



# BOWLED OVER



**Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910**

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## Board of Directors

President – Nigel Thompson  
Secretary – Warwick Robinson  
Treasurer – Clay Beveridge  
Gabriele Forlani  
Vicky Walker  
Don Leale  
Paul Ives

## Current Club Champions

**Singles:** Sean Lee

**Minors:** Robin Stoddart

**Pairs:** Robin Stoddart &  
Michael Bialczak

**Triples:**  
John Grogan, Lyn Grogan &  
Stuart O'Brien

**President's Handicap:**  
Robin Stoddart

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## Annual General Meeting

Our Club AGM was held on Saturday with an outstanding turnout of members.

Following the normal protocols of our AGM, including one minute's silence for deceased members, the 2020 AGM Minutes were confirmed unanimously, as were the President's Annual Report (including the President's thanks to those members who have done so much for the Club), the Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements, and the Selector's Reports.

President Nigel Thompson asked members to consider taking on the roles of Greenkeeper, Bar Manager and/or membership of the Selection Committee.

Barry Baguley and John Mutch were each presented with BowlsVic Super Veteran badges, before the trophies for Season 2020/21 Club Championships were presented by President Nigel Thompson (see photos later in this Edition).

The election for available Board positions then proceeded, with Nigel Thompson & Vicky Walker re-elected and Don Leale & Paul Ives elected. Congratulations to each, and particularly to the new Board members Don and Paul.

Not surprisingly, most of the General Business focussed on COVID-19 and the recently published BowlsVic requirements (derived from State Government prescriptions). These requirements, strange as it may be, are based on a licensed Club's liquor licence "red line", and determine eligibility to practice and play. In the case of our Club, our Green is within our "red line". As a result, only fully vaxxed (or validly exempt) members (including visiting Club members) can play or practice at Aberfeldie. These prescriptions are subject to change, just as a number of other State Government COVID-19 requirements have.

Club Life Members then took the lead in "Opening the Green" for the Season.

Following the AGM, the new Board met and determined the following for Season 2021/22:

Club President – Nigel Thompson  
Club Secretary – Warwick Robinson  
Club Treasurer - Clay Beveridge  
Players Advocate – Gabriele Forlani

Paul Ives has taken on the role of Bar Manager, and the Saturday Pennant Selection Committee will comprise:

- Co-ordinator - Nigel Thompson
- Manny Flores
- Robin Stoddart
- George Pater
- Joe Farsaci

After the Board Meeting, long time Board member Joan Chamberlain advised that she had resigned her Board position. Huge thanks are due to Joan for the massive service she has given as a Board member at Aberfeldie Bowls Club – the past 16 years on the Board, including two years as President, and the past twelve as Treasurer. Joan's administrative skills, considered judgement and wise counsel will be sorely missed from the Board.

## **Pennant Season**

While final confirmations are pending, the Pennant Season will start on Saturday 13 November (Mid-week on Tuesday 16 November) with the fully vaxxed requirements as noted above applying. We will be fielding three Saturday teams and two Mid-week teams.

## **Fred Sinclair**

Club legend Fred Sinclair is about to start his 55<sup>th</sup> Pennant Season at Aberfeldie Bowls Club. Among Fred's many Club achievements are (and we may have missed a couple):

- 9 times Club Champion
- 12 times Club Pairs Champion (one in his first Season)
- 7 times President's Handicap winner
- 4 x Club Tournament winner
- Club Minor Champion

It is also of note that for the past decade or so, Fred has rarely played in Club Championships or Club Tournaments – but he did form part of Norm Draper's scratch, underdog and clearly winning 2021 Tournament team (with Stuart O'Brien & Bill Walshe) to take the Laurie McDonald Memorial Shield.

Fred still has the competitive juices and fire in the belly. Great congratulations to him.

## **Social Bowls, Coaching, Practice etc**

Thursday social bowls is on (12.30pm), next Saturday is Pennant practice (12.30pm), individual practice is now available at any time – and coaching is available with Nigel Thompson on Wednesdays (please ring Nigel to arrange).

## **News around the Club**

- Greg French is slowly recovering from his back surgery and we hope to see him again later in the Season.
- Our thoughts and best wishes are with a number of members who are managing serious health issues within their families.

## **Club Diary**

### **Saturday 6 November – Pennant practice**

### **Saturday 13 November – Pennant Round 1:**

- Aberfeldie 1 V Glenroy at Glenroy
- Aberfeldie 2 V Altona Sports at Home
- Aberfeldie 3 V Moonee Valley at Home

### **Tuesday 16 November – Mid-week Pennant Round 1**

- Aberfeldie 1 V Buckley Park (Home)
- Aberfeldie 2 V Point Cook (Away)

## **As Always**

- Safety is paramount.
- Don't come to the Club if you feel ill – get tested and stay home.
- QR code in – and be prepared to show your Vaccination Certificate (or valid exemption) for BowlsVic registration.
- Stay socially distanced.
- Masks on in the Clubrooms except when eating/drinking.
- Sanitize, sanitize, sanitize!!!



**Club Champion – Sean Lee (Runner Up – Manny Flores)**



**Club President  
Handicap & Club  
Minors Champion –  
Robin Stoddart  
(Respective  
Runners Up –  
Michael Bialczak &  
Gabriele Forlani)**



**Club Triples  
Champions –  
John  
Grogan, Lyn  
Grogan &  
Stuart  
O'Brien  
(Runners Up**

**– Manny Flores, Sean Lee & Michael Bialczak)**



**Club Pairs Champions –  
Robin Stoddart &  
Michael Bialczak  
(Runners Up – Joe  
Engert & David Torkar)**



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