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A very solid week

An excellent start to the week on Tuesday with results going our way, to the point where both Mid-week teams seem certain to enjoy Home semi-finals. Night Pennant also saw another win – and on Saturday, Aberfeldie 1 took a dominant win that should ensure a Home semi-final. I wasn't the same for Aberfeldie 2 which suffered another bad loss.

Mid-week Pennant

Aberfeldie 1

A strong win playing at Sunshine RSL – 34-21 for 12 points. Rink results: John Grogan, with Clay Beveridge & Noel Greig – 19-5 in a dominant win. Lynne Grogan, with John Pater & Gabriele Forlani – 15-16 and just going down in a fighting effort.

Aberfeldie 2 – a Walkover against Strathmore.

Saturday Pennant

Aberfeldie 1 – (Match report from Michael Bialczak)

Fired up by Nigel Thompson's pre-game address, Aberfeldie 1 came flying out of the blocks and was never really challenged by 3rd placed Craigieburn. We were 25-14 up after 20 ends, 52-34 at the halfway point and finished strongly to win 109-66. The top 4 is now Moonee Ponds 153, Aberfeldie 148, Craigieburn 110, Werribee 93. Our 38-point buffer means we just need to win one more game to secure a Home final.

Nigel Thompson, Wayne Harper, Frank Piccolo, Fred Sinclair 25-19

With Murray Whiteway a very late withdrawal, Fred Sinclair stepped up at the last minute and led superbly. It was pretty even up to the halfway mark, then we pulled away towards the end. Nigel had a reasonable Skipper's day, especially in the last few ends where he showed a range of skills which included driving the kitty into the ditch with his bowl following it to get shot, knocking out an opposition bowl to give us a 5 (he modestly says he wasn't aiming to do it), and on his final bowl outdrew his opposition Skip's bowl which was only a few inches away from the kitty.

Don Leale, Endre Rakosi, Paul Ives, Lorenzo Di Sipio 19-13

A very good team effort where the result was never in doubt, up 11-2 at halfway and holding on for a 6-shot win. Most comical moment of the day came towards the end. With a tight head and Endre to bowl, Don put up his hand so he could study the head. As he was looking down, Endre had already bowled the bowl, so Don's reaction was priceless when he saw the bowl a

few metres away already and said "what are you doing?" only for the bowl to take the kitty and rest on it. Luckily for Endre, it did do that, otherwise I think the President was about to let loose.

Manny Flores, Robin Stoddart, Sam Folino, Stuart O'Brien 27-21

Started off on the back foot giving away a 5 on the 1st end, they kept clawing their way back only to give away a couple of 4's - so after 12 ends they were 13-18 down. After that, they took control on very short ends and outscored the opposition 14-3 to take the rink.

Sean Lee, Joe Engert, Bill Walshe, Michael Bialczak 38-13

You know you're in for a good day when the bowls gods look down kindly on you and on the 2nd end, which turbocharged our game, a bit of fortuitous luck came our way. We were holding about 3 shots and Craigieburn had all of their first 7 bowls behind the kitty and we had just one, to the side. Their Skipper on his last bowl aimed to hit the kitty past ours which would have probably given them 6. The bowl was never going to miss but instead of going back, it bounced off one of our bowls and went forward by about 3 metres. The result was a 7 for us. Just to show the gods didn't always favour us, we were leading 14-0, holding 2 in a very tight head, when their skipper drove and somehow managed to knock out our 2 bowls without disturbing his own to take 4. Up 20-11 after 11 ends, we then went on a scoring spree, winning 6 ends in a row, including a couple of 5's to win 38-13.

Aberfeldie 2

It was "make or break" on Saturday when we travelled to Sunbury. A win would have retained a realistic final 4 opportunity – a loss meant we would be fighting to avoid relegation in the Season concluding games.

Unfortunately, it was a loss, 67-94 for no points – now we need pride in those remaining games to avoid relegation. Rink results:

Joe Farsaci, with Ken Witham, Barry Baguley & Noel Greig – 18-19 in a valiant fight where we just failed to take the win.

Gabriele Forlani, with Gavin Thoms, John Williams & George Pater – 12-29 and never able to get into the game.

Vicky Walker, with Greg French, Brian Holden & John Pater – 15-22 battled hard without getting close enough to challenge.

Warwick Robinson, with John Mutch, Joe Scifo & Clay Beveridge – 22-24, fought hard but unable to get there.



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Night Pennant

Despite only winning two Rinks, we took a solid win over Thornbury – 36-24 for 14 points. Rink results:

Ian Ferretter, with Vicky Walker & Greg French – 8-9 & 11-3

Robin Stoddart, with Michael Bialczak & Sam Folino – 4-6 & 13

News around the Club

- Unfortunately, Murray Whiteway had a medical incident at social bowls on Thursday, where he couldn't pick up his bowls and couldn't write. Fortunately, he quickly recovered and was able to drive home but has since found, through CAT scans, that it was a mini stroke. He is awaiting MRI scans with a Specialist and has been told to do nothing for 4 weeks, including driving. Murray's wife, Lorraine, who hasn't driven in 2 years has had to take up the driving reins again - and it was encouraging to see them both at the Club on Saturday.
- I'm sure there is more – and I hope to be down this week to catch it all.

Social Bowls

A reminder that social bowls on Thursday is 11.45am for a 12pm start. Use it to hone your skills.

Club Diary

24 January – Mid-week Pennant Round 11

Aberfeldie 1 V Point Cook at Home

Aberfeldie 2 V Kingsbury at Home

Saturday 28 January – Saturday Pennant Round 12

Aberfeldie 1 V Essendon at Essendon

Aberfeldie 2 V Essendon at Home

Here are a couple:

Today I started an argument with my wife while riding in an elevator.

I was wrong on so many levels.

Last night, while my wife was asleep, I decided to write algebraic terms all over her.

You should have seen the expression on her face.

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