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Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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## Last Home & Away Round – two wins, one close loss and two Saturday Pennant Finalists

### Saturday Pennant Round 14

**Aberfeldie 1** had a solid last Round win at Home against Footscray Park, but fell short of the essential full points that might have claimed a final four finish. The win, 85-70 for 14 points topped off an excellent finish to the Season with our team finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> position, just 4 points short – how we rue the 1 shot loss to Doughta Galla early in the season. Just one more shot that day would have delivered a tie in that game – and 4<sup>th</sup> ladder position. Rink results:

**Joe Engert**, with Michael Bialczak, Fred Sinclair & David Torkar – 35-9 in a dominant win after taking a solid lead early, maintaining the pressure all game and conceding just five ends for the day.

**Manny Flores**, with Carol Bayer, Murray Whiteway & Lynne Grogan – 11-21 after falling behind early and unable to make up the lost ground.

**Ian Ferretter**, with Sam Folino, Robin Stoddart & Sean Lee – 24-20 after building a solid lead, before letting things slip a little by losing 7 shots on the last two ends.

**John Grogan**, with Paul Ives, Harry Bayer & Don Leale – 15-20 after trailing early and unable to win enough ends across the day.

### An excellent finish to the Season – but missed the opportunity in a couple of early games.

**Aberfeldie 2** had a close win, 58-54 for 15 points playing at Footscray Park to cement 3<sup>rd</sup> ladder position and a semi-final place. Rink results:

**Warwick Robinson**, with Joe Scifo, Clay Beveridge & Bill Walshe – 19-19 – in a game where we trailed by 6 shots, then took a “6” to tie things up - before each team won 3 shots on the concluding five ends to produce the tie.

**Vicky Walker**, with George Pater, Norm Draper & Joan Chamberlain – 17-15 in a game that was essentially played between the Leads & the Skips. George and his opponent matched each other's excellent lead bowling, and Vicky, and her opposing Skip had a great tussle – he well on top early, but with Vicky bringing things home over the concluding ends.

**Joe Farsaci**, with Derek Jarvis, John Pater & Noel Greig – 22-20 in a game where the lead regularly changed early on before we got on top and then almost let things slip, losing a “6” on the concluding end.

### Finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> ladder position – with a semi-final V St Albans to come.

**Aberfeldie 3** had a stumble against finals contender Fawkner when playing at that green, 47-48 for just 3 points – but without interference to its top of the ladder finish. Rink results:

**Nigel Thompson**, with Carmen Ritter, Graham Govan & Ken Witham – 12-19 after trailing all day and never being able to close the gap.

**Graham Leydin**, with Barry Baguley, Gavin Thoms & Greg French 21-15 after trailing early, and then taking six successive ends for 13 shots – and then finishing with a “5” on the last end.

**Albert Considine**, with John Williams, John Mutch & Gabriele Forlani 14-14 in a game where we closed the early gap, took a 4 shot lead with just two ends to play – and then surrendered them for a resultant tie.

**Finished the regular Season atop the ladder, with Buckley Park to come in a Home semi-final.**

## Mid-week Pennant Round 14

A mixed bag again today with Aberfeldie 1 bouncing back with a dominant win, and Aberfeldie 2 doing its best to drop from 2<sup>nd</sup> ladder position with a bad loss – but again getting a reprieve when another result fell our way.

### Aberfeldie 1

Despite probably not being at our best, we took a dominant win 57-24 for the full 14 points playing at Home against Maribyrnong Park. Rink results:

**Manny Flores**, with Joe Scifo & Lynne Grogan – 27-7 after leading by 15 shots coming into the thirteenth end and maintaining pressure to the end.

**John Grogan**, with Norm Baguley & Sean Lee – 30-17 in a game where we also took an early lead and kept building.

**Aberfeldie 1 finishes on top of the ladder and secures a Home Semi-final.**

### Aberfeldie 2

In a complete form reversal from last week, Aberfeldie 2 was no match for the home side when it played Sunshine VRI which was fighting to hold its top four position on its tough Green – 29-44 for “0” points. Rink Results:

**Albert Considine**, with Bill Walshe & Gabriele Forlani 11-25 after falling behind early and losing all but seven ends.

**Murray Whiteway**, with John Sam Folino & Stuart O’Brien – 18-19 in a game that was close all day and almost ours when holding 6 shots on a concluding end - before the opposition Skip completed a “7” shot turnaround with his last bowl.

**Sunshine VRI’s excellent performance guaranteed it a finals position – and with good fortune another game fell our way to leave us finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> ladder position – with a Home Semi-final.**

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## Club Pairs Championship

Fresh off their giant killing win over last year's runners up David Torkar & Joe Engert, Paul Ives & Gerry Carr were off to a flyer against last year's champions Michael Bialczak & Robin Stoddart in the first Semi-final. They led 7-0 after two ends with Paul having the uncanny ability of moving the kitty to his own advantage. They were holding 2 shots late on the third end off excellent draw bowling. Unluckily for Paul, he then hit the kitty away from their bowl onto Michael's - and went down 2. From there, Michael and Robin won the next eight ends, including another unlucky kitty move from Paul when they were

holding shot. Paul and Gerry finally broke the drought on the twelfth end and were still in with a chance, being only 9-14 down with three ends to play. On the thirteenth end, Gerry again fired up, bowling 3 pearlers then Paul added a 4th - and it looked like a miracle comeback was on the cards until Robin drew within a few inches of the kitty, making it 15-9, then it was all over on the next end with a 1 shot to Michael and Robin.

## **Club Minors Championship**

Games are now underway and we will bring details from the Semi-final stage. Please play your games by the due dates.

## **Club Triples Championship**

The Club Triples Championship is “pencilled in” for Saturday 19 March, (not Sunday 20 March as indicated on the noticeboard). The date is “pencilled in” because if one of our Saturday Pennant teams makes it to a Saturday Divisional final, then the Triples competition will be postponed.

## **Saturday Pennant Finals Practice**

All Aberfeldie 2 & Aberfeldie 3 players are encouraged to practice before the weekend finals. ***It is not compulsory or supervised – but practice if you can.***

### **On Grass**

We have arranged a time slot at Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club.

**Date:** Friday, March 11

**Time:** 1:00pm to 3:00pm. (After 3:00pm, if someone is there, you are welcome to continue bowling.)

**Rinks:** 9, 10 & 11

**Queries:** George Pater on 0408 615041

### **Aberfeldie Rinks**

Any day during the week.

On Thursday's, Social Bowls commence at 11:45m. Either join in, or practice separately.

## **News around the Club**

- George Pater's “psychic” skills again saw him with two accurate predictions from three on Saturday – and never picked all three teams to win.

## **Club Diary**

### **Saturday 12 March – Pennant Section Semi-Finals (subject to BowlsVic confirmation):**

- Aberfeldie 2 V St Albans at St Albans
- Aberfeldie 3 V Buckley Park at Home

### **Sunday 13 March Sectional Grand Finals – let's fight to ensure we get both teams there.**

### **Tuesday 15 March 2022 – Mid-week Pennant Section Semi-Finals (subject to BowlsVic confirmation):**

- Aberfeldie 1 V Buckley Park (Home)
- Aberfeldie 2 V Sunshine VRI (Home)

### **Thursday 17 March - Mid-week Section Pennant Grand Final – two teams in it would be great**

### **Saturday 2 April – Club Tournament. Get your entries in asap as it will sell out.**



## **RAELENE BOYLE RETIREMENT VILLAGE**

### **YOUR'E INVITED -TOURS NOW AVAILABLE on 9-12 March**

You're invited to tour our beautiful display apartments at Raelene Boyle Retirement at 2 Vida Street, Aberfeldie.

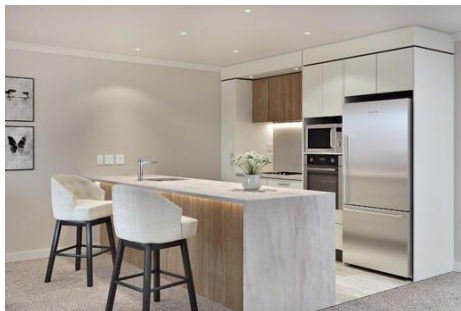
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## Northern Gateway Ladies Championship “Try Outs”

Our Club increased its exposure by hosting the Regional trials on Monday night for the upcoming Regional Ladies competition in Moama scheduled for 8 – 10 April.

Twenty eight lady bowlers from 11 Clubs in our Region participated – many having never seen our Club, but mightily impressed by it.

Club President Nigel Thompson oversaw the event from the Club’s perspective and expressed his thanks to Sean, Vicky, Mandy, Norm Clay & George for their assistance.

These “try outs” have caused Club President Nigel to adapt the view that Aberfeldie Bowls Club **should** conduct a Ladies single event in **addition** to the current open (Ladies and Men’s combined) Singles competition.

This would allow one of our lady members to represent the Northern Gateway in the Champion of Champion event - as winning a Club Ladies Singles is the prerequisite to enter the event.

It would give our Club added exposure, and the winner the experience of playing with, and against, the best in the Region.

We have now had both views on the matter of a Club Ladies Singles Championship. Is it time for a plebiscite, all members or just the ladies???

## LET'S DO IT

Things were not getting done at the bowling club and the Secretary read out the following at the meeting :-

“Once upon a time there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to do and Everybody was asked to do it

Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody’s job

Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn’t do it.

And so Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.”

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