



BOWLED OVER



Newsletter of Aberfeldie Bowls Club Inc – Established 1910

30 January 2023 Issue: 17 of Season 2022/23

Board of Directors

President – Don Leale
Secretary – Nigel Thompson
Treasurer – Clay Beveridge
Vicky Walker
Warwick Robinson
Paul Ives
Margaret Clark

Current Club Champions

Singles: Joe Engert

Minors: Paul Ives

Pairs: John Grogan &
Stuart O'Brien

Triples:
Sean Lee, Manny Flores &
Michael Bialczak

President's Handicap:
Michael Bialczak

Club Contacts:

Gabriel Forlani: 0409 036 386
Nigel Thompson: 0411 220 545

Website:

www.aberfeldie.bowls.com.au
Webmaster: Nigel Thompson

BOWLED OVER – Norm Draper
Mobile: 0412 949 302
DraperNorm@bigpond.com

Hall for Hire

First Class Facilities

Contact: Vicky Walker

Mobile 0400 477 377

Another solid week

Another two wins in Mid-week Pennant sees us close to guaranteeing both teams will top their respective ladders. A long list of unavailable players for Saturday saw Aberfeldie 1 lose a very close game against Essendon, but still well placed for a second position finish – and still in contention to top the ladder. Aberfeldie 2 showed what might have been with a solid, come from behind, win over Essendon to give us an outside chance to finish fourth.

Mid-week Pennant

Aberfeldie 1

A dominant win playing at Home against Pt Cook – 56-28 for the full 14 points. Rink results:

Bill Walshe, with John Pater & Clay Beveridge – 29-16 in a powerful display.

Sean Lee, with Barry Baguley & Greg French – 27-12 in an equally dominant display on the other Rink.

Aberfeldie 2

Another dominant display at Home to take the full 14 points against Kingsbury, 67-23. Rink results:

Manny Flores, with Sam Folino & Noel Greig - 34-11 in a powerful team performance.

Paul Ives, with Endre Rakosi & Lorenzo Di Sipio – 33-12 in an equally powerful performance.

Saturday Pennant

Aberfeldie 1 – lost to Essendon – 73-76 for 5 points. (Match report from Michael Bialczak)

With an early start, on a hot and windy day, against an in-form Essendon team determined to get off the bottom of the ladder, it was a very tight game all the way on its slow carpet green. After 20 ends, it was 17-17 and at the halfway mark, we led 42-37. From there it was always only a few shots in it until Essendon broke away to get about 10 shots up with a few ends to play. However, like the game against Doutta Galla, a couple of our Rinks finished strongly, with Ian's rink getting a 4 on the last end and Sean's a 4 on the 2nd last. This meant that, with just 2 Rinks left to complete their last end, we trailed by just 3 shots. Nigel's rink was holding 2 shots which would have brought the margin back to 1, only for the opposition Skipper, on his last bowl, to knock one of our scoring bowls out. Margin back to 2 down, with Don's Rink to finish. Would there be another Lynne Grogan-like finish? Their Lead put us under pressure from the start with a bowl right in front of the kitty, so there was very little choice but to try and knock it out.

Two drives from Sam and Robin missed but Robin's second was spot on and took the kitty out of bounds. So, like at Doutha Galla, another end. Stuart started off with a bowl within a few inches only for their Lead to just touch the kitty and hold shot. Again, there was no choice but to try and hit the bowls hard but it was to no avail and Essendon got the shot and the win overall by 3 shots, 76-73. The positive thing is we still scored 5 points for 2 Rink wins and a draw - but with Craigieburn winning we still need one more win to guarantee the home final. The top four is now Moonee Ponds 169, Aberfeldie 153, Craigieburn 126, Doutha Galla 96.

Ian Ferretter, Endre Rakosi, Paul Ives, Lorenzo Di Sipio - 17-15

The Harry Houdini's were at it again, 6-3 up after 5 Ends, 8-8 after 11, then found themselves trailing 13-15 with one End to play. Holding shot, and with one opposition bowl holding us out for multiples, Endre took it out, then Ian drew two bowls close to the kitty to make it 4 and win the Rink by 2 shots.

Nigel Thompson, Wayne Harper, Warwick Robinson, Frank Piccolo - 19-19

Another close tussle game, down 3-6 after 5 Ends, then surged back to lead 14-9 after 11, with a 6 which did not involve the Skipper's bowls much to Nigel's disgust. Essendon hit back to take the lead late, but we finished well to end up with the draw.

Don Leale, Robin Stoddart, Sam Folino, Stuart O'Brien - 15-24

Fought back from 3-6 down after 5 Ends to lead 11-10 after 11. From there the wheels fell off a bit, even though we had bowls very close to the kitty, losing 6 out of the next 7 Ends - and 10 shots in the process, including a 5.

Sean Lee, Joe Farsaci, Bill Walshe, Michael Bialczak - 22-18

This was a game of momentum, 5-2 up after 5 Ends, 9-10 down after 11 Ends, then, even though we were holding shots on most Ends, in the next 5 Ends, the opposition managed to just take it away from us. So, we found ourselves 10-15 down. That's when we started to build better heads and Sean played some exceptional shots, especially on three Ends where he produced 3 shot-turnarounds and improvements. One was to knock the opposition bowl which was holding shot onto the kitty which moved close to our two bowls at the back. The second, was to draw two bowls a few inches behind the kitty when Essendon was holding shot. And the last, was pushing the kitty back about a foot when we were holding shot and giving us a 4. The 12-3 finish gave us a 4-shot win.

Aberfeldie 2

An early start at Home against Essendon, and things looked bleak early, with only one Rink in front at the Break. A strong post Break fightback on two Rinks, a dominant performance on one, and another that battled hard, the game was turned on its head and we took the win 85-74 for 14 points. Rink results:

Albert Considine, with Ken Witham, Barry Baguley & Noel Greig – 21-14 in a consistent and determined performance.

Gabriele Forlani, with Gavin Thoms, John Williams & George Pater – 15-25, battled hard but never got to a position to challenge.

John Pater with Greg French, Graham Govan & Margaret Clark (Substituted by Brian Holden after 7 ends) – 19-20, with Margaret falling ill, it was fortunate that Brian was able to Substitute. Kept the game tight and came home strongly to almost win the Rink.

Clay Beveridge, with Fred Sinclair, John Mutch, Joe Scifo – 30-15. Things looked bleak early when we trailed 5-14 after twelve Ends, but a remarkable turnaround, led by Joe Scifo, saw each of our players fire up to the point where we won twelve of the last thirteen Ends (25 shots to just 1) – and losing that 1 one shot on the last End only after a close and complex measure.



It was green, so it must have been grass!!!

Joe Farsaci provided a spot of humour on Saturday when he returned to the Club after playing at Essendon. Joe exclaimed that he ***“hated playing on the grass at Essendon on a windy day”***. We subsequently learned that the game had been played on Essendon’s new artificial Green!!! Joe’s reaction – ***“well, it was green so I thought it was grass”!!!***

Club Diary

31 January – Mid-week Pennant Round 12

Aberfeldie 1 V Essendon at Essendon

Aberfeldie 2 V Wallan at Wallan

Saturday 4 February – Saturday Pennant Round 13

Aberfeldie 1 V Strathmore at Home

Aberfeldie 2 V Bye

The Aberfeldie Bowls Club is proudly supported by:

- The Australian Luggage Company – 28 Slater Pde, Keilor East
Club sponsor & sponsor of BowledOver
- Ryman Healthcare – Apartments now selling at:
 - Raelene Boyle Retirement Village – 2 Vida Street, Aberfeldie
 - Essendon Terrace Retirement Village – 262 Pascoe Vale Road, Essendon
- Bare Cremations – www.bare.com.au
- Linx Finance Australia Pty Ltd – Level 1, 529 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn
- helloworld Ascot Vale – 219 Union Rd, Ascot Vale
- Minuteman Press – 138 Keilor Road, Essendon

Please give our supporters full consideration in making your purchasing decisions.