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Finals are here

Pennant Finals are now upon us and we have three teams which have made the grade. In Saturday Pennant, Aberfeldie 1 finished second after a loss to top of the ladder Moonee Ponds. Both Clubs will go at it again next Saturday in the Semi Final at Moonee Ponds. Aberfeldie 2 did everything possible with a dominant win over Rosamond on Saturday, but fourth placed Moonee Ponds defeated second placed Essendon by just 3 shots to spike our finals hopes – and left us rueing two earlier games which were “in the bag”, but thrown away over concluding ends.

In Mid-week Pennant, Aberfeldie 1 lost its final Home & Away game to Doutta Galla to drop to second ladder position. Aberfeldie 2 reinforced its top of the ladder position against City of Melbourne and goes into a Home Semi Final against Princes Park.

Mid-week Pennant – Round 13

Aberfeldie 1

Came back from its loss against Essendon to take a solid 47-30 away win for 14 points against Buckley Park, to set up a final round clash with Doutta Galla for the top of the ladder finish. Rink results:

Sean Lee, with Noel Greig & Clay Beveridge – 24-14 and always looked the winner.

Albert Considine, with John Pater & Gabriele Forlani – 23-16 in a comfortable win.

Aberfeldie 2

Took a strong win playing at Fitzroy Victoria 42-29 for the full 14 points and to cement the top of the ladder position. Rink results:

Manny Flores, with Lorenzo Di Sipio & Lynn Grogan – 20-15 with a solid all of Rink performance.

John Grogan, with Barry Baguley & Endre Rakosi – 22-14 in an equally solid performance.

Saturday Pennant

Aberfeldie 1 – (Match report from Michael Bialczak)

In warm and slow conditions for the final Home & Away game of the Season at Moonee Ponds, Aberfeldie came up against a superior team on its home green. Every shot was hard earned and there were no excuses. With three rinks losing comprehensively and one rink having an exciting battle before taking the win, we lost 56-81 for 2 points. We now come back next Saturday to Moonee Ponds and do it all again in the Semi Final.

Ian Ferretter, Lynne Grogan, Endre Rakosi, Lorenzo Di Sipio 11-21

With Lorenzo and Endre holding shots throughout, early on we actually held a 9-6 lead. From there, the opposition kept knocking winning shots out and playing much better, outscoring us 15-2 in the last eleven ends.

Don Leale, Nigel Thompson, Frank Piccolo, Sam Folino 14-24

The opposition was making long ends difficult for us to reach and we started off 0-7 down before we got on the board. Played much better after that, with Don playing some great drives keeping us in the game, 6-14 down after eleven ends. A critical end where we were holding 2 shots only for their Skipper to convert it to a 5 with a drive, stopped our momentum but finished 8-4 on the final ends to make the score a bit more respectable.

Sean Lee, Joe Engert, Bill Walshe, Michael Bialczak 17-23

Despite the scoreline, it was a tight tussle. In fact, we had a chance to go 5 up early on, but, with his last bowl, the opposition Skip managed to clip a wide bowl to take shot. It was 7-7 after ten ends. We lost a critical 5 on the next end which hurt and were down by 7 at one stage but fought back to 15-17 with Sean producing a cracking drive to knock out 2 bowls right on the kitty to give us 2 shots, and a draw which knocked the kitty back to a group of our bowls to convert 1 down to 4 up. Sean can hold his head up high against the only undefeated skip in the Division and you could see why, as he drew and drove very well. Another lapse on the next End meant we dropped a 4 and kept even from there to lose by 6.

Manny Flores, John Grogan, Paul Ives, Wayne Harper 14-13

Far and away the best tussle of the day, there were only a few ends where 2 shots were scored, and the lead changed hands quite a few times. Wayne Harper, in the unusual step of going from Skipper to Lead in one week, was spot on most ends and Paul "The Talisman" Ives, our highest ranked player at number 5 in the player rankings who has only been in one losing Rink all season, was also putting in winning shots when required. 6-9 down after eleven ends, Moonee Ponds fought back to 9-9 and it was shot for shot after that - and coming to the last end it was 13-13. Wayne started well again, Paul put in a toucher, which got knocked out and their Third put in his own toucher. Up stepped John Grogan and drove that bowl, with the kitty ending in the corner a metre in from the sideline and a couple of metres from the ditch and no bowls close. So, it was a battle of the Skips to see who could draw closest. The opposition Skipper, on his last bowl, put it within half a metre behind the kitty and holding shot. Manny had the very last bowl, sized up the situation and without hesitation, followed the same line. You know when Manny starts running after a bowl that he thinks he's in with a chance - and sure enough, it lands right on the shot bowl to take the rink win.

Aberfeldie 2

Aberfeldie 2 put in a dominant performance playing at Home against Rosamond to take a massive win 127-55 for 18 points, but sadly it fell short of finals when Moonee Ponds defeated Essendon by just 3 shots to hold us from 4th ladder position. Rink results:

Warwick Robinson, with Gavin Thoms, Joe Scifo & Joe Farsaci – 43-11 after a big “6” in the lead up to the Break (23-7) gave us a very strong edge which continued to build to domination as the game proceeded. Based on his own assessment, Warwick put in one blinder of a drive to completely reverse one end!!

Vicky Walker, with Greg French, Graham Govan & Stuart O’Brien – 34-16 after being 12-8 at the Break and then wrapping things up nicely with even contributions – with the opposition Skip being very complimentary of Vicky’s performance.

Robin Stoddart, with Brian Holden, Noel Greig & Clay Beveridge – 28-15 after leading 12-8 at the Break, then falling behind, before storming home over the concluding ends for a strong win.

Albert Considine, with Ken Witham, John Pater & Gabriele Forlani – 22-13 after keeping the opposition in check after the Break (15-6).



Mid-week Pennant – Round 14

Aberfeldie 1

It was a must win Home game against second placed Doutta Galla for us to retain top ladder position. Sadly, we were not up to the challenge and lost 33-49 - and lost the opportunity to host the Semi-Final. Rink Results:

Clay Beveridge, with Bill Walshe & Noel Greig – 20-26 after closing the gap a little, having trailed 7-17 after nine ends.

Albert Considine, with John Pater & Gabriele Forlani – 13-23 after trailing 3-8 early in the game. Had a few chances but some excellent opposition bowling consistently took them away.

Aberfeldie 2

Despite being entrenched at the top of the ladder, it was an important game to win, with our City of Melbourne opposition looking to cling onto fourth position. The result was an outstanding win 61-23 for 14 points. Rink Results:

Lynn Grogan, with Barry Baguley & Endre Rakosi – 30-11 after a dominant all of Rink performance with Lynn making the most of her team mates early bowls.

Manny Flores, with Greg French & Lorenzo Di Sipio – 31-12 after getting out to an early lead 11-8, then consistently losing ends to trail 11-12, before storming home without conceding another shot.

Night Pennant

Sadly, it was another loss to a very strong Kingsbury team, with us winning just one of the four games.

News around the Club

- Mandy McOrmond has been another bowler out of action for some time, but she now reports an “all clear” from her Podiatrist – and just awaiting getting clear of laryngitis to get back on the Green.
- Great to see Murray Whiteway on Saturday and today supporting his Club mates. We hope he will soon be back in action. A big “thank you” to Lorraine for bringing him down – although we did notice that she seemed to have a particular attraction to one of our Skip’s rear ends (Mid-week Pennant)!!!

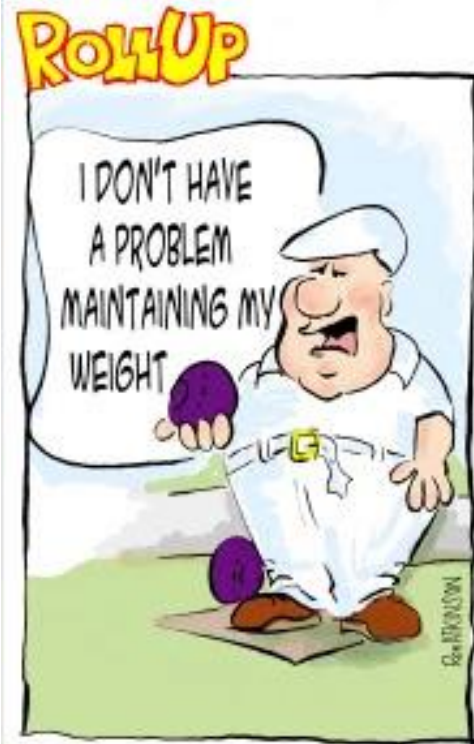
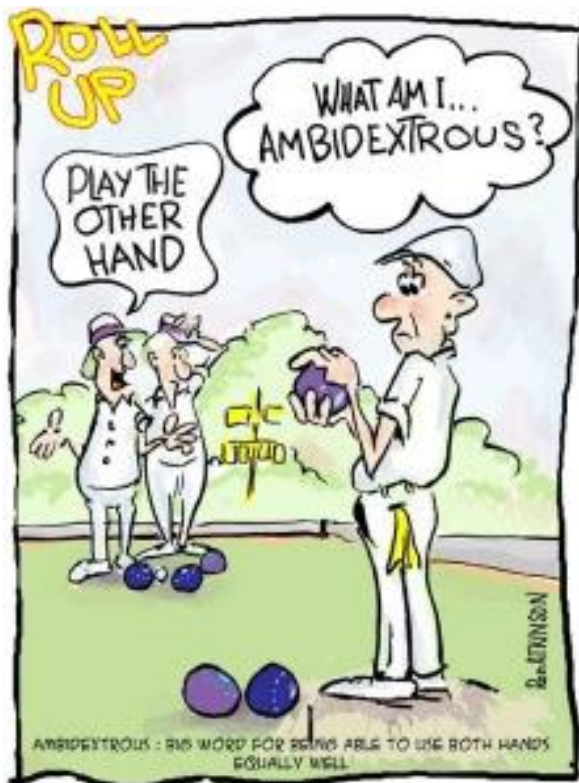
Club Diary – **subject to Bowls Victoria confirmations**

Saturday 18 February – Aberfeldie 1 in Sectional Semi Final against Moonee Ponds at Moonee Ponds
Winner goes through to Grand Final, loser through to Preliminary Final on Sunday.

Tuesday 21 February – Aberfeldie 1 in Sectional Semi Final against Doutta Galla at Doutta Galla
Winner goes through to Grand Final, loser through to Preliminary Final on Thursday.

Tuesday 21 February – Aberfeldie 2 in Sectional Semi Final against Princes Park at Home
Winner goes through to Grand Final, loser through to Preliminary Final on Thursday.

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