee Valley
Saturday 5 October – Round 1 Saturday Pennant:

- **Aberfeldie 1 V Sunbury at Home**
- **Aberfeldie 2 V Brunswick at Brunswick**

While I am travelling, I like to undertake some research. Sometimes this is directed at benefitting the Club. Long time readers will recall the recruiting drive I undertook some years back.



Following my most recent travels, I can recommend a new initiative for the Club – why not introduce Beer Girls as per Baseball in Japan. Lest any readers have a concern about sexism, I did try desperately to find a Beer Boy!!

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- **helloworld Ascot Vale – 219 Union Rd, Ascot Vale**
- **Linx Finance Australia Pty Ltd – Level 1, 529 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn**
- **Ryman Healthcare – with a new Retirement Village coming to Aberfeldie**
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