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Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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We are in Melbourne, so it must be COVID-19 lockdown or restrictions

Last week we were released from our recent full lockdown, but we still have significant restrictions. Fortunately social bowls has been available since last Friday – and, with some reasonable weather on Saturday, we had 20+ on the Green for social bowls/practice.

What happens next week is probably anyone's guess, but as things stand we do still have the opportunity for social bowls/practice.

BowlsVic releases updated return to bowls guidelines whenever Government restrictions alter and whenever it can get clarity from our State Government. You can, and should, keep up to date on the BowlsVic website. Basically, however, and subject to the current 25km travel rule, we can, at this point in time, play social bowls and practice. Our numbers are not an issue given our membership size and the fact that it is winter and off-season.

In summary:

Irrespective of the circumstances of your attendance at the Club, you must ensure full adherence to the requirements of BowlsVic & the State Government restrictions below, as well as Club requirements:

- 1.5 metre social distancing at all times.
- Build out from 4 players per Rink (East/West) – and ensuring Rinks 1 & 2 and ideally 7 & 8 are left vacant.
- No hand shaking, high fives or sharing of bowls (or touching other player's bowls).
- Masks must be worn unless you are putting down a bowl.
- Sanitise, sanitise, sanitise!!
- Limited contact with the mat & jack - and the jack must be placed (not rolled) - with mats & jacks sanitised after use and before being placed in the mat/jack cupboard.
- Only chalk spray can be used to mark "touchers" (Chalk spray is available for purchase at the Club).
- No spectators.
- Every attendee must Sign in and Sign out using the Services Victoria QR code reader, or, as a last resort, in the provided booklet on every visit (including arrival & departure times and contact telephone number if recorded attendance is manual).
- If you use the bathrooms, please ensure they are carefully cleaned. If you use the kitchen, coffee etc, please ensure a full clean up with all crockery, cutlery etc washed, dried and put away.
- DO NOT COME TO THE CLUB IF YOU ARE FEELING AT ALL UNWELL.

This is still a fast moving environment – and hopefully, we will have some further easing of restrictions in the near future - but, as always, keep your eyes open for updates.

2021/22 Pennant Season

BowlsVic has released details and dates for the proposed 2021/22 Pennant Season (the Season schedule includes a longer Christmas break). You can see details on the BowlsVic website.

For Weekend Pennant, the main changes impacting us are:

- Sides per Section will be eight (ie last Season's arrangements to continue – 14 games);
- Division 6 & 7 will be reduced to 3 Rinks only (12 players);
- Last Season's 6 a Side, Saturday morning competition will continue (but not separated into Summer & Winter formats); and
- A "formalised practice season" will be available in September for interested Clubs – four Clubs per Section, playing 3 practice games in the format, one Side of fours (15 ends), one Side of triples (18 ends) & one Side of pairs (18 ends). The intention is that this will assist Clubs in arranging practice games – and provide opportunity for players to bowl in different positions in the lead up to the Season start.

For Mid-week Pennant, the main changes impacting us are:

- Last Season's Summer & Winter competition model for 6 a Side will disappear (ie Mid-week 6 a Side will return to previous arrangements);
- A "formalised practice season" will be available in September for interested Clubs – four Clubs per Section, playing 3 practice games in the format, one Side of fours (15 ends), one Side of triples (18 ends) & one Side of pairs (18 ends).

The reduction in Weekend Pennant Division 6 from four Rinks to three has particular implications for our Club and the Board will be taking a decision on team entries in the very near term – as well as on entering the respective "formalised practice seasons".

I have emailed prospective Mid-week players about their intentions to play in the Mid-week Season. If you have not replied as yet, please do so asap. If you did not get my email and have an interest in playing Mid-week Pennant, please call me.



Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 1pm Saturday 17 July – put it in your diary. The call is out for nominations to the Board, so please consider. Notices on the Club Noticeboard include full detail as well as a point for Board nominations to be recorded.

News around the Club

- Di Chitty has now safely been anaesthetised and her surgery successfully undertaken. Di is now back home recovering – and we hope to see her in the near future.

Does he really need coaching???

Gowanbrae Retirement Village, where a number of our members reside, had a recent visit from two time Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist and champion Australian bowler, Carla Krizanic. Carla conducted a coaching session in which our Derek Jarvis participated. If you look at the technique Derek displayed during the session you could only conclude that Carla was in good company!! Derek now joins Manny Flores and Sean Lee who both have strong, long term relationships with international bowlers – and they both have photos to prove it.

RESIDENTS TAKE ON COACHING TIPS FROM JACKAROO COACH

We are excited to be working with our partner *Bowls Australia* to continue to deliver programs and experiences to help boost the health and wellbeing of our residents across the country.

Throughout 2021, residents will have the opportunity to participate in exciting workshops, clinics and Roll Back the Clock programs which help promote the benefits of gentle exercise and movement.

Lawn Bowls enthusiasts at Gowanbrae Retirement Village enjoyed a free coaching session with two-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist Carla Krizanic who passed on some tips to the participants in a session enjoyed by all.

Keep your eye out for announcements at your village and be sure to get involved in these great opportunities to keep fit, active and stay connected.



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