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Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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**No guest Editor last week – so it's a two Round edition this week.**

## Saturday Pennant Round 10

**Aberfeldie 1** took an excellent win playing at Home against Flemington/Kensington to keep in the hunt for a possible fourth ladder position. The 88-77 win delivered 14 points to keep those hopes alive. Rink results:

**Joe Engert**, with Clay Beveridge, Gabriele Forlani & Harry Bayer – 20-22 after coming back from a 9 shot deficit going into the twelfth end and almost stealing the win.

**Manny Flores**, with Sam Folino, Murray Whiteway & Nigel Thompson – 24-12 after getting out early, fighting back when challenged and then wrapping up the game by winning seven of the last eight ends.

**Ian Ferretter**, with Michael Bialczak, Robin Stoddart & David Torkar – 21-16 after being close early and then slowly building out for the win.

**Sean Lee**, with Graham Leydin, Fred Sinclair (substituted by Margaret Clark) & Don Leale – 23-27 after coming back from 0-19 going into the seventh end. A big fightback from then to win twelve of the remaining ends - and in circumstances where Margaret Clark proved an able substitute for Fred when he fell ill with eight ends to play. Very grateful that Margaret was available, and felt well enough to see out the game.

**Aberfeldie 2** suffered a 51 – 65 loss playing at Sunbury (for just 1 point). Rink results:

**Warwick Robinson**, with Joe Scifo, Gerry Carr & Bill Walshe – 19-19 - came back from a 10 shot deficit coming into the seventeenth end, and then winning all remaining ends to almost grab the win.

**Vicky Walker**, with Pat Carr, Norm Draper & Joan Chamberlain – 17-19 after twice getting to the front and going into the last end with a 1 shot lead, before blowing it.

**Joe Farsaci**, with Noel Greig, John Pater & Derek Jarvis – 15-27 after trailing for most of the game - and then losing each of the last 3 ends.

**Aberfeldie 3** took an excellent win, 63-57 for 13 points playing at Buckley Park. Rink results:

**Graham Govan**, with Substitute, Mandy McOrmond & Barry Baguley 26-15 in an outstanding performance after getting away early and never conceding the opposition any opportunity.

**George Pater**, with Substitute, Greg French & Gavin Thoms 20-25 after trailing by 11 shots going into the fourteenth end and then storming back by winning the next six ends – and just failing on the last two.

**Albert Considine**, with Carmen Ritter, John Williams & John Mutch 17-17 after conceding an early lead to trail by 5 shots, then getting to a 1 shot lead going into the final end, before conceding it for the draw.

## Mid-week Pennant Round 10

Another very good Round for our two teams – with both taking strong wins and maximum points.

### Aberfeldie 1

Playing Away at Sunshine VRI, we took an excellent win 53-31 for the full 14 points. Rink results:

**Sean Lee**, with Barry Baguley & Nigel Thompson – 19-18 in a game where we were out by as many as 6 shots before almost letting things slip by conceding 4 shots on the last 2 two ends.

**Manny Flores**, with Sam Folino & Lynn Grogan – 34-13 after getting away early and then maintaining the pressure all game – losing just seven ends.

### Aberfeldie 2

A very good return to form this Round saw us take a very strong win at Home against Moonee Ponds (53-24 for maximum points). Rink Results:

**Albert Considine**, with Noel Greig & Gabriele Forlani 32-9 after taking a strong early lead, maintaining the pressure throughout – and conceding just five ends.

**Stuart O'Brien**, with John Mutch & Bill Walshe – 21-15 in a game when we never conceded the lead and fought off each challenge.



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## Saturday Pennant Round 11

Aberfeldie 1 went into this week's Round with a real chance of stealing 4<sup>th</sup> ladder position but fell short playing Away against Strathmore (72—87 for 4 points). Rink results:

**John Grogan**, with Clay Beveridge, Harry Bayer & Joe Engert – 23-19 after building a solid lead but letting it narrow when we lost the last four ends.

**Manny Flores**, with Carol Bayer, Murray Whiteway & Lynne Grogan – 28-13 after being close early, and before we built a strong win – winning eight of the last ten ends.

**Ian Ferretter**, with Sam Folino, Robin Stoddart & David Torkar – 15-25 after taking a good early lead and then stumbling to lose eight of the last ten ends.

**Sean Lee**, with Paul Ives, Gabriele Forlani & Nigel Thompson – 6-30 after never being in the game – winning just five ends.

**Still a slight chance of taking fourth ladder position if we are up for the fight over the remaining 3 Rounds.**

**Aberfeldie 2** playing at Home against top side Footscray Park, which was building player finals eligibility, we suffered a fighting 51-62 loss (on the back of one very poor Rink) for 4 points. Rink results:

**Warwick Robinson**, with Joe Scifo, Gerry Carr & Bill Walshe – 20-18 in a game where we built out a solid lead only to see it whittled away - before we won the last two ends to take the win.

**Vicky Walker**, with Pat Carr, Norm Draper & Joan Chamberlain – 8-29 in a shocking performance.

**Joe Farsaci**, with Noel Greig, John Pater & Derek Jarvis – 23-15 after being tight early before we won nine of the last thirteen ends.

**Holding on to 3<sup>rd</sup> ladder position, but cannot afford a slip up in the remaining 3 Rounds.**

**Aberfeldie 3** continued its winning form with a solid Away win at Moonee Ponds, 72-55 for 14 points. Rink results:

**Graham Govan**, with Substitute, Mandy McOrmond & Barry Baguley 18-22 in a game where we let slip a 10 shot winning lead by losing each of the last six ends and conceding 14 shots in the process.

**George Pater**, with Carmen Ritter, Gavin Thoms & Greg French 19-17 in a game that was tight all day – but where 5 shots on the last two ends secured our win.

**Albert Considine**, with John Williams, John Mutch & Graham Leydin 35-16 in a dominant performance featuring wins of 6 and 7 shots on two ends.

**Sitting atop the ladder and with the will to stay there.**

## **Mid-week Pennant Round 11**

What a cracker of a Round with Aberfeldie 1 playing Aberfeldie 2 earlier today – with each needing to win to preserve their ladder positions (Aberfeldie 1 on top & Aberfeldie 2 in 3<sup>rd</sup> position). In something of a turn up, Aberfeldie 2 took the points 37-33 for 13 points. Both Rinks were hard fought, with plenty of mental pressure, and very close games in front of a group of critically observant spectators. Rink results:

**Aberfeldie 2** – Albert Considine, with Clay Beveridge & Gabriele Forlani, 18 shots, tied with Aberfeldie 1- Manny Flores, with Barry Baguley & Lynn Grogan, 18 shots, in a hard-fought game where each side led at different times – but with Aberfeldie 2 coming back from a 7 shot deficit going into the last seven ends to tie things up.

**Aberfeldie 2** – Murray Whiteway, with Sam Folino & Stuart O'Brien, 19 shots, defeated John Grogan, with Joe Scifo & Sean Lee, 15 shots, after initially trailing by 6 shots, and then conceding just seven of the remaining nineteen ends.

## **Club President's Handicap**

Games are now at the pointy end. Sean Lee defeated Joe Engert in one very tight semi-final (both off the same handicap). The other semi-final will see Manny Flores taking on the emerging star, Michael Bialczak in what should be a cracker.

## **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).

## **The Great Debate “Should we have a Ladies Club Championship” - we finally have a fearless input**

Life Member, Past President & multi term Past Treasurer, Joan Chamberlain has jumped into the fray, and here are her reasonings:

1. At my first game of pennant, I walked into the kitchen, and saw three men making sandwiches, and I thought "this is the Club for me - the women don't have to do the sandwiches".
2. I was extremely happy that there wasn't a women's Section playing Midweek Pennant, but mixed teams played on Saturdays. I wouldn't have joined if that wasn't the case.
3. I was very proud to be the first female President of ABC while still within the RVBA.

4. Bowls is a sport that can be played equally as well by males and females, and there is no reason to segregate the championships.

I have heard similar views expressed verbally - as well as some in the alternative. Perhaps Joan's published views will smoke those, and a few more out – with some more written input!!!!

## News around the Club

- Great to see Greg French stringing Pennant games together on his return from very serious back surgery.
- Serious Facebook warriors may have seen our own Amanda Edmiston featuring in an on-line advertisement (filmed at the Club) for a potential Club sponsor. You can view it at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/198ttMSMaK\\_NB6QqmmI9Mu7YfmRYoAYDd/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/198ttMSMaK_NB6QqmmI9Mu7YfmRYoAYDd/view?usp=sharing)

The first two comments I heard from friends who had seen it on Facebook were:

- “Why wasn't Amanda considered for an Oscar nomination”; and
- “It's a pity Neighbours is finishing up”.
- Not only does our George Pater bring his “psychic” skills to the Selection table, he has now brought them to predicting results for the last four Rounds of Saturday Pennant for each of our teams. So far, he is a bit out of the money, with two accurate predictions, and one way off the mark. We will watch with interest and keep you posted.
- In late news, Club President Nigel Thompson has tested positive to COVID and is suffering fairly solid symptoms. Amanda too, has now tested positive – with both in isolation for a week. We wish them both a speedy recovery

## Scorecards

We said we would name names – so here goes. These are from Saturday's Aberfeldie 1 Scorecards and we have named the respective Skippers (ultimately responsible), and their Seconds, who Score and have management of the Cards:

**Manny Flores & Murray Whiteway** – no opposition sign off on the Card.

**John Grogan & Harry Bayer** – no final scores on the Card, no opposition sign off & no opposition Skip named on reverse of Card.

**Sean Lee & Gabriel Forlani** – big tick – other than the absence of the opposition Skip name on the reverse of the Card.

**Ian Ferretter & Robin Stoddart** – winning Club not identified, no opposition sign off, no finish time recorded & no opposition Skip named on reverse of Card.

Aberfeldie 2 Cards were well completed – just that they were superseded cards.

Aberfeldie 3 Cards were pretty close to perfect – keep it up.

While the Aberfeldie 1 Cards were somewhat disappointing, they were probably superior to Sunbury the previous week (playing Aberfeldie 2), who somehow managed to play one of its Sides on the wrong Rink!!!!

It helps for a number of reasons to have Scorecards correctly completed – no doubt then about results, simpler to load results into Bowlslink and provide a solid record in the event of any late review of results (where BowlsVic requires Scorecards to be produced).

## Club Diary

**Saturday 19 February – Pennant Round 12:**

- **Aberfeldie 1 V Doutta Galla (Home)**

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

#### Tuesday 22 February 2022 – Mid-week Pennant Round 12:

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

### You might like these (and you might not)!

**Question:** What do you do with someone who can't draw, can't roll the jack, can't set a mat, can't keep score and won't listen?

**Answer:** Make them Skip!

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A well-known Skip was having a hard time from the other three in his team who had failed to contribute anything throughout the game. At the last end the number three walked down to the mat to play his first bowl and pausing shouted back up the rink. "Where's our nearest bowl".

"In your \*\*\*\*\* hand", answered the skip.

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The Sport of Bowls has its very own language:

- "Good line" = lousy weight
- "Good back bowl" = you were lucky you didn't put it in the ditch
- "That's in their way" = that's in my way
- "That could be useful up there" = that bowl is closer to you than it is to the jack
- "Get it next time" = you sure didn't get it this time
- "He's surprisingly good" = you're surprised he ever makes a shot

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