



PENNANT WRAP

ROUND 1

We made it through!



Bowls; A Sport for All

Women's Weekend Pennant Grade 1/2

Home	R1	R2	T	T	R2	R1	Away
Yowani CC Bowling Club	WASHOUT						CBC/YCC
Queanbeyan Bowling Club	16	20	36	26	15	11	Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club - Blue
Weston Creek Bowling Club	36	44	80	29	16	13	Goulburn Railway Women's Bowling Club - Green
Canberra North Bowling Club	WASHOUT						Goulburn Railway Women's Bowling Club - Gold
Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club - Gold	33	24	57	18	9	9	Vikings Bowls Club

Late rain through the week cast some doubt on whether we would get any play on Saturday morning, but in a lucky reprieve from mother nature (first time in a while!) we only had the two washouts for the day. Unlucky for Yowani, CBC/YCC, CNBC, and GRWBC Gold that we weren't able to get play underway, but the heavy rains had soaked in too deep for play to go on.

Elsewhere we were able to get the 2021 season underway! Queanbeyan broke in the new greens with a fantastic win against their rivals from over the bridge. Strong performances across the board saw them taking home all the points.

Weston Creek gave a tough welcome to the ladies from Goulburn Railway with a commanding victory. Taking shots throughout the day Weston Creek never even left a sniff out on the greens in a performance that may well act as a warning shot to others.

In our final match for the round QRSL took a big win away from Vikings with a dominant display at home. Vikings are starting to blood some new players through their pennants squad and won't let the loss deter them from the rest of the season, they will be looking at this one as a learning experience against some seasoned players.

Table

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	Weston Creek Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	80	17	63	8
2	Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club - Gold	1	1	0	0	0	57	18	39	8
3	Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club - Blue	1	1	0	0	0	44	36	8	7
4	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	36	44	-8	1
5	Goulburn Railway Women's Bowling Club - Gold	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	Canberra North Bowling Club	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	Vikings Bowls Club	1	0	1	0	0	18	57	-39	0
8	Goulburn Railway Women's Bowling Club - Green	1	0	1	0	0	17	80	-63	0

Men's Pennant Grade 1

Home	R1	R2	R3	T	T	R3	R2	R1	Away
Belconnen Bowling Club	14	10	13	37	76	30	30	16	Canberra North Bowling Club
Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club	24	27	25	76	38	12	15	11	Yass Bowling Club
Canberra Bowling Club	40	19	18	77	48	19	16	13	Queanbeyan Bowling Club
Weston Creek Bowling Club	17	21	14	52	58	25	11	22	Tuggeranong Vikings LBC

The start of the Grade 1 season has seen some big winning margins across 3 of the 4 matches played. Weston Creek and Tuggeranong Vikings duked it out all day to finish in a tight one with the away Vikings taking it out by 6 shots, with 2 rinks to 1. Last year's front runners will be looking to make amends as soon as they can for that one.

Elsewhere it was big wins. Canberra North put a big statement in with a large win away at Belconnen. They'll take home the bragging rights from the North side of Canberra leaving Belconnen to try to work out what went wrong at home.

QRSL sent Yass home licking their wounds with a trouncing. Not the start Yass were looking for to the season, but they'll need to pick themselves up quickly if they are to find some form. QRSL will be looking to build further after taking big wins across all three rinks to show their form runs deep across the squad.

Canberra Bowling Club have showed the competition that they are going to be a force to be reckoned with after the first-round thumping of Queanbeyan BC. What looked an even match up on paper proved to be nothing of the sorts on the green. CBC pick up 2 out of 3 rinks, only losing the third by a shot. Queanbeyan will head back across the border to recoup for the next showdown.

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Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	Canberra North Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	76	37	39	12
2	Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	76	38	38	12
3	Canberra Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	77	48	29	10
4	Tuggeranong Vikings Lawn Bowls Club	1	1	0	0	0	58	52	6	10
5	Weston Creek Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	52	58	-6	2
6	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	48	77	-29	2
7	Yass Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	38	76	-38	0
8	Belconnen Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	37	76	-39	0

Men's Pennant Grade 2

Home	R1	R2	R3	T	T	R3	R2	R1	Away
Weston Creek Bowling Club	12	17	26	55	63	16	23	24	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club
Queanbeyan Bowling Club	11	19	18	48	61	17	18	26	Belconnen Bowling Club
Canberra Bowling Club	20	29	24	73	47	18	8	21	Tuggeranong Vikings LBC

Weston Creek's woes at home kept coming in Grade 2 with a loss at the hands of the travelling Goulburn squad. Goulburn showed that yet again they are going to be tough to beat in Grade 2 with a solid display to start the year. Both teams will be looking to build from here.

Queanbeyan's Grade 2 side couldn't replicate the work of the ladies from the day before and had a loss first up on the new greens. Belconnen came out firing on Rink 1 taking a massive win which gave them the victory overall. Losses on the other two rinks couldn't take the points away as Belconnen start strongly.

CBC showed the strength they have across the entire club with a dominate display against Tuggeranong Vikings at home. They almost had all three rinks, just losing out on Rink 1 by a shot, but will be buoyed by the points they've put up early in the season against a strong opponent. Tuggeranong will be looking to put some work in on the greens over the coming weeks to turn it around for later in the season.

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Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	Canberra Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	73	47	26	10
2	Goulburn Railway Men's Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	63	55	8	10
3	Belconnen Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	61	48	13	8
4	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	48	61	-13	4
5	Weston Creek Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	55	63	-8	2
6	Tuggeranong Vikings Lawn Bowls Club	1	0	1	0	0	47	73	-26	2

Men's Pennant Grade 3

Home	R1	R2	R3	T	T	R3	R2	R1	Away
Yowani CC Bowling Club	30	8	10	48	89	33	41	15	Crookwell Services Bowling Club
Tuggeranong Vikings LBC	16	22	20	58	52	14	19	19	Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club
Yass Bowling Club	18	7	16	41	82	24	29	29	Canberra North Bowling Club

Outside of the first rink it was a tough day at the office for Yowani, going down by a combined 53 shots across Rink 2 and 3. Crookwell showed that they are going to be tough to beat once again in 2021 with a strong performance.

Tuggeranong Vikings and QRSL played out a nail biter down in the Valley with Vikings coming out on top by 6 shots in the end. Both squads showed that it should be an even competition, but in the end QRSL couldn't quite match it with the Vikings on the day. Not to be downtrodden, QRSL will be sure to rebound quickly from this one.

Yass had another difficult match up here with Norths pulling out to a big lead across all three rinks. Norths are showing some early promise across the grades, but this is one performance that'll be sure to get their tails up. Yass have some work to do to come back through the season.

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Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	Canberra North Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	82	41	41	12
2	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	89	48	41	10
3	Tuggeranong Vikings Lawn Bowls Club	1	1	0	0	0	58	52	6	10
4	Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	52	58	-6	2
5	Yowani CC Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	48	89	-41	2
6	Yass Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	41	82	-41	0

Men's Pennant Grade 4

Home	R1	R2	R3	T	T	R3	R2	R1	Away
Queanbeyan Bowling Club	33	16	18	67	46	21	16	9	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club
Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club	19	23	16	58	59	23	20	16	Weston Creek Bowling Club
Yowani CC Bowling Club	12	16	31	59	64	19	20	25	Tuggeranong Vikings LBC

Queanbeyan put a win on the board for the Men's arm of the Club against Goulburn Railway, taking out what was actually a more even affair than the score would suggest. Rink 1 was where the damage was done here with a massive 14 shot lead, there was really no coming back from there for the Railway.

QRSL and the Creek played out a tense affair with the Creekers taking it out by a shot in the end. QRSL took out 2 of the 3 rinks, but the damage was done on Rink 3 for the Creek. A strong performance by the group managed to give them the shots they need to take out the overall win on the day. There will be vengeance on the cards for later in the season when QRSL head over to the Creek.

Yowani put in a better showing in Grade 4 going down by 5 shots to the Vikings. Tuggeranong again showed they've got the depth through the grades to mix it in all competitions taking out 2 from 3 rinks and the overall win. Yowani's Rink 3 were strong though, a bit more from the other rinks and they'll be matching it with the rest of the competition.

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Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	Tuggeranong Vikings LBC	1	1	0	0	0	64	59	5	10
2	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	67	46	21	9
3	Weston Creek Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	59	58	1	8
4	Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	58	59	-1	4
5	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	46	67	-21	3
6	Yowani CC Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	59	64	-5	2

Men's Pennant Grade 5

Home	R1	R2	R3	T	T	R3	R2	R1	Away
Tuggeranong Vikings LBC	13	22	19	54	50	17	12	21	Queanbeyan Bowling Club
Canberra North Bowling Club	23	12	25	60	49	12	23	14	Belconnen Bowling Club
Crookwell Services Bowling Club	24	24	23	71	42	14	14	14	Canberra Bowling Club

Down in the Valley it was Tuggeranong taking out yet another win, this time against Queanbeyan BC in a tight match. The Vikings finished four shots up across the green, but it wasn't all smooth sailing with Queanbeyan picking up 8 shots on Rink 1. Rink 2 was the real hero of the day for the men from the Valley, picking up 10 shots to give the Vikings a lead that would prove too much.

Norths took full honours for the Northern Canberra battle with another win over Belconnen here to add to their victory in Grade 1. This time over in the city, Norths proved they've got some talent brewing at the club with a strong win over a competitive Belconnen squad. I wouldn't think it would be as easy next time out at Belconnen.

Crookwell put up another big victory to go along with their win in Grade 3. This time at home against a travelling CBC squad Crookwell put on a heavy shots tally to take a 29 shot win against a good opponent. CBC proved to be the picture of consistency notching up 14 shots in each rink, however they'll need to put more on the board if they're going to get back into the season. Crookwell look as though they're going to be tough to beat at home.

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Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	71	42	29	12
2	Canberra North Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	60	49	11	10
3	Tuggeranong Vikings LBC	1	1	0	0	0	54	50	4	10
4	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	50	54	-4	2
5	Belconnen Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	49	60	-11	2
6	Canberra Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	42	71	-29	0

Men's Pennant Grade 6

Home	R1	R2	R3	T	T	R3	R2	R1	Away
Weston Creek Bowling Club	16	15	20	51	51	14	19	18	Yass Bowling Club
Crookwell Services Bowling Club	24	16	18	58	52	16	25	11	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club
Canberra North Bowling Club	9	23	11	43	67	20	15	32	Bungendore Bowling Club

In what might be the closest competition for the week, Grade 6 put on some all time classics for Round 1. After saying thanks to the gods for the rain staying away there were three matches that you would stand up in any history book.

Weston Creek and Yass played out a draw down in the Creek. 51 shots a piece means we couldn't separate the two overall, however, Yass took out two rinks to one taking the points in the affair. The win serves as Yass' only win across all three Grades and will be sure to buoy hopes for the rest of the club moving forward.

Crookwell and Goulburn played out the derby we were all hoping for it to be, with Crookwell taking out the win by 6 shots overall against a strong opponent. A big win for Crookwell on Rink one was evened out next door with a big win for Goulburn on Rink two, but it was the win on Rink 3 which sealed it for Crookwell. They pick up some always welcome points to start the season off against their rivals and move on to the next round looking to make some moves.

Now; after their performances in 2020 were not what were to hoped for from the club, Bungendore BC have pulled out the first massive upset of the year. Bungendore take out the win and in fine fashion, notching up 67 shots to take a 24 shot win. We're all hoping this is a sign of the future for the club, except possibly Norths who will be smarting after that loss. A tough way to start the season for Norths, but Bungendore are off to an absolutely flying start. Keep you eyes on Grade 6, you never know what is going to happen! Bungendore BC on top of the ladder!

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Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	Bungendore Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	67	43	24	10
2	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	1	1	0	0	0	58	52	6	10
3	Yass Bowling Club	1	0	0	1	0	51	51	0	7
4	Weston Creek Bowling Club	1	0	0	1	0	51	51	0	5
5	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	52	58	-6	2
6	Canberra North Bowling Club	1	0	1	0	0	43	67	-24	2

Stories

“Maybe 2020 is finally over?”

The story for the week is the graciousness of mother nature to finally cut everyone a bit of a break. While 2020 wasn't exactly what we were hoping for, Thursday and Friday were making it look like someone up above had it out for us. Bushfires were the flavour of the month this time last year, but this time it was the rains threatening to throw everything out the window.

But in what can only be described as a change of heart, it seems that mother nature has had enough of torturing us and finally decided it was time to cut us some slack. We managed to get through the weekend almost fully intact. Yowani and Norths couldn't quite get there on Saturday, but we managed to get through the majority of Round 1 without being inundated with rain and washouts. Though storms did manage to knock the power out at the Bowls ACT office on Monday night, doesn't matter, we got some Bowls in!

All I can say is that I for one welcome this change of heart and look forward to getting back to appreciating the blessings we receive here in Canberra.

Yarn of the Week

If you have any stories that you pick up through the rounds we'd love to share them. Each week I'll be looking for a "Yarn of the Week". Simply a fantastic tale about sportsmanship, gamesmanship, friendship and community spirit to share the love of this great game. If you see something that you think fits this theme feel free to email it through (exec@bowlfact.org.au) including your contact details so I can get in touch.

Let's spread the love for Bowls; A Sport for All.

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