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## Finals fast approaching

We approach the forthcoming finals with three teams very well placed – and another still with a chance. One close loss and one fairly tight win last week see both Mid-week teams atop their respective ladders. A dominant Aberfeldie 1 turned on a powerful display on Saturday to at least guarantee second ladder position – and Aberfeldie 2 remains a chance for a final four finish.

### Mid-week Pennant

#### Aberfeldie 1

Suffered a rare loss (just the second of the Season) in losing 35-38 for just 2 points playing away against Essendon – a good win on one Rink, and a bad loss on the other. Rink results:

**Bill Walshe**, with Barry Baguley & Greg French – 14-25 and never getting into a competitive position.

**Albert Considine**, with John Pater & Gabriele Forlani – 21-13 in a solid winning display.

We remain on top of the ladder but cannot afford to drop either of the two remaining games.

#### Aberfeldie 2

Took a tight win playing at Wallan – 38-30 for 12 points. Rink results:

**Manny Flores**, with Sam Folino & Noel Clay Beveridge – 17-22 against an opposition that was too strong.

**Sean Lee**, with Endre Rakosi & Lorenzo Di Sipio – 21-8 in a very strong performance.

We also remain on top of the ladder, but again, cannot afford to drop either of the two remaining games.

### Saturday Pennant

**Aberfeldie 1** – with a near full strength team, we took a dominant Home win over Strathmore. A solid 55-29 lead at the Break turned into a rout afterwards, when we added 49 shots to just 16, to leave us in contention for a top of the ladder finish. A big 104-45 win for the full 18 points. (Match report from Michael Bialczak)

*In cool and windy conditions, with a win ensuring second place, Aberfeldie well and truly got the job done. 27-10 after 20 ends, 49-28 at the half way mark and finishing the second half very strongly to win comfortably 104-45. With Moonee Ponds winning at Craigieburn, that Club is on 183 points and Aberfeldie on 171. For us to get to the top in the very last round, we will*

*have to beat Moonee Ponds at their home green next week and win at least 3 rinks.*

**Ian Ferretter**, Lynne Grogan, Endre Rakosi, Lorenzo Di Sipio - 29-8

*With Lorenzo and Endre putting bowls on the head and Lynne not showing any signs of being rusty with a couple of weeks off in New Zealand, Ian's team dominated all the way through, 8-3 after 5 ends, 18-4 after 11 and cleared away to win 29-8.*

**Don Leale**, Nigel Thompson, Frank Piccolo, Sam Folino - 28-12

*The first half was a real battle with the score being 11-11 after 11 ends. However, a dominant 17-1 second half gave us a comfortable win in the end. In the middle of this, there was one end where Don found himself 5 shots down and drove beautifully to reduce it to a single shot. A great call by our Third, to quote Nigel.*

Don also reported that it was a great leading exhibition from Sam after he went "missing" last week – and in his own words, Frank, expressed the view that it was his best performance since returning to the Club.

**Wayne Harper**, Manny Flores, Robin Stoddart, Paul Ives - 18-14

*From what I saw, our Rink came up against the hardest Strathmore side with their Second particularly accurate. There was never much in it, 4-2 after 5 ends, 6-6 after 11 ends which meant every end was tight. We managed to break free right at the end, scoring a 2 on the last end to make it a 4-shot win.*

**Sean Lee**, Joe Engert, Bill Walshe, Michael Bialczak - 29-11

*After the first two frustrating starting ends where we were holding shots only for one shot to beat us, it looked like the third end was going to be the same when we had 6 shots being held out by one opposition bowl. Sean's first drive missed, but not the 2nd which gave us a 7 and we were off and running. Everyone contributed from there and we reached end eleven, 14-7 up and scored 15-4 on the last 10 ends for a comfortable win.*

## **Aberfeldie 2**

It was a BYE for Aberfeldie 2 on Saturday. This leaves us in fifth ladder position with just the final Round to play. We play Rosamond at Home and will be looking for a strong all Rinks win for 18 points. With such a result we will then need second placed Essendon to take a dominant win over fourth placed Moonee Ponds – and we can take fourth ladder position.



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## **Finals Format**

This Season sees a change to the longstanding final format for Pennant – both Saturday and Mid-week. The most significant changes see the second finishing side no longer having a Home semi-final, but having a second chance preliminary final at a neutral Green if it loses its semi-final. The new format is as follows:

- First & Second sides play the Sectional Semi-final on the Green of the higher finishing side.
- Third & fourth sides play a Sectional Elimination final on the Green of the higher finishing side.
- The loser of the Sectional semi-final and the winner of the Elimination final play the Sectional Preliminary final on a neutral Green.
- The winner of the Sectional semi-final plays the winner of the Preliminary final on a neutral Green.

## Night Pennant

A comprehensive all Rink loss to Moonee Valley after it fielded a dominant Team featuring four Division 1 bowlers.

## News around the Club

We have had a number of recent travellers (what is it with these Life Members!!):

- Life Member, Albert Considine to Bali;
- Life Member, Gabriele Forlani & Gillian on a couple of back to back cruises;
- Life Member, Joan Chamberlain & Derek back from a cruise.
- Life Member, John Mutch & Jenny – back from one cruise, and now on another;
- Vicky Walker to Tasmania; and
- John & Lynn Grogan to New Zealand – adding to their growing racehorse stable.

We also have a few members battling health episodes and we pass on our best wishes to each of them:

- David Torkar still in trouble with his back and about to try some new spinal injection – but unlikely to play bowls again;
- Tony Jones engaged in a big fight; and
- Murray Whiteway, still awaiting some medical monitoring and associated reports before he gets the “all clear”.

## Club Diary

### 7 February – Mid-week Pennant Round 13

Aberfeldie 1 V Buckley Park at Buckley Park

Aberfeldie 2 V Fitzroy Victoria at Fitzroy Victoria

### Saturday 11 February – Saturday Pennant Round 14

Aberfeldie 1 V Moonee Ponds at Moonee Ponds

Aberfeldie 2 V Rosamond at Home

## An Invitation to what will be a very interesting seminar

Raelene Boyle Village invites you to

### HEARING AND BRAIN HEALTH PRESENTATION

We're hosting a seminar by Andrew Campbell from *neuaudio Hearing & Brain Health* and we'd love for you to join us.

Hear the recent research showing the importance of diagnosis and how untreated hearing loss is the number one modifiable risk factor in developing dementia.

Complimentary refreshments provided.

**Thursday 9 February, 10.30am**

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## IF

If you can always roll the jack, right at your skipper's feet,  
If you can always draw the shot, the one that must be beat.  
When asked to play a 'yard on' do you judge it to perfection?  
And when you're called to drive, can you always make correction?  
If you can come up smiling when the other bloke,  
Puts your good shot out of play and treats it as a joke.  
If you're the one who saves the day, I'll say to you my son,  
"You're a bloody hero, what's more the only one!"

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I rang up my local bowling club, I said "Is that the local bowling club?"  
He said "It depends where you're calling from."

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## NOBODY'S DARLING

Up and down, walking walking,  
Often measuring, sometimes chalking;  
Shifting mats - keeping score,  
thirty ends, maybe more;  
Aching back - tired of limb,  
Cheers for others, none for him,  
Night draws on, darker, darker,  
No one cares, for he's the Marker!

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