



# BOWLEDOVER



Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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President – Nigel Thompson  
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## 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:

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## Saturday Pennant – not such a good day

Pretty much a perfect day weatherwise on Saturday but it never delivered great fortune for us. Aberfeldie 1 went down by just 1 shot, Aberfeldie 2 got up for an 11 shot win and Aberfeldie 3 lost by 24 shots despite winning one Rink and tying another. Once again we were forced to play short in Aberfeldie 3.

**Aberfeldie 1**, playing Away at Doutta Galla, suffered a heartbreaking 1 shot loss (80-81 for 4 points). Rink results:

**Sean Lee** with Paul Ives, Bill Walshe & David Torkar – 19-20, never more than a couple of shots in it, but Doutta Galla wrapped up a 1 shot win when we lost 2 shots on the last end.

**Joe Engert** with Clay Beveridge, Michael Bialczak & Robin Stoddart – 23-15 after getting out early and keeping the challenge at bay when it came.

**Ian Ferretter** with Harry Bayer, Don Leale & Stuart O'Brien – 23-15 after getting out early and keeping the pressure on.

**Manny Flores** with Sam Folino, Gabriele Forlani & Murray Whiteway – 17-32 after falling behind early, never making inroads – and losing 15 shots on ends fourteen to eighteen.

**Aberfeldie 2**, playing at Home against Altona North took the win 59-48 for 14 points. Rink results:

**Warwick Robinson** with Fred Sinclair, Barry Baguley & Joe Scifo – 22-16 after taking a solid early lead and fighting back on the last three ends after being challenged.

**Vicky Walker** with Pat Carr, Norm Draper & Joan Chamberlain – 14-20 – it didn't matter whether we held 1, 2, 3 or even 5 shots on a changeover, the opposition Skip took everything away with a mixture of brilliance (and occasional luck) for much of the day.

**Joe Farsaci** with Noel Greig, John Pater & Derek Jarvis – 23-12 after taking a strong lead and fighting off any serious challenge.

**Aberfeldie 3**, playing Away (and short) at Princes Park, suffered a 46-70 loss for 3 points. Rink results:

**George Pater** with Unplayed, Carmen Ritter & Ken Witham – 18-17 in a fighting win.

**Gerry Carr** with Amanda McOrmond, Graham Govan & Nigel Thompson – 17-17 on a Rink that could not have finished closer.

**Albert Considine** with Substitute, John Williams & John Mutch – 11-36 after being outclassed on the day.

## Mid –week Pennant

Two strong wins on Tuesday sees Aberfeldie 1 on top of the ladder and Aberfeldie 2 in second ladder position as Mid-week Pennant goes into the Christmas break. Aberfeldie 1 had a comfortable 48-32 win at Moonee Ponds and Aberfeldie 2 had a similarly comfortable 45-28 win at Home.

**Aberfeldie 1** defeated Moonee Ponds 48- 32 for the full 14 points. Rink results:

**Manny Flores** with Clay Beveridge & Sam Folino 27-17 after breaking away from the ninth end, and then winning eight of the remaining ends.

**Lynn Grogan** with Joe Scifo & Stuart O'Brien 21-15 after getting out early, then seeing the scores level before we won the last five ends to take the game.

**Aberfeldie 2** defeated Hoppers Crossing 45-28 on the back of one dominant Rink, and one that was finely balanced all game, for the full 14 points. Rink results:

**Sean Lee** with Norm Draper & Murray Whiteway 17-14 on a Rink where both sides lead at different times, but where winning three of the last four ends gave us the Rink win.

**Albert Considine** with Bill Walshe & Gabriele Forlani 28-14 on a Rink where we built an early lead and were never threatened due to the consistent performances of all in our Side.



## Christmas Break Up BBQ

The Club's Board has arranged a Christmas break up BBQ at the Club after Saturday's games. Everyone is welcome back from their games. Get there if you can for a good feed and some pre-Christmas cheer.

## Club Singles Championship

The rubber has hit the road with semi-finals completed and a Grand Final coming up between multiple Club Champion John Grogan and the so far "uncapped" Ian Ferretter. Keep your eye out for the scheduled Game date.

In the semi-finals, we saw:

- John Grogan defeat Michael Bialczak in a high class game where the scores were always close and with Michael generally in the lead, until, as so often is the case with John, he charged to the finish line for the win.
- Ian Ferretter defeated Manny Flores in something of a surprise – but not if you had studied the form coming in. Manny got away to a strong start before being wound in – and a "3" to Ian late in the game set him up for a close win.

Congratulations to all four semi-finalists. A great effort to get there - and two excellent semi-final games.

## 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).

## News around the Club

- Very good to see Greg French and Past President & Life Member Margaret Clark at the Club on Saturday despite both being unable to play because of ongoing health issues. With luck, we will see Greg back on the Green in the New Year. Margaret is not so certain – but a huge "thank you" to her for taking on the Covid Marshall role on Saturday - and managing the Bar for a fairly thirsty Altona North contingent.
- Bad mistake in the last edition to mention Ian Ferretter's unblemished Skipping record this Season – or even John Grogan's winless Skipping. There seems to be an undercurrent of discontent from some members who believe their efforts are worthy of mention:
  - Gerry Carr for too many reasons to mention;
  - Manny Flores for his regular "bad luck" as a Skip.

- Vicky Walker for winning the toss in three consecutive games;
- Albert Considine for his Skipping record (until Saturday); and
- Numerous male members who claimed to have once won an argument with their wife.
- A big welcome to four new Members approved by the Club Board at its last meeting:
  - John Pater (Full Member)
  - Rocky Chioda (Dual Member)
  - Michael Pater (Restricted Member)
  - Harrison Manias (Restricted Member)

## Club Diary

### Saturday 18 December – Pennant Round 6 (don't forget the BBQ at the Club after the game):

- Aberfeldie 1 V Maribyrnong Park (Home)
- Aberfeldie 2 V Williamstown (Away)
- Aberfeldie 3 V Maribyrnong Park (Away)

### Tuesday 11 January 2022 – Mid-week Pennant Round 6

- Aberfeldie 1 V Wallan (Home)
- Aberfeldie 2 V Buckley Park (Away)

## Raelene Boyle Retirement Village has opened

Club sponsor, Ryman Healthcare has officially welcomed the first residents to its Raelene Boyle Retirement Village in Aberfeldie. The first residents were greeted by Sales Advisor Amanda Brocklebank, Christmas trees and flowers when they opened the doors to their stunning apartments at the boutique Vida St village.

Ian Williams, who moved into a three-bedroom apartment with his wife Sandra, said the apartment was beyond all expectations. "When I opened the door and walked in, I thought 'wow!' he said. "It was bigger and better than I expected."



Fellow pioneering resident Kate O'Donnell said everything about the move was right. "The apartment is absolutely beautiful, it's unbelievable," she said.

The village will grow over the coming weeks with more residents set to move in ahead of Christmas.

Upon completion the village will include apartments, serviced apartments, and aged care beds as well as a bowling green and indoor pool



## Christmas Bags for the elderly, isolated & lonely

As it has for a number of years, the Club again made its Clubrooms available to the Rotary Club of Keilor on Sunday evening to pack 100 Christmas Goody Bags for the most lonely, isolated and financially challenged of Bolton Clarke (ex Royal District Nursing Service) nursing patients in the Moonee Valley and Brimbank areas. Each bag had contents of more than \$100 value - including a Christmas cake, many food items, personal hygiene products, chocolates, biscuits, household products, pen, note pad, magazines & books etc, etc.



The bags were collected by 10 Nurses on Tuesday morning for delivery to their patients before Christmas. A range of additional items, including books, walking sticks, pick up aids etc were also given to Bolton Clarke for use in its Homeless support accommodation places.

Sean Lee was once again a sterling volunteer in helping to set up for the packing, the packing itself - and on hand early on Tuesday morning to assist the Nurses in loading up. President Nigel Thompson was also along for the packing along with a team of Rotarians and partners. The support of the Club, Sean and Nigel was very much appreciated.



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