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Saturday Pennant – an outstanding Saturday

It was an excellent day performance wise for our Club on Saturday. A win for every team – and setting up the foundation for going forward as we move further into the Season. That foundation would be even better if we can fill our teams and go close to fielding our best. The unavailability of players remains an issue, and like many clubs we are suffering from it.

Aberfeldie 1 playing at Home took away a very close win against Strathmore 79-76 (16 points). Rink results:

John Grogan with Paul Ives, Fred Sinclair & David Torkar – 18-25, after trailing early and never being able to get into the game.

Joe Engert with Clay Beveridge, Michael Bialczak & Robin Stoddart – 17-15, pretty much shot for shot before we took a handy lead after nineteen ends - and then almost being run down.

Ian Ferretter with Harry Bayer, Don Leale & Stuart O'Brien – 23-17 – took the win after building a good early lead (22-8 after fifteen ends) before conceding 9 shots to make the result tighter than it should have been.

Manny Flores with Sam Folino, John Mutch & Lyn Grogan – 21-19 in another close win in a very tight game.

Ian Ferretter did take delight at game's end in having everyone note that he was our only Skip with a full deck of wins in the Season to date. John Grogan claimed second prize with another full deck – except his are all losses.

Aberfeldie 2, playing Away against top of the ladder Yarraville/Footscray put in a determined effort to take a strong win 65-44 (for the full 16 points).

Rink results:

Bill Walshe with Barry Baguley, Joe Scifo & Ken Witham – 21-20 in a game where never more than a couple of shots separated the Sides - and a single shot on each of the last three ends gave us the game.

Vicky Walker with Pat Carr, Norm Draper & Joan Chamberlain – 22-12 after getting away to an early lead and building on it with a whole of Rink performance.

Joe Farsaci with John Pater, Noel Greig, & Derek Jarvis – 22-12 on another Rink where we built an early lead and then consolidated with a whole of Rink performance.

Aberfeldie 3, playing at Home against Moonee Ponds (and with both teams short and playing Substitutes), we had a quite dominant win – 81-38 for the full 16 points. Rink results:

George Pater with Unplayed, Substitute & Carmen Ritter – 29-11 in a strong win against an equally undermanned opposition.

Gerry Carr with Substitute, Murray Whiteway & Graham Govan 24-12 in another solid Rink win.

Albert Considine with Substitute, John Williams & Gabriele Forlani – 28-15, and rounding things out with an equally impressive win.

Mid –week Pennant

Aberfeldie 1 took on Aberfeldie 2 for early Season bragging rights in Mid-week Pennant this week. In a total contrast to last week, where the heat saw players failing, this week saw pretty much constant rain – varying from light drizzle to steady rain. After one long break, and the later onset of even more steady heavier rain, the game was finally abandoned by agreement between the respective Team Managers. With 31 ends completed, Aberfeldie 2 just took bragging rights (30-26 for 12 points). Rink results:

Manny Flores with John Mutch & Sam Folino **defeated** Lynn Grogan with Norm Draper & Stuart O'Brien –18-15, in a game where Lynn's side took a handy lead before being run down and conceding a "5", on what proved to be the penultimate end.

John Grogan with Joe Scifo & Bill Walshe **lost** to Albert Considine with Clay Beveridge & Gabriele Forlani -8-15, in a game where Albert's side gradually built a lead and kept it tight before the rain brought things to an end.



From the Club's Board

"At the recently held Board meeting, the following decisions have been made that affects all club members for the balance of the Current Bowls Season.

COVID COORDINATOR

All members are aware of the Policy at our club regarding Covid Rules. If you are not double vaccinated you cannot enter the premises under any circumstances. If you cannot scan in by Mobile and show your vaccination certification, then you must sign in and have on your person a copy of your certificate. In recent weeks we have experienced issues in this area which the Board has now addressed.

The Board has made Gabriele Forlani the Designated Club Covid Coordinator. His job will be to appoint a Covid Marshall from the team playing at home on weekday and weekend Pennant. You will receive a call prior to the game from Gabriele if you are to be the designated Covid Marshall for the day.

Weekend Pennant - *This person will be required to stand in a High Viz Jacket at the front gate from 11.45am and scan in all people until 12.35pm (10 minutes before the commencement of roll up). At such time all gates will be closed, not locked (Front Gate, Car Park gate and entry gate at the car park). Any person entering the premises after this time (usually spectators or very late coming Bowlers) can be scanned in by any club member (preferably the team playing closest to the front gate). If there is any issue relating to validity of the person entering it reverts back to the designated Covid Marshall for the day. A scan in page will left near to the gate.*

Weekday Pennant - *As numbers are fewer, the Covid Marshall will Wear a high Viz jacket and ensure all visitors- bowlers and spectators- have signed in using the normal method. (There are 7 sign in pages attached to our windows and manual sign in for those who do not have a mobile to show vaccination certification.)*

Thursday Practice - *As this is generally only our members playing common sense to be shown. There will be a designated Covid Marshall for the day.*

Most of us know our club members who front to play bowls are fully vaccinated. It is the spectators and visiting club bowlers and spectators we need to be vigilant with.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

The club's standard memberships have been – Social, Full and Life Memberships.

To address the concerns relating to lack of players available to play Pennant. As it stands currently and under Bowls Vic Ruling - Social members cannot play Pennant. They must have paid the Bowls Vic affiliation Fees. We cannot call on these people when we are short of players under any circumstances, as the chances are we will lose points and be fined. For the remainder of this season The Boards has decided to initiate/trial a new level of Membership which will be called a "RESTRICTED" membership.

We have new members joining our club who have shown an interest filling Pennant position but don't want to play every game. The RESTRICTED membership will be a Social membership with a Bowls Vic Affiliation fee paid. This will allow the member to play a maximum of 7 games in this season. They will have only Social member rights. They must pay to acquire a club Shirt to wear in Pennant at usual pricing, and pay Green fees when they play - and the cost of this membership will be \$75. The Board has adopted the remainder of their playing attire whilst representing the club (pants or shorts, cap and shoes) needs to be suitable and tidy and not necessarily official BV apparel.) They will be asked to play when he have vacancies due to full members being unavailable.

SUBSTITUTES

Last week we had an unusual situation where our club fielded Saturday Pennant sides with Substitutes from other clubs. We thank Maribyrnong Park BC for their assistance here.

The Policy of this club has always been that we do not "LOAN" players to other clubs who are short in fielding sides, nor have we previously approached clubs for help when we are short.

The changing environment of Bowls, heightened by the COVID restrictions, has meant all clubs including us need to move with the times, be good community minded citizens and show some flexibility in this area.

With this In mind and for remainder of this season only - if we have members who do not get a game to play Pennant (generally because of a forfeit or a BYE round) and we receive a call from a nearby club seeking help with Substitutes for the day, a Selector will be informed and it will their job to contact the players and offer them a game of Bowls elsewhere for the day if they wish to play. The player will be under NO PRESURE to commit to playing for another club. It will be their decision. If they wish to play, the Selector will contact the Club involved advising we have Substitutes for them to utilise, get all the details of where they are playing and time of arrival and ensure our member is fully aware of this. If we can help other clubs this year as a precedent has been set, we will try.

Regards Aberfeldie Board"

From George Pater (Selector)

Division 7 - Acknowledging the sportsmanship of Maribyrnong Park and Moonee Ponds

On Saturday, Maribyrnong Park provided 4 Substitutes for Aberfeldie's game against Moonee Ponds.

Special thanks to Maribyrnong Park President Dario Ferrai and Chairman of Selectors John Cariss, for allowing their excess players to play for Aberfeldie and Moonee Ponds. We were fortunate to have Victor Blom, Ashley Royston, Ralph Featherstone, and Ron Buzza slot into our game.

With these substitutes, both Aberfeldie and Moonee Ponds **still** played one short. We are grateful to Moonee Ponds President Mick Weston, for agreeing to play 3 v 3 on one rink, and accepting Ron Buzza from Maribyrnong Park, to ensure the teams were equally matched.

Division 7 – The challenge to cover shortages in Division 3 and 6.

To date, the challenge at Division 7 level has been to cover vacancies due to player illness, injury and general unavailability across the whole Club.

Special thanks to Colin Reed who came to the Club and offered to play on Saturday, despite a really bad and painful hip. Thankfully, Murray Whiteway was available, so Colin could instead watch the game.

To date, we have used 6 new substitutes in the first four Rounds. In good news, the Club's Board has approved two new Full Members, including John Pater, and two new Restricted Members, Michael Pater, Harrison Manias – all with playing rights.

Good News – The positives of fielding 3 teams

It's been a while since Aberfeldie has fielded two teams at Home on a Saturday. It is certainly great to see and play when the Green is full. When our Away team members return back to the club after their games, it has certainly built the atmosphere around the Club.

A special "thank you" is due to George for the efforts he has been putting in to ensure that we can get our third team on the Green on a Saturday – so far this Season we have been just one or two players away from having to forfeit each and every game. Please maximise your availability to assist our Selectors and help George get our third team on the Green every week.

Club Singles Championship

The rubber is now hitting the road in our Club Singles Championship. We are down to our four semi-finalists:

- Manny Flores, a multiple Club Champion V Ian Ferretter (the aforementioned "undefeated this Season" Pennant Skip); and
- John Grogan, another multiple Club Champion V Michael Bialczak (who knocked out Joe Engert, another ex Club Champion on his way to the Semi-finals).

They should both be outstanding games – so get along to watch if you can.

Social Bowls, Coaching, Practice etc

Thursday social bowls is on (12 Noon)), individual practice is now available at any time – and coaching is available with Nigel Thompson on Wednesdays (please ring Nigel to arrange).

Club Diary

Saturday 11 December – Pennant Round 5:

- Aberfeldie 1 V Doutta Galla (Away)
- Aberfeldie 2 V Altona North (Home)
- Aberfeldie 3 V Princes Park (Away)

Tuesday 14 December – Mid-week Pennant Round 5

- Aberfeldie 1 V Moonee Ponds (Away)
- Aberfeldie 2 V Hoppers Crossing (Home)

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