



Portland RSL Memorial Bowling Club News Report Friday 17th February 2023

The start of finals finally arrived for Weekday Pennant teams with Division 1 taking on Balmoral at Penshurst both having recorded wins against the other during the season. Meanwhile Division 2 had a trip up the highway to Hamilton to take on Coleraine for the second time in a week at Grangeburn. The score difference on that occasion was a loss of a mere three shots. Were they able to reverse the table in this next clash?

Penshurst certainly put on the day for the Division 1 contest with glorious sun shine, a light breeze, a magnificently prepared green and an ideal setting. Portland RSL Memorial took out wins on all three rinks with a very dominant display of bowls winning 77 to Balmoral 42. Getting a few shots up initially was not the easiest of tasks on two of the three rinks, however June Leahy and her team caught the opposition off guard and took off out of the blocks to create a good lead on the opposition in the initial stages of the game. Break time saw the Leahy quartet 12 shots to 1. All three players, Joan Englezos, Ted Leahy and Gerry Watt were able to continue supporting their skip in maintaining their dominance on the game despite an attempted comeback by the opposition. Final scores on this rink had the Leahy team winning 25 to C. Trotman 16.

The remaining two rinks took a while to settle and become comfortable with the green, the conditions and the capability of their bowls. Jude Fasoli's rink were head to head until just prior to the break, when the awesome foursome created a handy lead with an exceptional multiple. Fasoli's team of Robyn McCabe, Robert Liddle and John Wallis continued to demonstrate their dominance throughout the remainder of the game winning 30 against T. Brody 14.

Marion Husson and team were engaged in an equaliser which saw the scores 10 all leading into the break. On resumption, Husson and her rink group, dug their heels in and delivered the goods. The team led by Kathryn Beaglehole, Terry Stanley and Peter Fasoli were persistent and determined in keeping on producing the goods for their skip Marion Husson. The final winning score difference was 22 shots Husson to N. Tinning 12.

All rinks had their moments for the entirety of the game which complimented to the winning margin.

Divison 1 will now take on Hamilton at Heywood. We wish them all the best for their forthcoming game next Tuesday. The teams have been named as follows: June Leahy(S), Gerry Watt, Ted Leahy and Joan Englezos; Marion Husson(S), Peter Fasoli, Terry Stanley and Kathryn Beaglehole; Jude Fasoli(S), John Wallis, Rob Liddle and Robyn McCabe. Emergency: Yet to be named. To all those named, the best of bowling on the day.

Division 2 also experienced pleasant environmental conditions replicating those of Penshurst; sunshine, light winds and a temperature of 25 degrees. Unfortunately the team were unable to break the close result from last week to go their way. Final rink scores were Portland RSL Memorial 28 to Coleraine 42. Pearl Kitt and team went down 13 to L. Beaton 19. Meredith Fredericks led her

team against T. Nolte who eventually proved too strong, going down 15 to 23. This sees the finish of Division 2's journey for the bowling year. Well done team on making the finals.

The Men's 100 Up final took place last Sunday and we saw a very competitive game played out between Geoff Sturzaker and Rod Beaglehole which saw the spectators enthralled to the end. Well done to both players making their way to the final and further congratulations to Sturzaker who took the title on the day.

Saturday 11th February saw the last home and away games of Weekend Pennant. Division 1 played Hamilton at Hamilton who hold the top position of the ladder whilst Portland RSL Memorial are fourth. Final scores in this decider saw Hamilton take the game by 7 shots, compiling a total of 58 to Memorial 51. Des Pitts and team had a win 24 to B. Satchell 20. Ken Evans led his team to a win 22 shots to N. Pech 14. Greg Hoggan and team went down 5 to R. Martin 24.

Division 1 will now be facing a final's campaign fronting up to Portland in the **semis**. This game will be played on neutral ground at Heywood this coming weekend. We wish them all the best in this up and coming game. The teams have been announced as follows: Des Pitts(S), Chris Elford, Dean Beckman & Huon Beaglehole; Greg Hoggan(S), Jim Scott, Kim Overall and John Linley; Ken Evans(S), Ken Woolley, John Buchanan and Simon Hein. Emergency yet to be named.

Division 2 played their last home and away game up at the water tower, taking on Portland Blue holding third position on the ladder to our fourth. The overall final scorecard in this game read Portland RSL Memorial 73 to Portland Blue 51. Memorial won across all three rinks in this matchup. Gerry Watt and team won 24 to L. Hoffman 18; Leonie Buchanan led her team to a good win of 27 shots to A. Palmer 14; whilst Peter Fasoli held the numbers across the line at the end, his team recording 22 shots to A. Smail 19.

Division 2 will now be facing up to the same opposition within seven days on the calendar, Portland Blue in the semi final which shall also be played at Heywood alongside Division 1. The teams read: Gerry Watt(S), Trevor Wynniat, Ian Benbow and Rod Beaglehole; Leonie Buchanan(S), Ted Leahy, Terry Barclay and Uppie Angelino; Peter Fasoli(S), Bob McIntyre, Robert Liddle and June Leahy. Emergency yet to be named.

Division 3 played their last home and away game at home against Hamilton. Victors on the day were Hamilton winning 66 to Portland RSL Memorial 58. The outcome was a close one considering the conditions. The wind was gusting hugely making it very difficult to achieve the intended success of a bowl. Tink Imbi and his team finally broke away and ended up with a strong win of nine shots, scoring 29 to G. Wallis 14. David Garnier and his team also stood up to the oppositions intentions winning by a close margin of 2, the scores reading 20 to B. Edge 18. Terry Stanley and rink went down 9 to H. McIntyre 34.

Division 3 will now play their semi final against Grangeburn on the Hamilton green. The teams for this have been announced as follows: Tink Imbi(S), Peter Pevitt, Ian Merrett and Ernie Arnold; Terry Stanley(S), Meredith Fredericks, Jack Rees and Peter Sierat; Dave Garnier(S), Pearl Kitt, Robyn McCabe and Martin McKeever. Emergency yet to be named.

The club and its members would like to wish all divisions in Weekend Pennant the very best in their semi final conquests.

Congratulations to a Portland RSL Memorial Bowling team who made their way to the Heywood Invitation 4's and had a win. Great effort and success acknowledged to John Buchanan, Leonie Buchanan, Terry Barclay and John Holien who won all games on the day.

Up and coming on the 19th February, Portland RSL Memorial Bowling Club will be hosting the finals of the West Coast Region State events. This includes the Women's and Men's Triples events, and the Men's Champion of Champions. Make sure you take the time to drop in on the deck to see a few ends being put down. You will be guaranteed of some high quality bowls being delivered.

Up and Coming Events:

Saturday 18th February Weekend Pennant semi Final

Tuesday 21st February Midweek Pennant Preliminary Final

Thursday 23rd February Ladies Drawn Triples Championship. Entries close Monday 20th February.

Saturday 25th February Weekend Pennant Preliminary Final

Tuesday 28th February Midweek Pennant Grand final

Saturday 4th March Weekend Pennant Grand final

Monday 6th March Top Shot Bowls All Inclusive Abilities Tournament

Wednesday 8th March Monthly Invitation 4's

Saturday/ Sunday 11th & 12th March Men's 21 UP. Names in by Thursday 9th March

Friday 17th March St.Patrick's Day Mixed Triples. Lady Skip. Major sponsor Formplex. Minor Sponsors Drew Gleeson, Coastal Self Storage and Complete Bowls.

Saturday 18th March Men's Minor Championship





