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## Pennant – Saturday mixed bags continue

Another Saturday of mixed fortune. Playing at Home, Aberfeldie 1 suffered another substantial loss 66-85 against Maribyrnong Park – although it was just one Rink that lost very badly. We are now entrenched at the bottom of the ladder and it will take a lot of character to climb from it – we have the players and the ability, we just need to put it all together in a game.

For Aberfeldie 2, it was an unusual day playing at Sunbury, and with our team spread between two Rinks on the carpet under the Dome, and two Rinks on a well separated grass green. There were vastly different performances, with two bad losses on the grass, and two excellent wins on the carpet, giving us an overall 85-75 win – despite our two separated sides having no idea of our overall position for most of the game.

Aberfeldie 3 went down by just 2 shots 32-34 playing at Home against Essendon in Round 1 of the 6 a Side Summer competition – unfortunately that was on the back of losing 3 shots on the last end of one Rink.

## Weekend Pennant

### Aberfeldie 1 Lost to Maribyrnong Park – 66-85 (3points)

Once again it was a loss, although it was essentially on the back of just one Rink. Unfortunately that sees us remain at the bottom of the ladder and we will need to dig very deep, particularly with just two Home games remaining.

#### Rink results:

**Manny Flores, with Joe Scifo, Murray Whiteway & Lyn Grogan 15-15** after trailing early and then fighting back to close the gap and hold on for the tie.

**Don Leale, with Michael Bialczak, Vicky Walker & Nigel Thompson 9-40** – in a disastrous performance, where we won just two of the first nineteen ends before picking up 7 shots on the last two ends.

**Joe Engert, with Carol Bayer, David Torkar & Ian Ferretter 15-19** – after getting off to a slow start and letting the gap get out to 7 shots before we closed it down to 4 at the finish.

**Sean Lee, with Brian Holden, Fred Sinclair & John Grogan 27-11** – with a very strong Rink performance taking us out to a 19-3 lead after twelve ends, and continuing right to the end to maintain that margin.

### Aberfeldie 2 Defeated Sunbury – 85-75 (14 points)

It was strange day playing on well separated Rinks (out of sight of one another) and very different surfaces, with those playing on the grass quite forlorn at the end of their games – only to find the undercover carpet players very well ahead, albeit with quite a few ends to play. A very good overall win which has given us a margin in fourth ladder position, but well off being safe. **Rink**

#### Results:

**George Pater, with Carmen Ritter, Greg French & Noel Greig 21-18** in a solid performance on the carpet, trailing 12-15 after fourteen ends, and then

picking up 8 shots on three ends for a 20-15 lead – enough to secure the win. A huge “thanks” to Greg French for accepting the late call up to head to Sunbury after finishing his 6 a Side morning Home game.

**Norm Draper, with Graham Leydin, Paul Ives & Bill Walshe 15-19** – where the whole Rink struggled on the grass, particularly for length, for most of the game (none more than the Skip). Fell behind 6-19 after eighteen ends before closing the gap to a more respectable 4 shots after winning 9 shots on the last three ends.

**Joan Chamberlain, with Luke Moore, Gerry Carr & John Williams 13-32** on another grass Rink that struggled all day, trailing 0-15 after six ends, then closing the margin somewhat before losing 8 shots on the last three ends.

**Robin Stoddart, with Pat Carr, Clay Beveridge, & Derek Jarvis 36-6** in a dominant performance on the carpet, taking a 16-1 lead after nine ends, building it out to 31-3 after seventeen ends – and losing just five ends for the day.

### **Aberfeldie 3 Lost to Essendon – 32-34 (2 points)**

With one dominant Rink, and one failing, it was an on the ends of the seats game playing at Home against Essendon on Saturday morning. With one end to play we held a 1 shot lead, but a 3 shot loss that end was the decider. **Rink Results: Greg French, with Ken Witham & Harry Bayer – 5-23** after trailing 2-18 at eleven ends, and winning just two ends for the game, it was a severe loss.

**Joe Farsaci, with Barry Baguley & Graham Govan – 27-11** after taking a 19-4 lead at nine ends and going on with it.



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### **Semi-finals Club Pairs Championship**

It was a gruelling 3.5 hour contest between Joe Engert/David Torkar and Robin Stoddart/Michael Bialczak. Each team had periods of domination, but without either landing the knockout blow until the last couple of ends. There were a few pivotal moments: Joe and David got out to a 7-3 lead and were holding 3 when they unluckily moved the kitty to the opposition's bowls - giving away a 3 and making it 7-6. Robin and Michael then had a good run of ends and went to 13-7 on the eleventh end. On the twelfth end, Michael's bowl was holding shot but the next 3 closest were Joe and David's. Joe bowled a brilliant bowl to take the shot bowl out, and David then made it a 4 to bring it back to 13-11. The next four ends were split, so that with two ends to go it was 16-13 to Robin and Michael. On the penultimate end, Joe was holding shot with just Robin's last bowl to come - it was a pearler, slightly heavy and took out Joe's bowl to give Robin and Michael 3 shots and a 19-13 lead, which became 20-13 after the concluding end.

Congratulations to Robin & Michael on their well earned East win, and to Joe & David, who will have the challenge ahead of them in 2022.

### **Club Triples Championship**

It was a full day of competition with the Club Triples Championship fully played on Sunday. After preliminary games, the teams of Manny Flores/Sean Lee & Michael Bialczak, John Grogan/Stuart O'Brien & Lyn Grogan, David Torkar/Joe Engert & Murray Whiteway, and Vicky Walker/Carol Bayer & Harry Bayer qualified for the semi finals.

Manny's team got out to a great start in its semi-final and defeated the gallant Vicky's team. John's team had a good battle with David's team, getting the upper hand, and taking the win, in the last few ends. Thus, the Grand Final was between the teams led by John Grogan and Manny Flores. The final was fairly close for the first few ends but Lyn, Stuart and John were all bowling brilliantly and won the last 5 ends to take the Championship 10-3.

Congratulations to the winners, John & Lyn Grogan & Stuart O'Brien - and to the Runners Up, Manny Flores, Sean Lee & Michael Bialczak – great effort.

### **Pennant Green Fees**

In late January all Pennant players will have received an Invoice for Green fees for Pennant games for the first part of the Season. Thank you if you have paid your Invoice – if you haven't, can you please pay as soon as possible.

### **News around the Club**

- Unfortunately, Sam Folino's progress after surgery is much slower than hoped, but he continues to improve – and we wish him all the best.

### **Club Diary**

#### **Saturday 13 February:**

- **Aberfeldie 1 V Buckley Park at Buckley Park – 12.30pm for roll up before 1pm start**
- **Aberfeldie 2 V Glenroy at Home - 12.30pm for roll up before 1pm start**
- **Aberfeldie 6 a Side (Saturday morning) V Moonee Ponds at Home - 9.30am for roll up before 10am start**

#### **Tuesday 16 February:**

##### **Round 1 of Mid-week Pennant 6 a Side Summer Season**

**Aberfeldie 1 V Princes Park at Princes Park - 10am for roll up before 10.30am start**

**Aberfeldie 2 V Buckley Park at Home - 10am for roll up before 10.30am start**

### **Important**

*Please delete the Summer Season 6 a Side draws in your Club Directory. The remaining revised fixtures are below:*

#### **For Saturday**

**13 February V Moonee Ponds (Home)**

**20 February V Altona Sports (Away)**

**27 February V Deer Park (Home)**

#### **For Mid-week**

**16 February: Aberfeldie 1 V Princes Park (Away) & Aberfeldie 2 V Buckley Park (Home)**

**23 February: Aberfeldie 1 V Glenroy (Home) & Aberfeldie 2 V Fawkner (Away)**

**2 March: Aberfeldie 1 V Aberfeldie 2 (Aberfeldie 2 is Home team)**

**9 March: Aberfeldie 1 V Buckley Park (Home) & Aberfeldie 2 V Glenroy (Away)**

**16 March: Aberfeldie 1 V Fawkner (Away) & Aberfeldie 2 V Princes Park (Home)**

### **Don't forget to always play COVID safe:**

In the prevailing COVID-19 situation and restrictions, it's timely to remember:

- Sign in and out (QR Code or by signing in)– 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
- No shared equipment
- Wear a mask indoors unless eating or drinking
- Social distance at all times and sanitise, sanitise, sanitise
- Stay at home if you are feeling any COVID symptoms, get tested and quarantine pending your test result

### **The fate of Selectors**

Three bowlers stood at the pearly gates, their faces were sad and old. They humbly asked the man at the gate, admission to the fold. "What have you done", St. Peter said, "to gain admission here". "Selectors sir, we have been for many a weary year". The gates of Heaven flew open wide, as St. Peter pressed the bell. "Come in at once and take a harp, you've had enough of Hell.

## Rathbone Wine Group - Friends & Family Wine Club Offer

Vicky Walker has the opportunity to invite a limited number of friends to the new, invitation only, Rathbone Wine Group, Friends & Family program. Club Members will be aware of the Rathbone wine labels, Xanadu, Yering Station & Mt Langi Ghiran because they are stocked at our Bar.

### Benefits of being in the program include:

- *Exclusive invite-only membership*
- *25% discount all year round*
- *Access to current releases, special back vintages, rare wines and more*
- *Access to an array of promotional deals across the year*
- *Early access to flagship releases*

If you wish to join the program, there will be a list at the Clubrooms next Saturday on which you can indicate your interest (noting that, in doing so, Vicky must provide your Email address to the program to activate your invitation to join). Alternatively, you can send me an email to indicate your interest and your agreement to provide your Email address.

Expressions of interest will close on Thursday 18 February.



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