



Portland RSL Memorial Bowling Club News Report Friday 10th March 2023

Forty two participants, coming together from Kyeema, Mulleraterong (Hamilton) and GenU (Warrnambool) created a lot of excitement, laughter and fanfare on their arrival at the Portland RSL Memorial Bowling Greens on Monday to compete in the Top Shots All Inclusive Tournament.

The clients were supported by their carers and staff along with a dozen valueable volunteers from around the club taking on the role of rink supervisors.

The day began with the participant teams competing for the Top Shots medal. This involved eight ends of bowls. We saw a variety of bowling styles, efforts greeted with lots of clapping and cheering and some amazing accuracy with shots or connections to the kitty.

Just prior to lunch each rink competed in 'Last Bowl Standing'. The winner from each rink was to then compete after the lunch break. The winner of this finale was Kenneth Aitkin from Kyeema in a tight finish.

A tabloid of lawn bowling activities were available after lunch which required different skills from the clients. The most popular was the bowling ramp where efforts were either greeted with a cheer or a groan depending on where the bowl finished.

Medal's were presented prior to departure. All medallists were from Kyeema. The gold medallists were from the orange team consisting of Lee Hoffman, Kenneth Aitkin, Mick Trott, Robert Aberline and Tom Keller. Silver medallist recipients were team yellow and consisted of Helen Gill, Vanessa Edwards, Bernie Wood and Nicholas Kolpin. Meanwhile the bronze meddalists under the banner of the light blue team had the following; Andrew Camerson, Bart Rowley, Jessica Moore, Angelise O'Connor and Sam Beauglehole. Congratulations to all winners and also to the participants who took on the day with great enthusiasm.

A huge thankyou to Kyeema, Mulleraterong and GenU clients and staff for committing to the day. Our wonderful volunteers who took on the rink supervising, setting up of the greens, and administrative tasks must also be acknowledged for the time and commitment given on the day. Also to the RSL Memorial Bowling club, its management personnel, kitchen and bar staff, a huge thankyou for your generosity and contributions made to the running of a successful day.

Last Sunday saw the running of the Men's Triples Championship. At the completion of the semi finals the two teams left to play off were in the grand final were Chris Elford (skip), Des Pitts and Jason Dean. This team had Elford stepping up to Skip position and Dean as a new up and coming bowler who had an immaculate line all day. Their competitions was a stalwart team with proven calibre; Ken Evans, Bob McIntyre and Uppie Angelino. For the entirety of the game the gap between the two opposes was little more than two. On the last end the deficit was still the same with the Elford crew holding the bonus. The Evans team had to study the head in order to gain the two shots to create the draw. As with bowls, not all of the intended purpose falls into place. Alas was the case for Evans and crew with the final bowls missing their purpose by the merest of millimetres. Final score was Elford 13 to Evans 7. Congratulations to Chris Elford, Des Pitts and Jason Dean on winning the championship event.

Wednesday the 8th March saw the final Monthly Invitation Fours being held for the season. It was a cold, wet, blustery day with only fragments of sunshine and fortunately not many forced breaks

from rainfall. The wind certainly affected the effectiveness of the bowlers' delivery in all shapes and forms to say the least. Teams on the day came from Koroit, Dartmoor, Hamilton, Heywood and Portland.

Best Game Winners on the day were:

First Game: Kevin Husson Team + 8

Second Game: John Wallis Team +7

Third Game: Dean Beckman Team +6

Fourth Game: Price Team +12

Winners of the day were: Des Pitts and his team of Ken Evans, Terry Barclay and John Holian with 4 wins. Congratulations to the recipients of first place, well deserved with four wins. Second place were the Tony Hogan Team with three wins and a draw, whilst third place getters were the Lindsay Grauer foursome with three winds plus 27.

Throughout the 6 game series a list of points were compiled on the performance of all teams competing. The final result came to one point only between each team in the top four. The winners of this compilation were the John Wallis team comprising Geoff Sturzaker, Simon Hein, Lionel Shelton and Ian Grayson on 13 points. Second spot went to the Des Pitts/Ken Evans combination with 12 points and finally third placing with 11 points, Lindsay Grauer. Congratulations to all place getters. A big thankyou to all at the club at management level, bar and kitchen staff, and volunteers who all contributed to the success of the six week program of bowls. Finally sponsorship is imperative in driving the success of a tournament, so the club would like to acknowledge Portland Health Hub, Bryden's Tyre Service, Lovell's Group, MR Wilson Plumbing, Portland Tourist Park and Quick Mix Concrete.

Up and Coming Events:

Men's 21 UP – Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th March / Entries close Thursday 9th March

Formplex St. Patrick's Day Mixed Triples – Friday 17th March

Men's Minor Championship – Saturday 18th March / Entries close Thursday 16th March

Ladies 21 UP Championship - Tuesday 21st March

RSLM Classic Triples Day 1 & 2 – Easter Saturday 25th March & Easter Sunday 26th March

Ladies drawn Triples 28th March

Ladies Drawn Fours will be held in April. Date yet to be announced

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