



Portland RSL Memorial Bowling Club News Report Friday 23rd December

The Ladies Singles Championship not only produced an intriguing game between Kim Overall and Robyn McCabe but also produced a result that was one for the record books. Kim Overall has now won the Ladies Singles Championship for four consecutive years an achievement that has not been reached before at our club. Prior to this, Myra Proudfoot, one of PRSLM's champion bowlers in the past, had slotted in three consecutive wins. Another record to still be broken is for Kim standing on 11 overall Champion wins to gather another two, in order to equal Myra Proudfoot's 13. Just as a side note and point of interest, when looking at the PRSLM Men's Singles Championship data, George McCombe won five consecutive singles titles with a tally of 13 wins overall (Data is taken from the Portland RSL Memorial History Book 1985 – 2000) The challenge is there for Overall to continue on her road for championship success in the future. Congratulations Kim on a wonderful Champion achievement. Your success is a credit to you and the practice and diligence you put into your game. We pass on the accolades that such a result is worthy of.

Now back to the Championship game, the final result was 25 to Kim Overall and 18 to Robyn McCabe. It must be mentioned at this point that McCabe certainly made Overall work for the win. Overall flew out of the blocks and left McCabe wondering when she would get a score on the board. Once nerves settled, McCabe broke though on the fifth end scoring a multiple with all four bowls. Overall stepped up the pace and put the pressure back on. At the end of the tenth end scores were Overall's way 20 to 7. McCabe steadied again and gradually and persistently added to her score, whilst Overall was having trouble gaining the remaining 5 shots needed. Languishing on 24 for 5 ends, the game finally concluded with the scores 25 to 18. Great effort to both competitors in producing a final that kept the spectators enthralled. Once again Congratulations to Kim Overall on being the outright winner.

The final round of Weekend Pennant prior to Christmas saw two wins and a draw marked on the board. Division 1 had the longest trek of all rounds to the lovely red gum and peripheral area of the Grampians, Balmoral. This match was a great tussle with two rinks of the three going winning on the oppositions green. Overall result was an evens of odd numbers, 53 all. Ken Evans and his rink worked hard to take the win against D Brody but final results written on the score card were 14 Evans to 21 Brody. The other two rinks covered the disparity with Greg Hoggan piling on a score of 18 to N Trotman 15, and D Pitts leading his team to a 4 point win 21 to P Merryful 17. The ladder at the Christmas break reads as follows: Hamilton, Portland, Balmoral, PRSLM, Heywood, Grangeburn, Penshurst and Casterton.

Division 2 took the road leading to Macarthur and came away with the overall win also in a close match up. Final scores were PRSLM 60 to Macarthur 57. Leonie Buchanan's rink had a comfortable win, scores reading 23 to A Bourke 12. Peter Fasoli's contingent racked up a score of 24 to J Schroeder's 20. Meanwhile Gerry Watt and team faced a loss against C Tonissen 25 to 13. The ladder

reads as follows: Hamilton Gold, Portland Gold, Portland Blue, PRSLM, Macarthur and Hamilton Green.

Division 3 won on all three rinks and had a substantial win against their opposition winning 72 shots to Grangeburn 46. Tink Imbi was involved in a close finish finally taking the points with a score of 18 to W Kosch 16. Terry Stanley took on his skippering role leading his team to a definitive win, scoring 33 to N Ryan 19. David Garnier and team also stamped their authority on the green taking the win 21 to J Colcott 11. The ladder reads Hamilton, Coleraine, Grangeburn and PRSLM.

Please note that Weekend Pennant now takes on a Christmas Break and will resume on Saturday 21st June.

Thursday 15th December saw the bowling club greet 60 students and their staff from Portland South Primary School. After a general initiation of bowling skills and delivery the students took part in an eight station Tabloid sports, each activity requiring different skills and application. The students rotated through each of the stations with much cheering, fun and exhilaration all encouraging and acknowledging achievements. It was interesting to note the improvement of skills over the duration of the event. It was a great 2 hour session and we look forward to further Primary School connections in the future.

Sunday the 18th December saw the Christmas Ham's Day taking place. It was great to see many of our members out on the green. Congratulations to the winners on the day Kelly Mena-Banks, Chris Fleming and Marion Husson. Runners up were Gerry Watt, John Maher and Norm Campbell. Well played everyone.

Up and Coming Events:

Social Bowls continues to be on our bowls events calendar every Wednesday and Saturday. Starting time is 1:00pm and names must be into Graham and Norm by 12:30. The contact phone number is 55237155. These days are not just for current bowlers but we love to see new and visiting folk. All are welcome and warmly greeted. Bowls are also available at the club for use at no charge.

Monday evenings are put aside for Coaching and is held between 5:00 – 6:00 pm. This is provided free of charge and all equipment is provided. Currently Twilight Barefoot Bowls is on hold. Stay tuned for resumption dates and times.

Saturday 8th January: Men's Singles Championship. Names to be registered by 5th January

Sunday 9th January: Men's Singles Championship Final

Saturday 14th January: Men's Fours Championship Day 1. Names in by 12th January

Sunday 15th January: Men's Fours Championship Final

Wednesday 25th January: Englezos Day. Afternoon tea provided

Thursday 26th January: Ladies Drawn Fours. Entries close 23rd January

