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# Round 7: April 10



# 2022 Pennants

Plenty to get into this week as the results continue to surprise us across the competitions each weekend. We've got battles breaking out across each competition and the top four starting to take some shape across a number of them.

I want to take a second to acknowledge the fight that is going on in Grade 7 right now. Sometimes you might read the Pennant IN FOCUS and not quite make it to the end to check out what is going on, so let me tell you. Currently, the top four sits within 10 points of each other with fifth placed Crookwell still in distance of catching up. The player movement up through the grades can often throw out some interesting results through the lower grades, but if you're looking for a competition to follow I can't help but point you in the direction of Grade 7. Results swing wildly each week and the unpredictable nature of the competition makes for a fantastic spectacle. Check it out and start to follow along, I know you'll enjoy.

## Grand Finals

We're pleased to announce that Vikings Bowls Club in Tuggeranong will again host the Pennant Grand Finals for 2022. Coming off a brilliant showcase we're excited to see Vikings again host the bowls community, this time across two days filled with bowls.

The Grand Finals will be hosted across two days this year with Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 to play on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May while Grades 5, 6, and 7 will play on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. The split is sure to give clubs the opportunity to get down and support each other across the grades as we celebrate bowls together in what is sure to be a thrilling finish to the season.

## Singles



I know this is a Pennant write up, but it would be remiss of me not to give a mention to the conclusion of the singles over the weekend. A massive field entered with almost 100 participants across the Men's and Women's competitions splitting the first day of the competition across QRSLMBC and QBC, before coming together at QRSL for the final two days of the event.

In the end it was Garry Charker getting the job done against clubmate James Reynolds in the Men's competition in what was a tense final, finishing 23-25. In the Women's competition it was Chloe Morrison continuing a dominant 2022 against Gina Dowley who surprised many with a brilliant run across the competition, final score 25-4 the Morrison.

Congratulations to our Champions and thank you to all who entered. A final thank you to Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club for hosting the event on their, as usual, spectacular greens. We appreciate the support provided by the community and thoroughly enjoy hosting these events for all to enjoy.



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# Grade 1

## Results

BYE										Weston Creek Bowling Club
Queanbeyan Bowling Club	13	11	18	42		67	17	27	23	Belconnen Bowling Club
Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	19	33	30	82		36	14	6	16	Canberra North Bowling Club
Canberra Bowling Club	12	17	25	54		60	15	22	23	Vikings Bowls Club

An interesting reality check to start things off for the round as Belconnen handed Queanbeyan a big loss on their home turf to further their credentials for the title in 2022. They took it out by 25 shots overall to make somewhat of a statement to the rest of the competition. Queanbeyan could have solidified their position towards the top of the tree, but it wasn't to be in the end as the competition just shrunk even closer together.

QRSL handed out a massive loss to Norths to the tune of 46 shots on the big board this week to deepen the hole for Norths. Norths put in a good fight on Rink 1 but were thoroughly outplayed across the other two rinks in the end as QRSL gave their season a good shot in the arm. Norths will have to go on in search of a rink win for yet another week now.

The last match threw up a huge result as Vikings got the job done over at Forrest against the Cobras this week. They ended up taking two rinks and 6 shots overall in what is a massive win in the context of their season. The win puts them clear out in front of the competition, sitting atop of the table now as we get into the back end of the season. For Canberra though this was a massive loss. They find themselves hanging on to a top four spot for the time being and really need to find some answers before the season starts to get away from them.

## Ladder

Pos	Name	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	Points	Matches	Points AVG	Shots AVG
1	VBC	4	1	0	1	45	5	9.0	6.6
2	QBC	4	2	0	0	46	6	7.7	5.5
3	BBC	3	2	0	1	35	5	7.0	14.2
4	CBC	3	2	0	1	34	5	6.8	8.6
5	QRSLMBC	2	3	0	1	31	5	6.2	5.4
6	WCBC	2	3	0	1	25	5	5.0	-4.0
7	CNBC	0	5	0	1	0	5	0.0	-37.4



I don't think too many people were prepared for Vikings to be out in front 6 rounds through the season, but there they stand and with a good gap back to second placed Queanbeyan. Belconnen sit third, but they've got Canberra following closely behind, just 0.2 avg points behind, a margin that could shift with a big win or loss either way. QRSL can see the pack in front of them from fifth spot and will look to put a few good rounds in to get them back into the finals position as the season rounds out over the coming month. For Weston Creek though the story is getting sour very quickly as they see the gap up to the top four starting to widen. They'll need plenty of points very quickly otherwise the season will be over before they know it. For Norths it is season done, but there is always something to play for as they go after some rinks in the back end and what is now the goal of taking a win in the season.

### Looking Ahead

Home	Away	Venue
Canberra North Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	Canberra North Bowling Club
Vikings Bowls Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Tuggeranong Vikings
BYE	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	
Belconnen Bowling Club	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	Belconnen Bowling Club

Canberra will be looking to regain some form this weekend as they head over to the old foe's greens at Norths. They've had a bad run of late but will look to steady the ship with a couple rounds remaining before the rip into what they're hoping will be a finals campaign. For Norths the match represents an opportunity to snag a win against a struggling opponent. They'll need to be at their best to capitalise on bad form, but the job is there to be done for them.

Vikings have a chance to further their lead up the top of the table this week as they come up against Weston Creek. Given the run of form so far they'll need to pull all the rinks to keep up the average, but the opportunity is there for it. Weston Creek haven't been where they'd like to be all season as they find themselves struggling to match it with the top clubs, but if they are going to have any chance of making the finals they need to start here against the top side. This could be a season defining moment for them, but I expect Vikings to take the advantage on the home turf.

Belconnen will play host to QRSL and will be looking to push their season even further ahead this week. QRSL have been in some good form and have proved that on their day they can match it with the best, but a matchup over at Belconnen is a daunting task for any club this year. As we come into the last rounds of the year each match will be important, but this one looks set to shape a few rounds to come as we head towards the finals campaign. A QRSL win will pile the pressure on BBC and CBC, whereas a loss will blow out a bit of steam across the ladder. This will give us some shape moving forward and I expect it to be a great match.



# Grade 2

## Results

BYE										Weston Creek Bowling Club
Belconnen Bowls Club	19	17	17	<b>53</b>		<b>56</b>	21	14	21	Goulburn Railway Bowls Club
Canberra Bowling Club	24	15	20	<b>59</b>		<b>46</b>	15	18	13	Queanbeyan Bowls Club
Yass Bowling Club	20	22	8	<b>50</b>		<b>46</b>	26	7	13	Vikings Bowls Club

A very close match as we start to look at the round for Grade 2 as Goulburn sneak away from Belconnen with the win. They managed to get the job done by just the 3 shots overall in the late stages of the match, but as the season moves on it is the little things that count. The win keeps them in step up the top of the ladder as they look to close in on top spot, but for Belconnen the loss means they've just made the finals picture that bit more blurry.

Canberra keep on their winning ways with a solid victory against Queanbeyan to keep them up the top. Queanbeyan find themselves sitting thoroughly mid table after an up and down year, but a loss to top spot is not as bitter a pill to swallow. They snagged a rink in the loss to make things a bit easier, but the loss really does mean they'll need to fight it out to stay in a finals position.

Yass just managed to get the job done against Vikings who would yet again be disappointed to not take a win from this match. They've been lively so far this year Vikings, but don't really have the results to show for it. Taking some rink wins across the weeks still gives them a shot at the finals, but they'll need to get a few more overall wins to make it happen. For Yass the win means they've got some clear air to reassess and have a real crack at the finals.



## Ladder

Pos.	Club	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	Points	Matches	Points AVG	Scores AVG
1	CBC	4	1	0	1	48	5	9.6	20.0
2	GRBC	3	1	0	1	36	4	9.0	12.3
3	YBC	3	1	1	1	36	5	7.2	5.6
4	QBC	2	3	0	1	28	5	5.6	-5.2
5	BBC	2	4	0	0	28	6	4.7	-0.5
6	VBC	2	3	0	1	20	5	4.0	-14.8
7	WCBC	0	3	1	1	8	4	2.0	-18.5

CBC remain out in front this week with Goulburn still hot on their heels. Goulburn will play their postponed match soon and look to really take advantage against Weston Creek who find themselves rooted to the bottom of the table without a win. Yass follows in third with some clear air down to Queanbeyan in fourth which is where the real battle begins. Belconnen and Vikings sit eagerly behind them in fifth and sixth just waiting for a slip up to take the advantage. There looks like two battles in this competition. Battle for first and the battle for fourth. Both will be intriguing.

## Looking Ahead

Home	Away	Venue
Queanbeyan Bowls Club	Yass Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowls Club
Vikings Bowls Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club Inc
BYE	Belconnen Bowls Club	
Goulburn Railway Bowls Club	Canberra Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowls Club

Queanbeyan will host Yass in an important fixture for both clubs aspirations. A win to Yass will mean they've done the leg work to sow up their finals spot, but a loss means they could end up in the battle for fourth. Queanbeyan will know how important this match is as they look both above and below them on the ladder. A loss and the pressure gauge goes through the roof, whilst a win gives them that bit of fresh air they'll need to really start to build towards the back end of the year. I'm tipping Yass, but really not by much with so much on the line.

Vikings will host Weston Creek in a battle at the bottom of the table. Vikings have been close on a couple occasions, but they really have the opportunity here to make things count as they come up against a struggling Weston Creek. This is a good opportunity for Weston Creek to put the win on the board, they showed against Yass a few weeks back that they can do it, but they'll need to get it all right this weekend to throw a spanner in the season of the Vikings.

Final match of the round sees the top two going head to head in a match that will define the weeks to come. Grand Final rematch from 2021, both clubs have held the same form so far through 2022 and the clash will be a massive opportunity for both to try to secure a home finals series. No chance I'm trying to pick this one, you'll have to keep an eye out for the results across the grounds.



# Grade 3

## Results

Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	22	21	20	63		51	16	17	18	Canberra North Bowling Club
Canberra Bowling Club	20	32	14	66		59	20	20	19	Vikings Bowls Club
Crookwell Services Bowling Club	25	12	29	66		46	9	23	14	Weston Creek Bowling Club

Some interesting results across Grade 3 this week starting with a win for Yowani that really steadies the ship on the year. They took the win against Norths, who have only managed the one win for the year so far, but it'll be a confidence boost as they move into the second half of the year. They got all three rinks along the way to give themselves a nice boost, but for Norths it only adds to the struggles as they see the season fade away.

Canberra put up yet another win as they look to extend their lead at the top. The win puts them out of reach of Crookwell's catch-up fixture and solidifies their place at the top of the tree for the time being. For Vikings the loss means they'll need some extraordinary efforts to get back into finals contention as they see themselves slipping 12 points behind the top four now, a big margin to jump.

Crookwell posted up another big win here, by 20 shots this time, against Weston Creek as they continue their push towards the top two. With a game in hand they are only two points behind the second place Yowani and they'll look to make the jump as soon as they can. For the Creekers a win would have been handy in their fight, but they've still got the space to Vikings to take the season in their own hands.

## Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	CBC	6	5	1	0	0	386	321	65	120.25	51
2	YCCBC	6	4	2	0	0	351	350	1	100.29	46
3	CSBC	5	4	1	0	0	315	266	49	118.42	44
4	WCBC	6	2	4	0	0	377	360	17	104.72	30
5	VBC	6	1	5	0	0	308	393	-85	78.37	18
6	CNBC	5	1	4	0	0	262	309	-47	84.79	15

CBC stay clear out on front with a 15 point gap to second place, but for Yowani they've got a battle in front of them to stay in second as Crookwell look to make the two point jump with a game in hand. Next best in fourth is Weston Creek, who see daylight either side of them sitting nicely in fourth. Vikings would need a lot to go right to make the leap to the top four and for Norths the jump would be even harder, though if they can get over the line against Crookwell in the catch-up match they'll be in with a sneaky chance.



## Looking Ahead

Home	Away	Venue
Weston Creek Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club
Vikings Bowls Club	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club Inc
Canberra North Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Canberra North RUC

Weston Creek will come up against a high flying Canberra outfit as they try to secure their finals spot this weekend. Canberra have been strong throughout the season and you' suggest on that form that they'll be able to take this one. But, you can never be sure of a result and Weston Creek will be ready to capitalise on any bad bowls. Not too much riding on this one, but both clubs will look to build some form for late in the season.

Vikings will take on Yowani with yet another home match for the round. Yowani have been consistent throughout the year and will look to keep it up this week as they battle for the top two. Vikings haven't been able to get the wins on the board for the season and need to get moving before the finals gets out of reach. A massive match for Vikings, but Yowani will be tough to beat meaning they may find themselves falling out of reach this weekend.

Norths and Crookwell come up against each other for the first time this weekend, with Crookwell really looking for big points to set them up through the back end of the season. Norths have struggled at times with just the one win on the board, but this could be their last chance to make the jump for the season. I'm tipping Crookwell, but I'd be wary Norths this week as they put it all on the line.





# Grade 4

## Results

Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	15	10	13	<b>38</b>		<b>83</b>	35	26	22	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club
Vikings Bowls Club	18	19	15	<b>52</b>		<b>57</b>	24	22	11	Queanbeyan Bowls Club
Yass Bowling Club	24	29	11	<b>64</b>		<b>54</b>	28	11	15	Belconnen Bowling Club

QRSL keep up the winning ways here, absolutely dispatching of Yowani to the tune of 45 shots. The damage was done across all three rinks as they walk away with a big win to sit atop the ladder at the end of the round. For Yowani that one puts a bit of extra hurt on an already disappointing season, leaving them clutching at straws.

Queanbeyan take a narrow win away at Vikings to give themselves a nice push towards the top two. They were expected to get the job and some would argue struggled a little bit, only taking the win by 5 shots overall. But they pick up two rinks and move on with the season leaving Vikings sitting just outside the top four with a bitter taste in their mouths.

Yass took out the final match against Belconnen at home to further their aim of a top two finish. The win keeps them in touch with the top spot while sending Belconnen into a fight for the finals with Vikings. Luckily for Belconnen, Vikings had a loss as well taking a bit of heat out of the results for them. They'll need to improve though to hang on to that finals berth.

## Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	QRSLMBC	6	5	1	0	0	407	298	109	136.58	54
2	YBC	6	4	2	0	0	387	344	43	112.5	50
3	QBC	6	4	2	0	0	350	330	20	106.06	44
4	BBC	6	2	4	0	0	354	352	2	100.57	27
5	VBC	6	2	4	0	0	302	363	-61	83.2	24
6	YCCBC	6	1	5	0	0	301	414	-113	72.71	17

QRSL hold on to top spot for the time being as Yass make a move for it, sitting just the four points off the pace for now. Another six points back we find Queanbeyan who'll be hopeful of making the jump upwards, but won't get there without improvement. A big drop of 17 points back to fourth as Belconnen duke it out for the last finals spot with just the 3 points separating the two. For Yowani though the season is slipping out of their grasp very quickly. They're 7 points off Vikings and the race for the finals and another loss will be putting the lights out.



## Looking Ahead

Home	Away	Venue
Vikings Bowls Club	Yass Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club Inc
Queanbeyan Bowls Club	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowls Club
Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	Belconnen Bowling Club	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club

Vikings face a tough ask as Yass come to town looking to pile on a few points in their pursuit of the top spot. Vikings will need to show a bit more than they have in recent week if they want to keep up with Yass here and really start to punch towards the finals. I'd suggest Yass will be out for it here and put up a few shots.

Queanbeyan will host Yowani and attempt to really pile on the pain for the club in pursuit of Yass and QRSL above them. They've got a good chance to grab plenty of points and shots here and I can't see them giving it up against Yowani. Bad news if you're from Yowani, while they need the win I think there is too much for other clubs to play for and they'll be smacked around the greens a bit over the coming weeks as clubs go for big points.

QRSL need to keep the wins rolling and this week they've got Belconnen standing in their way. They play at home, which will give some extra advantage, but Belconnen need wins badly so will be giving it everything they've got to keep pace. Ultimately though, I can't see Belconnen keeping touch this week as we see the gulf between the top and bottom halves of the ladder deepen.



# Grade 5

## Results

Weston Creek Bowling Club	13	28	16	<b>57</b>		<b>52</b>	19	15	18	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club
Canberra North Bowling Club	21	14	21	<b>56</b>		<b>52</b>	21	15	16	Queanbeyan Bowling Club
Crookwell Services Bowling Club	21	28	22	<b>71</b>		<b>49</b>	16	19	14	Vikings Bowls Club

Weston Creek take a narrow win over Goulburn to start the round, handing them their first loss for the season in a disappointing end to the run. They did it all on one rink as Rink 2 produced the goods to get them over the line despite going down across the other two. For Goulburn that'll be a really frustrating turn of events, but no doubt they'll be able to move forward from there through the season.

Norths have managed to snag a win here by the slimmest of margins against Queanbeyan. Despite a good run of form for Queanbeyan they've been bested by Norths on this occasion as they see the season get that little bit harder in front of their eyes. Home ground advantage may have been at play here, but whatever the reasoning there would have been some joyous celebrations over at Norths on Sunday.

Crookwell tighten the gap to first here with a clinical win over Vikings on Sunday. They did the job over all three rinks taking it out by 22 shots and leaving nothing to chance. For Vikings the loss sees them dropping quickly. They've got a gap getting bigger in front of them and need to turn it around before it gets too big.



## Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	GRBC	6	5	1	0	0	368	301	67	122.26	53
2	CSBC	6	3	3	0	0	370	324	46	114.2	44
3	WCBC	6	4	2	0	0	341	348	-7	97.99	42
4	QBC	6	3	3	0	0	356	332	24	107.23	37
5	VBC	6	2	4	0	0	339	346	-7	97.98	25
6	CNBC	6	1	5	0	0	270	393	-123	68.7	15

Goulburn find themselves with a handy lead at the top here with a 9 point advantage over Crookwell in second. Weston Creek sit in third just another 2 points behind with the ability to make a charge to the top two still there. Another 5 points back is Queanbeyan who really could have used a win on the weekend. A further 12 points back outside the top four sits Vikings who suddenly find themselves on the verge of being out of reach of the finals. For Norths, despite their win on the weekend, the season looks all but done. They'd need massive wins across every match to make it from here and even that might not be enough.

## Looking Ahead

Home	Away	Venue
Vikings Bowls Club	Canberra North Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club Inc
Queanbeyan Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club

Vikings and Norths clash at the bottom of the table this week and both clubs have a bit to play for. For Vikings the stakes are high as a loss would see them all but wiped from finals contention, whilst for Norths they've got a steak to put on as they look to close out the season on a high. Whilst these two find themselves at the bottom of the table, I think this will still be a hotly contested matchup.

Queanbeyan and Weston Creek will fight it out in a match that I would suggest will give some clarity for both of these clubs. The winner finds themselves battling it out for the top two, whilst the loser will see their focus shift towards getting it right for the finals as they sit neatly in fourth. The worst outcome for either club here would be a drubbing and a big win from Vikings. Both will look to play it close as they keep the season moving forward.

The last matchup here is just another example of how sometimes things can align perfectly. Crookwell head down the road to visit their neighbours at Goulburn in a top of the table clash that could really set the scene for both clubs. Goulburn have the chance here on their home deck to really break away from the group and leave Crookwell fighting it out, but if the results goes the other way we might just see a three or four way fight for the top two spots with Crookwell leading the pack. All to play for against your rivals, that's why I love sport.



# Grade 6

## Results

Belconnen Bowling Club	15	14	14	<b>43</b>		<b>62</b>	21	25	16	Bungendore Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	31	12	30	<b>73</b>		<b>50</b>	12	23	15	Vikings Bowls Club
Yowani CC Bowling Club	10	19	19	<b>48</b>		<b>68</b>	13	20	35	Canberra Bowling Club

Bungendore have grabbed another important win this week against Belconnen this time to ensure that they continue to fight at the top of the ladder. The win pulls them closer to Canberra and sees them sitting nicely in the top two. For Belconnen the loss means they are fighting it out for the finals. A rink would have been handy for Belconnen here, but alas they couldn't quite snag one to stay up with Goulburn.

Goulburn took a massive win, both on shots and in the context of the season, last weekend against Vikings. The win bridges the gap up to 3<sup>rd</sup>, but more importantly it sees them jump up into fourth place and in the driver's seat for a finals birth. For Vikings, the loss means they've fallen out of step with the top two and will need a big push to regain the lost ground. They've got the opportunity, but they'll need to rebuild the form moving forward.

Canberra rebound from their loss to Belconnen to take a win against a struggling Yowani. With just the one win for the season the job was always a tough ask for Yowani this week, but they proved to be no match for the ladder leaders in a result you could have seen a mile away. The win keep the Cobras in front and makes the job all the more harder for Yowani to revitalise their finals hopes.



## Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	CBC	6	5	1	0	0	370	301	69	122.92	51
2	BuBC	6	4	2	0	0	380	303	77	125.41	47
3	VBC	6	3	3	0	0	310	336	-26	92.26	38
4	GRBC	5	2	3	0	0	291	305	-14	95.41	26
5	BBC	5	2	3	0	0	270	279	-9	96.77	24
6	YCCBC	6	1	5	0	0	296	393	-97	75.32	18

Canberra still sit out in front, but they now find Bungendore hot in pursuit of the top spot. It would be a massive achievement for Bungendore to host the finals series, but they've still get work to do to close out the 4 points up to the top spot. Vikings follow in third adrift of the top two, but comfortably ahead of the fourth placed Goulburn. Goulburn will need to hang on to some form to stay ahead of Belconnen, and the catch up match to be played will prove vital in that pursuit. All Yowani will be hoping for is a close result there as they need to try to stay in touch with both clubs in the chase for the finals. I'd suggest that'll be a leap too far though and they'll be out of the race soon if they can't pick up some wins o their own.

## Looking Ahead

Home	Away	Venue
Canberra Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club	Canberra Bowling Club
Belconnen Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Belconnen Bowling Club
Bungendore Bowling Club	Yowani CC Bowling Club	Bungendore Bowling Club

Canberra will need to be at their best this week as they look to make sure they hit the break at the top of the table. Vikings find themselves somewhat adrift in that third spot and could look to make sure they don't let a blowout happen to ruin all their efforts, but I'd say they'll go after it this week. They'll want to get to the top and to get there they'll need to beat both the clubs above them, starting this week.

Belconnen and Goulburn will go head to head to see if they can sort out who belongs in fourth place. With a catch up match to be played as well the two clubs will be duking it out for the rest of the season for the finals position, but this one shapes as an extra special occasion in sorting it out. Wouldn't try to pick a winner with both clubs putting it all on the table, so lets just sit back and enjoy here.

Bungendore have a great opportunity to really tighten the screws on Canberra this week as they host bottom placed Yowani. Canberra were clinical in their win over Yowani last week and Bungendore will need to do the same to keep pace with them. For Yowani, this could be a last chance to keep touch with the field though, so I don't expect it to be easy for Bungendore. The match could stay close, but I'd expect Bungendore to get the job done, possibly on big numbers.



# Grade 7

## Results

Weston Creek Bowling Club	39	39	21	<b>99</b>		<b>52</b>	17	16	19	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club
Canberra North Bowling Club	9	18	14	<b>41</b>		<b>58</b>	20	16	22	Yass Bowling Club
Crookwell Services Bowling Club	27	12	25	<b>64</b>		<b>41</b>	8	20	13	Vikings Bowls Club

So close, but not enough to raise the bat for Weston Creek this week as the fall 1 shot short of posting the century. It was a difficult day for Goulburn who after the long trip were met with a strong Weston Creek outfit this week. The end result was a 47 shot win for Weston Creek in what was not a pretty day on the green for the Railway.

Yass and Norths played out a somewhat closer match in relative terms with Yass upsetting the ladder leaders by 17 shots overall to really tighten up the ladder. The win sees Yass pull themselves up towards the top two and Norths come back to the back. Lucky for Norths that Vikings lost otherwise they'd have lost a position from this one as well.

Crookwell showed that they're not out of the race yet with a win over the second placed Vikings. In a week that saw results flying around everywhere the Crookwell side were the top dog for the day and give the competition another shake up in what is a tense bottom grade. Vikings will be heavily disappointed to let the opportunity to go top slip up against Crookwell last weekend, but have everything in front of them to play for.

## Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	CNBC	6	4	2	0	0	337	292	45	115.41	49
2	VBC	6	4	2	0	0	353	330	23	106.97	45
3	YBC	6	4	2	0	0	369	307	62	120.2	43
4	WCBC	6	3	3	0	0	380	342	38	111.11	39
5	CSBC	6	2	4	0	0	338	356	-18	94.94	28
6	GRBC	6	1	5	0	0	296	446	-150	66.37	12

Now this is a tight ladder. Norths hang on to top spot but only by 4 points now after a loss to Yass. Vikings hold that second place but Yass are making their move sitting just 2 more point behind them in a race for the top spot to close out the home and away season. Weston Creek find themselves in the fight another 4 points back in what could be a tense fight for the top two. Crookwell are still in with a shot, needing to make an 11 point jump though in what would be a frantic finish to the season. For Goulburn it seems to be lights out for 2022 in Grade 7 though as the jump looks to be too big now.



## Looking Ahead

Home	Away	Venue
Vikings Bowls Club	Canberra North Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club Inc
Yass Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Yass Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club

A massive Sunday for Grade 7 as we look at some tantalising matches, starting with the top of the table clash between Vikings and Norths down in Tuggeranong. Both clubs come in off a loss looking to steady the ship, but the winner will set themselves up for the fight from the top of the table. Norths have held form through the season until last week and will look to keep the top spot, but it won't be easy going as Vikings hold the home ground advantage. Could go anywhere really.

Another riveting matchup here as third and fourth go head to head to start to break the season open. Both clubs had massive wins last week and hold good form coming into the matchup. A big swing will have big ramifications with only three rounds after this. Trying to pick a winner here would be a guessing game as form swings in the lower grades are notorious. I'd suggest though that Yass will look to capitalise on the home ground advantage and make a push into the top two.

Rounding it out is a local derby between Goulburn and Crookwell at the bottom of the table. The Railway have had a torrid time of late, but they'll look to put it behind them and let the good times flow against their local rivals. For Crookwell a loss here could spell the end of their season, so they'll put their best forward to take this one, and I'd suggest they should get the job done.

