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Club Tournament – what a great day!

Not the greatest weather, but what a great day it was on Saturday. A full Green, ten other Clubs represented by, or in a Team, and a solid group of spectators for what proved a most enjoyable day of bowling.

A huge “thank you” to Ryman Healthcare for its generous sponsorship and to Jennifer Roberts from Ryman for putting in the day with us. As well as sponsoring our Tournament, the Company donated to our raffle and provided everyone with a Ryman Healthcare bowls towel and sanitizer. Jennifer gave a brief presentation on the new Aberfeldie Village (which also featured across the day on a looped video presentation on the Club screen) and presented the Tournament winners.



For the day to be such a success it was the product of a massive contribution beforehand and on the day. President Nigel Thompson (who forwent the



opportunity to bowl so that he could manage the day) and his Board are to be congratulated for their tireless efforts in ensuring that our event continues to be one of the best small Club Tournaments going around. Gerry Carr and

the caterers did an outstanding job – where else do you get a meal like ours (and Afternoon Tea as well). Greenkeeper, George Pater had the Green in sparkling condition, Margaret Clarke and Gabriele Forlani were everywhere before, during, and after the event, there were a number of members who worked to set up the room on Friday afternoon, Don Leale worked the Bar with Col Reed and generously donated to the raffle, sold the tickets and then donated his major prize back – “thank you” to all who donated raffle prizes.

The Tournament got underway with a welcome from President Nigel, the introduction of Jennifer from Ryman Healthcare and an outline of the Conditions of Play.





Almost two games were completed before the lunch bell – with bowlers and visitors then taking, with relish, to the outstanding meal.



Jennifer Roberts, Albert Considine, Margaret Clark, Stephanie Considine, Edith McDonald & Helen McDonald enjoy their lunch



After completion of the full three games, it was back into the Clubrooms for Afternoon Tea and Presentations. Winners were announced by President Nigel and all were presented, on behalf of Ryman Healthcare, by Jennifer – with everyone speaking glowingly of the Tournament. The overall winning team finished well clear of the field and, it is fair to say, it was well down the pre event rankings. It wasn't so much the cream rising to the top – more like the roughie that got up and cruelled the Bookies!!!

Tournament Winners –

1st: Team of Norm Draper (Aberfeldie) 3 x Wins + 19 Ends = 49 Points (27 Shots Up)

2nd: Team of Corridor Robortella (Moonee Valley) 2 x Wins + 1 Draw + 15 Ends = 40 Points (13 Shots Up)

3rd: Team of Robin Stoddart (Aberfeldie, Gisborne & Diggers Rest) 2 x Wins + 19 Ends = 39 Points (9 Shots Up)

Best First Game Winner – Team of Marc Blackman (St Albans) +14 Shots

Best Second Game Winner – Team of Manuel Flores (Aberfeldie) + 8 Shots

Best Third Game Winner – Team of Joe Timpanaro (Clifton Park ACBC) + 16 Shots

In addition to their Tournament win, the winning team (Bill Walshe – Lead, Fred Sinclair – Second, Stuart O’Brien – Third & Norm Draper – Skip), was announced as the first winners of the Laurie McDonald Commemorative Shield – a new Award donated by Edith McDonald and family to commemorate Past President and Life Member Laurie McDonald who passed away so suddenly in 2019. In announcing the Award, Laurie’s sister, Past President Margaret Clark noted that given 2020 was the year of COVID-19, and that no Tournament was possible that year, the pandemic would be inscribed on the inaugural plaque as the 2020 “winner”. Laurie’s mother, Edith, then presented the plaque in a very emotional moment for our members.



From left – Bill Walshe, Fred Sinclair, President Nigel Thompson, Past President, Margaret Clark, Edith McDonald, Stuart O’Brien & Jennifer Roberts, Ryman Healthcare



Past President, Margaret Clark, announces the Laurie McDonald Commemorative Shield

One other team is well worth a mention – that Skipped by Manuel Flores. Best second game winnerand here they are collecting their prize for that effort with President Nigel and Jennifer from Ryman Healthcare.

No prizes for their final game performance however. Game 2 biggest winners **to Game 3 biggest losers** – *the Team from Left, Brian Holden, Murray Whiteway, Joe Engert & Skip, Manuel.*



Champion of Champions

Our Club Champion, Sean Lee, was unable to play in the Tournament because he was competing in the Victorian Champion of Champions event. The date clash was most unfortunate as Sean did not have the usual strong support of his Club mates. Sean was most unlucky to draw the Premier League Essendon Club Champion and, despite battling valiantly, could not take the points. Great effort Sean – more chances to come.

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From the President's Desk

Hi Bowlers,

The season has come to an end and our tournament has been an enormous success. Many thanks to Ryman Healthcare for its generous sponsorship, thanks also to the tireless work of our volunteers and the kind donations from Don at Linx Finance, Jennifer at Ryman Healthcare and the Northern Flyers for the substantial raffle prizes. This contributed over \$400 to our club for the raffle alone.

Monday 12th April the Northern Gateway held a Presidents and Secretaries meeting for the clubs in our region. (Attended by Warwick and myself)

This was well attended and the highlight was the presentation from Tony Sherwill CEO of Bowls Victoria.

In his key notes –

- *Unlikely that there will be a redistribution of Region boundaries in the near future*
- *Highly likely that next season will remain at a fourteen round robin which is the same as this year*
- *Highly likely that Division 6 will change from a 16 team competition to a 12 team competition*

This raises a number of points for our own club next year on the teams we enter:

- *The appetite to play in the 6 a-side in the morning was mediocre at best last year (based on feedback given to me)*
- *Do we consider for next year entering a -*
 - *Division 3 – 16 a-side*
 - *Division 6 – 12 a-side*
 - *Division 7 – 12 a-side*

I would welcome members to the Board members so we can make an informed decision based on player's thoughts and commitment.

Consideration will also need to be given to the makeup of the selection panel for next year. I believe one of our weaknesses on selection was input from all of the team's for selection this year due to the three selectors being in the first side. Selectors are appointed by the board and we would welcome expressions of interest for potential new selectors for next season. Priority will need to be given to players in the second and third side for a more rounded view on player performance and rink compatibilities.

Stay safe

Kind Regards

Nigel

Grand Final of President's Handicap – and we have a Winner

Last Sunday, in horrible conditions, saw the Grand Final of this Club Championship event - **Robin Stoddart Vs Michael Bialczak**

A strong early run saw Michael take a 56 to 48 lead. After several weather interruptions, however, Robin gained momentum to reverse the scorecard - and with a demonstration of draw bowling not normally seen from him, he continued on to take a 100 to 72 win on the day. Many thanks to President Nigel for his Marker role – and to our sole spectator David Torkar for attending the final in the Antarctic like conditions.

Congratulations to Robin on his win – and to Michael for his fighting effort.

Minor Championship Grand Final - this coming Saturday 17 April at 1pm

Gabriel Forlani V Robin Stoddart (Marker Nigel Thompson).

Be there if you can for what should be an enthralling game. Club President Nigel has given the green light for those who want to still play social bowls and watch the final at the same time - with social bowls to be played well away from the main action.

Outstanding Pennant Green Fees

Recently, all Pennant playing members would have received an Invoice for their post-Christmas Green fees. Quite a few are still to be paid – so please pay asap.

Members will remember that the approach to paying Pennant Green fees in arrears was unanimously approved at the Club's AGM – and it's to everyone's advantage as our society becomes more and more cash free. If you haven't paid yet, please do so as we would hate to "name names". If you need a payment arrangement, please contact Treasurer Joan Chamberlain.

Social Bowls

With the Pennant Season now complete our social Bowls program continues:

- Saturdays – 12.45pm for a 1pm start
- Thursdays – 11.45am for a 12Noon start

For those with an appetite for more serious competition, Robin Stoddart is organising a Round Robin competition on Saturdays, from May to July - Teams of three playing fifteen ends. There is an entry sheet on the Notice Board for those wishing to play or, alternatively you can give Robin a call to register for the event.

Club Diary

Saturday 17 April – Grand Final of Club Minor's Championship at 1pm

The Bush Balladeer (a Ryman Healthcare community event)

You, your family or friends might be interested in this one. It's at Clifton Park (ACBC) Bowls Club, its free and with light refreshments. RVSP to Amanda at 8317 4800.



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