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Pennant – a very bad week on Saturday, but Tuesday a plus

Saturday Pennant was a very poor one for all of our teams. Aberfeldie 1 suffered a bad loss at Home against Keilor and has slipped to 7th on the ladder. Aberfeldie 2 had a very close loss at Clifton Park and is hanging on to 5th position by the skin of its teeth. Aberfeldie 3 suffered a loss in its Spring Season 6 a Side Semi-Final playing away against Moonee Ponds.

In Mid-week Pennant, it was two home Semi-finals for two wins and sets up a Spring Season Grand-final between our two teams next Wednesday. To get there, Aberfeldie 1 took a strong win against Glenroy on the back of one dominant Rink. Aberfeldie 2 took a very close win over Hoppers Crossing after going into the last end with just a 1 shot lead.

Weekend Pennant

Aberfeldie 1 Lost to Keilor 63-96 (2 points)

Another serious loss (this one at Home against Keilor) sees us really having to scramble for position in remaining games. **Rink results:**

Manny Flores, with Brian Holden, Lyn Grogan & Murray Whiteway 21-18 for our only Rink win.

Don Leale, with Stuart O'Brien, David Torkar & Nigel Thompson 19-28 – and unable to close the gap.

Ian Ferretter, with Sam Folino, Joe Engert & Harry Bayer 7-33 – in a resounding loss.

Sean Lee, with Carol Bayer, Fred Sinclair & John Grogan 16-17 – couldn't quite get there.

Aberfeldie 2 Lost to Clifton Park 76-80 (4 points)

This was another week of seriously differing Rink performances with two strong wins, and two disappointing losses – but this time for a very close overall loss.

Rink Results:

Robin Stoddart, with Luke Moore, Paul Ives & Derek Jarvis 25-12 in a strong Rink performance and with solid Skipping from Robin.

Joan Chamberlain, with Joe Scifo, Mandy McOrmond & George Pater 19-26 battle hard to close the gap after falling well behind early.

Gabriele Forlani, with John Mutch, Norm Draper & John Williams 10 – 25 – kept pace for a few ends before consistently dropping multiples.

Vicky Walker, with Carmen Ritter, Clay Beveridge & Greg French 22-17 – got away to a great start and fought back strongly when challenged.

Aberfeldie 3 lost to Moonee Ponds 16-32 in a Semi-final of the Saturday 6 a Side Spring Season Competition

Out players put up a fighting effort against a Moonee Ponds side featuring ex-Premier League player David Murphy (who learnt the game at Aberfeldie) – a matter which raises questions about the nature of this new competition. **Rink results:**

Warwick Robinson, with Barry Baguley & Ken Witham - 8-18

Joe Farsaci, with Graham Leydin & Noel Greig - 8-14

Mid-week Pennant:

With two Home Semi-finals there was the opportunity for both our teams to progress to the 6 a Side Spring Season Grand-final – and things played out well for us to achieve the desired result.

Aberfeldie 1 Defeated Hoppers Crossing 38-19 on the back of a powerful performance on one Rink. **Rink Results:**

Sean Lee, with Nigel Thompson & John Grogan – 9-12 on a Rink that was tight all game but where the loss of 5 shots on three consecutive ends proved the difference.

Manny Flores, with Murray Whiteway & Lyn Grogan – 29-7 in a powerful, whole of Rink display in which a 23-0 lead was built and only four ends conceded in the match.

Aberfeldie 2 Defeated Hoppers Crossing 27-24 in what proved a very tight match in which we held just a 1 shot lead going into the last end. **Rink Results:**

Gabriele Forlani, with Bill Walshe & Greg French – 8-16 – took a solid lead early before conceding eight of the last nine ends.

Norm Draper, with Barry Baguley & Clay Beveridge – 19-8 – it wasn't always pretty, but with each player contributing individually when it counted, the result was a solid Rink win to give us the overall result.

A big “thank you” to Gabriele Forlani who played under some health duress in the match against Hoppers Crossing, to Joan Chamberlain who came along in uniform in case a Substitute was needed – and to those Club members who came along and supported our teams.

Club Pairs Championship

The Club Pairs Championship got underway in perfect conditions on Sunday morning. There were no surprises in the preliminary Round, but some exciting games are coming up in the lead up to the Semi-finals. Make sure that your games are completed by the due dates.



News around the Club

- Great to see the regular support of Albert Considine at our games, Saturday & Mid-week, despite his inability to play due to his health. Always in uniform and always with plenty of advice. Well done Albert – we hope to see you back on the Green soon.
- Sam Folino is having some exploratory surgery this week and we wish him well.

Some viewing for you

- You can watch streamed games of the BowlsVic State Champions Week on the BowlsVic website.
- SBS 8.30pm tonight is a must watch episode of Untold Australia – “BowledOver” (royalties please??). If you miss it live, you should be able to get it on catch up. It comes highly recommended by Murray Whiteway (and perhaps tells something about the company he keeps)!!!

Club Diary

Saturday 23 January:

- Aberfeldie 1 V Moonee Valley at Moonee Valley – 12.30pm for roll up before 1pm start

➤ Aberfeldie 2 V Buckley Park at Home - 12.30pm for roll up before 1pm start

Note that Aberfeldie 3 (Saturday morning) next game is 23 January to begin the 6 a Side Summer Season

Wednesday 27 January – Grand-final of Mid-week Pennant 6 a Side Spring Season

Aberfeldie 2 V Aberfeldie 1 - 10am for roll up before 10.30am start (note that the venue is to be confirmed by BowlsVic).

Don't forget to always play COVID safe:

- Sign in and out – at Home and when Away
- Masks no longer required in the Clubrooms – but you always need to carry one
- No shaking hands, high fives, picking up the bowls of other players etc, etc
- Social distance at all times and sanitise, sanitise, sanitise
- Stay home if you are feeling any COVID symptoms, get tested and quarantine pending test results

Some oldies but some goodies:

Historical evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers (known as lawn bowling at the time). However, all league records were unfortunately lost to antiquity. Thus we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

Question: What do you do with someone who can't draw, can't roll the jack, can't set a mat, can't keep score and won't listen? **Answer:** Make them Skip!

Sexist Male bowler: "I got a new set of bowls for the wife last week. Best deal I've made in years!"

IF

If you can always roll the jack, right at your skipper's feet,
If you can always draw the shot, the one that must be beat.
When asked to play a 'yard on' do you judge it to perfection?
And when you're called to drive, can you always make correction?
If you can come up smiling when the other bloke,
Puts your good shot out of play and treats it as a joke.
If you're the one who saves the day, I'll say to you my son,
"You're a bloody hero, what's more the only one!"

I rang up my local bowling club; I said "Is that the local bowling club?"
He said "It depends where you're calling from."

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