ABERFELDIE BOWLS CLUB INC

BOWLEDOVER

Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

29 April 2020 Issue: 29 of Season 2019/20

Board of Directors

President – Margaret Clark
Secretary – Clay Beveridge
Gabriele Forlani
Nigel Thompson
Joe Farsaci
Sean Lee
Gerry Carr

Treasurer - Joan Chamberlain
Registrar - Albert Considine

Current Club Champions

Singles: **Manny Flores**

Minors: **David Torkar**

Pairs: **Manuel Flores & Brian Holden**

Triples:
Joe Engert, Sam Folino & David Torkar

President's Handicap:
Michael Bialczak

Club Contacts:

Gabriel Forlani: 0409 036 386
Nigel Thompson: 0411 220 545

Website:
www.aberfeldie.bowls.com.au
Webmaster: Nigel Thompson

BOWLEDOVER **– Norm Draper**
Mobile: 0412 949 302
DraperNorm@bigpond.com

Hall for Hire
First Class Facilities
Contact: Vicky Walker
Mobile 0400 477 377

The world of semi-isolation continues

Despite our dwindling number of COVID-19 infections we remain in a semi-isolated state. While some States are beginning to slightly ease restrictions that is not happening in Victoria. I suspect that most of us are beginning to get a little tired of living in semi-isolation and that the pressure is gradually building for at least some limited relief.

It does seem bizarre that you can queue up to get into Bunnings but you can't even play a Round of golf by yourself, put your boat in the water for a spot of solo fishing, or, dare I say it, have a roll on a Bowling Green – particularly when infection rates are now so low.

So most of us have little alternative but to continue to occupy ourselves at home. Lots of long left jobs are being done, lots of handyman jobs (some less "handyman") - and some of us are trying new things, learning new skills etc.

One of our members (smiling and wanting to remain anonymous) tells me that his wife was complaining she was bored and had nothing to do in semi-isolation. He suggested she try flower arranging, jigsaws, knitting – or perhaps even take up painting. He reports that she took up the latter and is doing very well – just two rooms to go!!!!

From my perspective, I am part way through a huge clean out. In the course of doing so, I came across two documents that piqued my interest in my mother's family - something that I knew nothing about. With some research, I have discovered that both my great great grandparents (on my mother's side) came from criminal stock and had been separately transported to Van Diemen's Land at a young age.

Thomas Bligh (who also used the aliases Blyth and Blythe) was convicted of Housebreaking and Theft at age 22 and originally sentenced to death – before having his sentence commuted to Transportation for Life. He arrived in Van Diemen's Land in August 1833.

Sarah Bartlett was convicted of the theft of 17s 6P (in concert with two others) and at age 21 was transported to Van Diemen's Land, arriving in January 1841.

Thomas and Sarah married in 1844 (before being "Freed") and Thomas was the Licensee of the Traveller's Rest Hotel, Glenorchy from 1857 to 1865 before they relocated with their family to Hotham (North Melbourne) in the early 1870's.

What intrigues me is whether this history was a dim, dark matter of which no one ever spoke, or whether it was just a matter of the times and/or non interest.

Banjo Paterson reincarnated

A big "thank you" to John Mutch for this sign of the times piece of classic Australian humour. I hope you can open it!!

Banjo Paterson.mp4

Our Green is Closed – and real replacement work should get underway shortly.

Well worth reading

Follow this link to an excellent article by The Lawman, John Roberts on "Responsibility" in our game.

https://www.bowlsvic.org.au/2020/04/20/the-lawman-whos-responsible/

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.**

The Aberfeldie Bowls Club is proudly supported by:

- **The Australian Luggage Company – 28 Slater Pde, Keilor East**
  Club sponsor & sponsor of BowledOver
- **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**
- **Podiatry Group Melbourne – 51 Hoffmans Rd, Niddrie**
- **Brad Teal Real Estate – 9374 8304**
- **Minuteman Press – 138 Keilor Road, Essendon**

Please give our supporters full consideration in making your purchasing decisions.