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Covid

The mid-season/Vic Open Pennant Break proved somewhat timely given that we have had a number of members and family members testing positive for Covid in the past two weeks. It seems that your chances of catching Covid are a bit like learning to surf – if you didn't catch the first wave, you will catch the second, third or fourth wave, but almost certainly you will catch some wave. In my case, I have been surrounded by it for the past two weeks, and have finally succumbed today.

Midweek Pennant

Leading up to its break, Aberfeldie 1 had a very strong win against Buckley Park, Aberfeldie 2 has a close win over Fitzroy Victoria.

Aberfeldie 1, defeated Buckley Park 45-20 for 14 points at Home. Rink results:

Bill Walshe, with Sam Folino & Lorenzo Di Sipio– 24-8 in a very solid win.
George Pater with John Pater & Clay Beveridge – 21-12 in a good win.

Aberfeldie 2 had a much tighter win over Fitzroy Victoria 44-36 for 12 points. Rink results:

John Grogan, with Andrew Ra'Kosi & Manny Flores 24-13 in a solid win.
Lynn Grogan, with Graham Leydin & Noel Greig 20-23, battled hard and kept it tight without being able to take the win.

Saturday Pennant

On resumption after the break, Aberfeldie 1 took another comprehensive win on Saturday, this time over Strathmore at Strathmore – 113-62 for 16 points. Aberfeldie 2 had an extended break with a Bye.

Aberfeldie 1 match report from Michael Bialczak:

On a very windy, blustery day at Strathmore's exposed upper-level grass green, Aberfeldie had a big 113-62 win to vault us into 2nd place on the ladder, behind the undefeated Moonee Ponds who beat Craigieburn. This sets up a big top of the table clash with Moonee Ponds next week, at home.

John Grogan, Frank Piccolo, Vicky Walker, Sam Folino 23-17. All 4 bowlers contributed when needed and they got off to a good lead early on and had a tight battle with a good side to hold on.

Sean Lee, Joe Farsaci, George Pater, Lorenzo Di Sipio 15-22. The opposition side seemed to handle the conditions better early on and got a healthy lead before Sean's team came home strongly to reduce the deficit to 7 at the end.

Ian Ferreter, Don Leale, Endre Rakosi, Paul Ives 36-9. Endre has always said that he plays much better on grass and it showed on Saturday, getting most of his bowls close and a number of touchers. With his teammates contributing strongly, they never took the foot off the pedal and had a big win. Ian had the play of the day, on his last bowl, with us holding one shot, he moved the kitty back to a nest of our bowls, for a "7".

Manny Flores, Lyn Grogan, Murray Whiteway, Michael Bialczak 39-14. Much to the bemusement of the opposition side, it was a Manny masterclass. Early on, with his other 3 teammates struggling, Manny, on at least three occasions, converted from 1, 2 or 3 down to a multiple for his Rink. Then, when the rest of the team started firing, we were never headed and powered away. Just to emphasise Manny's day, later on, he finally bowled a heavy wide bowl which somehow got a massive wick off another wide bowl which managed to split the opposition's 2 holding bowls and take shot!!!!



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From the President

Greetings and salutations all.

Firstly, a distressing incident happened a few weeks ago which brought tears to life members eyes. Someone got to the Club early on Saturday and started helping (as you do) putting out furniture, putting up the flags so the duty rink didn't need to worry. Unfortunately, it was highlighted that the Club Flag was put up upside down - which indicates the club is in distress. Life Members who shall remain anonymous (Albert and Margaret) took this person to task advising that, in their time, only one other person had done this. I sincerely apologise for my indiscretion to members both past, present and future. It will not happen again because someone else can put the flags up in future!!!! I understand Bowls Victoria were contacted however they advised to keep in IN HOUSE.



Xmas Party - Please try to attend our Xmas function. It's been a while due to the pandemic since we could put this together. Therefore, it would be great to see everyone attend on the night to rebuild the comradery at the club. Raffle Prizes to be won, Guest DJ and there is a rumour the great man in the red suit and white stubble may also make an appearance.

Congrats to the Sean, Manny and Michael for taking out the Club Triples. It was a great day attended by many members who enjoyed some fierce competition and a lot of laughs. Joe Engert turned up on time and in Uniform. Stuff of legends!!! I hope Manny has recovered from the Bear Hug I gave him after the win. Many thanks to those who answered Nigel's SOS to make up teams. Sincere thanks to Albert for assisting John and Lynn after Stuart's demise through Covid.

On the subject- please, please adhere to sensible safe Covid practices. We now have three members with Covid and I suggest a few more to come. This disease is rampant again. Do what you can to stay safe.

Our Friday "6 a side" will finish on top and is guaranteed a home final. Strong results all around in other sides which can only benefit the club moving forward.

New jacks are ordered through our grant. New Dishwasher on its way. Caps and Jackets are due in soon. The Bar now has an ice maker funded through hall hire and bar sales in recent times.

Code of Conduct- if you haven't signed this, please do so as a priority. Nigel is chasing you down!!!!!!

Remiss of me not to thank all our volunteers who continuously give their time tirelessly to help the club generate revenue, clean premises, attend to maintenance and green management to make our Bowls club a better place.

Finally- CLUB MASCOT- Something I suggested a few years ago in jest may now have some traction. Any ideas please? Nigel suggested the Aberfeldie PENGUINS.??? Most sporting Bodies now have a Mascot. Would like to hear from you all please.

Club Triples Competition (from Michael Bialczak)

The force of nature that is Nigel ensured we had 10 teams competing, a great turnout. There were dramas right up to the last minute with 3 people pulling out, Fred with a painful ingrown toenail and George and Stuart not well. Nigel managed to get 2 people to fill in but that left John and Lyn starting their first game without a lead bowler. About halfway through their game, Albert turned up to spectate and ended up joining their team, sore back and all. A great effort Albert.

In really difficult windy conditions, after the first 2 rounds, there were 4 undefeated teams, each with a chance to make the finals: the teams of John, Lyn and Albert; Sean, Manny and Michael; Frank, Nigel and Don; Joe Engert, Endre and Sam.

With Sean's team managing to just get over the line against Murray, Noel and Bill, and Frank's team losing to Robin, Ian and Vicky, it was up to the battle of the two heavyweight teams of Joe and John to decide which other team would be in the final. It was a very tight contest and the score was 7 all after 7 ends, with Joe showing his class a few times, especially being 3 down on one end and converting it to 1 up. Joe's team finished strongly and won the last 3 ends.

In the final, where the erratic wind was playing havoc with everyone's bowls, Joe's team got out to a 4-1 lead after 3 ends but Sean's team hit back with a 3 to even it, then went 7-4 up on the 5th end and despite some close challenges, were never headed, winning 13-5.

Big thanks to Nigel for organising the competition, Don for the food and Mandy for helping out during the lunch break and cleaning up afterwards.

Club Diary

Tuesday 29 November – Mid-week Pennant Round 7

Aberfeldie 1 V Doutta Galla at Doutta Galla

Aberfeldie 2 V City of Melbourne at City of Melbourne

Saturday 26 November – Saturday Pennant Round 7

Aberfeldie 1 V Moonee Ponds at Home

Aberfeldie 2 V Rosamond at Rosamond

Friday evening 2 December – 6-a-Side Pennant Round 7

Aberfeldie 1 V Moonee Valley at Moonee Valley

Saturday 12 December – 6.30pm Club Christmas Party – see below for full details

Club Christmas Party – it's on Saturday 12 December, and here's your personal Invitation



Aberfeldie Bowls Club Christmas Party 10th December 2022 6:30pm



Members and Partners,

You are cordially invited to the Aberfeldie Bowls Club Christmas Party

When 10th December 2022

Time 6:00pm

Cost: \$25 per head

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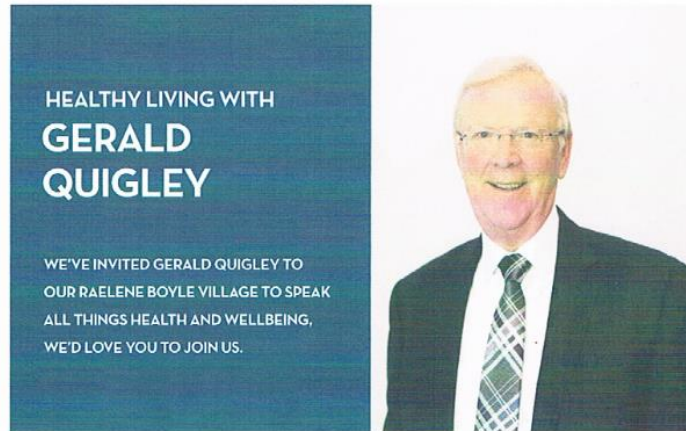
- Roasted meats from Neale's Spit proud caterer of our club tournament
- Door prizes
- Music by 'The Ferret'
- Possible chance of seeing the big fella in the Santa suit



RSVP: Club Notice board or Nigel by the 3rd December for catering purposes

Payment to the treasurer please

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