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Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

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## Season's Greetings

Best wishes to all of our members, families and friends for the Christmas and festive break. Have fun, take it easy and stay safe. May 2023 finally be a year free of COVID!!!



## Pennant

A much more positive week for the Club with some excellent wins, including taking the Friday Night 6 a Side Spring Season Sectional Premiership.

## Midweek Pennant

With both teams back on track, it was two wins – and both teams going into the Christmas break atop their respective ladders.

**Aberfeldie 1**, defeated Clifton Park at Home 53-33 for 13 points. Rink results:

**Sean Lee**, with Sam Folino & Bill Walshe – in a 23-23 tie.

**Manny Flores**, with Lorenzo Di Sipio & Lynn Grogan – 30-10 in a dominant display.

**Aberfeldie 2** defeated Fawkner 70-19 for 14 points in a powerful display. Rink results:

**John Grogan**, with Greg French & John Pater 35-10 in a comprehensive win.

**Endre Rakosi**, with Clay Beveridge & Albert Considine 35-9 in an equally dominant performance.

## Friday Night Pennant

In something of a steamrolling performance, our Friday Night Pennant Team took out the Spring Season Sectional Premiership. Playing at Moonee Valley, we defeated Fitzroy Victoria comprehensively 42-16 in an outstanding win (see photo later in this Edition). Rink Results:

**Don Leale**, with John Pater & Michael Bialczak 20-10 and gave the opposition few chances.

**Sean Lee**, with Paul Ives & Lorenzo Di Sipio 22-6 and simply too good.





### **Winners – Friday Night Spring Season Sectional Premiers**

#### **Saturday Pennant**

One very good win and one disappointing loss.

**Aberfeldie 1** – (Match report from Michael Bialczak)

*Aberfeldie 1 got back to winning ways again, against a determined Gladstone Park. We definitely started off better this week and were over 20 shots ahead a third of the way through, then 48-32 up at the halfway point. Gladstone Park rallied in the next 5 ends to get within 8 shots before we pulled away again to win 84-66, for 16 points. The top 3 teams won, with 3rd place Craigieburn just holding off 4th placed Werribee by 1 shot. So, the standings are Moonee Ponds 123, Aberfeldie 116 in Second, Craigieburn 107, with 4th place being fought over by four teams, led by Werribee on 77. The first game back in January will be a tough game against Doutta Galla at their home, after they beat Strathmore comfortably.*

*Ian Ferretter, Don Leale, Endre Rakosi, Lorenzo di Sipio 18-13. A bit of a slow start again by Ian's team, but fought back quickly, got to 10-7 up after 11 ends and kept them at bay the rest of the day.*

*John Grogan, Nigel Thompson, Wayne Harper, Stuart O'Brien 22-16. Early on, it seemed like last week's game was going to be repeated as the opposition Skipper kept on getting wicks to take away winning shots. But with enough good bowls on the head, the tide turned and we lead 12-10 after 11 ends and drew away in the 2nd half.*

*Manny Flores, Lyn Grogan, Paul Ives, Sam Folino 28-15. Started off with a bang, 7-0 up, then 12-4 before Gladstone Park rallied to 12-10 after 11 ends. However, with Sam and Paul consistently putting great bowls in the head, Gladstone Park finally cracked and we outscored them 16-5 in the last 10 ends for a big win.*

*Sean Lee, Frank Piccolo, Murray Whiteway, Michael Bialczak 16-22. Started off really well, being 12-4 up after 11 ends. Then the opposition Skipper put on a masterclass and we could only win 2 of the last 10 ends. There were three ends where we were holding shot before their skipper got a favourable wick to take shot. But he also played some classy draws, the best example being the last end, where we held 5 shots within half a metre. He was able to land right on one of our front bowls to take the shot.*



### **Aberfeldie 2**

Unable to turn things around from the previous bad loss, we again went down, losing to Moonee Ponds on its Green – 70-86 for just 2 points. This inconsistent form, and losing games from seemingly unlosable positions, is costing us dearly - and seeing us begin to lose touch. Rink Results:

**Joe Engert**, with Ken Witham, Barry Baguley & Noel Greig – 26-18 in a strong win.

**Robin Stoddart**, with Gavin Thoms, Graham Govan & George Pater - 19-22, close but couldn't get the win.

**Vicky Walker**, with Greg French, Joe Scifo & Margaret Clark - 18-21 in another Rink that got close but couldn't take the win.

**Warwick Robinson**, with Clay Beveridge & John Pater & Bill Walshe – 7-25 and never in the game.

### **Night Pennant**

Our Night Pennant team got up for a win 47-26 for 16 points, playing at Home against Princes Park. Robin Stoddart & Sam Folino – 8/6 and 7/8 and Ian Ferretter, Vicky Walker & Paul Ives 16/4 and 16/8.

### **Club Championship**

The Grand Final of this one should be a cracker. Previous winner Joe Engert got there after a win over Frank Piccolo, and in a major turn up, Robin Stoddart took a win over multi time Club Champion, John Grogan in their semi-final.

So, now it's down to just two to fight it out. The match is scheduled for Saturday 7 January, commencing at 9.30am – be there if you can,

### **Social Bowls over the break**

A reminder that, during the Saturday competition Christmas break, social bowls on Thursday and Saturday will continue as normal. 11.45 for a 12pm start on Thursdays, 12.15 for a 12.30 start on Saturdays. This will be a great time to practice and be up and running for the final 5 rounds resuming on the 14th January.

### **Club Diary**

**Saturday 7 January – Club Singles Grand Final – 9.30am**

**Saturday 14 January – Saturday Pennant Round 10**

**Aberfeldie 1 V Doutta Galla at Doutta Galla**

**Aberfeldie 2 BYE**

**Tuesday 17 January – Mid-week Pennant Round 10**

**Aberfeldie 1 V Sunshine RSL at Sunshine RSL**

**Aberfeldie 2 V Strathmore at Strathmore**

### Try these:

Male bowler: "I got a new set of bowls for the wife last week. Best deal I've made in years!"

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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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Question: You have a referee in football, An umpire in cricket. What do you have in Bowls? Answer: Goldfish.

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One of the old stories that is still funny today happened at Aberfeldie a few Years ago. 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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### GROANER...

Historical evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers (known as lawn bowling at the time). However, all league records were unfortunately lost to antiquity. Thus, we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

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**Remember: We don't stop laughing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop laughing!**

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