



# BOWLED OVER



Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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## Current Club Champions

Singles: John Grogan

Minors: Robin Stoddart

Pairs: Robin Stoddart &  
Michael Bialczak

### Triples:

John Grogan, Lynne Grogan &  
Stuart O'Brien

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## Mid-week Pennant – into the Metropolitan 6 a Side Grand Final – but not quite good enough to win it

### A very solid win in our Semi-final

Last Thursday we played our Metropolitan 6 a Side Semi-final at the very pleasant Hawthorn Bowls Club. In beautiful conditions, on an excellent Green, and where our Rinks had widely differing early performances, we took on Camberwell Central. After, a tussle before the Break, we progressively broke away to take a solid win (46-29) to advance to the Grand Final. Rink Results:

**Manny Flores**, with Lynne Grogan & Murray Whiteway – 23-15 after getting away to an 11 shot lead at eight ends, we fought off two opposition challenges in the second half of the game to hold on to an 8 shot win.

**John Grogan**, with Albert Considine & Sean Lee – 23-14 after trailing by 7 shots early, before gradually winding in the opposition to take the lead by winning eight successive ends – and finishing off just as strongly.

### But not able to do the job in the Grand Final

It was always going to be a big ask, but our team put in a fighting effort against Glenroy at Strathmore earlier today. The powerhouse, Glenroy team featured three Division 1 bowlers and, despite a gallant effort from our team, we could not hold them well enough for the whole game – suffering a 40-55 loss. Rink Results: **Manny Flores**, with Lynne Grogan & Murray Whiteway – 13-33 after keeping things tight for most of the game, before conceding 16 shots on a four-end losing sequence.

**John Grogan**, with Stuart O'Brien & Sean Lee – 27-22 after a slow start before we progressively pegged back the lead to tie things up after thirteen ends. A 6 shot loss on two ends was quickly retrieved, before we lost another 2, then won back 3 to go into the last end with scores tied. An excellent effort delivered 5 shots, and the Rink win.



*Metropolitan 6 a Side Runners Up*

Congratulations to the players who did our Club proud. A big “thank you” also to the strong group of members who came along to support our team at Hawthorn, and at Strathmore today.

### Club Pairs Championship

The Grand Final will be played, commencing 9.30am on Thursday - current Champions Robin Stoddart & Michael Bialczak take on John Grogan & Stuart O’Brian in what should be cracker. Get there if you can.

### Club Minors Championship

The Semi-final stage has now been completed. In one game, Paul Ives faced off against Sam Folino. Paul, on the back of very good draw bowling, flew out of the blocks to take 9-1 lead after 5 ends. After a few close ends, Paul extended his lead to 18-6, before Sam made a mini comeback, closing to 21-14 - before Paul ended the match with 4 shots to take the win.

In the other Semi-final, Warwick Robinson took on Barry Baguley in a game that went to twenty three ends (finishing under lights). It was a tight game before Warwick snuck away to take the win.

Grand Final between Paul & Warwick at a date and time to be fixed.

### Club Triples Championship

The Club Triples Championship has been deferred to a date to be fixed due – after Easter.



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### Saturday Social Bowls

Social bowls on Saturday’s will recommence on Saturday 9th April, 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start, for all those interested. Please note however that there will be no social bowls on Saturday 2 April (Club Tournament), or on the new date to be set for the Club Pairs Championship.

### News around the Club

- Unfortunately, Jenny Mutch has copped another bout of COVID, but milder this time around. Warwick Robinson is also a COVID victim. Our best wishes to both.
- John Williams (and Brenda) are now out of isolation and feeling somewhat better after their COVID experience. Their timing was particularly poor as they would otherwise have celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary last week – and big surprise family celebrations had been put in place, only having to be cancelled. Good to hear that they are both recovering, and we hope that the celebrations can proceed, albeit a little late.
- Great to see Frank Piccolo back at the Club and on the Green.

## Club Tournament

All is in readiness for our Ryman Healthcare sponsored Club Tournament on Saturday. A full field of sixteen teams will be fighting it out for both honours and prizemoney – as well as experiencing lots of fellowship and good food. Make sure that you are there on time - 9.30am for a 10am sharp start.

## Club Diary

**Saturday 2 April – Ryman Healthcare sponsored Club Tournament. It's a sell out!!**

## Pick it up, or return the bowl?

A regular point of contention in our game relates to the action that should be taken when a bowl is encroaching your rink on the correct, or incorrect, bias. Do you stop the bowl, return it to the bowler, or do you lift any bowls in the way of the intruding bowl?

In summary, the Laws of the Sport allow a player to stop a bowl, or lift a bowl that is/might stop the bowl returning to its correct rink. Both are **correct**; however, **the preferred process is to stop the bowl and return it to the bowler - but only if the bowl was on a path to bring it back into the rink. A bowl on the wrong bias would not be returned. If the bowl is not on a path to bring it back, it is a dead bowl and should not be returned.** The rationale for this **preferred approach** is:

1. When you lift a bowl, it's most unlikely it will be returned to its exact position (and this could affect the result of the end).
2. The law only refers to lifting a bowl and not multiple bowls. The comedy routine of trying to lift two or three bowls, and even a jack, can see bowlers stumble, or worse, when trying to manoeuvre to lift multiple bowls.
3. Stopping a bowl is a clearer and cleaner process - and it less likely to cause a head to be disturbed.

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