



Portland RSL Memorial Bowling Club News Report Friday 24th February 2023

This past week has been one filled with a myriad of finals activity for both Weekend and Weekday Pennant. Two out of the three divisions (all finishing fourth on the ladder) of Weekend Pennant made their way into the semi finals.

Division 1 were the unfortunate team to leave the finals series. Their competitors were Portland and they were out to prove their dominance. Final scores of the match were Portland RSL Memorial 52 to Portland 70. The game was played at Heywood. Greg Hoggan and team were in a battle on their rink against L. Graur, finally winning the game 21 to 20. The Des Pitts quartet score card had the team going down by five shots against P. Cottier, finally reading Portland RSL Memorial 18 to Portland 23. Ken Evans and team were unable to match B. Bowden's team intensity going down 12 to 26.

Division 2 also took up their semi final battle on the Heywood green against Portland Blue. Portland RSL Memorial had won two of the three home and aways against Portland Blue played during the season, and so the trend continued. Final result on the day was Portland RSL Memorial 70 to Portland Blue 56. Gerry Watt and his team of Trevor Wynniat, Ian Benbow and Rod Beauglehole had a day out on the green winning 29 to A. Palmer 19. Watt as skip, led his team by example with some great bowls. At one stage the team winning seven ends in a row. Peter Fasoli along with Bob McIntyre, Robert Liddle and June Leahy were dominant on their green making sure they were getting in their bowls consistently. The final score card reading 25 to L. Hoffman 16. Leonie Buchanan, supported by Ted Leahy, Terry Barclay and Uppie Angelino worked hard against the opposition but unfortunately fell away by five shots, 16 to A. Smail 21. Portland RSL Memorial now take on Hamilton Gold this Saturday at Heywood. Members make your way up the highway and provide support for Division 2.

The teams for the up and coming Preliminary Final in Division 2 read as follows: Gerry Watt(S), Trevor Wynniat, Ian Benbow and Rod Beauglehole; 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 had to make their way further along the highway to Hamilton where they took up the battle against Grangeburn. Grangeburn had won its three at home games and Portland RSL Memorial its two. On the ladder Grangeburn had a significant shot bonus however this did not hamper nor compromise the intent of the Portland RSL Memorial bowling team, winning 65 to 48. Terry Stanley's rink had a solid win and led all day with some classic bowls from the skip, Meredith Fredericks, Jack Rees and Peter Sierat, final scores 24 to 17. Tink Imbi talked his team of Pearl Kitt, Robyn McCabe and Martin McKeever up for a wonderful performance against J. Colcott, winning 23 to 9. David Garnier and team were involved in a head to head battle for the duration of the day but the score deficit for a win alluded them on the last 2 ends, finally going down by 4. The final score card read Garnier 18 to K. Bailey 22. Portland RSL Memorial will now play the preliminary against Hamilton at Heywood. This will be for the sixth time this season. Once again with both Division 2 and

3 heading into battle in an attempt to surpass the relevant oppositions up at Heywood it would be great to see a solid viewing gallery of support from the club.

The teams for the Preliminary matchup in Division 3 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: Jude Fasoli.

Midweek Pennant Division 1 headed to Heywood this Tuesday gone, to tackle Hamilton in the Preliminary Final in search of reaching the Holy Grail match. It has been a great effort by this team in making it to the Grand Final as they started from fourth position on the ladder. The day was not one that enhanced the trajectory of lawn bowl. The winds increased in their gustily heights as the match progressed making it extremely difficult for the participating teams. It was a game of ebbs and flows that finally culminated into a nail biting last end. The final result on the Preliminary score card was Portland RSL Memorial 66 to Hamilton 62. RSL were fortunate that the final yellow bowls of the opposition skips missed the kitty by the finest of margins. A slight move back of the kitty would have meant a loss of one. PHEW! The difference at lunch time was similar Portland RSL Memorial 34 to Hamilton 29. A tight game all day!

Marion Husson as skip was well supported by Peter Fasoli, Terry Stanley and Kathryn Beauglehole. This team led all day under the guise of great skipping by Husson. By the 10th end a lead of five was established and well maintained for the duration of the game with the difference never being any less than the five shots mentioned. Good consistent bowls by all members of the rink meant a win of 27 to K. Satchell 16.

June Leahy's team were involved in a game of chase right from the beginning of the game. Gerry Watt, Ted Leahy and Joan Englezos worked hard in supporting their skip and came to within five shots at the break. Leahy and team continued to be in chase mode for the duration of the game but were not making it easy for the opposition. There were able to hold them on 23 for three ends after the 17th. This enabled them to catch up on the score card to a difference of eight. Final scores read Leahy 16 to H. McIntyre 24.

Jude Fasoli and her team consisting of John Wallis, Robert Liddle and Robyn McCabe was a game of halves in which multiples played a big role in the latter portion of the game. At lunch break Fasoli and team had a break of four, the scores being 11 to J. Poole's team 7. The second half of the game had the multiple of five shots gained, see-sawing between the two teams. J. Poole and team were working hard to make the results turn in their favour but Fasoli's crew were able to hold off the late charge winning the game 23 to Hamilton 21.

Division 1 of Midweek Pennant will now play Portland at Heywood this coming Tuesday in the Grand Final. The team has been announced as follows: June Leahy(S), Gerry Watt, Ted Leahy and Joan Englezos; Marion Husson(S), Peter Fasoli, Terry Stanley and Kathryn Beauglehole; Jude Fasoli(S), John Wallis, Rob Liddle and Robyn McCabe. Emergency: Yet to be named. We wish all the players the best of bowling on the day. A great team of supporters made the trek to Heywood last week which was appreciated by the participants. We look forward to similar support for the GF. The game starts at 9:30am for those who are interested in being spectators on the day.

Another very exciting achievement to occur was the Portland RSL Memorial Men's Triples team which had won our Playing Area competition, moved on to compete at the regional level played this past Sunday. Huge congratulations to John Wallis, Dean Beckman and Simon Hein on winning at this level. Simon Hein is also credited with a performance of a champion in his lead position in the

reports being murmured around the club. This is the second year running for the trio, reaching this accolade. We now wish them all the best on their Bendigo foray which will take place in April sometime. Readers will be notified of the dates when they are released.

Thursday 23rd February Ladies Drawn Triples Championship. This event has been postponed. Stay tuned for re-scheduling of date.

Saturday 25th February Weekend Pennant Preliminary Final – Division 2 & 3 /1:00pm start

Tuesday 28th February Midweek Pennant Grand final – Division 1 / 9:30am start

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

Thursday 23rd March Ladies 21 Up Championship



