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Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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COVID-19 - up to our neck in it!!!

Lockdown1, Lockdown2 and now Lockdown6 – when will it end!!!

Very difficult to plan anything or have certainty about anything – that's pretty much our new world it seems. Hope is pretty much all we have (and vaccines)!!!

But let's all hope we get to bowl and have a Pennant Season. BowlsVic has certainly been putting in the effort to ensure all arrangements are in place. See details later in this edition.

Let's all hope that we will soon be back on the Green.

Annual General Meeting

All attempts to successfully schedule our AGM have fallen over due to COVID-19 lockdowns – and now it's deferred indefinitely pending some sort of COVID-19 normality.

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2021/22 Pennant Season

As noted above BowlsVic has been working hard to have arrangements for a Pennant Season all ready to go. At this stage it has released Draft Draws with Pennant commencing on:

Saturday 16 October (Saturday Pennant); and
Tuesday 19 October (Mid-week Pennant)

Subject to the Draft Draws being confirmed we will have the following teams:

Saturday Pennant

Division 3, Section 2 (16 a Side)

Division 6B, Section 1 (12 a Side)

Division 7, Section 3 (12 Side)

Mid-week Pennant

Six a Side Section 1

Six a Side Section 2

In the new three match formalised 9 a Side **pre-Season practice competitions** we have:

Saturday Pennant – two teams (matches on 4, 11 & 18 September)

Mid-week Pennant – one team (matches on 14, 21 & 28 October)

Please note that all of the above is subject to COVID-19 and BowlsVic confirmations.

Changes to Pennant Conditions of Play

BowlsVic is intending to make a number of changes to Pennant Conditions of Play for the coming Season. The most significant of these is that Practice will be allowed on the rinks that the game is scheduled to be played on, up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. This is for both HOME and AWAY sides.

The other significant change is to prepare for a major revamp of Divisional/Sectional structures in 2022/23. In lower Divisions particularly, this will result in a big increase in the number of teams being relegated at Season's end.

BowlsVic Webinars

BowlsVic has put in place two important upcoming Webinars, and all members are recommended to participate in each to become aware of, and equip themselves for the role of the Team Manager, and to familiarise themselves with the Pennant Conditions of Play.

Team Manager Training

Monday 27th September

[Register for 10.00am session](#)

[Register for 6.00pm session](#)

Webinar will cover:

- What is the role of a Team Manager
- BowlsLink Update
- A chance to ask questions

Conditions of Play Training

Monday 4th October

[Register for 10.00am session](#)

[Register for 6.00pm session](#)

Webinar will cover:

- What's NEW this year
- Commonly misunderstood Conditions of Play
- A chance to ask questions

Another training opportunity

Northern Gateway Bowls Region has a Club Coach course coming up for those wishing to further their bowls education or update or re-train as a coach. It's at Essendon Bowls Club on 28 & 29 August (and of course it's subject to any then prevailing COVID-19 restrictions). The link to enrol is:

<https://www.bowlslink.com.au/public/event/d0faed7c-d68a-43f8-bda9-190367a97073>

News around the Club

We have had a number of members suffer ill health in recent weeks but fortunately, as far as I am aware, most have recovered. One exception is Greg French who has a severe back injury requiring serious surgery involving plates being placed into his back. Greg is scheduled for his surgery in a few days time and we wish him well for what will be a lengthy rehabilitation period.

Innovation in a Wine Can event



**Amanda Brocklebank of Ryman Healthcare
with Irene Stokes of Barokes Wines**

In a rare period of “non Lockdown”, this event, arranged by Club sponsor Ryman Healthcare, was hosted at our Club on Thursday 8 July. More than 30 attendees enjoyed the story of Barokes Wine in a Can and had the opportunity to taste its range of wines (and the opportunity to purchase them). Everyone attending enjoyed the event and the “showbag” they received from Ryman Healthcare.



An entertained crowd await their tastings



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