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Saturday Pennant Round 9

A mixed bag again – one loss, one win and one Walkover.

Aberfeldie 1 something of a return to type after last week's great win. Playing at Moonee Valley, all Rinks got off to a reasonable start against the top of the ladder opposition, before falling away. Rink results:

John Grogan, with Clay Beveridge, Harry Bayer & Stuart O'Brien – 19-19 after coming from behind to take a 5 shot lead going into the penultimate end – only to see that lead hunted down on the final two ends.

Manny Flores, with Paul Ives, Murray Whiteway & Lynn Grogan – 16-25 after matching the opposition early, and then dropping away.

Ian Ferretter, with Michael Bialczak, Joe Engert & Robin Stoddart – 14-21 after coming from behind to tie the scores after eighteen ends, before falling away to lose 7 shots on the last three ends.

Sean Lee, with Carol Bayer, Nigel Thompson & Don Leale – 11-27 after trailing by only 1 shot after fourteen ends - and the dropping 14 shots on the last seven.

Aberfeldie 2 had a very close win at Home over ladder leader St Albans (57-55 for 14 points). Rink results:

Bill Walshe, with Joe Scifo, Sam Folino & Warwick Robinson – 20-14 after taking a solid early lead, then fighting off the challenge when it came.

Vicky Walker, with Pat Carr, Norm Draper & Joan Chamberlain – 23-22 after getting out to a 7 shot lead at ten ends, only to see it whittled back by game's end. A little bit of luck when the opposition Skip turned his 1 shot hold, to 2 shots for us, on the penultimate end.

George Pater, with Noel Greig, John Pater & Derek Jarvis – 14-18 after trailing for most of the game but keeping the margin tight. The last finishing Rink and could not afford to lose 4 shots on the last end, lest we lose the overall game. Already those 4 shots were down when Derek, at Third, put in a "pearler" to cut it to 1 down – and that margin stood at game's end, giving us the overall win.

Aberfeldie 3 – Walkover

Mid-week Pennant

A strong return to form for a big Aberfeldie 1 win, but Aberfeldie 2 continued off the boil with another disappointing loss.

Aberfeldie 1

Playing at Home, we destroyed Hoppers Crossing with a crushing performance 76-20 for the full 14 points. Rink results:

John Grogan, with Stuart O'Brien & Sean Lee – 46-11 after taking an early 14-0 lead and progressively building out to a dominant win – losing just five ends.

Manny Flores, with Murray Whiteway & Lynn Grogan – 30-9 after leading 17-0 coming into the eighth end, and then maintaining the pressure to the finish.

Aberfeldie 2

Another losing performance playing at Maribyrnong Park, 29-45 for no points. Rink Results:

Albert Considine, with Bill Walshe & Gabriele Forlani 17-19 in a game where we trailed 3-17 after eleven ends, but fought back in great fashion to close the gap to just 2 shots at game's end.

Sam Folino, with John Mutch & Norm Draper – 12-26 after being outplayed by a better performing opposition, including an outstanding Skip.



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Club President's Handicap

Games are well underway – please play your games by the scheduled dates. We will bring results from the semi-final stage.

Social Bowls, Coaching, Practice etc

Thursday social bowls is on (11.45am), individual practice is now available at any time – and coaching is available with Nigel Thompson on Wednesdays (please ring Nigel to arrange).

A possible debate – but no entries

Not a single entry for the debate for publication on “Should we reintroduce a Ladies Singles Club Championship?”.

Surprised that none of our ladies have had anything for publication – but not so surprised that our “small cat” men have seemingly run away from the discussion!!!

Skip's are often good for a laugh

On Saturday, at Moonee Valley, on the very last end, and with a Rink victory on the line, John Grogan's first bowl was a bit short when his side was 5 down on the end. As those who know John are well aware, he can take out his frustrations on his hat (very often!!!), usually throwing it to the ground in disgust. This time his hat was already on the ground and he decided to kick it as hard as he could. Unfortunately, and to the great amusement of everyone watching, John hadn't realised his opposition Skip's bowl was under that hat! Gave John a big fright and the rest of us a great laugh.

Two rare sights today from Manny Flores which amused a handful of spectators in the Mid-week game against Hoppers Crossing. On his last bowl on one end, Manny bowled on the wrong bias (which is very rare for Manny). Most “normal” Bowlers just stand there and watch such a bowl in embarrassing disgust. Not Manny. I don't think many people have seen Manny race after a bowl unless it is going to be the shot bowl, but he did so with this one and kicked it as hard as he could – especially surprising Murray Whiteway who was heading over to pick up the offending bowl. Perhaps Manny was trying to emulate the great Portuguese soccer player, Cristiano Ronaldo. Nobody knows why he did it, but it gave everyone a great laugh.

News around the Club

- Great to see Greg French back in uniform on Saturday and taking up the chance to Substitute for Maribyrnong Park. Hope to see him back in one of our teams very soon.
- Luke Moore is down with COVID and we wish him well as he recovers.

Club Diary

Saturday 5 February – Pennant Round 10:

- Aberfeldie 1 V Flemington/Kensington (Home)
- Aberfeldie 2 V Sunbury (Away)
- Aberfeldie 3 Buckley Park (Away)

Tuesday 8 February 2022 – Mid-week Pennant Round 10:

- Aberfeldie 1 V Sunshine VRI (Away)
- Aberfeldie 2 V Moonee Ponds (Home)

Scorecards

Not so good from Aberfeldie 1 on Saturday. How about this for front of Scorecard of one Rink – card not signed by anyone, no total shots for competing Clubs. Improvement needed!!!



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