ABERFELDIE BOWLS CLUB INC

BOWLEDOVER

Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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Current Club Champions

Singles: **Manny Flores**

Minors: **David Torkar**

Pairs: **Manuel Flores & Brian Holden**

Triples:
Joe Engert, Sam Folino & David Torkar

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COVID-19 – a little relaxation of restrictions

Yesterday saw some minor relaxation of restrictions in Victoria so that we can now visit in very small numbers, get out a little, have a game of golf or go fishing. Still no eating out, no getting together in bigger numbers than five, or getting to a Pub.

Following consultation with Government, BowlsVic has provided guidance to Bowls Clubs on the reintroduction of social bowls in a very limited arrangement, including a maximum of 10 attendees – see BowlsVic website. In light of the limited arrangements, associated control mechanisms etc and the imminent commencement of green replacement works it has been decided that our green will remain closed. Green replacement is scheduled to commence next Thursday 21 May.

While a small few of us will have a round of golf or drop in a line, the great majority will, for the present, continue to exist in semi-isolation. We are continuing to handle this in different ways – some productive, some creative, others not so

Sean Lee is one member who has focussed on creativity, giving time over to prose and poetry – with a bias toward bowls as evidenced below:

Back 2 Back Champions

Casual strolling
focused rolling
lawn bowling

Umpire officials
northerly trickles
midweek triples

Gameday jitters
chalked sitters
hairline splitters

Spirited team
Norms dream
Aberfeldie supreme

Slapping tags
boastful brags
Back to back flags

While Sean has been so productive, sadly, some of our readers have become caught up in social media – some even becoming keyboard warriors. In the interests of maintaining balanced, non partisan reporting we cannot, and will not, promote them.

Some readers, however, have given us a little humour:

11 PEOPLE ON A ROPE

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter, ten men and one woman. The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to leave, because otherwise they were all going to fall. They weren't able to name that person, until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids or for men in general, and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return. As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping.

Here's a competition with a very worthwhile prize

I have a very generous anonymous donation of a $20 Woolworths Gift Voucher for correctly naming all current Full Members of the Club who were also Full Members of the Club in the year 2001. I will be relying on basic honesty from those who enter ie no one is to look at any Club record, including a Club Directory etc in formulating their entry. I am not eligible to enter, nor is our anonymous donor.

Entries are to be by email to me and, to give everyone an entry opportunity, will close at 5pm tomorrow (Friday 15 May). In the event that there is more than one correct entry, I will conduct a supervised random draw of the correct entrants to determine the winner.

News around the Club

- Congratulations to long time Social Member Michael Collins who has just celebrated a very significant birthday and was thrilled to receive a Birthday Card from the Club.

Our Green is closed – and real replacement work should get underway next Thursday.

Mayoral Tournament – cancelled in light of COVID-19 situation.

Club Calendar

- **Saturday 11 July – Club Annual General Meeting – put it in your diary now and keep your eyes open.**

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